

# Oregon Wilderness Coalition

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Events over the past couple months have indicated that Oregon's wilderness conservationists are in a position to have significant, even overwhelming, influence over allocations for roadless areas, potential wild/scenic rivers, and natural/special-use areas. However, unless OWC groups and individuals increase levels of public response to agencies and legislators, it is likely many big areas and issues will be lost. The critical period of public involvement is just ahead. Responding to agencies' land-use planning events is easy, enlightening, and even enjoyable (as we tear our hair out). It is comprised partly of reading this newsletter, writing suggested letters (putting thoughts on paper helps one think and comprehend as well), getting on agency mailing lists (a simple postcard feat), and attending occasional public meetings (such as those this month) or hearings. (If you get seriously involved, lobbying, writing newsletters, and researching info all need attention.) Easiest of all is the letters, and their effectiveness is immense. They are like ballots and represent a vehicle for change in land mgmt. practices. Writing 5-7 short letters each month, even for busy people, is a miniscule price to pay for Wilderness in Oregon. Don't forget how important this state is to us; these are irretrievable values. Write 3 letters today, and the rest next week if necessary. It's easy.

## NUMBER ONE

Only Hells Canyon could out-prioritize the many big issues for May. Larry Williams, OEC, feels that with sufficient action HR 30 may be marked up by mid-May. The Senate version, S 322, will receive attention once the House has acted. In a unanimous effort, conservationists nationwide are urging their Congressmen to support this bill, with letters, telegrams, phone calls, and personal visits. Of major concern to environmentalists is pressure being brought to bear against Congressmen by utilities' lobbyists. The moratorium on dam construction expires Sept. 11, 1975; consequently conservationists are urging immediate action by Congress. All Oregon environmental groups are asking for citizen input to Representatives and Senators.

## BLM RAIDS FWS PRESERVES

Most citizens take for granted that the federal gov't. protects important wildlife habitat, especially that granted to the jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife Service as protected Ranges. NOT SO! And this time citizens's must respond. The enclosed flyer (courtesy The Wilderness Society) elaborates. Letters of protest are needed now to Gerald Ford, with copies to Congressmen and Senators, asking that the Interior Secretary's decision to transfer these 3 units of Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge System to BLM be overruled.

## ELKHORN RANGE WILDERNESS ALTERNATIVE NEEDS SUPPORT

For as little as 2 minutes, you can receive the satisfaction of helping the FS designate the Elkhorns (the other 'Alps of Eastern Oregon') a new Wilderness Study Area. Before May 15 you will receive an Elkhorn Study Comm. flyer (complete with map & text) and Baker Ranger Dist. (Wallowa-Whitman NF) 'Alternatives' response sheet. The flyer shows how in a flash anyone can respond (7 words minimum) and become a very needed statistic in the battle of the Elkhorns. The Elkhorn Study Comm. needs each one of your votes, since anti-wilderness sentiment will be felt from strong mining interests. When you receive this important flyer (soon), please fill out the accompanying form and mail it (without the ESC flyer map and text) to the Baker Ranger Dist. For more response forms or info contact the Comm. at 3140 Grandview Dr., Baker, 97814, or try Jim Carlson, 1066 Larmer Ave., NE, Salem, 97301, 363-2018.  
DEADLINE: May 30, 1975.

