



## Energy Bill Win — for now

### Republicans to Try Again in New Year

*by Kathleen Casey, Acting NW/Alaska Regional Field Office Director*

Environmental, religious and labor groups have been fighting the Bush administration's energy plan for three years. After the holidays, we'll begin the fourth – and final – round. Our member activism and enthusiasm, along with the strategically skillful leadership of Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, have prevented this misguided, expensive bill from becoming law. Here's a rundown of how we got here, and what we'll need to do in 2004 to continue the pressure.

One of the first things the Bush administration did when it took office three years ago was huddle with their corporate buddies in the oil, gas and energy businesses. Meeting for months behind closed doors, they announced the National Energy Plan around Earth Day in 2001. It quickly became apparent that their plan would boost industry profits through subsidies, weakened environmental regulations, and reduced liability in case of accidents. It was a dream for their oil friends and the other corporations that had donated so much to the Bush/Cheney campaign.

The Sierra Club has since challenged the legality of those meetings. Sometime

soon, the Supreme Court will decide whether Vice President Cheney has to answer questions about who participated in those meetings and what was said. The Vice President has consistently ignored lower courts' decisions to turn over that information.

In the meantime, Congress has been working to enact into law much of Bush's original plan:

**Round One**—The first big fight was over the keystone of their plan – to drill for oil in the National Arctic Wildlife Refuge. Through intense grassroots activism, rallies, phone calls and slideshows, the public was able to ensure that this devastating activity won't happen. It's off the bargaining table for now (but we'll keep an eye on that!)

**Round Two**—In 2002, the country was still reeling from the so-called energy crisis and September 11. A proposed plan included off-shore oil drilling, pitiful money for renewable energy, removal of liability for nuclear plants, coal-bed methane extraction without clean water protections, and weakened consumer protections. At the end of 2002, that plan failed and Congress went home.

**Round Three**—This year the Republicans controlled both parts of Congress. Dramatic debates surrounded the issues of ethanol (fuel from corn) and MTBE (a cancer causing fuel additive); there were major aspects of the bill that would have wrought destruction on our environment and permanently defiled our children's heritage. We condemned the bill for dismantling the Clean Air and Water Acts, opening the Rocky

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#### Save the Date

### Environmental Lobby Day in Olympia

Join hundreds of citizen lobbyists on Thursday, January 29, to learn about what the legislature is doing to strengthen or weaken our environmental protections. If you have never been to the Capitol, this is a great way to learn the issues, meet your legislators, and tell them why you support healthy water, energy, state forests, and more!

The day will start with remarks from key legislators, an environmental legislation update from lobbyists and a lobbying skills workshop. After the workshop, citizen lobbyists — you! — will meet with your own legislators. Appointments will be pre-scheduled with most legislators. This information will be available to you after you register.

This is an all-day event, though you are welcome to join us for part of the day if you are unable to stay for the full day.

For more info and to sign up, contact Alison Mielke at 206/778-5345 or [alison.mielke@sierraclub.org](mailto:alison.mielke@sierraclub.org).

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## Message from the Chair

Greetings!

I am writing to you in this issue about elections. I know, I know, you thought we were all done with elections in November and didn't have to worry about them again until next November. Not this year! We are starting out in January with elections to the Chapter's Executive Committee. Then in February we have the Presidential caucuses. In April we have the national Sierra Club's Board of Directors. All of these events warrant your careful attention and active participation.

Speaking of elections, 2004 should be an exciting and most important year for the environmental movement and the Sierra Club. This year we will be making an all out effort to hold the Bush Administration accountable for its assault on the environment. In 2003 we had a few successes: as a result of our work, elected officials in Washington have opposed drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, have turned back a misguided energy bill, and have slowed attempts to open our National Forests to logging under the guise of "fire protection." The Cascade Chapter will be working right here at the grassroots, just like all Sierra Club Chapters nationwide, to set the stage for a watershed election in 2004. We do this by relying on you, our members, volunteers, and activists, for your contributions of time, energy and money. I want to thank you for all your past efforts in this regard and encourage you to continue, if not increase, your support of our efforts this year.

