

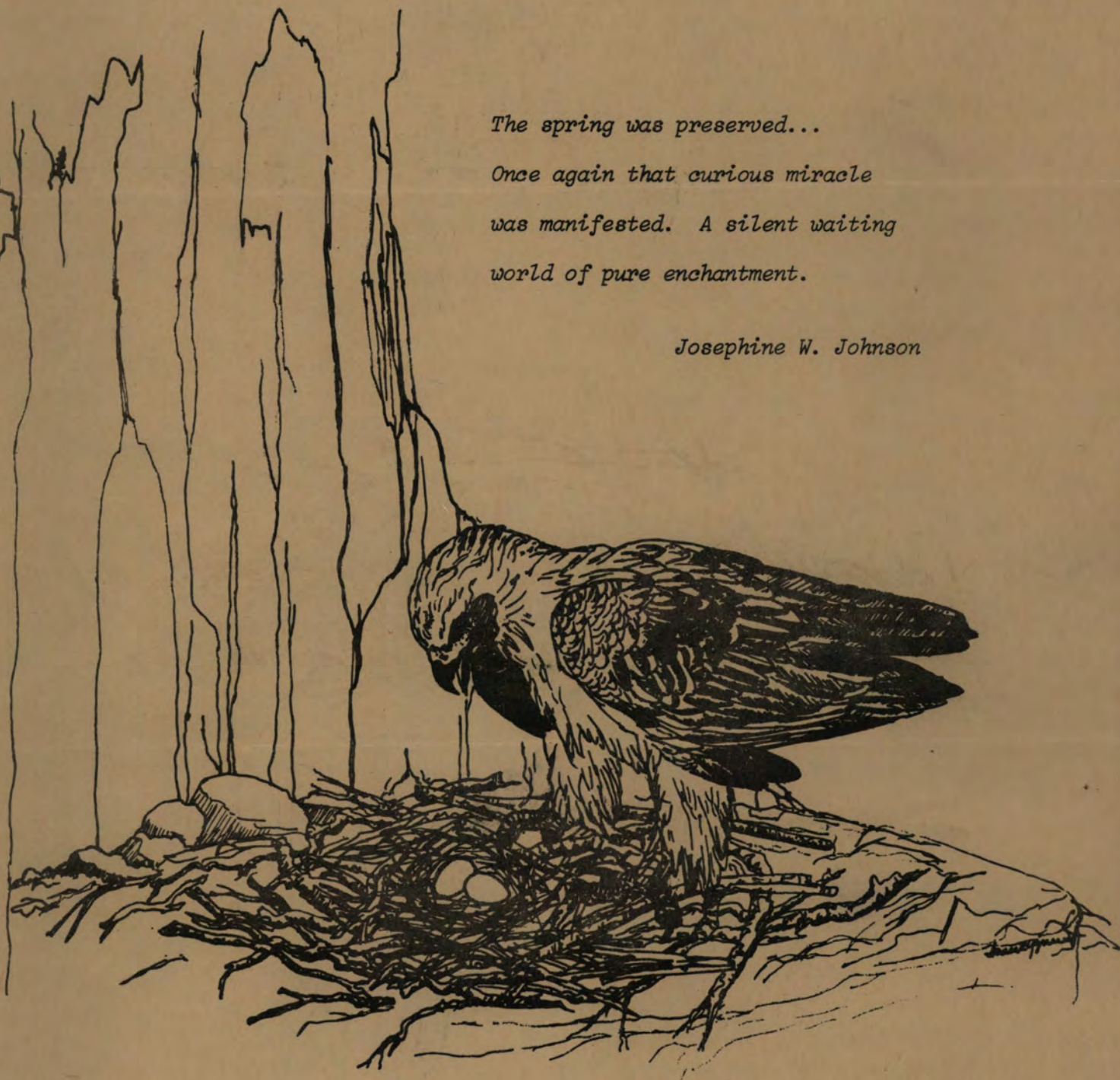
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Words on Wilderness

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*The spring was preserved...
Once again that curious miracle
was manifested. A silent waiting
world of pure enchantment.*

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FIELD STUDIES

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, WI HAS EMPHASIZED ITS FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM INTRODUCES THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE COMPLEXITIES OF WILDLAND ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS PROVIDING LAND MANAGERS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS WITH INFORMATION ON THE WILDERNESS RESOURCE OF THE NORTHERN ROCKIES. THIS SUMMER, WE HAVE EXPANDED THE STUDIES PROGRAM TO BETTER MEET THESE GOALS.