SISKIYOU NF ISSUES: TRIPLE TATURE

A Draft EIS on the Mt. Butler-Dry Cr. PU (containing Grassy Knob Roadless Area) has recently been issued. Wilderness and back-country alternatives for roadless portions of this coastal planning unit received strong public support last year, but the Siskiyou NF has instead chosen to log extensive portions of this fragile area. The extremely valuable fisheries resource (which even in dollar value outweighs the timber resource) and highly erodible soils are the basis of conservationists' logic for roadless mgmt. for most of the unit. Many foresters, biologists, and even loggers feel disastrous environmental impacts would be unavoidable if the area were logged, and recommend Wilderness or backcountry. Yet the Forest Service refuses to take a conservative approach to resource mgmt. Other problems each citizen should address in his or her letter to the Siskiyou NF concerning this DEIS include: 1) inadequate evaluation of Grassy Knob RA Wilderness Study Alternative; 2) insufficient and inaccurate description of economic costs of proposed alternative; 3) inadequate examination of roadbuilding and logging impacts on other resources; 4) ignoring previous mgmt. problems on adjacent lands; and 5) ignoring overwhelming public and agency sentiment and input for backcountry and Wilderness. To get the DEIS write Sis NF, PO Box 440, Grants Pass, 97526. A citizen's public meeting on the Mt. Butler-Dry Cr. PU is scheduled for Thurs., May 8, 7:30 PM, Coledo 3, SW Oregon Com. Col., in Coos Bay. The program will feature a slide presentation by Dr. Fred J. Swanson of the UO Geology Dept., who has conducted geologic studies in the Mt. Butler-Dry Cr. area since 1966. For more info contact OWC or Kalmiopsis-Illinois Wilderness Group (Tom Wiedeman, 1630 Underwood, Coos Bay, 97420, 269-9428 (h) or 888-3234 (w). The next regular meeting of the K-I WG will be May 12, at 7:30.)

The Rogue-Illinois PU contains proposed northern additions to Kalmiopsis Wilderness; it includes much of the lower Rogue R. watershed, most of the Illinois R. watershed including all lands along the wild sections of the river, and critical eastern watersheds of Silver and Indigo Creeks. Inventory work began last year; now, the FS wants our input on land-use proposals for this 495,000 acre PU. Public meetings will be held May 14 (Gold Beach) and May 15 (Grants Pass). The purpose of the meetings is to inform the public of resource considerations, and hear our concerns and ideas about the mix of land-uses favored for the unit. Small groups will discuss issues and present ideas to the entire body. These meetings are critically important; a 'Mgmt. Alternatives' brochure to be distributed this summer will be developed largely on the basis on concerns expressed by these discussion groups. Please attend one or both of these priority meetings: Wed., May 14, 7 PM, City Hall, 510 S. Ellensburg, Hwy. 101, Gold Beach, and Thur., May 15, 7 PM, Art Bldg., Fairgrounds, Grants Pass. A brochure and map of the PU can be obtained from Sis NF (see above). For more info contact OWC, Kalmiopsis-Illinois Wilderness Group (above), Lower Illinois R. Comm. (304 S. Coos R., Coos Bay, 97420), Kalmiopsis Comm. (Og Kellogg, 2132 Sardine Cr. Rd., Gold Hill, 97525, 855-1406), or Rogue Group Sierra Club (Diane Meyer, PO Box 819, Ashland, 97520, 482-2634).

The comment deadline on the Final EIS for the Siskiyou's Rogue PU has expired and the decision made to implement the preferred alternative, which calls for extensive logging of the area outside the immediate wild/scenic river corridor. Several OWC groups, including Sierra Club, Survival Center (UO), Concerned Citizens for Rogue Environment, and Friends of Oregon's Rivers received a stay and 15-day extension on May 2, 1975, and will meet with the Forest Supervisor May 15 to discuss grievances. If you want to help or have information about the Rogue PU/roadless area, please contact Concerned Citizens for the Rogue Environment (127 N. Lawrence, Eugene, 97401, 484-0978) immediately.

UMPQUA UPDATE: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION NEEDED

Many people have labeled the Umpqua NF the "most mis-managed forest in Oregon". Certainly information has often been difficult to obtain and public involvement has not always been encouraged in the past. But now, the Umpqua NF is seeking citizen input on its Forest Land-Use Plan. (While most other Nat'l. Forests write vague and general pre-EIS forest plans and then prepare EIS's on unit plans, the Umpqua and Deschutes are following the Willamette NF lead and focusing their planning efforts on a single EIS for the entire forest, in a Forest Land-Use Plan which allocates roadless areas. It is not certain at this time whether or not EIS's are planned or required on unit plans which follow the Forest Plan EIS, but conservationists feel this 'tiered' EIS approach, with EIS's on both program (Forest Land-Use Plan) and unit phases, would be beneficial). Having circulated and received response on 'Issues', Umpqua NF plans 2 public meetings (this coming week) on planning objectives, and it is imperative that conservationists from Medford to Portland attend. Please try to make either