*Tina Schulstad*

Chair, Cascade Chapter

## Energy Committee Update

*By Andy Silber, Committee Chair*

As of this writing the Federal Energy bill — written behind closed doors by Dick Cheney's collection of corporate beggars — is stalled in the Senate with special interest forces hoping to convince two Senators to support this hodgepodge of giveaways. Luckily, Washington's two Senators joined 40 others who saw this bill for what it was and maintained a filibuster. Our thanks go out to them — please take the time to call **Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray** and thank them for opposing the Energy Bill (contact info on page 15).

Most of the opposition has focused on MBTE, a chemical gasoline additive that improves air quality while polluting drinking water. Manufacturers asked for immunity against lawsuits for the destruction caused by this known persistent carcinogen while they continue to manufacture it until it becomes illegal in 2012. They'll also receive \$1 billion to produce something else if this bill becomes law. In a perfectly-operating market economy, the cost of the pollution would be included in the cost of the product. This cost would drive the cost of MBTE higher than other oxygenators (chemicals that allow gasoline to burn more cleanly), hastening its disappearance from the market.

Another element of this huge bill is a loan guarantee to build a gas pipeline from northern Alaska through Canada to the Midwest. Corporations are unwilling to make the enormous investment needed to build this pipeline because they fear the price of natural gas won't be high enough for them to recoup their money. If the Energy Bill passes, the federal government will guarantee them a high price for natural gas. If the price is lower, WE will pay the difference. If the prices are high, they will reap huge profits. In other words, we take the risks, they make the profits.

## Reports from Around the State

### Tatoosh Group Report

**Metro Parks District Work Project:** LeeAnn Perry has become Work Project Coordinator for the Group. The Group has been working with the Tacoma Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) to rid Tacoma's beautiful parks of invasive plant species, which could substantially damage or destroy the natural native environment. After a successful start rooting out a huge patch of Himalayan Blackberries at the Tacoma Nature Center in October, LeeAnn organized another session to attack the notorious English Ivy on December 6. Point Defiance Park, an urban park of 690 acres and second in size only to Central Park in NYC, is high on the list for upcoming work. LeeAnn and Brian Miller are also working on projects to reintroduce native plant species into the MPD parks, activities that are highly popular with Tatoosh activists.

**Pierce County Critical Areas Ordinances (CAO) Update:** The County Council's Environmental Committee has postponed further consideration of the CAO until February 2004. Final hearings have not yet been scheduled. Tatoosh Group, along with its Smart Growth partners, may be talking further with county staff and committee/council members to urge passage of the whole package with our proposed amendments to widen wetland buffers and increase mitigation ratios.

### Loo Wit Group



Retiring Group Chair Nick Forrest, retiring Political Chair Holly Forrest, and their children Andrew and Katie (who are anything but retiring!) join Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope at a holiday celebration in December.

**Smart Growth Activities:** The Pierce Co. Smart Growth Roundtable (SGRT), of which the Sierra Club is a member, is continuing to discuss other environmental issues facing Pierce County. At the regular SGRT monthly meeting with County Executive John Ladenburg, Bliss Moore and some other SGRT representatives discussed initiatives for continuing enhancement of salmon recovery, promotion of low impact development with developers, and acquisition of more open space, primarily with bonding much of the Conservation Futures Fund. Mr. Ladenburg has good record on supporting the environment overall. At its next quarterly meeting in Feb., SGRT will prioritize the following issues: Transportation, Enforcement of Development Rules, Vesting of Development Rights, and Water for Fish.

**Political Work:** One of our two endorsed candidates for Tacoma City Council, Ken Miller for Position 7, lost by less than 200 votes in the Primary. In the General Election our two endorsed candidates won, Tom Stenger for Position 3 and Julie Anderson for Position 7. Both candidates will support good environmental policy, and have excellent backgrounds and experience in community and/or civic work.