THE FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR BEGAN LAST WINTER WITH THE DEFINITION OF TEN PRIORITY ROADLESS AREAS. THESE PRIORITY AREAS WERE SELECTED BY THE WI STAFF ON THE BASIS OF SEVERAL CRITERIA, INCLUDING INPUT FROM LOCAL CONSERVATIONISTS AND THE FOREST SERVICE.

DURING THE SPRING, WE RECRUITED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PROGRAM. THESE PEOPLE WERE TRAINED AT A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS IN MID-JUNE. WORKSHOP TOPICS INCLUDED THE WILDERNESS ACT AND THE UNIT PLANNING PROCESS, AS WELL AS TRAINING IN SPECIFIC INVENTORY METHODS.

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS INCLUDED JEAN WARREN FROM FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, MONTANA WILDERNESS SOCIETY FIELD REPRESENTATIVE BILL CUNNINGHAM, RETIRED ASSISTANT REGIONAL FORESTER BUD MOORE, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR TOM BIRCH, AND BOB LUCAS AND TOM KOVALICKY FROM THE FOREST SERVICE. THE WI STAFF HELPED EACH STUDY TEAM DEVELOP A DETAILED STUDY PLAN THAT WILL PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS.

WI STUDY TEAMS ARE CONDUCTING WILDLAND RECREATION INVENTORIES IN THE FLINT RANGE NEW STUDY AREA (NSA) AND THE STORM LAKE ROADLESS AREA ON THE DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST. THIS SUMMER WE HOPE TO IDENTIFY EXISTING AND POTENTIAL CAMPSITES, TO EXAMINE THE TRAIL NETWORK, AND TO BEGIN WORK ON THE IMPACTS OF RECREATIONAL USE OF THE WILDERNESS RESOURCE. ALL OF THIS INFORMATION IS A PREREQUISITE TO SOUND WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT. WI IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH THE FOREST SERVICE IN THESE AREAS.

THE RED IVES STUDY TEAM WILL ALSO DO A CAMPSITE INVENTORY OF THREE IDAHO ROADLESS AREAS IN THE HEADWATERS OF THE ST. JOE RIVER. IN ADDITION, THEY HOPE

TO BEGIN WORK ON A BACKCOUNTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THIS IMMENSE WILDERNESS RESOURCE.

WI STUDY TEAMS WILL CONDUCT "QUICK AND DIRTY" TIMBER INVENTORIES IN TWO MONTANA ROADLESS AREAS. THE SCOTCHMAN'S PEAK TEAM WILL LOOK AT THE TIMBER RESOURCE IN SEVERAL PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE NSA. THE ELKHORN TEAM WILL EXAMINE THE TIMBER POTENTIAL IN MANAGEMENT UNIT 5 OF THE RECENTLY RELEASED ELKHORN FEIS. CONSIDERABLE DEBATE HAS RESULTED CONCERNING THE EXTENT OF THE TIMBER RESOURCE IN BOTH AREAS, BUT SOLID DATA DOES NOT EXIST. WE HOPE TO FILL THIS INFORMATION GAP.

WE ARE UPDATING AND EXPANDING OUR FILES ON THE AREAS PROPOSED FOR WILDERNESS STUDY IN SENATE BILL 393. STUDY TEAMS ARE WORKING IN THE ELKHORN AND HYALITE-PORCUPINE-BUFFALO HORN AREAS. THE WI STAFF HOPES TO VISIT THE OTHER EIGHT AREAS TO UPDATE INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE INSTITUTE DURING THE LAST TWO SUMMERS.

SEVENTEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS SUMMER'S FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM. BY UTILIZING SPECIFIC INVENTORY METHODS, WI HOPES TO GENERATE SUBSTANTIAL DATA THAT WILL ASSIST IN DETERMINING THE MANAGEMENT DIRECTION OF THESE WILD AREAS. IN KEEPING WITH THIS OBJECTIVE, THE INSTITUTE PLANS TO CONTINUE STUDY OF THESE AREAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

BLM CONTRACT

WI HAS ACCEPTED ANOTHER CONTRACT WITH THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM), IDAHO FALLS DISTRICT, TO CONTINUE STUDY OF THE GREAT RIFT PRIMITIVE AREA IN IDAHO.

ANDY GIBBS WILL CONTINUE THE PROJECT THIS SUMMER. ANDY'S STUDY REPORT ON LAST SUMMER'S WORK INCLUDES A RESOURCE DESCRIPTIVE AS WELL AS CONCEPTS AND ALTERNATIVES FOR MANAGEMENT. THIS SUMMER'S CONTRACT CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL FIELD WORK, DEVELOPING AN INTERPRETIVE BROCHURE FOR THE AREA, WRITING A DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND ASSISTING WITH THE WRITING OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

REPORT ON THE PROPOSED ACTIONS. A MAJORITY OF ANDY'S TIME WILL BE DEVOTED TO ORGANIZING AND EVALUATING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS.