the Sat., May 10 meeting (Roseburg (Fremont Jr. High Sch cafeteria, 1. pm) or the Cottage Grove session on Tues., May 13 (Lincoln Jr. High School multipurpose room, 7:30 pm). Small groups will discuss and recommend land-use planning objectives. Don't miss your chance to influence decisions concerning the future of Umpqua NF lands. To get on their mailing list write UNF, P.O. Box 1008, Roseburg, Oregon 97470; for more info contact Umpqua Wilderness Defenders (Linda Carter, P.O. Box 15, Roseburg, 97470, 673-3698).

#### CRATER LAKE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Three opportunities to sit down workshop-style with Crater Lake NP administrators and planning team members are upcoming, and I urge you to attend one. A master plan meeting was held Apr. 18 in Ashland, and several viewpoints were represented. Evident from this get-together was the fact that environmentalists need to show some strength (bodies) at these three Crater Lake public meetings. If we're to get a good plan for our only National Park we need to make known our feelings and ideas at each meeting. Topics to be covered include, first, the status of the citizens' Crater Lake Wilderness bill (and consequently the concept of inter-agency (in this case, NPS-FS) wilderness proposals for sound land mgmt. schemes); visitor interpretation center proposals; traffic patterns, circulation, roads; designation of the lake (under citizens' Wilderness bill, lake surface is Wilderness, and only boats now in operation may continue to run); boat operations; unique ecological situations; Munson Valley, rim village, and lodge; and snowmobiles. On the latter, an in-house NPS proposal will limit snowmobiling to the 8-mile road from N. Entrance to Rim Drive, and is supported by conservationists. There are reportedly other proposals to allow more snowmobiling and develop more campgrounds, even trailer parks; these proposals must be strongly opposed. Broad input at these meetings (each at 7:pm-- see addresses below) and/or letters to Ernest Borgman, Superintendent, Crater Lake NP (P.O. Box 128, Klamath Falls, 97601) with copies to Congressmen, is needed, including some from new people. For more info contact Crater Lake Protection Comm.: Carol Alderson, 374 E. Main, Ashland, 97520, 482-2756 evenings; and Art Kraimen, 1385 Anderson Cr. Road, Talent, 97540, 482-6427 days. The meetings:

Mon, May 12  
Winema Motel  
1111 Main St.  
Klamath Falls, 97601

Tues. May 13  
Public Service Bldg.  
920 S.W. 6th Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Wed, May 14  
Extension Service Addition  
1301 Maple Grove Dr.  
Medford, 97501

#### MT. HOOD NF HAPPENINGS

A top priority for Mt. Hood groups is the Huckleberry Roadless Area, a 21,000 acre wilderness resource with high quality water, valuable anadromous fish habitat, and excellent backcountry recreation opportunities. Timber values range from nil (unsuitable) to only moderate, and logging and road-building, especially in Boulder and Eagle Cr. drainages (the latter which provides most of the water for a 2.4 million dollar per year anadromous fish hatchery), will likely result in erosion and degradation of water quality, and increased chemical pollution. With most of the Mt. Hood NF available for logging presently, why destroy another important wilderness resource, especially with such marginal timber values? Letters are needed today to Wright Mallery, Supervisor, MH NF, 2440 SE 195th Ave, Portland, 97233, with copies to Sen. Mark Hatfield (under pressure from the timber industry) asking for backcountry or Wilderness study for the Huckleberry R.A. The Huckleberry PU Final EIS is expected to come out in June. Contact Friends of Huckleberry (Bruce Kegg, 428 SE 30th Pl, Portland, 97214, 232-7620) or Dave Corkran (130 NW 114th, Portland, 97229, 643-1349).