On Nov. 5, Tatoosh held a "Get-To-Know-Your-Legislator" Meeting featuring our **27th District Sen. Debbie Regala**, a veteran member of the Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee in the State Senate. Several Tatoosh members shared club concerns and engaged in dialogue over issues of water, energy, growth management and

transportation. It was a good meeting to promote better understanding between Sen. Regala and our members, with a lot of common ground.

*Note: Tatoosh Group is asking all its members to provide their email addresses for streamlined communication.*

Contact Bliss Moore at [blissmoore2004@yahoo.com](mailto:blissmoore2004@yahoo.com).

## Presidential Caucuses Coming up

**Help pass resolutions to protect Washington!**

WE ARE GEARING UP for the Washington state presidential caucus meetings where we will present resolutions to protect Washington's forests, fish, and water. We will collect signatures in support of these resolutions before the caucus meetings on February 7 (Democrats) and March 9 (Republicans) by going door-to-door in the following neighborhoods: Bellingham, Everett, East King County, South King County, Tacoma and Vancouver. We are looking for volunteers to help with our phoning and door knocking efforts in these neighborhoods. Workshops will be held in mid-January to learn more about the current activities that severely weaken environmental protections, the caucus process, and how to go door-to-door for this effort. If you are interested in volunteering please contact:

Bellingham and Everett: Karen Fant at [Karen.Fant@sierraclub.org](mailto:Karen.Fant@sierraclub.org) or 206/378-0114 ext. 308

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# Candidate Statements

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## Scot Brannon

My name is Scot Brannon and I want to serve on the Chapter's Executive Committee.

Environmental issues have been a major focus in my work as an energy conservationist. In 1996, I was in charge of developing new projects for a community action agency. We saw opportunities to help low-income people pay their heating bills and help the environment through conservation. We persuaded the state's largest utility to put in place an energy conservation program focusing on low-income families.

Since my arrival in Seattle nearly four years ago, helping the environment and low-income families continues to be my focus. I've worked closely with a sustainable nonprofit in Bellingham (A World Institute for Sustainable Humanity) and Northwest Energy Coalition to urge Puget Sound Energy and other utilities to adopt environment-friendly low-income programs. I helped negotiate the settlement with Puget Sound Energy including nearly \$10 million annually for low-income energy assistance and conservation.

Most recently, I wrote a \$1,000,000 three-year grant that will develop wind farms owned by low-income agencies in Washington. The grant has just been funded and the program has begun. I love this project. It helps the environment. It helps poor families. It's entrepreneurial. No one has done it before. I was part of a team of very smart, dedicated people who made this project happen, and it's that team's efforts that I applaud.

The Cascade Chapter is admirable for many of the same reasons. I've worked on our Energy and Political

Committees. I've been impressed by the activity and creativity, especially the work of Andy Silber and the rest of the Energy Committee, pushing for a renewable portfolio standard. And having just returned from the national political training in DC, I'm doubly impressed by what the Political Committee did in the recent elections by raising PAC money.

I would consider it an honor and a pleasure to serve on the Executive Committee.

## Michael O'Brien

I was born and raised in the Seattle area and over the past 35 years have come to cherish this part of the country. Having worked as a rafting guide and as an outdoor instructor for high school students on weeklong backpacking, sea kayaking, cross-country skiing, and rafting trips, I have had the pleasure of calling the outdoors my office. I still bike to work almost every day, but with two young children, I don't get into the wilderness as much as I used to.

The Sierra Club has done an outstanding job promoting the preservation of our environment, and I would like to do whatever I can to help continue this tradition. I personally feel a real sense of urgency if we want to be able to preserve not only what's left of our wild areas, but also our quality of life in the city. The gains of the last decade have been eroding over the past couple years, but I am optimistic that we can make a change for the better.

I have served as the treasurer for the Sierra Club of Washington's political action committee, and on the board of directors for other non-profits. I have an MBA in finance and environmental management from University of Washington and currently work in Seattle as a finance manager. If I am elected to the board of directors, I expect the combination of my passions for the wilderness and my finance knowledge will be an asset to the club.

## Linda Wolfe

I have been a member of Sierra Club for eleven years and have served on my local group's Executive Committee for most of that time. My duties have included chair, vice chair, conservation chair, newsletter editor, program chair, and I am currently on the advisory board working on various projects with the Loo-Wit group. The last two years I have served on the Chapter Executive Committee.

I would like to serve again on the Chapter Ex-Com. My focus will continue to be working on conservation education and projects, especially related to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Also, I will be retiring at the end of 2004, and hope to be able to spend more time volunteering at the Chapter office.

The Loo-Wit group in Southwest Washington is continuing to grow, and I believe it is important that they have representation at the Chapter level. I would appreciate your vote.

## Tristin Brown

My name is Tristin Brown and I hope to serve on the Executive Committee of the Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club.

I've grown up in the Pacific Northwest -- hiking, camping, skiing and exploring our amazing and varied environment. I am forever appalled by what we have lost in our mad dash for civilization and I am forever awed with what we have preserved and revived. The trick is that the mad dash never ends, and the fight to bring conservation and long-term pragmatic policies to our communities must remain vigilant.

The Sierra club provides the support, structure, encouragement, and leadership that makes it easy for the average citizen to be involved and responsible. This is especially important today, when many of our environmental policies are being rolled back or made ineffective by lack of funds.

As a naturalist and scientist trained in botany, entomology, ornithology,

wetland ecosystems and climatology, I hope to provide a structured analysis of the relevant issues. Right now, our Chapter is working on issues as far ranging as transportation and wilderness acquisition, sprawl and alternative energy. To add to the success of these campaigns, we need to promote the cooperation and support of the groups within the Sierra Club. We should work with other environmental groups to form a strong coalition that can strengthen the Sierra Club and transform our society.

It is essential to protect, preserve and redeem the environment we live in and depend on. The only way to do this is to participate, support, and educate our communities so that we can elect officials who will foster our quality of living and not add further degradation. This is why I would appreciate the opportunity to become a member of the Chapter Executive Committee.

### **Terry Dievendorf**

Thank you for the privilege of applying for the position of Cascade Chapter Executive Committee member. Undoubtedly, as members of the Sierra Club you are all too familiar with what it takes to conserve this nation's remaining natural heritage and are aware of the challenges in today's political climate; a climate where double-speak and Orwellian irony creates clouds of confusion in the public minds' eyes, and prevents common sense from prevailing at the voter's booth.

After all, who can deny a vote for "Clear Skies"? Or, the prudence of an agency devoted to "Environmental Protection"? And, why shouldn't the President of the United States have a "White House Council for Environmental Quality", advising him or her on what needs to be done to preserve our nation's natural splendor and livability?

As environmentalists, we have learned that we must be smarter than the rhetoric, educate ourselves about the details of legislation and the law, and familiarize ourselves with not only the

environment, but with the politics of big business and its influence. The Sierra Club's challenge is to organize and educate the American electorate to ensure that government works in the best interests of the people and toward preserving our natural inheritance.

Leadership begins with understanding problems, envisioning creative solutions, knowing how to quantitatively measure results, being able to motivate people to get them involved, and communicating our message.

We need people in leadership positions who can spread the news that the Sierra Club is a great way to build community, to organize trips surrounded by nature, to learn about today's business-political cronyism that threatens to destroy the legacy given to us by our forefathers, and to have fun.

Let's harness our creativity. Let's create opportunities. Let's promote the Sierra Club. And, let's get going. Thank you for supporting me for Executive Committee. I look forward to bringing more creativity and widening the base of support for the Sierra Club.

### **Alan Byars**

I have held the Treasurer position for the Seattle Group of the Sierra Club for the past two years and I am currently being groomed to assume the Treasurer position for the Cascade Chapter. As such, I am on the Chapter Budget Committee and actively involved in the Chapter as a whole.

Outside of my volunteer activities, I am pursuing my MBA at the University of Washington with the purpose of managing a business focused on sustainable business practices in the real estate industry.

This next quarter I have been given the opportunity to complete a consulting project with the Resource Venture arm of the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce and work closely with the Committee on Business Sustainability.

