

# OUTDOORS WEST

Fall/Winter 2007

The Official Publication of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

Volume 30, No. 2



*You are invited!*

**Wilderness Conference 2008**

**WILDERNESS IN A TIME OF CHANGE**

**April 3-5, 2008**

**The Mountaineers Building  
Seattle, Washington**

# CONTENTS

President's Message	3
Convention Report	4-6
Federation News	7
2007 Resolutions	8
Wilderness Conference	9
Conservation Update	10
Club News	11-13
Book Reviews	14-15
Calendar	16



## COVER PHOTO:

*The Enchantments in the  
Alpine Lakes Wilderness  
by Andrea Imler.*

# FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

Established in 1932 for the Mutual Service and for the Promotion of the Proper Use,  
Enjoyment and Protection of America's Scenic Wilderness and Outdoor Recreation Resources

## 2007 MEMBER CLUBS

Angora Hiking Club Astoria, OR	Klamath Forest Alliance Etna, CA	Sierra Club Kern-Kaweah Chapter Bakersfield, CA
Bonneville County Sportsmen Assn. Idaho Falls, ID	Marin Canoe & Kayak Club San Rafael, CA	Sierra Club Angeles Chapter Los Angeles, CA
California Alpine Club Mill Valley, CA	Mazamas Portland, OR	Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter Sacramento, CA
Cascadians Yakima, WA	Montana Wilderness Assn. Helena, MT	Sierra Club Oregon Chapter Portland, OR
Chemeketans Salem, OR	The Mountaineers Seattle, WA	Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter Fresno, CA
Chinook Trail Assn. Vancouver, WA	Mt. Baker Hiking Club Bellingham, WA	Sierra Club Toiyabe Chapter Reno, NV
Contra Costa Hills Club Oakland, CA	Mt. St. Helens Club Longview, WA	Siskiyou Regional Education Project Cave Junction, OR
Friends of the Columbia Gorge Portland, OR	Nature Friends Mill Valley, CA	Skagit Alpine Club Mt. Vernon, WA
Friends of Discovery Park Seattle, WA	North Cascades Audubon Society Bellingham, WA	Sonoran Desert Nat'l Park Friends Tucson, AZ
Friends of Nevada Wilderness Reno, NV	Obsidians Eugene, OR	South Utah Wilderness Alliance Salt Lake City, UT
Great Old Broads for Wilderness Durango, CO	Olympians Hoquiam, WA	Tahoma Audubon Society Tacoma, WA
Greater Yellowstone Coalition Bozeman, MT	Preserve Area Ridgeland Committee Livermore, CA	Tamalpais Conservation Club Mill Valley, CA
Hobnailers Spokane, WA	Ptarmigans Vancouver, WA	Trails Club of Oregon Portland, OR
Idaho Conservation League Boise, ID	Restore Hetch Hetchy Walnut Creek, CA	Washington Alpine Club Seattle, WA
Idaho Environmental Council Idaho Falls, ID	Santiam Alpine Club Salem, OR	Wilderness Watch Missoula, MT
Indian Creek Botanical Mission Selma, OR	Seattle Audubon Society Seattle, WA	Willapa Hills Audubon Society Longview, WA
Klahhane Club Port Angeles, WA	Sequoia Forest Keeper Kernville, CA	Winter Wildland Alliance Boise, ID

# OUTDOORS WEST

**Outdoors West** is the newsletter of the Federation of  
Western Outdoor Clubs. It is published biannually.

## Please send submissions to:

Mae Harms  
maeharms@mindspring.com

**Deadline** for Winter issue is March 30, 2008

## Co-Editors

Raelene Gold, Mae Harms

## Layout Editor

Carol White

## Associate Editors

Shirley Cameron, Marge Sill,  
Bob Haage

## Printing

EcoGraphics  
Kirkland, WA



## FWOC WEB PAGE

[www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org)

**Webmaster:** Joe Hargrave • [josephhargrave@att.net](mailto:josephhargrave@att.net)

## OFFICERS

### President

Raelene Gold  
4028 NE 196<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155  
206-363-4107  
[raelene@seanet.com](mailto:raelene@seanet.com)

### Vice President

Mae Harms  
5941 Garden Park Drive  
Garden Valley, California 95633  
530-333-1058  
[maeharms@mindspring.com](mailto:maeharms@mindspring.com)

### Secretary

Joe Hargrave  
4841 East Burnside Street, No. 17  
Portland, OR 97215-1178  
503-235-6791  
[josephhargrave@att.net](mailto:josephhargrave@att.net)

### Treasurer

Jack Walker  
P. O. Box 129  
Selma, OR 95738  
541-597-2410  
[jack.jan.indiancreek@mailbug.com](mailto:jack.jan.indiancreek@mailbug.com)

### Past President

Joe Fontaine  
PO Box 307  
Tehachapi, CA 93581  
661-821-2055  
[fontaine@lightspeed.net](mailto:fontaine@lightspeed.net)

## STATE VICE PRESIDENTS

### Arizona

Shirley Cameron

### California

David Czamanske, Mae Harms,  
Robert Haage, Joe Fontaine,  
Winchell Hayward

### Idaho

Marty Huebner

### Montana

George Nickas

### Nevada

Marge Sill

### Oregon

Michael McCloskey, Jan Walker,  
Joan Zuber, Kris Richardson

### Washington

Roger Anderson, Fran Troje

## POLICY ADVISOR

J. Michael McCloskey  
2829 SW Sunset Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97239  
Phone: 503/892.2664  
FAX: 503/892.2484  
[jmmccloskey@aol.com](mailto:jmmccloskey@aol.com)

