

FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CONSERVATION CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN AN UNCERTAIN ECONOMY

August 28-30, 2009
Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute
Spokane, Washington

Friday, August 28

12pm- 7pm Registration and Welcome at the Japanese Cultural Center
2pm- 4pm Field trip to NW Inland Land Trust Property
4pm-5pm Opening Session: at the Japanese Cultural Center
Welcome – **Raelene Gold**, FWOC
Welcome from Host Club – **Virginia Danke**, Hobnailers
5pm President's Reception
6pm Dinner
7pm Opening presentation: **Introduction to the Inland Northwest and
Columbia River Basin- John Osborn MD**, Founder of the
Lands Council, Author of *Railroads and Clearcuts*
8pm Keynote: **The Fate of Nature in the New Deal – Michael
McCloskey**, Former Executive Director of the Sierra Club

Saturday, August 29

8am Breakfast
9am Session on local Conservation Programs:
Moderator: Virginia Danke
NW Inland Land Trust -Chris DeForest
The Centennial Trail – Kevin Hennessey
Conservation Futures Program – John Bottelli
10:45am Session on Public Lands:
**Mt. St. Helens: Conservation History, Threats and Issues –
Susan Saul - Trails Club of OR**
**Forestry and Wilderness in the Columbia Highlands,
Mike Petersen, The Lands Council**
Northern Idaho/Montana Wilderness - Phil Hough,
Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness
Noon Lunch
1pm Session on the Columbia River Watershed
Water Conflicts and Prospects in the Columbia River Basin
**Rachael Paschal Osborn – Center for Environmental
Law and Policy**
The Beaver Solution: A Natural Water Storage Option for

Eastern Washington, Brian Walker, The Lands Council

- 2pm **Conservation Challenges and Opportunities with the Obama Administration and Congress - Facilitator- Anne Martin**, American Lands Alliance, the Lands Council
- 3-5pm Hike on the Centennial Trail
- 5:30pm **Omnibus Lands Bill Victory Celebration Reception and Reflections** moderated by **Marge Sill** at the historic home of John and Rachael Osborn
- 7:30 pm Dinner at Clinkerdaggers, historic restaurant overlooking Spokane Falls

Sunday, August 30

- 8am Breakfast
- 9am FWOC Business Meeting
 Last year's Resolutions Update
 Resolution Presentations
- 10am Resolution Session
 Optional: Join the Hobnailers for a hike in Riverside State Park
- noon Hobnailers Potluck Picnic Lunch in Riverside State Park

Optional Self-Directed Field Trips for before or after the Conference:
 Spokane House Interpretive Center – Riverside Park
 Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge