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**The Summit Lodge at Snoqualmie Pass, Washington
August 10–12, 2007**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Brock Evans

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joe Fontaine, President, Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs is celebrating its 75th birthday this year. That is a landmark achievement that few organizations like ours can claim. In the beginning member clubs were primarily interested in providing opportunities for their members to enjoy the out of doors. In the 1930s only a few pioneers like Aldo Leopold expressed concern for the environment, but as the 20th Century progressed, threats to the environment became more and more obvious. Today, in the 21st Century, most member clubs have a dual purpose, protecting the environment while continuing to encourage their members, as John Muir put it to “enjoy the good tidings of nature.”

We will celebrate our 75th anniversary August 10-12 at our annual convention east of Seattle at Snoqualmie Pass. On Friday evening we will host a 75th Anniversary Banquet to honor our Founding Member Clubs and Past Presidents. We are especially pleased to have Past

President Brock Evans give the Keynote address on the Ancient Forest Campaign, that engaged a broad coalition of outdoor recreation and conservation groups working together.

Please consider now the resolutions you would like to submit to the Federation regarding issues of concern to your club. The deadline for resolutions to be submitted to the Resolutions Committee is July 30th. You will be receiving further notification about resolutions but it is never too early to be thinking what you would like to submit.

Plan to join us this special year. Each member club is encouraged to select a voting representative to attend the Convention. Of course we encourage as many people as possible to join our celebration.

Joe Fontaine
President
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs



President Joe Fontaine (right) presenting the Distinguished Conservation Award to George Nickas, State VP for Montana, at the winter Executive Committee meeting. George is the Executive Director of Wilderness Watch and a national leader in the defense and preservation of wilderness values.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

Fran Troje, Convention Co-Chair



Summit Lodge and pool.

THEME:

Engaging Outdoor Recreation and Conservation

Convention dates: August 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2007

Convention site: The Summit Lodge at Snoqualmie Pass, Washington

Saturday evening and Sunday events will take place at nearby Guye Cabin (Washington Alpine Club).

Lodging: Summit Lodge at Snoqualmie Pass has 81 rooms, a Conference Center, outdoor swimming pool, restaurant, coffee shop and bar. View lodge and rooms and obtain complete directions at www.snoqualmiesummitlodge.com. Summit Lodge is located 57 miles east of Seattle on I-90. Coming from Seattle take exit 53. If coming from the east take exit 53.

Attendees must make their own reservations by phone. See registration form on page 15. For dorm or camping options, email Raelene, raelene@seanet.com.

Celebrating the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs milestone 75th Anniversary Convention offers the opportunity to re-examine the inter-dependence of the primary purposes of our member clubs. Their commitment to both “outdoor recreation” and to “conservation” inspired the theme of **Engaging Outdoor Recreation and Conservation**.

Clubs and organizations often wax and wane over the decades, shifting from activists emphasizing ambitious and skill-building outdoor recreational activities to becoming dedicated advocates emphasizing conservation and preservation of the nation’s natural resources. Either one or a combination of both, represent the core values of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.

To that end, we have enlisted speakers who will address this theme with their presentations of successful projects that engaged both recreation and conservation. By sharing the strategy and struggles of these accomplishments, they will excite, encourage and inspire us to continue the “engagement”. Our goal is to bring outdoor recreation and conservation together for positive outcomes that expand both preserved landscapes and outdoor recreation opportunities.

FRIDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BROCK EVANS

We are honored to have **Brock Evans** as our 75th Anniversary Banquet Keynote Speaker on Friday evening. Brock has a 40-year history of involvement with the Federation as the first Northwest Representative for the Sierra Club and FWOC from 1967-1973, as its President from 1996-2000 and as its ongoing Washington DC Representative.

Brock will regale us with tales from the **Ancient Forest Campaign** which he feels was the “greatest environmental victory of all time.” In the 1980s, coastal temperate rainforests from British Columbia to northern California, were rapidly being clear-cut. In 1988 the National Audubon Society named Brock their representative to the Ancient Forest Alliance, where he was one of the main leaders and strategists. The Alliance became a grand assembly of outdoor recreation and conservation groups at the national, state and local level forming a grand army to bring a halt to the destruction, and it did! Brock maintained a diary during this turbulent time and will share with us much of the passion and drama he recorded.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 10th: Summit Lodge

11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Executive Committee meeting
1:00 pm on	Registration and Lodge room check-in
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	FIELD TRIPS (full descriptions sent with Registration Confirmation): (a) Ashael Curtis Trail: Easy, 1-mile nature walk, ancient forest (b) Pacific Crest Trail to Lodge Lake: Moderate, elevation gain, 3 miles (c) Tinkham Discovery Trail: Easy, 3-mile, restoration, beaver pond
4:30 pm	Opening Plenary Session, Member Club Roll Call. MC: Joe Fontaine
6:00 pm	75th Anniversary Reception and Banquet
7:30 pm	PROGRAM: <i>Honoring Founding Clubs, and Past Presidents</i> MC: Mike McCloskey KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Brock Evans – <i>The Ancient Forest Campaign</i>

Saturday, August 11th: Summit Lodge

7:30 am – 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Registration open for Saturday attendees
9:00 am – 9:40 am	<i>New Trends in Outdoor Recreation: IAC Study and Report</i> by Jim Eychaner, Interagency Committee
9:45 am – 10:25 am	PANEL: <i>Innovations in Outdoor Recreation</i> – Member Clubs
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	PANEL: <i>Reclamation, Restoration, Conservation and Recreation</i> Mark Boyar: Mid-Fork Valley Recreation Project Charlie Raines: Checkerboard Project and Wildlife Corridors Tom O'Keefe: Dam Removal and Restoration of Elwha River
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch
1:00 pm – 1:40 pm	<i>Abandoned Railroad to Scenic ADA Historic Trail: The Iron Goat Trail</i> by Ruth Ittner, Volunteers for Outdoor Washington
1:45 pm – 2:25 pm	<i>Leave No Trace Low Impact Human Powered Water Recreation: Cascadia Marine Trail, Discovery Water Trail, Columbia River Trails</i> by Reed Waite, Washington Water Trails Association.
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	PANEL: <i>Preservation and Advocacy; Recreation and Stewardship</i> <i>Wild Sky Wilderness</i> – Mountaineers and Friends of Wild Sky <i>Repairing Storm-Damaged National Parks</i> – Washington Trails Association <i>Recreational Planning for Washington State Parks Centennial</i> – Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
4:15 pm – 6:00 pm	Social at site of former Mountaineers Snoqualmie Lodge (1948-2006)
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm	Buffet Dinner at Washington Alpine Club's Guye Cabin
7:15 pm	PROGRAM: <i>Mountains to Sound Greenway – Creating and maintaining a scenic gateway, conserving natural resources and providing recreation and stewardship opportunities</i> by Nancy Keith

Sunday, August 12th: Guye Cabin

7:00 am – 8:15 am	Breakfast on your own at Restaurant at Summit Lodge
8:30 am – 9:30 am	FWOC Business Meeting; Organization and Club Reports
9:30 am – Noon	Adoption of 2007 Resolutions, Adjourn 75th Convention
1:00 pm – 3 pm	New Executive Committee Meeting

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

Dear FWOC member groups and convention delegates:

The 75th Anniversary Convention is fast approaching. One of the most important considerations at each convention is the discussion and adoption of FWOC Resolutions. The resolutions are submitted by member clubs regarding issues of concern to them. This is your organization's chance to gain the FWOC's expressed support for the work in which your organization is involved. The Resolutions Committee reviews, edits and publishes the resolutions for convention attendees. Submitted resolutions may be revised to be consistent with previously passed resolutions. Member club delegates vote on them at the Sunday session. Adopted resolutions are listed in *Outdoors West* and are available in full on our website: www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org.

Resolutions are due by July 30, 2007. We strongly urge that resolutions be submitted electronically and in

"Word" format, or pasted as text into an e-mail. Resolutions should be e-mailed to: gnickas@wildernesswatch.org. Resolutions sent in hard copy will be accepted and should be mailed to: George Nickas, PO Box 9175, Missoula, MT 59807.