## WASHINGTON, DC REPRESENTATIVE

Brock Evans  
5449 33rd St. NW  
Washington, DC 20015  
Phone: 202/244.7138  
FAX: 202/682.1331  
[bevans\\_esc2004@yahoo.com](mailto:bevans_esc2004@yahoo.com)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Raelene Gold, President, Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs*

Anniversaries are important moments for organizations to reflect on their past, present and future path. Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year presents us with this special opportunity at a critical time in our history together. As Michael McCloskey reminds us we do indeed have "a history to be proud of." Our founding member clubs in 1932 had a passionate love for the West, endless energy to explore it and a deep sense of caring for and cooperation with each other. The Federation from the beginning also exhibited a deep interest in preservation. The organization established a large Legislative Committee, with six sub-committees all focused on different issues. By the 1950's, the Federation had achieved a prominent role in the preservation battles of the time. As the environmental histories of those times are written, the Federation's leadership is well documented. Kevin Marsh's book *Drawing Lines in the Forest: Creating Wilderness Areas in the Pacific Northwest* describes the important efforts of Past President Karl Onthank, the Obsidians and FWOC in these victories. The Federation was the sponsor of the first Northwest Wilderness conferences in 1956 and 1958 that were important in contributing towards the movement supporting the 1964 Wilderness Act. In 1956, 255 people attended our annual convention.

The environmental movement of the 1970's generated many new environmental organizations with focused

conservation objectives, expanding budgets and paid professional staffs. The number of clubs in the Federation grew with the addition of new mainly conservation organizations, and conservation became more of a central focus.

In 2005 the Federation had a winter retreat to assess our organization's present challenges and some solutions. It was felt that Outdoors West and our annual conventions are important contributions. Of primary concern, was the absence of publicity about the Federation and engagement with member clubs and their membership. Secondly, was the need to find a more focused conservation agenda. There were many recommendations from the Retreat that we still need to operationalize in our planning. I am especially concerned that the Resolution process serves the interests of our member clubs and that we try to further their success.

We are indebted to Fran Troje, Co-chair of our successful summer 2007 Convention, for suggesting the theme of the interconnection and synergy between outdoor recreation and conservation. Brock Evans, our Keynote speaker, personally testified to that connection by recalling that it was hiking in the Cascades and seeing the places he loved clear-cut, that set him on course to be a leader in the Ancient Forest protection movement. Brock as always speaks to us, as we feel discouraged, helpless and fearful, of

the importance of hope, courage and perseverance.

Though, as our convention speaker Jim Eychaner documented, patterns of outdoor recreation may be changing, we know that both outdoor recreation and conservation will only increase in importance for our country into the future.

*Raelene Gold*



*New President Raelene Gold hiking in Glacier View Wilderness next to Mount Rainier National Park.*

# CONVENTION REPORT

## Annual Convention of Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, August 10-12, 2007, at Summit Lodge in Snoqualmie Pass, Washington

*by David Czamanske, delegate from the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club*

I attended this annual convention in a mountain lodge 50 miles east of Seattle as delegate of Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, a member club of the Federation. The two-day convention opened Friday afternoon with two optional field trips: one a four-mile hike of moderate elevation gain on the Pacific Crest Trail to Lodge Lake, the other a one-mile nature hike on the Ashael Curtis Trail through an ancient forest ecosystem.

I chose the latter in order to learn more about the ancient forest concept. The Ashael Curtis Trail, named after a noted Pacific Northwest photographer and mountaineer who was a founding member of the Seattle Mountaineers, passes through small swamps, crosses some fast-moving streams, and provides numerous opportunities to view wildflowers and stands of old growth Douglas fir, western hemlock, western red cedar, and Pacific silver fir. Members of the Mountaineers Naturalist Committee, who along with the Washington Trails Association and the

Forest Service, have worked to restore and rededicate this trail, which had fallen into disrepair, guided us.

Former Sierra Club Executive Director **Michael McCloskey** served as the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet's Master of Ceremonies. Keynote speaker **Brock Evans**, former Northwest representative of the Sierra Club and vice president of the Audubon Society, provided an entertaining history of the Ancient Forest Campaign. The origin of the term "ancient forest" was developed as a more publicly saleable term than "old growth", which conjured up visions of "let's cut it down before it gets too old!" in the minds of many.

Saturday was devoted to numerous speakers on the convention's 2007 theme: "Engaging Outdoor Recreation and Conservation". The leadoff speaker was **Jim Eychaner** of the State of Washington, who summarized current trends in recreation. A key finding of several recent studies is that outdoor recreationists are traveling shorter distances



**CONVENTION SPEAKERS:** Mark Boyar, Keynoter Brock Evans, Charlie Raines, Ruth Ittner, Jim Eychaner and Tom O'Keefe.

**PHOTO:** Tom O'Keefe



## CONVENTION REPORT

in seeking recreational pursuits, are spending less time overnight and on long backcountry trips, and often engage in outdoor recreation quite close to home. Direct implication of these trends are (1) opportunities for recreational experiences need to be provided closer to population centers, and (2) conservationists need to be vigilant to ensure that wilderness and other wild and natural places receive public attention and are protected.

**Don Schaechtel**, Chair of the Mountaineers Naturalists Committee spoke on "Innovations in Outdoor Recreation." Responding to declining Mountaineer membership, they devised a ten-week Naturalist Training Course, with five classroom sessions and five outings to a variety of ecosystems. The course responds to member interests in utilizing digital photography to record what's seen on outdoor outings, and the complimentary desire to learn about the natural world. The course has had about 80-100 participants for each of the last three years.