Other events include a Badger Cr. PU workshop to be conducted by the Barlow Ranger Dist. and Mt. Hood Planning Team on Thurs, May 8, 9:30 am at the Catholic Parish Hall in Dufur (30 mi. S. of The Dalles). Contact Badger Cr. Association (Ken and Ruth Love, 3335 NW Luray Terr, Portland, 97210, 227-1879). At least 2 Draft EIS's will be out this summer, Bull Run (contact Joseph Miller, 3424 SE Tolman, Portland, 97202, 771-7144) and Mt. Hood PU's, and both will need input. 32,000 acres of proposed

additions to Mt. Hood Wilderness are under attack by the timber industry, and letters supporting preservation of these potential Wilderness lands in the Mt. Hood PU are needed now. In addition, ask to be placed on the mailing list for each planning unit. For info about Mt. Hood NF planning activities (incl. timber mgmt. plan) contact Mt. Hood Forest Study Group (John Hammond, 418 SW Hamilton St., Portland, 97201, 228-4758). A new coalition of groups, SCS Monitoring Comm., has formed in order to watchdog proposed projects by the Soil Cons. Service (channelization, draining, etc.). Those interested can call Stephen Kessler, 636-0737 (1238 SW 5th Avenue, Lake Oswego, 97034).

#### DAMS AND MORE DAMS

Like a recurring bad dream, the proposed 267-foot high Cascadia Dam project has resurfaced. The Corps is getting very old, and beginning to repeat itself. In 1972, a 12-month Task Force Study and independent GAO report demonstrated their Cascadia Dam would be economically wasteful, environmentally damaging, and not needed. Although each of these adjectives are even more accurate today, the Corps is now requesting \$400,000 planning funds for the coming fiscal year. OEC, Sierra Club, and Citizens for a Clean Environment (Cascadia Task Force) are requesting a deluge of letters and telegrams to Hon. Bob Packwood, Senate Office Bldg, Wash, D.C. 20510, with copies to Chairman, Public Works Subcommittee, Senate Appropriations Comm., Wash, D.C. They are urging the public to stress 1) dam not needed for flood control; 2) project is economically unsound, and benefit-cost computation wrong; 3) recreation benefits claimed by Corps not valid; 4) dam is damaging to environment and river system; and, 5) dam must not be further funded. Mark Greenfield and Doug DuPriest, 2 UO law students, have prepared a mock DEIS which more realistically explores the alternatives. For more info contact Cascadia Task Force, PO Box 863, Corvallis, 97330. Other dam proposals being fought by Oregon environmentalists include Applegate and Elk Cr. (Rogue Basin projects), Days Cr. (S. Umpqua), and Catherine Cr. (Grande Ronde), all brought to you courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

#### STILL NO EIS'S ON BLM GEOTHERMAL PROPOSALS--SUIT PLANNED

The Warner Valley KGRA Environmental Analysis Record (EAR, requiring no public input and decidedly less thorough in its evaluations than an EIS) joins the Alvord EAR as the second BLM plan to sell leases for geothermal development without preparation of an EIS. The Alvord development (described as "noncontroversial" by BLM) threatens potential Wilderness designations in the desert and nearby Steens Mts., and the Warner Valley proposal may seriously and detrimentally affect wildlife and critical habitat. Because of BLM's refusal to prepare an EIS, the Oregon High Desert Study Group, Sierra Club, and others intend to file suit in Federal Dist. Court in Portland to stop the sale of geothermal leases (first Alvord sale is scheduled May 22) until BLM writes localized EIS's. Within the last 4 months BLM has been forced by the courts to write localized EIS's on their grazing permit program, and has voluntarily prepared EIS's on the OCS (outer continental shelf) drilling program. Geothermal development, although not objected to per se, constitutes a major action significantly affecting the environment, and NEPA requires EIS's for such actions. Land-use should be approached more broadly; wildlife, wilderness, and even recreational values must be more thoroughly evaluated. Recognizing this, the Forest Service writes geothermal EIS's (we're about to get one on Breitenbush). Why not BLM?

Other states plan to follow Oregon's lead, and several national organizations (incl. NRDC) want to see formal action resulting in across-the-board requirements for localized EIS's on all geothermal developments. Oregon's suit is bound to receive attention, and you can help by 1) sending letters which demand EIS's before lease sales in the Alvord Desert and Warner Valley, to E.J. Petersen, Acting State Director, BLM, PO Box 2965, Portland, 97208, with copies to Curtis Berklund, Nat'l. Director, BLM, Dept. of the Interior, Wash. D.C.; and 2) sending spare cash to the Alvord

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| *Hells Canyon  | input needed  | now & continuing |
| *Cascadia Dam (Corps of Eng.)                                      | input needed  | now              |
| Elk Creek Dam (Corps of Eng.)                                      | input needed  | now              |
| *Fish and Wildlife Service ranges to BLM                           | input needed  | now              |
| *Warner Valley KGRA (geothermal, Lakeview Dist.)                   | EAR response & EIS request                                  | now              |
| *Wallowa Valley PU (W-W NF)  | DEIS release  | any day          |
| Rock Mesa pumice mining  | DEIS release  | soon             |
| Deschutes NF Forest Land-Use Plan                                  | 'Situations/Assumptions' release                            | soon             |
| Eagle Creek PU (MH NF)   | decision to implement proposed action                       | soon             |
| *Badger-Jordan PU (MH NF)  | public meeting, Dufur                                       | May 8            |
| *Grassy Knob (Mt. Butler-Dry Cr. PU, Sis NF)                       | citizens' public mtg., Coos Bay                             | 8                |
| *John Day PU (Mal NF)  | 'Alternatives' & 'ORV's' release                            | 9                |
| *Umpqua NF Forest Land-Use Plan                                    | public meeting: 'Planning Objectives', Roseburg             | 10               |
| *Crater Lake   | public meeting: issues, concerns, objectives, Klamath Falls | 12               |
| *Crater Lake   | public meeting: issues, concerns, objectives, Portland      | 13               |
| *Umpqua NF Forest Land-Use Plan                                    | public mtg: 'Planning Objectives', Cottage Grove            | 13               |
| *Crater Lake   | public meeting: issues, concerns, objectives, Medford       | 14               |
| McLoughlin-Klamath PU (Win NF)                                     | sub-group meeting, Klamath Falls                            | 14               |
| *Rogue-Illinois PU (Sis NF)  | pub. mtg: resources, concerns, planning, Gold Beach         | 14               |
| *Rogue-Illinois PU (Sis NF)  | pub. mtg: resources, concerns, planning, Grants Pass        | 15               |
| *John Day PU (Mal NF)  | public meeting: 'Alternatives' & 'ORV's', John Day          | 20               |
| Willamette NF Forest Land-Use/Timber Mgmt. Plan                    | citizens' mtg (call B. Wazeka, 342-7805)                    | 20               |
| *Mt. Butler-Dry Creek PU (Sis NF)                                  | DEIS response   | due 23           |
| Oregon Council Sierra Club Forestry Comm. mtg.                     | (contact Bob Wazeka, 342-7805)                              | 24               |
| *Elkhorns Study Area (W-W NF)                                      | 'Alternatives' response                                     | due 30           |
| meeting with Al Ullman, Bend                                       | (contact Tony George, 378-4546)                             | 30               |
| Mary's Peak PU (Siu NF)  | 'Alternatives' release                                      | May              |
| Hebo PU (Siu NF)   | begin study and public input                                | May              |
| Dunes NRA Wilderness Suitability/Mgmt. Plan                        | FEIS's release  | May              |
| *John Day PU (Mal NF)  | 'Alternatives' & 'ORV's' response                           | due June 9       |
| Willamette NF Forest Land-Use/Timber Mgmt. Plan                    | DEIS release  | June             |
| *Iron Triangle (Tri-Forest) Timber Mgmt. Plan                      | DEIS release  | June             |
| Cascade Lakes Hwy. improvement project (Bach. Butte-Elk Lake, FHA) | FEIS/4f release   | June             |
| Elk Creek Dam (Corps of Eng.)                                      | EIS (supplement) release                                    | June             |
| *Huckleberry PU (MH NF)  | FEIS release  | June             |
| Breitenbush (geothermal, Wil NF)                                   | DEIS release  | June             |
| Ochoco NF Timber Mgmt. Plan  | DEIS release  | June             |
| Deschutes NF Forest Land-Use Plan                                  | 'Situations/Assumptions' release                            | June             |
| Lakeview PU (Fre NF)   | public meetings, Lakeview                                   | June             |
| timber sales announcements (6-mo. revisions)                       | review (all forests, all OWC groups)                        | June             |
| Deschutes NF Forest Land-Use Plan                                  | 'Alternatives' release                                      | July             |
| *Bull Run PU (MH NF)   | DEIS release  | July             |
| 500 KV Transmission Line (Midpoint, ID to Malin & Medford, BLM)    | DEIS release  | July             |
| Mary's Peak PU (Siu NF)  | DEIS release  | July             |

\*see this issue OWC newsletter

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ALERT: OREGON CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS ARE URGING A MASSIVE LETTER CAMPAIGN TO CONGRESSMAN WEAVER THANKING HIM FOR HIS KALMIOPSIS BILL AND PLEDGING SUPPORT.

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Desert Fund, c/o Bob Wazeka, 2728 Baker Blvd, Eugene, 97403. Court expenses are high; several individuals have already responded, but more is needed. For additional info on geothermal conflicts and the high desert contact Bill Eklund (1798 Columbia, Eugene 97403, 484-1366) or Colleen Gooding (Oregon High Desert Study Group, Box 25, St. Paul, 633-2171).

6 EASTERN OREGON'S IRON TRIANGLE

The tri-forest (Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, Malheur NF's) region in the Blue Mt. province of NE Oregon is beginning to buzz with land-use activity. After last year's false start by the Umatilla on its Elgin and Asotin PU's, planning teams are cranking out the material and it's again time to respond. A concerted effort by all Oregonians is required if wilderness is to get a fair shake in eastern Oregon, where most of the wilderness is.

The Umatilla NF is currently developing mgmt. alternatives for the 400,000 acre Oregon Butte PU, which contains the 200,000 acre Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Proposal (on which Rep. Foley of Washington has promised a bill this year). Public input has been initially solicited; please send the Umatilla NF (2517 SW Hailey Ave, Pendleton, 97801) a card asking to receive copies of "Alternatives" when available. A DEIS is tentatively expected in Aug., 1975. The new Elgin PU is next for planning, with a DEIS target date as Dec. 1975. For more info contact Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Council (Jim Kittrick, 465 NW Orion Pl, Pullman, WA 99163, 509-332-3378) or Pendleton Environmental Assoc. (Jan Dow, 3103 SW La Dow, Pendleton, 97801, 276-0337); PEA also plans an Earth Day later this month.

The Wallowa-Whitman NF has moved ahead with Lake Fork Mgmt. Unit, Elkhorn Range MU (see. p. 1), and Wallowa Valley PU. As this newsletter goes to press, OWC groups in eastern Oregon are negotiating with WW NF officials about the Lake Fork FEIS and the decision to implement the preferred alternative. An appeal could be forthcoming. It is hoped that the FS will recycle the Lake Fork plan into the Burnt Powder PU, as apparently may happen to the Elkhorn Range MU (and countless other places on Nat'l. Forest land) in order to improve regional perspective. Conservationists generally agree with this concept (it also gives us more time). On top of it all, the Wallowa Valley PU (containing several roadless areas) DEIS is en route to the public. To get on the mailing list write W-W NF, Box 907, Baker, 97814. For more info contact Loren Hughes (1108 Adams Avenue, La Grande, 97850, 963-3266).

Proposed additions to the Strawberry Mts. Wilderness and other unique roadless areas of the John Day PU, will be addressed in Malheur NF's 'Alternatives' and 'ORV's' publications, available May 9. Less than 2 weeks later (May 20, 7 PM, Mal NF Hq, John Day) a public meeting on these topics is scheduled. Please send a postcard to the Malheur NF (139 NE Dayton St., John Day, 97845) and ask to be placed on the John Day PU mailing list. The public will have until June 9 to respond in writing on 'Alternatives' and 'ORV's', regardless of whether or not you attend the public meeting. Please act (attend the meeting if possible, but for sure write) for we have no local OWC groups working on Malheur problems and need a lot of support. Pro-ORV and anti-wilderness sentiments are high, and need to be balanced. In addition, citizens can obtain a copy of 'Coordinated Forest Land Use Plan, Part I' (Malheur and Ochoco NF's) which describes situations, assumptions, coordination requirements, resource outputs, and planning objectives, from the Malheur NF.

A big event for eastern Oregonians will be the Tri-Forest Timber Mgmt. Plan (DEIS in June) which will use three working circles (each forest) and coordinate management efforts for the entire Blue Mt. province. Conservationists are taking a hard look at this centralization process which, although having some merits, may hold newer and bigger problems in store. For more Iron Triangle information contact OWC or Maintain Eastern Oregon Wilderness (MEOW, Marilyn Cripe, PO Box 1518, Pendleton, 97801, 276-5606). We need support from all wilderness activists.

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# ROADLESS AREA STUDIES

OREGON WILDERNESS COALITION  
SUMMER/FALL 1975

an opportunity to be in the woods  
while contributing to the Oregon wilderness movement

## About the Trips

Preservation status for roadless areas can be attained by proper administrative classification (Wilderness Study, roadless-primitive backcountry, or special interest, which should retain the Wilderness option) or through Congressional designation as Wilderness or Wilderness Study. Regardless of method, saving roadless areas requires both public/political support and strong arguments based on fact. With summer coming on, a good way to gain support and information for roadless areas is to direct some of your coming hiking or riding weekends (or weeks, if you're so fortunate) into these yet undisturbed areas. Without such study we won't be adequately prepared to defend them in the land-use planning process, in agencies or Congress. We also will have no basis for making our own recommendations. By participating in the survey you can play an important role in the effort to save the last of Oregon's de facto wilderness.

## Roadless Area Sponsors

OWC acts as a coordinating body for more than 50 local groups concerned with wilderness. We maintain a current state-wide roadless area/land-use planning information system, and serve as an information/action clearinghouse. (OWC depends heavily on volunteer efforts, and needs copies of responses you write and data from trips to share with other supporting activists.) We believe a logical extension to our program is creation of roadless area sponsors, wherefore a group (or individual) would act as a contact and information terminus for a particular roadless area. With 130+ National Forest roadless areas, there is no shortage of subject material. This approach grows out of previous efforts (Joe Walicki's 'Adopt a Roadless Area', Fred H. Swanson's 'Oregon Wilderness Survey', & others) which catalyzed many important actions by citizen advocates. It is an ideal way to get actively involved in defending wilderness.

The sponsor should have first-hand experience in the area and a sincere interest in its welfare, but otherwise has no obligations. The idea is to couple OWC information with local contacts so that others interested could make trips and reports more meaningful. If so desired, a sponsor can take responsibility for preparing the master report (a comprehensive single document is needed for each roadless area) but the OWC staff can write them if necessary. If you're interested in a particular area (whether or not you want to sponsor it, and whether or not it's on the list below) send in the attached form. We can provide you with resource and technical information and names of similarly interested or knowledgeable persons/groups for many areas. A roadless area



name \_\_\_\_\_ address \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

roadless area(s) & forests of concern: \_\_\_\_\_

special interests or skills \_\_\_\_\_

conservation group affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

backpacking experience \_\_\_\_\_

please check which activities you would pursue in studying a roadless area:

field study trips  Forest Service office visits for info  library research

comments \_\_\_\_\_

directory (including sponsors) will be distributed to those participating in the survey, as will roadless area study guidelines.

The Areas

'Priorities' is not a word or even a concept I connect with the following list. These National Forest roadless areas are 1) immediately upcoming in the FS land use planning process; 2) not (to my knowledge) receiving in-depth study by any group or individual, and have no 'sponsor' although some info is usually available; and 3) in need of further study. Therefore, some major areas with lots of previous study (Kalmiopsis, Windigo-Thielsens, etc.) need more boundary or resource work and are included. Others, like Hidden Wilderness, French Pete, Rogue-Umpqua Divide, Boulder Creek, Sky Lakes, Wenaha-Tucannon, Red Buttes, Elkhorns, etc. have solid sponsorship and are not listed. Some areas may have been overlooked and I would appreciate hearing about omissions and errors. Acreage figures are invariably conservative.

BLM lands in eastern Oregon are under intensive study by the Oregon High Desert Study Group. If interested in desert wilderness trips write Colleen Gooding, OHDSG, PO Box 25, St. Paul, 97137.

FS LANDS ADJACENT TO CRATER LAKE

Boundary Springs (RR) 3100 acres  
 Thousand Springs (RR) 7000  
 Sphagnum Bog (RR) 7400  
 Park-Rogue (Ump) 5500  
 Park-Winema (Ump) 1300  
 Panhandle (Win) 5700

ADDITIONS TO EXISTING WILDERNESS

Diamond Peak-NW (Wil) 3000  
 ''-SW (Wil) 3000  
 ''-E (Des) 6000 outside NSA  
 Eagle Cap Misc. Add's (WW) unknown  
 Gearhart Mt. Misc. Add's (Fre) unknown  
 Kalmiopsis - N (Sis) 135,667+  
 '' - S (Sis) 79,490+  
 Mt. Jefferson-Clallie Lake (MH) 8750  
 ''-Triangulation Peak (Wil) 8500  
 ''-Big Meadows (Wil) 9600  
 Mt. Washington-W (Wil) unknown, <sup>outside</sup> NSA  
 ''-E (Des) unknown outside NSA  
 Mt. Lakes (Win) unknown  
 Strawberry Mt.-N&S (Mal) 21,700 <sup>outside</sup> NSA  
 Three Sisters-Waldo Lake (Wil) 80,000

MULTI-FOREST AREAS

Cascade Crest-Maiden Pk. (Des/Wil) 50,000  
 Cowhorn Mt. (Des/Ump/Wil) 31,000  
 Grande Ronde (Uma/WW) 18,000  
 Windigo-Thielsens (Des/Ump/Win) 100,000  
 Yamsay Mt. (Fre/Win) 16,700

DESCHUTES NF

Metolius Breaks 9300  
 Bear Wallows 8000  
 Bend Watershed 16,400  
 W&S of Bachelor Butte 27,790

FREMONT NF

N. Fork 12-Mile Cr. 5000

FREMONT NF cont'd.

Crane Mt. 14,000  
 Drake-McDowell Pk. 8000  
 Coleman Rim 9000  
 Brattain Butte 12,000  
 Deadhorse Rim 13,500

MALHEUR NF

Dixie Butte 7600  
 Nipple Butte 12,600  
 McClellan Mt. 19,900

MT. HOOD NF

Lake 9000  
 Big Bend 10,200

OCHOCO NF

Mill Cr. 13,200

ROGUE RIVER NF

Sherwood 7600  
 Bitter Lick 5400

SISKIYOU NF

Rogue 24,640  
 Shasta-Costa 14,000

SIUSLAW NF

Hebo A 15,000  
 Hebo B 5800  
 Hebo C 5500

UMATILLA NF

Asotin Cr. 16,100  
 Hogback 5000  
 Wenatchee Cr. 15,700  
 Mill Cr Watershed 27,000  
 Spangler 8400  
 Willow Springs 14,000  
 Meadow Cr. 5400

UMATILLA NF cont'd.

N. Fork Umatilla R. 20,000  
 Hellhole 64,600  
 Walla Walla R. 30,000  
 Horseshoe Ridge 5900  
 Owsley 6400  
 Lookingglass 5800

UMPQUA NF

Williams Cr. 6900  
 Cougar Bluff 7400  
 Dumont Cr. 7000  
 Quartz Cr. 5500  
 Last Cr. 7200  
 Fairview 8200  
 Puddin Rock 5100  
 Canton Cr.-  
 Steelhead Cr. 19,800

WALLOWA-WHITMAN NF

Tope Cr. 7000  
 Joseph 28,300  
 Sheep Divide 15,700  
 Deadhorse 10,600  
 Castle Ridge 9100  
 Mt. Emily 11,000  
 Upper Grande Ronde 10,980

WILLAMETTE NF

Elkhorn 9350  
 Moose Lake 5600  
 Gordon Meadows 8000  
 Smith Reservoir 6500  
 McLennan Mt. 8200  
 Chucksney Mt. 14,000  
 Packard Cr. 8700  
 Pyramids 4000  
 Rooster Rock 3800  
 Jumpoff Joe 4200  
 Browder 4300

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