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News of the Big Wild

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Moscow Forest Rally September 19, 2002

A public rally for our public forests was held before Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service, spoke to a large crowd at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Concerned citizens gathered from around the region to express their support for wildlands and wildlife. Carrying signs banners and wielding a 60-foot fire dragon, they demonstrated for protection of public forest lands. ° The dragon danced with trees to make the point fire and forests can get along. ° One sign read: Wild Forests plus Forest Fires equals Healthy Forests another More Trees Less Bushes.

Dale Bosworth remarked to Lorenzo Trout, "I like going to the field with Gary Macfarlane because he knows more about what is going on than I do."



Photos, Larry McLaud

Bosworth said the Forest Service had made really big mistakes in the past. ° Gary Macfarlane quipped, Given the pattern of the Forest Service, we are concerned that the agency will continue to make really big mistakes in the future. ° That is one reason we need to maintain public processes that currently guide national forest management.



Shop at the Co-op for Wild Clearwater Country!

In keeping with their grand community spirit, the Moscow Food Co-op has generously donated 2% of their profits to Friends of the Clearwater on Tuesdays in the month of November.

2% TUESDAYS AT THE MOSCOW FOOD CO-OP

So, keep a grocery list and save up those cravings for Tuesday shopping at the Co-op to support Friends of the Clearwater!

FOC invites you to join us for food, music, and a silent auction at our **Annual Celebration and Meeting!**

When: Thursday, November 7th at 7:30 pm

Where: 1912 Building
(on 3rd and Adams)
in Moscow.

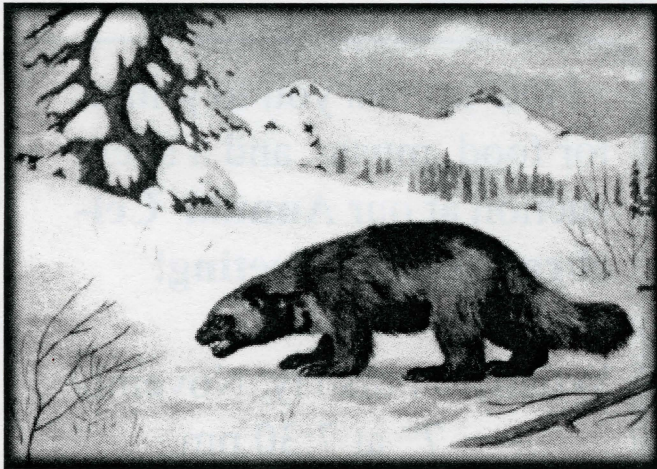
Everyone is welcome and bring a friend!

Groups Seek To Restore Wolverines:

Lawsuit Aims To Spur Federal Action To Conserve Rare Wilderness Species

Seeking to ensure a future for one of the rarest wilderness wildlife species in the lower-48 states, a coalition of conservation groups filed a lawsuit asking a Federal District Court in Missoula, Montana, to compel the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to consider new legal protections for the wolverine. The groups included Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund, Defenders of Wildlife, Predator Conservation Alliance, Friends of the Clearwater, Superior Wilderness Action Network, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center and Northwest Ecosystem Alliance.

The wolverine doesn't have time to tolerate further inaction by the Service, said Earthjustice attorney Tim Preso, who is representing the groups in the lawsuit. The same groups had filed a detailed, scientific petition for listing in 2000 and the government did nothing with that information.



Moon of wandering
solitary scavenger
wolverine
ancient forests' child
moon of towering trees
darkened canopy
may we reclaim
forever wild

Asante Riverwind

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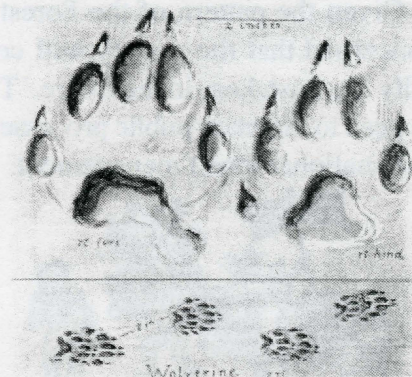
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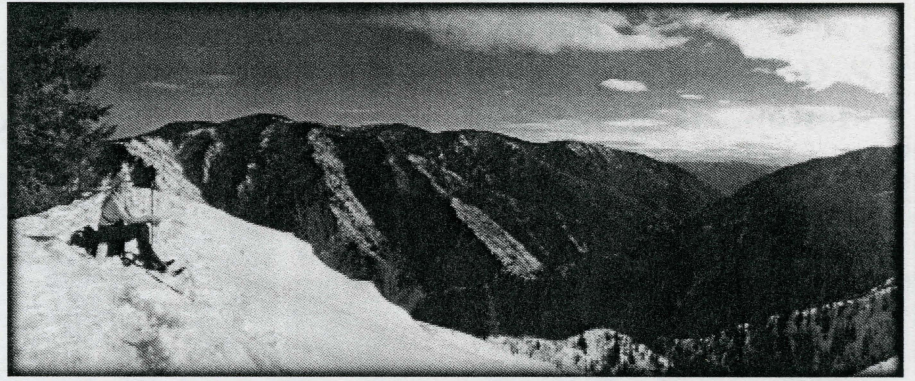
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Autumn Brings Ashley