A panel on "Reclamation, Restoration, Conservation, and Recreation" followed. **Mark Boyar** of the Mid Fork

Outdoor Recreation Coalition spoke on the organization's ongoing campaign to "reclaim" the watershed of the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River from its abuse by car abandonment, meth labs, and other unregulated activities. With the assistance of the Forest Service and a \$150,000 study by King County, a plan has been developed to increase law enforcement in the area and foster recreation uses that will have less adverse impact on the natural environment. (See [www.midforc.org](http://www.midforc.org))

**Charlie Raines** of the Cascade (Washington) Chapter of Sierra Club spoke of the Club's Checkerboard Project and its role in fostering wildlife corridors in Snoqualmie National Forest. The Checkerboard Project is named after the checkerboard pattern in which the Federal government granted large land areas, specifically every other square mile, of government lands in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to railroads to help finance railway construction. The Checkerboard Project works to facilitate land exchanges between timber companies and the Forest Service or other public owners so that the lands can be better



**Convention delegates at Sunday's Resolution session.**

**SEATED:** Winchell Hayward, *Nature Friends*.

**FRONT ROW:** Mae Harms, *California Alpine Club*; Mary Strohmer, *Costa Contra Hills*; Shirley Cameron, *Obsidiians*; Marge Sill, *Friends of Nevada Wilderness and S.C.-Toiyabe Chapter*; Beryl Vonderheid, *Costa Contra Hills*; Fran Troje, *Mountaineers*; Joan Zuber, *Mazamas*; Raelene Gold, *Seattle Audubon*; Polly Dyer.

**BACK ROW:** Joe Hargrave, *Ptarmigans*; David Czamanske, *S.C.-Angeles Chapter*; Peck Ricker, *Hobnailers*; Roger Anderson, *Chinook Trail Association*; Bugs Fontaine, *S.C.-Kern-Kaweah Chapter*; Joe Fontaine, *S.C.-Tehipte Chapter*; Mike McCloskey, *Policy Advisor*; Jan Walker, *Siksiou Project*; Jack Walker, *Indian Botanical Mission*; Kris Richardson, *Chemeketans*.

**PHOTO:** Dave Bybee, Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club

## CONVENTION REPORT

managed to maintain wildlife corridors and appropriate recreation uses. (See [www.cascade.sierraclub.org](http://www.cascade.sierraclub.org))

**Tom O'Keefe** of American Rivers discussed the current status of dam removal and restoration of the Elwha River watershed, 83% of which lies within Olympic National Park. Congress approved removal of the 108-foot-tall Elwha Dam, constructed in 1913, and the 210-foot-tall Glines Canyon Dam, built in 1926, a decade ago. The objective was to restore historic salmon runs, which in some years totaled 400,000 fish of 5 different species. Both dams were constructed before Olympic National Park was established in 1938. Park officials, salmon fisheries biologists, Native Americans, and environmentalists favor their removal. Because of magnitude and complexity of this dam-removal project, the largest to date in the United States, the removal is not expected to begin until 2012, when a series of scientific studies and mitigation plans have been fully developed.

**Ruth Ittner** of Volunteers for Outdoor Washington described the work of the Volunteers in transforming an abandoned railroad right-of-way into the scenic ADA-accessible Iron Goat Trail. ([www.irongoat.org](http://www.irongoat.org)) **Reed Waite** of Washington Water Trails Association, an organization dedicated to water recreation via human and wind powered watercraft, described the Association's activities in promoting leave-no-trace low impact human-powered water recreation. ([www.wwta.org](http://www.wwta.org))

On a panel on "Preservation, Conservation, Stewardship, and Recreation," **Rick McGuire** of the Alpine Lakes Protection Society discussed their efforts to create the proposed Wild Sky Wilderness on Forest Service land directly east of Everett, Washington. The first bill to create this new wilderness was introduced in 2001, but was blocked by California Representative Richard Pombo, defeated in last year's election. A bill has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in the current Congressional session, and will soon come for a vote before the full Senate. ([www.wildsky.org](http://www.wildsky.org))

**Jenni Blake** of the Washington Trails Association next presented a description of work the Association and other groups have done in repairing trails in parks and forests damaged by last November's intense rains. Best estimates are that 1800 volunteers contributed over 75,000

volunteers' hours in this endeavor. ([www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org))

Ranger **Amy Tinderhold** of Wenatchee National Forest completed the afternoon panel by describing the Forest Service's recreation site facility master planning process utilizing the concept of Recreation Facility Analysis.

This process is being used nationwide to help national forests bring their recreation facilities in line with current and expected future demand. The Forest Service is only able to maintain 25% of its recreation facilities in accord with accepted standards, and this analysis is designed to help make decisions as to where current and future funds should best be expended. ([www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee))

The evening barbecue was at nearby Washington Alpine Club's Guye Cabin, where club volunteers were still busy repairing the clubhouse roof that had been damaged by a fallen fir tree in last winter's severe windstorm. Before dinner **Michael McCloskey** led a club workshop on various liability and insurance issues faced by outdoor recreation clubs. **Nancy Keith** of the Mountain to Sound Greenway gave a slide show on their success at maintaining the I90 scenic corridor, conserving natural areas and providing new recreational opportunities.

Sunday morning the convention delegates met in a business meeting to consider, debate, and adopt draft resolutions submitted by member clubs. There were 27 substantive resolutions proposed this year, on topics ranging from locally specific conservation issues to global warming. Twenty-four of these resolutions were approved, either as originally proposed or with slight modifications. One resolution, an attempt to rescind the Federation's previous support for removal of the two old dams on the Elwha River in Olympic National Park because their hydropower facilities produce no greenhouse gases, was defeated.



*Fran Troje, Convention Co-Chair, planned the program.*



# FEDERATION NEWS

## NEW OFFICERS AND STATE VICE-PRESIDENTS

At the August 12<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting the following officers were elected for the 2007-2008 year.