The proper format for resolutions is placed below. Please use this format for your resolutions. Put only one resolution on a form and generally it should be no more than one page in length. Voluminous background material, newspaper articles and similar information should not be included with the resolution. If you have any questions about this, please contact me at the e-mail address above or at (406) 542-2048, ext. 4.

Thanks very much,

George Nickas
Resolutions Committee Chair

2007 RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM

Submitted by _____ (Member Organization or Individual)

Contact Person _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Date _____

Resolution title or topic _____

Background: Explain the issue, how the matter arose, why it is important, where it stands now.

Proposed Resolution: This is the FWOC's position or stand. Use the appropriate action verb. (For example: The FWOC urges... The FWOC opposes... The FWOC supports... The FWOC condemns... etc.)

DESIGNATING ROUTES FOR OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

Karen Schambach

Karen is the President of the Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation and the California Director of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER).

The United States Forest Service is two years into its task of finally determining what roads and trails on each National Forest will allow use by off-road vehicles. ORV's include 4 x 4's, dirt bikes and All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs).

In California, the State Department of Parks and Recreation's Off-Highway Commission funded the following "5 Step" process that each National Forest must follow:

1. Map existing Routes, both USFS "system" routes, as well as user-created routes; share maps with the public by **December 2005**; collect comments by **March 2006**.
2. Issue temporary Forest Orders prohibiting wheeled vehicles (including mountain bikes) off mapped roads, trails and off-route areas; complete no later than **June 2006**.
3. Evaluate inventoried roads, trails and areas; collaborate with the public in developing proposed systems of roads, trails and specifically defined areas for OHV use; complete surveys of information and data gaps; publish maps of proposals by **September 2006**; collect public comments no later than **February 2007**.
4. Complete analyses and prepare National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents designating routes and specifically defined areas for OHV use, involving the public. Complete by **December 2007**.
5. Issue Forest Orders to prohibit motor vehicle use off roads, designated trails and defined areas. (With the approval of federal regulations restricting OHV use to designated routes, Forest Orders will no longer be required.) Install signing, publish maps and implement any mitigation measures by **September 2008**.

This is an enormous task, largely because the thousands of miles of routes that have been "user-created" over the past thirty years greatly exceeds the miles of Forest Service "system" routes. These "non-system" routes were neither engineered nor built to any kind of standard. The result has been resource damage on such a scale that former Chief of the Forest Service, Dale Bosworth, declared that unmanaged ORV use is one of the "Four Threats" to our National Forests, along with fire, fragmentation and noxious weeds.

While many California forests are behind schedule, significant progress is being made: The Eldorado National Forest is leading the way, due to a court ordered NEPA analysis of its OHV system. The Eldorado, Inyo, Lassen, Plumas, and Sequoia National Forests have Forest Orders banning off-route use. Most forests are in some stage of analyzing their existing route systems.

A coalition of conservation organizations* has made environmentally sensitive route designation a high priority. We are actively mapping routes in potential wilderness areas and in sensitive wildlife areas. We are also attempting to identify OHV use that conflicts with traditional forest recreation. Please let us know if there are roads or trails where erosion, stream sedimentation, vegetation damage or wildlife conflicts are occurring. We need to know on which National Forest the route lies, as well as the route number, if one exists. If no identifying route number is available, please provide a detailed description of the route location. You may email me at csnc@hughes.net. We will make sure your information reaches the appropriate forest.

We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help the Forest Service get ORV route designation right. It's a huge task and we need the help of everyone who wants to see our National Forests be restored as intact ecosystems.

*The coalition includes CSNC, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, The Wilderness Society, California Wilderness Coalition, Friends of the Inyo, and others.

PUBLIC LANDS BILLS

Marjorie Sill

The furor about public lands bills appears to have divided the conservation community, much to the delight of off-road vehicle groups and those who oppose any wilderness designation.