THESE STUDIES WILL AID THE BLM AND THE PUBLIC IN DETERMINING THE DESIGNATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPOSED 275,000 ACRE GREAT RIFT PRIMITIVE AREA.

PORTAL GUARDS

THE FOREST SERVICE RECENTLY ASKED WI FOR ASSISTANCE IN FILLING TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FOREST SERVICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. THE JOBS WERE FOR WILDERNESS PORTAL GUARD POSITIONS IN MONTANA'S LINCOLN-SCAPEGOAT WILDERNESS AND IN HELLS CANYON AND SEVEN-DEVIL'S MOUNTAIN, BOTH LOCATED IN THE HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA IN IDAHO.

IT TOOK LITTLE EFFORT FOR WI TO FIND TWO PEOPLE EAGER TO FILL THIS TYPE OF POSITION, WHICH INVOLVES SPENDING EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME IN WILD COUNTRY, DOING PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK, EDUCATING USERS, AND COLLECTING USE INFORMATION. THOSE SELECTED FOR THE JOBS ATTENDED A ONE-WEEK GUARD ORIENTATION SCHOOL AT MOOSE CREEK IN THE SELWAY-BITTERROOT WILDERNESS THE WEEK OF JUNE 14.

MAP OF MONTANA'S ROADLESS RESOURCE

WI STAFF MEMBERS RECENTLY PREPARED A MAP WITH OVERLAYS DELINEATING ROADLESS LANDS IN MONTANA. THE MAP, REQUESTED BY THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY, DELINEATES ROADLESS LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. PROPOSED WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ARE ALSO IDENTIFIED ON THE MAP. THE END PRODUCT PROVIDES A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF MONTANA'S EXISTING WILDLAND RESOURCE.

WILDERNESS INSTITUTE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

WI'S BOARD OF ADVISORS MET ON APRIL 15 TO REVIEW RECENT INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES AND TO DISCUSS FUTURE PROJECTS. THE FOLLOWING IDEAS WERE MENTIONED AS

WI PROJECTS:

1) A STUDY OF THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL VALUES OF THE LOLO TRAIL, LOCATED IN THE POWELL RANGER DISTRICT, LOLO NATIONAL FOREST. BOARD MEMBER BUD MOORE EXPRESSED THE NEED TO MORE CLEARLY DEFINE THE TRAIL'S HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL IMPORTANCE.

2) A WILDLAND INVENTORY OF THE WEST SIDE OF THE MISISON MOUNTAINS. THIS LAND IS OWNED BY THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES. ALTHOUGH THE AREA POSSESSES MANY WILD QUALITIES, ITS WILDERNESS POTENTIAL HAS NEVER BEEN STUDIED. BOARD MEMBER DORIS MILNER DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR A WILDERNESS PROPOSAL AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT ONE COULD BE DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY WI, THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, AND THURMAN TROSPER, TRIBAL MEMBER AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY.

BOARD MEMBERS ROBERT LUCAS AND GEORGE STANKEY DISCUSSED THE NEED TO EXPLORE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS THAT MIGHT BE REALIZED THROUGH RECREATIONAL USE OF THE WEST SIDE OF THE MISSIONS. IN ADDITION TO PRESERVING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A QUALITY WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE, RECREATIONAL USE OF THIS LAND COULD ALSO OFFER THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES A POSSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND ECONOMIC EXPANSION.

ANOTHER FALL CONFERENCE. TWO POSSIBLE THEMES WERE SUGGESTED BY THE WI STAFF FOR A CONFERENCE NEXT FALL. THE FIRST, A CONFERENCE CENTERED AROUND ECONOMIC ISSUES, WOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON THE ECONOMIC COSTS OF WILDERNESS (IN TERMS OF VALUES FOREGONE), THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF WILDERNESS, THE "BURDEN OF MISINFORMATION" THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH WHEN CONDUCTING ECONOMIC ANALYSES OF WILD LANDS, AND HOW PEOPLE PERCEIVE THE ECONOMIC COSTS AND BENEFITS OF WILDERNESS.