**President** – **Raelene Gold** has been the prior Vice-President and Editor of Outdoors West. She has been a delegate for the Seattle Audubon Society, where she is a former Board member and current Conservation Committee member working on federal forest, tribal and Alaskan issues.

**Vice-President**– **Mae Harms** has been the State Vice-President for California and delegate and past Conservation Chair of the California Alpine Club. She is a retired teacher.

**Secretary** – **Joe Hargrave** was re-elected Secretary.

**Treasurer** – **Jack Walker** was re-elected Treasurer.

Five new State Vice-Presidents were also elected:

**Arizona** – **Shirley Cameron** is a former VP for Oregon and Co-Editor for Outdoors West. She has been a long-standing member of the Obsidians, but now winters in Green Valley, Arizona, where the Sonoran Desert National Park Friends is a member club.

**California** – **David Czamanske** was a delegate from the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club to recent conventions. He is the Conservation Chair of the Pasadena Group and is active and writes on water and global warming issues.

**Oregon** – **Joan Zubar** has been a delegate from the Mazamas and active in their Conservation Committee. She served on the Resolution Committee this year.

**Kris Richardson** has been a delegate from the Chemeketans and is a past Conservation Committee Chair. She is a teacher and enjoys hiking, backpacking, mountaineering and swimming.

**Jan Walker** is active in the Indian Creek Botanical Mission and the Siskiyou Educational Project.

## NEW MEMBER CLUB

The **Siskiyou Educational Project** of Cave Junction, Oregon was voted in as a new member club at the convention. They are a grassroots network dedicated to permanently protecting the globally outstanding Klamath-Siskiyou region and its wild rivers. The Siskiyou Project combines science, education and advocacy to build an inspired and effective national constituency. They recently hired a new Executive Director, Shane Jimerman, who was previously with the SW Center for Biodiversity. Interim Deputy Director, Julie Norman will become Deputy Director.

## AWARDS

The Federation's Distinguished Conservation Award was presented to **Norm Winn** and **Harry Romberg**, members of the **Mountaineers** Conservation Committee, for their work on the Wild Sky Wilderness Bill. The Service Award was given to **Jack Walker** for his long and dedicated service as our current Treasurer and as a Past President.



*President Joe Fontaine presents the Distinguished Conservation Award to Norm Winn and Harry Romberg of the Mountaineers for their work on the Wild Sky Wilderness Bill.*

**PHOTOS:** Tom O'Keefe

## 2007 RESOLUTIONS

The following are the Resolutions adopted at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs on August 12, 2007 at Snoqualmie Pass, WA.

The full text of each Resolution can be accessed at our website: [www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org). Thanks to the Resolution Committee that included George Nickas, Michael McCloskey, Marge Sill and Joan Zubar.

- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>RESOLUTION # 1:</b> | Restore the Reporting Requirements of the Wilderness Act.   |
| <b>RESOLUTION # 2:</b> | Support Effective Management and Protection of Wild and Scenic Rivers.  |
| <b>RESOLUTION # 3:</b> | Support Additions to Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness; Oppose special provisions.                                |
| <b>RESOLUTION # 4:</b> | Oppose RS 2477 Claims in National Parks and Wilderness.   |
| <b>RESOLUTION # 5:</b> | Support Additions to the Kalmiopsis Wilderness in Oregon.   |
| <b>RESOLUTION # 6:</b> | Support for Additions to Wild Rogue Wilderness and Wild River.  |
| <b>RESOLUTION # 7:</b> | Wilderness on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.   |
| <b>RESOLUTION # 8:</b> | Support End of Waiver to Environmental Laws for Proposed Toll Road Through San Onofre State Park in California. |
| <b>RESOLUTION # 9:</b> | Support Creation of a Tejon-Tehachapi National or State Park in Southern California.                            |
| <b>RESOLUTION #10:</b> | Wheeled Motor Vehicle Travel Management on the El Dorado National Forest in California.                         |
| <b>RESOLUTION #11:</b> | Support for Open Space Planning for Washoe County, Nevada.  |
| <b>RESOLUTION #12:</b> | Oppose Efforts of the BLM to Log in Roadless Areas in Western Oregon.   |
| <b>RESOLUTION #13:</b> | Eliminating Use of Categorical Exclusions for Timber Sales.   |
| <b>RESOLUTION #14:</b> | Support Bills to Provide an Organic Act for the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS).            |
| <b>RESOLUTION #15:</b> | Support Legislation to Require Study of Corridors for Energy Transmission Lines in the Southwest.               |
| <b>RESOLUTION #16:</b> | Support Fire Prevention Program in the Lake Tahoe Basin.  |
| <b>RESOLUTION #17:</b> | Salvage Logging Following Catastrophic Wildfire.  |
| <b>RESOLUTION #18:</b> | Preserve Pristine Air in Great Basin National Park in Nevada.   |
| <b>RESOLUTION #19:</b> | Support Alternative Energy Sources and Oppose Building New Coal-fired Power Plants in Nevada.                   |
| <b>RESOLUTION #20:</b> | Support Strong Programs to Monitor and Control Emissions of Mercury from Gold Mining Operations in Nevada.      |
| <b>RESOLUTION #21:</b> | Encourage Member Organizations to Adopt Carbon Reduction Policies.  |
| <b>RESOLUTION #22:</b> | Ambient Levels of Benzene in Northwest Air Need Immediate Action to be Reduced.                                 |
| <b>RESOLUTION #23:</b> | Support Federal Legislation to study Creation of a Cesar Chavez National Historic Park.                         |
| <b>RESOLUTION #24:</b> | Oppose Large Developments or Gambling Casinos on San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay in California.             |
| <b>RESOLUTION #25:</b> | Purchase and Use of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified Paper.   |
| <b>RESOLUTION #26:</b> | Thanks to Host Clubs.   |



# WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

## FIFTY YEARS OF PERSEVERANCE PROTECTING WILDERNESS

by Raelene Gold

*We can be thankful that others before us didn't take for granted the survival of our primeval forests, streams following natural courses, wide-open spaces, continued existence of native wildlife, or any of the numerous facets of our natural heritage still found in our once wilderness portions of the globe. We shall continue not taking it for granted that because some natural gems are left that they will always be left.*

*Polly Dyer, President's Message, 1958*



*Polly Dyer at FWOC Convention inviting member clubs to be Wilderness Conference sponsors.*

**PHOTO:**  
Joe Fontaine

Now age 87, Polly Dyer, the Federation's first woman President, took the podium at the 2007 convention to invite all member clubs to be sponsors and attend **WILDERNESS CONFERENCE 2008** to be held **April 3-5, 2008** at the **Mountaineers Building, 300 Third Ave West, in Seattle**, except for the Thursday evening opening session held on the University of Washington campus.

The Federation was the sponsor of the first two northwest wilderness conferences held in 1956 in Portland and 1958 in Seattle, where 255 people attended. Howard Zahniser spoke and a Resolution supporting Senator Hubert Humphrey's newly intro-

duced Wilderness Bill was passed. The growing momentum for wilderness protection resulted in the first Wilderness Act being passed in 1964. Northwest Wilderness Conferences over time have expanded in scope to include all of North America and various types of wilderness.

The 2008 Conference theme "Wilderness in a Time of Change" will include speakers on the impact of climate change on wilderness, why wilderness protection is important now, endangered species preservation and the political realities in Washington DC. Panelists will describe innovative programs to connect kids and youth to wilderness, and reaching out to other cultures and constituencies. There will be panels addressing the controversy over public land trades, compromise wilderness bills and motorized recreation threats. There also will be panels on building coalitions for wilderness and working with the media.

A few of the speakers include: George Nickas, Wilderness Watch; Bill Arthur, Sierra Club; Dennis Martinez, Indigenous leader; William Meadows, Wilderness Society; Roger

Kaye, author of *The Last Great Wilderness*; Karl Forsgaard, Sierra Club; Tom O'Keefe, American Rivers; Cindy Shogan, Alaska Wilderness League; Gordon Orians, UW Professor of Ecology; and Doug Scott, author of *The Enduring Wilderness: Protecting our National Heritage Through Wilderness*. The Saturday Banquet speaker is Stephan Brown, from the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences and Editor of *Arctic Wings: Birds of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge*.

Member clubs who sign the sponsorship agreement will have their organization's name and web site link listed on the Conference website. Organizational sponsors will be requested to assist with conference publicity and optionally, financing. There also will be opportunities for organizational exhibits. "Show Us Your Wilderness" is an opportunity for groups to put together a slide power point presentation about the area they are supporting for wilderness designation. For more information about the updated schedule, sponsorship, exhibitor and registration forms, go to the Conference website [www.wilderness2008.org](http://www.wilderness2008.org).

### WHAT TO DO WITH THE RESOLUTIONS?

- Write about the Resolutions you feel the most strongly about!
- Write to the appropriate elected officials: the President, Senators, Representative and State Legislators.
- Write "letters to the editor" of local newspapers on topics of interest to its readers.
- Stay alert to needed environmental changes in your area.
- Plan to attend next year's FWOC convention and share your issues with others.

# CONSERVATION ISSUE UPDATES

## WILDERNESS BILLS

Senator Lieberman (I-CT) introduced an Arctic Wilderness Bill (S 2316, a companion to HR 39) in the Senate that would designate the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

The Mazamas of Portland is strongly supporting the Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Bill (S 647) that was introduced by Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) with the support of Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR). S 647 has passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and a similar bill passed the House last year. It protects some 125,000 acres of pristine areas around Mt. Hood and in the Columbia River Gorge, and 80 miles of designated Wild and Scenic Rivers.

The Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act (HR 1975) has been introduced in the House and would designate over 22 million acres of wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, national park and preserve study areas on public lands in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

There are three California Wilderness Bills introduced in this Congress. The California Wild Heritage Bill would designate over 2.4 million acres of Wilderness and parts of Wild and Scenic Rivers. The California Desert and Mountain Heritage Bill would protect 191,000 acres of wilderness including areas of the Joshua Tree National Park, as well as adding 31 miles of four rivers to the National Wild and Scenic River System. The Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park

Wilderness bill would designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the Park.

America's Red Rock Wilderness Bill (HR 1919, S 1170) would permanently preserve about 9.5 million acres of wild lands on the Colorado Plateau and Great Basin.

## VOICES FOR PUBLIC LANDS

George Nickas of Wilderness Watch has joined with Gary Macfarlane of Friends of the Clearwater, Janine Blaelock of the Western Lands Project, Scott Silver of the Wild Wilderness and Katie Fite of Western Watersheds Project to form Voices for Public Lands, which would be a coalition of organizations that support certain values and principles concerning public lands. More information can be found at [www.voicesforpubliclands.org](http://www.voicesforpubliclands.org).

The Principles for Public Lands include:

1. Our public lands are a public good that must be protected in perpetuity for the benefit of each new generation.
2. Public lands must remain in public ownership, overseen by the federal government on behalf of, and with the input of, all citizens.
3. Protecting public lands requires strong and enforceable laws. Efforts to circumvent the protections in existing environmental laws must be resisted.
4. The public has a right to know how our shared lands are being managed, and to participate in open, transparent planning and decision-making.

## SALMON

The Bush administration released its latest Draft Federal Northwest Salmon Plan on October 31, 2007, which is as bad for salmon as the prior plan previously rejected by the Court. You can go to [www.giveadamforsalmon.org](http://www.giveadamforsalmon.org) for more information and to submit comments.

