



Words
on
Wilderness

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Like the child that it is, the Wilderness Institute is just beginning to walk and talk. This first newsletter is an expression of our growth, and an attempt towards greater communication.

Words on Wilderness is an informal newsletter designed to keep the Board of Advisors and other interested parties updated on W.I.'s activities.

The kind of information we plan to carry in our newsletter includes:

1. Progress in the W.I. office
2. Notice of DEIS's and FEIS's to be reviewed
3. Notice of completed reports
4. Announcement of meetings
5. Any other relevant information

In order to make the newsletter effective, feedback is desired and necessary. What kind of information would you like to receive via this newsletter? Perhaps you have announcements or comments that need to place in the newsletter. There are many factions today with an interest in wilderness. Unity is essential! By sharing progress and synchronizing efforts, the fruits of our labor will be manifested. So please send us your comments, advice, and requests.

WILDERNESS INSTITUTE ROADLESS AREA FILE (WIRF)

This is a Famulus computer program containing 211 roadless areas in Montana as listed under the Forest Service's Roadless Area Review and Evaluation. The information for each area represents that which has been gathered by the Institute since last summer.

Each citation of the printout currently lists 6 fields. They consist of:

1. the name and number of the roadless area, and whether or not it is a NSA (New Study Area)
2. acreage, quality index, effectiveness/cost, total allowable harvest
3. the administrating forest and the name, address, and phone number of the district ranger
4. planning units and the respective DEIS and FEIS dates
5. the significant adjacent or contiguous areas
6. abstract

The printouts may be sorted into any combination of these fields. For instance, we can ask for a printout listing all of the roadless areas in a given National Forest with a quality index of 80 or above.

Four additional fields will be compiled at a later date. They will contain:

7. a summary of available information at W.I.
8. a list of local contacts with expertise on each area
9. information on timber types and sales, mining claims, grazing allotments, etc.
10. a list of available natural resources such as mountain ranges, lakes, wildlife, etc.

The Famulus program allows us to make additions, deletions, and corrections with relative ease. Therefore, continuous updating can be maintained. We would greatly appreciate any comments or corrections you may have concerning this program. Copies of WIRF are available on request.

WILDERNESS BIBLIOGRAPHY SEARCH AND RETRIEVAL FILE

This Familius program is a computerized bibliography of wilderness related literature. Target completion date is June, 75. Through this system a complete listing of all of the articles by a given author, or on a given subject, may be retrieved. Printouts will contain abstracts and information concerning location for each article on the list.

Open for our use are the personal libraries of several of the University professors as well as the University of Montana Library and the Forestry Library.

MAP-OVERLAY SYSTEM

W.I. is in the process of installing a map rack in the office. Each desk holds a Montana National Forest map and several acetate overlays delineating roadless areas, planning units, ranger districts, and timber sales. These maps are available for public use in the office.

TALENT POOL

One of the services we intend to offer to agencies, students, and the general public is a talent pool. This requires individuals whose skills may be called upon when the need arises. These skills may be of a technical or professional nature. Individuals with expertise on particular roadless or wilderness areas are also essential to the talent pool.

If you are interested in this project please contact our office. A form indicating skills and involvement has been attached for your convenience.

FORESTRY 199

A W.I. seminar headed by Bob Ream was offered at the University of Montana fall quarter. The course objective was to familiarize more students with wilderness, and to add man-power to the W.I. task force.

Four sessions were headed by Hugh Schaeffer, a local lawyer and law professor. We covered such topics as the Wilderness Act, Hugh's personal experience with the Moose Creek case, and the rights of private citizens to obtain information held by various government agencies.

Bill Milton spent another class period discussing his and Larry Ackey's "Guidelines for Reviewing EIS's". He pointed out that much of an EIS's bulk may be bypassed by dwelling on the more sensitive areas, which he outlined for us. He also suggested that rather than trying to critique an entire EIS, one might just review the topics with which he is familiar.

Winter quarter, George Stankey will be offering Wilderness Management (Forestry 488). This course involves a basic overview of wilderness. In addition, Hugh Schaeffer will be offering a course in Environmental Law.

FUND RAISING

In order to continue with our work, funding is needed. Dale Harris, assistant director of W.I., has devoted the majority of his time to this endeavor, and is in the process of setting up a fund raising base. W.I.'s proposal to the Sierra Club Foundation, asking for a \$11,500 grant to fund the information center and field studies, has been denied due to lack of funds. But it was just the first of many proposals to be sent out. The Fleishman Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers, and the Rockefeller Family Fund will be receiving proposals in January. Each of these requests asks for \$250,000 to cover all five of W.I.'s programs for the next two and a half years. Meanwhile, with a shoe string budget, we continue to do the best we can with what donations we receive.

Copies of the following materials are available upon request. Check the publications you wish to receive and return this form to:

Wilderness Institute
School of Forestry
University of Montana
Missoula, Montana 59801

1. _____ Wilderness Institute Statement of Purpose
2. _____ Weigand, Frank Wilderness Institute Roadless Area File (WIRF)
3. _____ Metcalf, Sen. Lee and Sen. Mike Mansfield Montana Wilderness Study Act of 1974
4. _____ Ackey, Larry and Melissa Patterson Hilgard-Monument Peaks
5. _____ Gibbs, Andy Middle Fork Judith
6. _____ Bass, Medora Ten Lakes
7. _____ Swanson, Fred Blue Joint
8. _____ Moore, Bud Sapphires
9. _____ Roberts, Dexter Bean-Bacon defacto Wilderness
10. _____ Milton, Bill and Larry Ackey Guidelines for Reviewing EIS's
11. _____ Bryon Jr., William L. Toward a Viable Environmental Movement
12. _____ Bugby, Henry Wilderness in America
13. _____ Hart, Ray L. The Poiesis of Place
14. _____ Moore, Bud America Needs a Land and People Ethic

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TALENT POOL

NAME _____

DEPARTMENT OR ADDRESS _____

PHONE: OFFICE _____ HOME _____

A. INVOLVEMENT

_____ I cannot be involved at this time but wish to be on mailing list.

_____ I am willing to be called on occasionally for technical advice but cannot devote any more time at present.

_____ I would like to be involved in the following ways:

- _____ technical assistance
- _____ research projects
- _____ working with student study groups
- _____ teaching programs
- _____ continuing and public education
- _____ field studies
- _____ other- explain

B. TECHNICAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Describe your areas of interest and/or competence. Also include roadless or wilderness areas of special interest.