BACKCOUNTRY, A MANAGEMENT CONCEPT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN WILDERNESS AND WINNEBAGO, WAS SUGGESTED AS ANOTHER POSSIBLE CONFERENCE TOPIC. THIS ISSUE HAS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY DURING THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. MANY PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH TIMBER, MINING, OR RECREATIONAL

DEVELOPMENT SEE BACKCOUNTRY AS JUST ANOTHER "LOCKUP"; SEVERAL PROFESSIONAL LAND MANAGERS HAVE EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR BACKCOUNTRY, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A BROADER SPECTRUM OF OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES; A FEW CONSERVATIONISTS ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE PERMANANCE OF SUCH AN ADMINISTRATIVE CLASSIFICATION.

PAST ANIMOSITIES AND THE INTENSITY OF THE ISSUES HAVE OFTEN MADE REASONABLE DEBATE AN IMPOSSIBILITY. A BACKCOUNTRY CONFERENCE COULD CLARIFY THESE ISSUES AND PERHAPS OPEN THE WAY FOR RESOLUTION OF SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

THE ADVISORY BOARD AND WI STAFF AGREED THAT EITHER TOPIC WOULD OFFER AN INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE CONFERENCE.

WILDERNESS INSTITUTE GROWTH AND GOALS

IN THE PAST YEAR, THE INSTITUTE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED ITS PROGRAMS; THIS HAS LED TO INCREASED VISIBILITY WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY, THE LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES AND WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IT HAS ALSO RESULTED IN INCREASING DEMANDS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUESTS TO UNDERTAKE NEW PROJECTS.

BECAUSE WI IS LARGELY A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, COORDINATING AND CARRYING OUT A WIDE RANGE OF PROJECTS PRESENTS ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE LESS DIFFICULT FOR AN ORGANIZATION OPERATING WITH A STABLE FINANCIAL BASE: PART-TIME VOLUNTEERS HAVE OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES; THE SMALL FULL-TIME WI STAFF MUST DEVOTE MUCH OF THEIR TIME TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND ARE LEFT WITH LITTLE TIME TO TRAIN NEW VOLUNTEERS OR TO UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.

THE WI STAFF ASKED LINDA KING, FROM THE STATE COMMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TO PRESENT AN IN-HOUSE EVALUATION WORKSHOP ADDRESSED TO THESE PROBLEMS. LINDA, IN HER FORMER WORK FOR THE NORTHERN ROCKIES ACTION GROUP, ORGANIZED MANY WORKSHOPS OF THIS NATURE.

THE WORKSHOP, HELD ON JUNE 4 AT THE UNIVERSITY, BEGAIN WITH A "BRAINSTORMING" SESSION, IN WHICH STAFF MEMBERS DISCUSSED THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR

WI. THE GROUP THEN COMPARED THESE EXPECTATIONS AND IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR. A "FORCE-FIELD ANALYSIS" WAS EMPLOYED TO IDENTIFY FORCES (FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT WI) THAT WOULD INHIBIT OR AID IN THE REALIZATION OF A PARTICULAR GOAL. ONCE THESE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FORCES WERE IDENTIFIED, STAFF MEMBERS COULD LAY OUT A TIME-LINE AND PLAN FOR ACHIEVING EACH GOAL.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR-LONG GOALS FOR THE INSTITUTE WERE IDENTIFIED:

1. INCREASE FUNDING BY SUBMITTING MAJOR GRANT PROPOSALS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS.
2. CONDUCT HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES OF WILD LANDS.
3. HOST A CONFERENCE ON BACKCOUNTRY.
4. CONTINUE TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF LITERATURE, STUDY REPORTS, CONFERENCE TAPES, ETC.
5. EXPAND OFFICE FACILITIES AND FULL-TIME STAFF.
6. DEVELOP AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

WI'S STAFF FOUND THE WORKSHOP QUITE VALUABLE; BY IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES AND DETERMINING HOW TO PURSUE EACH GOAL, THE STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP AN OVER-ALL PLAN THAT WILL ALLOW THE INSTITUTE TO CONTINUE EXISTING PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE NEXT YEAR AND TO PURSUE NEW PROJECTS.

FINANCES

THE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY CONTINUES TO PROVIDE WI WITH SUCH SERVICES AS OFFICE SPACE, SUPPLIES AND COPYING. WE HAVE, IN ADDITION, RAISED \$15,104.49 SINCE THE WINTER NEWSLETTER. FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS ARE:

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, UM.	\$8,850.00
MONTANA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION	350.00
NORTHERN ROCKIES CHAPTER, SIERRA CLUB.	250.00
WILDERNESS SOCIETY	1,000.00
MR. R.C. ROCKWELL.	100.00
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.	2,400.00
SCHOOL OF FORESTRY	1,592.80
ARKWRIGHT CONSERVATION FUND.	456.69
MISCELLANEOUS.	<u>105.00</u>
TOTAL	\$15,104.49

WE AGAIN WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY THANK THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO MAKE OUR CONTINUED EXISTENCE POSSIBLE.