## FSC CERTIFIED PAPER

The U.S. is the largest market for paper products in the world, producing 90 million tons and consuming 100 million tons annually. About 25% of the timber cut annually in the US is used for paper production and the majority cut unsustainably. Currently 35% of this market is made up of recycled paper, used in combination (usually 10-35% recycled) with virgin fiber from forests. This means that recycled paper may contain up to 90% virgin fiber.

Seattle Audubon has an active campaign to promote the growth, harvest, sale and purchase of FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified wood products, which help to protect important wildlife habitat on working forestlands. When you buy FSC products, you are supporting sustainable management of our forests. The FSC logo on paper products (even if labeled made from 100% recycled paper) ensures they have gone through an independent, detailed audit process, whereas a third party does not necessarily guarantee the recycled logo itself. Currently FSC paper comes in FSC recycled, mixed sources and virgin fibers labels.





## CLUB NEWS

*Compiled by Shirley Cameron*



**Please remember to put FWOC on your club's newsletter mailing list:  
FWOC, c/o Shirley Cameron, 35470 Ross Lane, Cottage Grove, OR 97424**

Individuals can accumulate Pacific Crest Trail miles as members of the TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON. Most members "section hike" the Pacific Crest Trail, however several have completed the PCT from Mexico to Canada. A permanent Pacific Crest Trail Committee has been formed.

In their newsletter, "Trail Blazer", the club is referred to a link about John Waldo, "Oregon's John Muir". He died 100 years ago in September 2007. He was Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court and he also left a wilderness legacy from Mt. Hood to Southern Oregon, resulting in 19 federally protected areas. He wandered the Cascades each summer, eating beef jerky and listening to the wolves howl. You can learn more about John Waldo's efforts at [www.willamette.edu/scene/2007/spring/16/](http://www.willamette.edu/scene/2007/spring/16/).



The big news from the WASHINGTON ALPINE CLUB is their tremendous effort to replace the roof on Guye Cabin after the big windstorm damage. The WAC Roof team has put in over 878 hours on the property by August. A metal roof will be installed and a layer of insulation added. The club will also build a bridge over the river and fix the parking.

FWOC attendees witnessed their amazing volunteers at work when the Saturday evening barbecue and program was held at Guye Cabin.

Club volunteers also participated in the Olympic Coast Cleanup in April. William O. Douglas was quoted as saying: "The wildest, the most remote and, I think, the most picturesque beach of our whole coastline lies under the pounding surf along the Pacific Ocean in the State of Washington...." The Board of the Washington Alpine Club approved eight organizations to support as a club and as individuals.



CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB planned a celebratory champagne luncheon in September for Senior Alpiners to thank them for their years of loyalty and service. This event was held at the club's Alpine Lodge; there was also a Senior Week at Echo Lodge in August.

To maintain their U.S. Forest Service permit, Echo Lodge must fund two large projects over the next two years: re-siding the main lodge building in 2007 and installing a ramp in 2008. Reducing the club's environmental footprint is the aim of one new project. They are looking for members who are interested in researching and learning about sustainability. The motivation for this effort comes from past president Laurence Kornfield who was involved in a green design project. See the National Geographic documentary, "Scraphouse."



Kudos to the Conservation Committee of the MAZAMAS for their very successful Melting Mountains Conference in April.

Scientific information from a climate expert and a glaciologist, along with information from area leaders on current action and pending legislation all provided knowledge and inspiration. In addition, participants learned of practical steps each citizen can take to lessen their carbon footprint. The committee purchased carbon offset credits and gave energy saving lightbulbs to attendees who used mass transit or other alternative transportation.

After waiting two years for volcanic activity to subside, the traditional Mothers Day Climb on Mt. St. Helens resumed. Climbers (including men) wore skirts and dresses to show respect for all mothers. The climb took about five hours up and the trip down a little over two, with the younger crowd using skis or snowboards.

September's Hike of the Month was a SILENT hike on Huckleberry Mt. Conversation was allowed at the start, on breaks and at lunch. A heightened awareness of the surroundings was reported by participants.

Congratulations to the five Mazamas who completed a successful Summit of Denali June 19, 2007.





## CLUB NEWS

*Compiled by Shirley Cameron*



CHEMEKETAN Laurelyn Schellin and Oregon hiking author Bill Sullivan led thirty paddlers on an eight-mile paddle to Bill's hand built log cabin along a remote coastal section of the Siletz River. The group also went on an exploratory hike around the cabin, which was the subject of his book "Cabin Fever".

On a joint trip of the Chemeketans and the Obsidians, Bill Sullivan, updating his guidebook for Eastern Oregon, led a Backpack to McCully Basin in the Eagle Cap Wilderness of the Wallowas.

In Salem's Riverfront Park, club members watched the colorful Willamette River Dragon Boat Races. The July event began with the traditional Dragon Dance, a symbol of good luck, after which 29 teams in Hong Kong style boats, 22 paddlers each, took to the water for 500 meter heats. The teams had unique names, dress and chants and there were plenty of cheers for America's first sight-impaired team, "Blind Ambition" from Portland. Another favorite was "Mighty Women" with their red hats and large pearl necklaces.



We are sorry to hear from Robert Haage that the DESOMOUNTS have "reached the end of the road" and decided to disband on Sept. 15, 2007. The DESOMOUNTS joined the Federation in the 1960's. He writes that, "Time, age and infirmity have taken their toll among Desomount's membership...our membership has dropped to a level insufficient to maintain the Club's program."



Thanks go to the OREGON CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB for working hard to help defeat logging bills. HB 2975 would have changed the "greatest permanent value" rule that guides the management of over a half a million acres of state forest, requiring Tillamook and Clatsop forests to be managed for "healthy, productive, and sustainable forest ecosystems that over time and across the landscape provide a full range of social, economic, environmental benefits to the people of Oregon."