Autumn's cloak of colors drapes the hillsides with rainbows of fall foliage and grabs our attention in new ways. Though not quite as spectacular as the spirit of Autumn, Friends of the Clearwater's new Education-Outreach Coordinator, Ashley Martens, hopes to grab the attention of many



others in new ways, too, and welcome them into the conservation community. Ashley's experience as a naturalist, environmental educator (she worked for PCEI for 3 years as their EE coordinator), and Clearwater Country bird surveyor makes this transition an easy one. She shares in our love for the Big Wild and the Moscow community. Her passion for ancient cedar forests inspired her to start FOC's Ancient Cedars Protection Project. Before becoming an employee of FOC, she served on the board for 2 years. In addition to educating people about our natural treasures and how to protect them, Ashley enjoys hiking and skiing, outings with the Redneck Women's Club, dancing, and spending time with friends and family. Currently, Ashley's many projects for FOC include reaching out to other civic organizations, creating educational displays at local venues, organizing events and field trips, and putting on a WildArt show. If you have any suggestions for the education-outreach program or would like to volunteer (since Ashley's only quarter-time, her big ideas need all the help they can get to become realities!), please contact her at foc@wildrockies.org or 882-9755.

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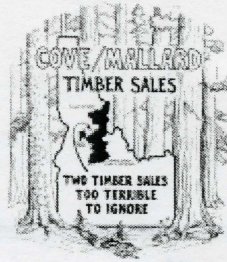
By Uncle Ramon

Let's go to Dixie, Idaho for a couple of days. After all, it's the 10th anniversary of our involvement with the Cove/Mallard Timber Stoppage (formerly called the Cove/Mallard Timber Sale). We were five in number. . .

1. A proprietor of several alternative-health schools from Columbus, Georgia.
2. A former bureaucrat with Greenpeace from Louisville, Kentucky.
3. A struggling law-school student from Moscow, Idaho.
4. A retired life-insurance salesman from Brooklyn, New York.
5. An unemployable rugby player from Missoula, Montana.

So, on a partly-sunny weekend in July (which meant it could snow at any moment) we drove over and checked into the newly-decorated (a different theme in every room) Dixie Motel, threw our bags into a corner, and repaired to the Lodge Pole Inn for sustenance. Having decided that some good, old-fashioned outreach would be in order, we were polite, witty, fairly temperate, and about as friendly as we get. One of us went so far as to wear his, I AM NOT RAMON button pinned to his shirt.

The next morning we were thrown out of the motel. So much for outreach.



Smarting from the collective rebuke, we drove up to the 20-acre Base Camp that had been so key to our decade-long battle and final victory over the US Forest Service. After an hour of very sober discussion, we had narrowed our choices to just two:

A) Declare war on the entire town, bring in 7 or 8 lawyers, sue the bee-jesus out of everybody, flood the place with unemployable hippies with instruction to dance naked, and then buy up the town, acre by acre, as the formerly fearless Dixie-ites run for their lives.

B) Raise some money, build a modest, mild lodge as Base Camp, call it an Environmental Retreat and, over the years, invite the world (including, modest, mild mainstream enviro-groups from Washington, DC) to visit. People could just relax, play Scrabble, go hiking. They could discuss Saving The Planet. They could go into town and do outreach. They could go into town and spend lots of money and make new friends and slowly, sloooooowly, build bridges so that the Dixie community and the Environmental community could live together in peace. Also, for the Dixie-ites, in prosperity.

We, The Mild Ones, chose Plan B. The time-line extends to July 2102. What; you have something more important to do for the next 100 years?

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Friends of the Clearwater EcoEvents Calendar

For the Love of Old Cedars Community Slide Show

- ~Wednesday, October 23rd, 7:30pm at the 1912 Building
- ~Come see beautiful slides & hear tantalizing stories about searches for ancient cedars!

UI Wildlands Colloquium: Fish Stocking in High Mountain Lakes

- ~Thursday, October 24th, 7:00pm at the UI College of Law Courtroom
- ~This panel discussion will address competing ecological and sociological values.

FOC Annual Meeting & Celebration

- ~Thursday, November 7th, 7:30pm at the 1912 Building
- ~Join us for potluck food, music, silent auction & a forest carnivores slide show!

Forest Carnivores & Hot Springs Field Trip

- ~ Saturday, November 9th, Meet at 8am at the Rousaurs parking lot to carpool (please RSVP).
- ~Get out & learn about a new multi-species approach to forest carnivore conservation with Predator Conservation Alliance s David Gaillard at Jerry Johnson Hot Springs.
- ~Soak in the soothing springs after a cool-weather hike.

FOC Full Moon Eclipse Community Potluck

- ~Tuesday, November 19th, 5:30pm (call or email FOC at 882-9755 or foc@wildrockies.org for location)
- ~Come on time to enjoy the full moon eclipse, good food & conversations about protecting the wild landscapes of Idaho.

For more information about FOC or any of our events,
please contact us at 882-9755 or foc@wildrockies.org.