When the Wilderness Act was passed in 1964, much of the wilderness was of the "rock and ice" category or large tracts of Forest Service land far from human communities. Public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management were excluded from wilderness designation. However, with the passage of the Federal Lands Management and Policy Act of 1979, public lands came to the forefront. The BLM was required to study all roadless lands under their jurisdiction and designate Wilderness Study Areas plus lands suitable for disposal. The California Desert Protection Act of 1992 designated millions of acres of wilderness, as well as establishing and enlarging national parks in the Mojave Desert. The Black Rock-High Rock Emigrant Trails legislation of 2000 included 700,000 acres of BLM wilderness, as well as establishing a National Conservation Area. All of the major conservation groups agreed on the importance of these two bills in establishing wilderness protection for desert lands.

Controversy arose, however, with the passage of the 2002 Clark County,

NV public lands bill, which not only designated another 700,000 acres of desert wilderness and the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, but also provided for county requests such as public land for a new airport, land exchanges with developers, and other disposals of public lands. This controversy was brought to a head in 2004 with the passage of the Lincoln County, NV public lands bill, which designated 750,000 acres of wilderness but also allowed the disposal of 90,000 acres of public lands and established a water pipeline to carry

water from Eastern Nevada to Las Vegas. The Lincoln County Commissioners, who reluctantly accepted the wilderness, unanimously supported this bill.

In the meantime, the White Pine County, NV Commissioners saw the advantages of a public lands bill to their county. A coalition of hunters, ranchers, business interests, and community leaders was formed to work for this legislation. Since White Pine County contains some of the most magnificent wild lands in the state, the Nevada Wilderness

Coalition worked to have wilderness designation included in the bill. Several conservation groups opposed the White Pine County Public Lands bill crafted by Senators Ensign and Reid. After five years of negotiations, The White Pine County Public Lands bill was passed by Congress in December 2006, and signed by the President. Through the work of the NV Wilderness Coalition and the support of the White Pine County Commissioners, ranchers, hunters, and business interests, it designates over 550,000 acres of magnificent wilderness. Several controversial provisions, including the use of monies for Clark County water treatment, were eliminated from the final bill. However, the bill still provides that 45,000 acres of public land, subject



Marge is FWOC's VP for Nevada and active in Friends of Nevada Wilderness and the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club.

to NEPA and identified in the BLM Resource Management plan, can be sold with proceeds going to Nevada projects such as fire prevention at Lake Tahoe.

Controversy over public lands bills has increased as many rural counties in the West see the advantage of such bills to their economy. Except in California, Oregon, and Washington, it is impossible to get new wilderness designated except

when added to these public lands bills. Unfortunately, with the growing population and the popularity of unrestrained off-road vehicle travel, wild lands are more in need of legislative protection now than they have been in the past.

Conservationists are placed in a difficult position.

Because public lands bills are going to be passed, with or without wilderness, one solution to the problem

may be for conservation groups to get together and make sure, by working with the legislators, that these bills are as good as possible. It is far better to start working together for good legislation than it is to issue media statements opposing legislation that is already written and is going through the Congressional process.



CONSERVATION ISSUE UPDATES

FORESTS

A Northwest panel of federal and state wildlife officials, environmentalist and timber-industry scientists have completed a plan for the endangered **Northern Spotted Owl** that would set aside blocks of old-growth forest to protect the declining owl. Bush administration officials ordered changes in the plan to allow 700,000 acres of owl habitat unprotected. The USFWS is holding hearings on the plan in Washington, Oregon and California in late May. Please attend and comment. Information can be found at www.fws.gov.

SALMON

Conservation efforts to help Columbia River salmon recovery by removal of the Snake River dams may be making some progress. Federal District Court's Judge Redden's decision that the Bush Salmon Plan is a failure was upheld on appeal. A new fish-protection plan from NOAA is due later this year. The New York Times published an article favorable to dam removal. See www.wildsalmon.org.

WILDERNESS

The **Wild Sky Wilderness Act** protecting low elevation old growth forests in Washington State has passed the House and is expected to pass the Senate soon.

After over a decade of continually trying to protect the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from Congress's attempts to open the area to oil and gas exploration, the current effort is to pass the **Udall-Eisenhower Arctic Wilderness Act (HR 39)** which would preserve it permanently as Wilderness. Representative Ed Markey (D-MA) introduced the bill on 1/4/07 and it has been referred the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. It has 137 co-sponsors. Please call or write your US Representative and urge them to be a co-sponsor.

Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith introduced the **Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2007**. The Act would permanently protect wilderness and scenic rivers around Mount Hood and in the Columbia Gorge.

The **Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act** also has been reintroduced in the House.

NATIONAL PARKS

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne is holding "listening sessions" on the **National Park Centennial Initiative**. Our National Park System was established in 1916 and the upcoming centennial provides an opportunity to address the dire need for their better protection. In Seattle, 50 people attended the hearing. Info at www.nps.gov/2016.

The NPS is also holding hearings on the Yellowstone NP Snowmobile usage in Denver on May 30 and comments are due June 5, 2007. Go to www.winterwildlands.org/action.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

The USFW has proposed listing the polar bear as "threatened" under the ESA. The loss of polar ice secondary to global warming is a factor.





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

The WASHINGTON ALPINE CLUB, formed in 1916 in Seattle, is celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Guye Cabin. The cabin has the aura of a true ski lodge and is the home of the club's strong Winter division. Many FWOC conventions have been held at Guye Cabin, which will also be hosting the Sunday session this year.

WAC members are working with the MOUNTAINEERS and other groups on a non-motorized Snoqualmie Pass Winter Trails master plan to present to the Forest Service and State Parks. This will include Snow Parks, groomed trails, snowshoe trails and backcountry.

The OREGON CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB has an organizer for Building Environmental Communities. Emily Bertha will be working on the campaign to clean up the Willamette River. She will be reaching out to the angling community to get them involved in the effort to improve the health of the river system. One goal is to end Toxic Mixing Zones that polluters use to bend water quality standards. Plans include restoration projects, fly-casting clinics and salmon hikes.

Last year, the TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON discovered that Senator Wyden's wilderness bill would have placed their Nesika Lodge access road and tractor trail within wilderness. They worked with the Senator's staff and Oregon Wild to get the wilderness boundary adjusted on Wyden's map. But the Forest Service map is another matter and the club is documenting their long and continuous use of the road and motorized equipment on the tractor trail since the 1950s.



Trails Club of Oregon's Nesika Lodge in the Columbia River Gorge.





CLUB NEWS

Compiled by Shirley Cameron



Good news for the CHEME-KETANS! They gained 79 new members last year.

For folks who are not sure whether to sign up for a “medium” rated hike or a “hard” rated hike, the club has an answer. For those who don’t know if they can keep up with the group or if they even WANT to hike as fast as the group may go, the club has found a four mile walk within 10 minutes of downtown Salem where they can rate their hiking pace on their own. The club’s 76th annual outing will be held at Olympic National Park, Port Angeles, WA, July 28 to August 11.

A new Winter Recreation Map for Santiam Pass is available. The \$7.00 map is printed on waterproof paper and has updated information on ski, snowmobile and snowshoeing trails. Obtain from Deschutes National Forest, 1001 SW Emkay Dr., Bend, Oregon, 97702. Make check payable to USDA Forest Service.



The TOIYABE CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB will be celebrating it’s 50th Anniversary this year and remembering its conservation victories. One such victory is the Nevada Forest Service Wilderness Bill signed in 1989 after their much hard work beginning in 1964.

Their “Trails” announced that water finally flowed again into the lower Owens River. It was a small flow but a first step in mending relations between Los Angeles and the Owens Valley.

A renewed effort is being made to save the Sierra Club’s historic Clair Tappan Lodge. There is a one-year

reprieve and the committee organized to save it say they need guests. They urge people to visit and to stay if possible. For information: <http://ctl.sierra.club>

The mayors of Reno, Sparks, Henderson and Las Vegas have signed on to the “Mayors Climate Protection Agreement” which encourages development of renewable energy projects and energy efficiency.

Over six million acres of private lands dedicated to agricultural production is located within the Toiyabe Chapter area, three times the amount of lands currently dedicated for wilderness protection. The Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, of which the Sierra Club is a member, wants incentives included in the 2007 Farm Bill to motivate farmers to improve their practices including more efficient water use, reduction of chemical use, etc. The Coalition wants full funding for conservation programs already in place as well as expansion of programs assisting farmers in switching to organic practices.



The CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB will host an open house for the 55th Anniversary of its Echo Summit Lodge on July 4th. Echo Summit will also be the setting for a Birding Conservation Weekend in June. Saturday evening, the Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation will present the program. All the profit from the weekend will go to the California Alpine Club Foundation for conservation projects. In the Fall, the CAC Foundation also sponsored the Henry Hillman Fall Fund Raiser Dinner.

Presenters were from the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Coast Walk, and TAMALPAIS CONSERVATION CLUB. The event was one of their continuing education programs.

In order to provide for more member use of the club’s Alpine Lodge (instead of so many rentals), the CAC voted to raise its dues from \$75 to \$90.



The DESOMOUNT “Dustings” inform us of the threat to one of their favorite camping spots – the San Onofre State Beach. Alas, the California Toll Road Agency has proposed an extension of the toll system to put a six lane highway right through San Onofre State Beach. Let’s hope state and county officials and environmentalists can prevent it from happening.



A MOVE!! The MAZAMA MOUNTAINEERING CENTER became the new home for the MAZAMAS on January 6. Hardy volunteers helped with the move and the Grand Opening was held on February 3 with a symbolic 4.2 mile hike from the old offices to the new center at SE 43rd and Stark. Members carried ropes, ice axes, alpenstocks, trail tools and some were dressed in vintage hiking and climbing clothes. Old Timers were encouraged to participate and a slower hike was organized for them. FWOC Past President Win Hayward of California joined the hike representing FWOC. Open House festivities greeted the hikers.



CLUB NEWS

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The GREAT OLD BROADS FOR WILDERNESS has been a strong advocate for many of the wilderness bills being signed into law. 2006 has seen some successes to celebrate. The Broads have held their Broadwalks in many of these areas.

- The New England Wilderness Act passed in 2006, increasing wilderness areas in Vermont and New Hampshire, designating 42,000 acres in six different parcels in the White Mountain National Forest and creating the Mount Moosalamoo National Recreation Area in Vermont, a 857-acre tract south and east of Middlebury. It was 2003 when the Vermont Broadwalk was held.
- The Valle Vidal Protection Act was signed into law to withdraw the area from mineral entry. In 1995, a Broadwalk was held in the Valle Vidal to gain support for protecting this special area from coal bed methane development. Legislation was introduced in September of that year.
- In October, the President signed into law the Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act. The bill protects approximately 275,000 acres of new wilderness, including the King Range Wilderness on California's north coast. It covers incomparable lands in five northern California counties. Four years earlier, the Big Sur Wilderness and Conservation Act became law not long after a Broadwalk was held in the Big Sur area.

- House passed the Wild Sky Wilderness Bill on April 17. The bill will protect 106,577 acres in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest northeast of Seattle. It will help protect salmon-bearing streams and preserve important lowland forests. The Wild Sky Broadwalk was held in 2005.
- A "quid pro quo" wilderness bill was signed into law in December. The White Pine County Public Lands Bill designated 557,000 acres of wilderness but also surrendered 45,000 acres of federal land to the county for development. Because they believe that wilderness protection should not occur at the cost of losing other public lands, the Broads did not support this bill.



Another MOVE! Since the Oakland YWCA building was sold, the CONTRA COSTA HILLS CLUB needed to move. Their new home for meetings and records is the office of Citizens for East Shore Parks, Room 520 in the El Cerrito Plaza, above Trader Joe's. The new address is: Contra Costa Hills Club, P.O. Box 97, El Cerrito, CA, 94530.

At the club's annual meeting, a Fire Education Specialist for the National Park Service was the speaker. Jennifer Chapman related the story in words and pictures of the remarkable recovery over 12 years of Point Reyes National Seashore after the Mt. Vision fire of 1995.

The club has a tradition of a New Year's "Top of Tam" hike, (Mt. Tamalpais) this time on December 31st.