HB 3434 would have required an increase in the economic "rate of return" from southwest Oregon's Elliott State Forest through higher logging levels. Otherwise, the Dept. of State Lands would be required to put the approx. 93,000 acre Elliott State Forest, with some of the oldest trees on state lands, up for sale to the highest bidder.

Funds which came from court settlements with businesses that were in violation of the Clean Water Act will allow the Many Rivers Group to fund fish friendly car wash kits and also will enable the City of Eugene to purchase land along the East Santa Clara Waterway. Car Wash Pollution Prevention Kits will be used by schools and other charitable organizations to prevent dirty water from entering streams and rivers. Residents in the area will be looking for signs that say "fish friendly car wash".



A recently discovered 1958 letter from Harold French, Founder and first President of the CONTRA COSTA HILLS CLUB reveals he wrote a three page biography of John Muir in the August 1914 edition of SUNSET magazine. He titled it "The Psalmist of the Sierra" John Muir died in December of that year. Harold French had been working to conserve wilderness in the Bay area, which led to the TAMALPAIS CONSERVATION CLUB. In a 1909 letter, Muir wrote these words of encouragement to him: "The whole Tamalpais region is delightful and many times more interesting and instructive than is generally known even by those living within an hour or two of it."

Their newsletter, "Knapsack" noted a club outing dubbed "Art at the San Francisco Dump". Members learned how trash was turned into treasure. They were shown a film at the Environmental Learning Center and when decked out in orange fluorescent vests and hardhats to protect them from Seagulls; they toured the Aromatic Transfer Station "Pit" and saw the Sculpture Garden and Art Studio.



The GREAT OLD BROADS FOR WILDERNESS had their annual Wild for Wilderness online auction from October 29th to November 18th. This innovative fundraiser always has interesting outdoor items and trips to bid on.







## CLUB NEWS

*Compiled by Shirley Cameron*



"Toiyabe Trails", the newsletter of the TOIYABE CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB reports the Nevada State Engineer issued a ruling on the application by the So. Nevada Water Authority to pump and export groundwater from Spring Valley, west of Great Basin National Park 300 miles to Southern Nevada cities. He approved only 40,000 acre ft. of the 91,000 requested. Another 20,000 will depend on environmental impacts of the pumping. Approvals depend upon a ten-year pumping test, monitoring and mitigation. Ten years may not be long enough to know the effect on springs that have endangered fish and the surface water resources of Spring Valley.

Thanks to the Great Basin Group, twenty fifth grade students had a snowshoeing adventure in the Heavenly Ski Resort. They learned about the geology of the Tahoe Basin, the history of Lake Tahoe and the flora and fauna of that ecosystem.

With shovel, polaskies and bear spray, the Southern Nevada Group helped repair flood washed trails in Glacier National Park.

Ten Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers helped the Ely BLM Dist. protect ancient rock art from off road vehicle trespass by making the vehicle tracks disappear in the Weepah Springs Wilderness North of Las Vegas. The tracks crossed the wilderness boundary, entered a wash and led to rock art panels believed to be over 4000 years old.

Marge Sill, known as the "Mother of Nevada Wilderness," joined five families with children

whose ages were between two and six at a "Families in the Wild" Camp on the western border of Arc Dome Wilderness in Central Nevada's Toiyabe Range.

Marge, who worked to designate Arc Dome and other Forest Service wilderness areas in 1989 said: "These children are going to be the guardians of wilderness in the future. But to be guardians, first they have to love what is there. And how do you learn to love something? By playing, by immersing yourself in it, and by having fun. They had so much fun.



Throughout the years, climbing OBSIDIANS have taken special notice of Collier Glacier and have been interested in Dr. Andrew Fountain and his work with the MAZAMAS in studying their old climbing photos. Dr. Fountain was a presenter at their Melting Mountains Conference in April. His website is [www.glaciers.research.pdx.edu/collier.php](http://www.glaciers.research.pdx.edu/collier.php), where you can see old and new photos of glaciers, including Collier.

Obsidian Ruth Hopson Keen was commissioned in 1941 to make a systematic study of Collier Glacier for the U.S. Geologic Service. So a cooperative summer camp was organized and was held on the Skyline Trail below North and Middle Sisters. They spent the week studying the glacier as well as plants and animals. In the summer of 1928 Obsidian leaders took 73 townspeople on a sightseeing tour of Collier Glacier. They gathered in the center of the glacier around the draft hole to hear a short history of

Oregon's largest glacier. There is quite a contrast between the descriptions of conditions at that time and those that exist today.

Summer Camp 2007 was held at Beaver Creek Campground west of Yellowstone in Montana. Five club members bicycled the 742 miles from Baker City, OR to the campground. More excitement than anyone wanted happened the second week of camp. There were a few days without the usual afternoon thunderstorms, then the Big One hit. There were downed trees, smashed tents and a dining canopy destroyed. It was a camp they won't soon forget but very thankful that no one was hurt.



FRIENDS OF COLOMBIA GORGE are telling us of one more challenge to the beautiful, scenic Gorge. The Broughton Lumber Company proposes to build a huge 245-unit destination resort on the banks of the Columbia River, just west of White Salmon, Washington. And the Gorge Commission wants to change the management plan in order to allow a development of this magnitude. Also, in spite of wide opposition, the proposal for a casino resort near Cascade Locks. has not been withdrawn. Friends and others support an on-reservation alternative that would increase revenue to the tribe, be fair to other tribes and protect the Gorge.