STUDY REPORT DISTRIBUTION DELAYED

IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER, STUDY REPORTS ON THE TAYLOR-HILGARDS, STORM LAKE, AND NORTH ABSAROKA WERE INCLUDED IN THE LITERATURE REQUEST FORM. AT THAT TIME, THESE STUDIES WERE NEARLY COMPLETED, AND WE ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION SHORTLY AFTER THE NEWSLETTER WAS PRINTED. HOWEVER, FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES PREVENTED THIS.

CONSIDERING THE LARGE VOLUME OF LITERATURE REQUESTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WE WERE FORCED TO TAKE MEASURES TO CUT PUBLICATION COSTS. THE COST OF REPRODUCING MAPS WAS THE MAJOR PROBLEM. WE FINALLY CAME UPON A PHOTO REDUCTION SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT SACRIFICE PHOTO DETAIL OR ACCURACY. THE TAYLOR-HILGARDS STUDY, THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON STORM LAKE, AND THE NORTH ABSAROKA STUDY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY AUGUST 1.

THE LAST LITERATURE REQUEST FORM ALSO LISTED THE COMPENDIUM OF LAST FALL'S WILDERNESS AND CIVILIZATION PROGRAM. PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTING THIS DOCUMENT WAS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE. THUS, THE FALL COMPENDIUM HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE LITERATURE REQUEST FORM; IT IS ON FILE AT THE INFORMATION CENTER AND WILL BE LOANED FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME.

TO FURTHER REDUCE PUBLICATION COSTS, WE HAVE INSTIGATED A TEN-DAY LOAN POLICY; LARGE REPORTS, SUCH AS THE GREAT RIFT AND IDAHO FALLS ORV STUDIES, WILL BE LOANED FOR A TEN-DAY PERIOD. THIS WILL NOT ONLY CUT WI EXPENDITURES, IT WILL ASSURE THAT THESE REPORTS RECEIVE ADEQUATE DISTRIBUTION.

SMALL DONATIONS BY THOSE REQUESTING LITERATURE ARE APPRECIATED.

LITERATURE REQUESTS

TO RECEIVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL PROVIDED BY THE WILDERNESS INSTITUTE AS A PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE, MARK THE APPROPRIATE SPACES, FOLD THIS SHEET IN THIRDS, STAMP IT AND DROP IT IN THE MAIL. (PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR RETURN ADDRESS.)

1. WILDERNESS INSTITUTE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
2. WIRF
3. HOW TO USE WIRF
4. WILDERNESS ACT OF 1964
5. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1965
6. HANDBOOK ON THE WILDERNESS ACT, WILDERNESS SOCIETY
7. TEN LAKES, MEDORA BASS
8. MIDDLE FORK, JUDITH, ANDY GIBBS
9. RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT INVENTORY-LOLO & BITTERROOT N.F., KATHY JO HANSON
10. CATARACT CREEK-COUGAR PEAK, BUD MOORE
11. SAPPHIRES, BUD MOORE
12. WARM SPRINGS CREEK, BUD MOORE
13. WELCOME CREEK, BUD MOORE
14. BLUE JOINT, FRED SWANSON
15. STORM LAKE, JAY LAWSON
16. NORTH ABSAROKA, DAVE SNELL
17. IDAHO FALLS OFF-ROAD VEHICLE STUDY, DAVE ROCKWELL (10-DAY LOAN)
18. GREAT RIFT PRIMITIVE AREA, ANDY GIBBS (10-DAY LOAN)
19. HILGARD AND MONUMENT PEAKS, LARRY AKEY
20. POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF S. 393, ROBERT WAMBACH
21. TECHNOLOGY AND REALITY, ALBERT BORGMANN
22. TOWARDS A VIABLE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT, BILL BRYAN
23. WILDERNESS IN AMERICA, HENRY BUGBEE
24. POIESIS OF PLACE, RAY HART
25. AMERICA NEEDS A LAND AND PEOPLE ETHIC, BUD MOORE
26. ON WILDERNESS, GARY SNYDER
27. GUIDE FOR USING HORSES IN MOUNTAIN COUNTRY, BOB MILLER
28. ENVIRONMENTAL OUTFITTING, USFS NEZ PIERCE NATIONAL FOREST
29. HORSE SENSE, USFS R-6
30. RISK ZONING, DAVID GREIST
31. CARRYING CAPACITY OF PUBLIC WILDLAND RECREATION AREAS: EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE MEASURES, DAVID GREIST

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