As a result of the rededication of the climbing wall honoring OBSIDIANS Mark McLaughlin and Jerry Clark who lost their lives on Mt. McKinley, the club met not only Mark's brother Austin but also Joe Wilson who was the leader of the expedition. An emotional and historic presentation was held on December 16 to hear Joe Wilson share information about the ill-fated 1967 Mt. McKinley expedition (his first after ten years). He kept a diary on the trip and wrote the book *White Winds* (now out of print). The audience reacted with awe as one slide after another showed Denali's frozen landscape and the climbers camped between crevasses and tramping through waist deep snow with 80 lb. packs. The presentation was positive most of the time but turned somber as he described the storm and slowly showed the faces of the seven who never returned. One fact learned was that in 33 years of July observations, not a single wind velocity recording aloft was as high as the 1967 storm, 80-100 gusts above 150 mph. There were 12 climbers but only 5 survived. "In the vicious jaws of an Arctic gale, McKinley's formidability is second to none."



WILDERNESS WATCH in Missoula, MT will be holding regional Wilderness Forums around the country. They are increasingly concerned about wilderness degradation from escalating motorized intrusions, expanding development, and the influence of commercial interests.



CLUB NEWS

Compiled by Shirley Cameron



SEATTLE AUDUBON was recently recognized by nonprofit watchdog, Charity Navigator, as one of the top five most efficient organizations in the nation at raising money from special events. In fiscal year ending June of 2006, they raised \$40,596 with expenses of just \$825 from their annual Birdathon and biannual Plant Sale. Executive Director Shawn Cantrell states that the 98% return rate is achieved by being run by volunteers and held outdoors.

Conservation Policy Director Alex Morgan announced that SAS has succeeded in getting the WA State Department of Natural Resources to have its timber operations FSC certified. Seattle Audubon also has joined a suit against WA State Department of Natural Resources and Weyerhaeuser over their failure to protect Northern Spotted Owl circles from timber harvesting. He states "We are holding Weyerhaeuser, one of the world largest timber companies, accountable to federal law and the general public."



THE MOUNTAINEERS completed the sale of the Mountaineers Clubhouse in downtown Seattle and are beginning a remodel, construction of a climbing wall and landscaping of a leased building at Magnuson Park. President Bill Deters wrote on "Why Must Our Club Grow?" explaining that membership must grow to sustain increasing costs for operating expenses and liability insurance and to bring in new volunteers to help run the club.

Celebrating their centennial, the Mountaineer's 100 Year Hike on February 17 was a reenactment of a 1907 hike to the West Point lighthouse, which is now in Discovery Park.

The MOUNTAINEERS have joined work parties restoring trails at Mount Rainier National Park that had been damaged by last winter's severe storms.



Reenactment of a 1907 hike to the West Point lighthouse to commemorate the 100th birthday of the Mountaineers.



New Mountaineers site at Magnuson Park.



FEDERATION NEWS

FWOC VP for Washington **Roger Anderson** married Karen Yanks at the Salmon Creek Methodist Church near Vancouver, Washington on May 5th. Roger and Karen were introduced at a Trails Club of Oregon event. The couple and Trails Club members all sported hiking boots at the ceremony. Roger and Karen will be attending the 2007

FWOC Convention. Congratulations Roger and Karen!

Don Moore passed away on December 6, 2006. Don was a member of Desomount Club and had been FWOC Treasurer. Don flew his private airplane to many conventions, but unfortunately crashed on landing home after the Convention in 1999.

Former President Winchell Hayward represented FWOC at memorial services for **Florence** and **Kenneth Baldwin** who passed away on Jan. 6th and Feb. 7th. Ken was a founder and the first President of the **Montana Wilderness Association**. Both Ken and Florence were active for many years working for Montana wilderness and wildlife and serving as FWOC's State VP's for Montana.

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(D) Saturday Convention

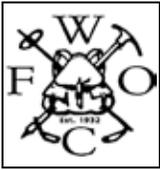
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Use separate registration form for each attendee. Circle selected Registration level, **each meal** desired and mention if you wish **vegetarian** meals. Registration is due by **August 6th** for meals to be ordered.

Send completed Form and check for cost made payable to **FWOC** (sorry ... no credit cards).

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