# BOOK REVIEWS

by Raelene Gold

The Mountaineers Books, the nonprofit publishing arm of the Mountaineers has greatly expanded over the past 30 years as their popular outdoor guidebooks as to the types of recreation and the places they feature. Outdoor enthusiasts should find just the book they are searching for by going to [www.mountaineersbooks.org](http://www.mountaineersbooks.org).

In recent years, Publisher Helen Cherullo has focused on “campaign” books, following the big success of Subhanker Banerjee’s *Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Seasons of Life and Land*. The book made a definitive appearance on the Senate floor during a debate on the Refuge. Two new books will be of particular interest to our readers.

*Yellowstone to Yukon Freedom to Roam: a Photographic Journey* by award winning German nature photographer Florian Schultz continues the combination of grand panoramic photography with original essays by

notable writers. This is a large book, with large photos that contains an equally large idea and mission. The “campaign” here is the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, a plan for this immense northern Rocky Mountain area to benefit both communities and nature. The idea being to look at a very large ecosystem as a whole and as to the connections and corridors.

I found the foreword by Canadian icon David Suzuki to be a window into a mind that can still see and comprehend the how the whole works together. The book has been the source of a traveling museum exhibit: “Yellowstone To Yukon: Freedom to Roam,” which will be at the Burke Museum in Seattle until the end of 2007 and then will go to the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and hopefully other museum in the Rocky Mountain area.

Another “campaign” book is *Columbia Highlands; Exploring*

*Washington’s Last Frontier* by Craig Romano with photographs by James Johnson and Paul Bannick. This book is smaller, lighter and practical, as it can be tossed in the car as a guidebook to this least populated area of Washington State. It includes most of what you might need: beckoning photographs of landscapes and wildlife, the natural and human history, favorite hike descriptions and maps, and essays about welcoming towns and locals. Including the legendary Tim Coleman, Tim and members of the Kettle River Range Conservation Group and Okanogan Highlands Alliance have worked for many years to get this area protected. Now Conservation Northwest has joined the effort launching a Columbia Highlands Initiative, a local cooperative effort to find a common vision for the Colville National Forest, as well as designate new wilderness areas.



University of Washington Press has published *Drawing Lines in the Forest: Creating Wilderness Areas in the Pacific Northwest* by Kevin Marsh. Mr. Marsh, currently an Assistant Professor of History at Idaho State University, wrote this originally for his PhD thesis at Washington State University. Brock Evans, Polly Dyer and Michael McCloskey were all interviewed. This book is an important step in documenting the as yet untold story of northwest environmental history. There are chapters on the history of the establishment of wilderness in Washington and Oregon including the Three Sister, the North Cascades, Mount Jefferson, Alpine Lakes and



Grizzly bear digging roots.

PHOTO: Florian Schulz



# BOOK REVIEWS

by Raelene Gold

French Pete. Mr. Marsh goes beyond wilderness philosophy to describe how local interests determine the lines and boundaries drawn on maps creating different use areas. He likens this to a kind of zoning.



A new Mountaineer Books offering for those who love trees and want to know them better is, *Northwest*

*Trees: Identifying and Understanding the Region's Native Trees, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, written by Missoula forest ecologist, Steven F. Arno with illustrations by Ramona P. Hammerly. This revised edition of a popular favorite published in 1977, expands the area covered to include not only Washington and Oregon, but Montana, Idaho, southern B.C. and the entire northern Rocky Mountain region. It includes 60

native trees, both conifers and broad-leaf, as well as some naturalized trees. Chapters on each tree cover its appearance, distribution, ecological role and human history. Ms. Hammerly's fine drawings highlight the essence and character of each species, as well as the close-up details of their foliage.

*We welcome readers to submit reviews of books, movies or DVDs of interest.*

## MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Join FWOC as an ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER:

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Organization address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members in your organization \_\_\_\_\_

(Annual dues are based on membership: 1-300=\$25; 301-1000=\$50; over 1001=\$100)

Signature of Officers \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

To apply for membership, send application form, annual dues payable to FWOC and a copy of your organization's bylaws, constitution and/or articles of incorporation to:

**Jack Walker**

FWOC Treasurer

P.O. Box 129

Selma, OR 95738

Join FWOC as an INDIVIDUAL MEMBER and receive OUTDOORS WEST:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member Club \_\_\_\_\_

(You do not have to be a member of an affiliate club to be an individual member.)

SEND this form with your check payable to FWOC to:

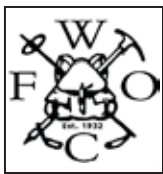
**Jack Walker**

FWOC Treasurer

P.O. Box 129

Selma, OR 95738

☐ \$10 Regular ☐ \$25 Contributor ☐ \$5 Living Lightly ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



## FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

c/o JR Mailing Services

2120 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Bldg. #3

Bellevue, WA 98004-3048

PRSRT STD

U.S. Postage

**PAID**

Seattle, WA

Permit No. 4

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## CALENDAR 2008



*Dragontail Peak in the Alpine Lakes  
Wilderness by Andrea Imber.*

### January 26, 2008

9 am-5 pm, 7 pm-9 pm

Winter FWOC Executive

Committee Meeting and Dinner

Mazamas Mountaineering Center

*Member clubs are invited to attend*

537 SE 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (at Stark)

Portland, Oregon

### March 6-9, 2008

Public Interest Law Conference

Cultivating Corridors for the People

University of Oregon Law School

Eugene, Oregon

[www.pielc.org](http://www.pielc.org)

### April 3-5, 2008

2008 Wilderness Conference

The Future of Wilderness

in a Time of Change

The Mountaineers Building

300 Third Avenue West

Seattle, Washington

[www.wilderness2008.org](http://www.wilderness2008.org)

### Summer 2008

FWOC 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

The Siskiyou in

southwest Oregon

Exact date and place

to be announced