## **Support Anti-PBT Program**

This past legislative session, our legislators passed a budget that eliminated funding for the Department of Ecology's program to phase out and clean up the worst toxic chemicals, including PCBs, dioxin, and mercury (sometimes called PBTs, or persistent bioaccumulative toxic chemicals). This next session, we must ensure that our elected officials get the message that funding this program and eliminating these poisons is essential. *That's why we need to you to call your Senator/Representatives NOW, even before the legislative session starts in January.* Now is when they can learn more about the issue and understand how important this funding is to protecting human health and the environment. Now is when they can make a commitment to reducing the exposure of children to PBTs and to ending the toxic legacy these harmful chemicals have created in Washington.

**ACTION:** Please call your legislators and urge them to support full funding for Ecology's PBT program in the next state budget. You can call your state representative on the toll free legislative hotline, 1-800-562-6000. **SAMPLE MESSAGE:** "Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_ district. Please stop toxic pollution by funding the Department of Ecology's PBT program."

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By Charlie Raines, Project Director

## \$8.5 Million for Cascades Forest Conservation

In November, Congress approved \$8.56 million dollars for land acquisitions and conservation easements in the Central Cascades. This will protect over 4,000 acres of critical forestlands. **Senator Patty Murray** pursued this funding all year, successfully including \$7.5 million in the earlier Senate bill. In contrast, the House bill contained only \$1 million. Without her commitment and leadership, the Cascades would not have this amazing success in such tight budget times. **Congressman Norm Dicks**, ranking member of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, and a member of the conference committee that negotiated the final funding package, played an important role in securing these funds.

### \$5 million for I-90 Option Lands

\$5 million of this appropriation will purchase 2,677 acres in the upper Kittitas valley, known as the I-90 Option Lands. These forestlands are highly valued for wildlife and recreation. About 1,100 acres of roadless lands, about 1,000 acres of ancient forest, and more than two miles of trail will be protected.

### \$1.08 Million for Tieton River

The bill included \$1,075,000 for acquisition of more than 1,200 acres along the Tieton River. This spectacular canyon, threaded by Highway 12, is important for fish, wildlife, and recreation. The Nature Conservancy has secured the options for these lands.

### \$2.5 Million for Conservation Easements

Congress also approved \$1.49 million in Forest Legacy funds, which will buy the development rights on over 600 acres of land near Lake Easton and the

Yakima River. An additional \$994,000 was allocated for conservation easements in the Raging River valley near Snoqualmie. This important and creative approach will help protect this wildlife corridor, by retaining working forests in the area and keeping them from development into cabins and subdivisions.

### Finish Option Lands

The FY 04 appropriations will leave only 2,500 acres of the original I-90 Option Lands, requiring \$3.4 million to purchase next year. Other priorities will be the Wild Sky, Pacific Crest Trail (Stampede Pass), Tieton River and Carbon River.

### Private Funds: Sawmill

The final priority target for The Cascades Conservation Partnership private fundraising is North Sawmill Creek within the Green River watershed, Tacoma's water supply. Significantly, Tacoma Public Utilities has committed \$350,000 and will manage the 302 acres of land and protect its old-growth forest. With the help of the Cascade Land Conservancy, the Partnership has now committed to buying this parcel early in the new year, for nearly \$2 million.

The Cascades Conservation Partnership is actively pursuing funding to acquire important wildlife and recreation lands in the Central Cascades. The coalition, which includes the Sierra Club, has raised over \$15.6 million from 16,500 donors to help with the acquisitions.

For more information:

[www.cascadespartners.org](http://www.cascadespartners.org)

### Miners Appeal Mid Fork Snoqualmie Plan

Owners of mining claims appealed the Forest Service's new recreation plan for the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, near North Bend. The Sierra Club, Alpine Lakes Protection Society, Washington Trails Association and others formally intervened to oppose this appeal.

The plan would close the upper Mid Fork Road (#56) to motorized vehicles

at the Dingford Creek Trailhead and convert the last 7.6 miles of road to a trail for use by hikers, horses and mountain bikers. In-holders (mining claim owners) would have an opportunity to maintain motorized access through a Special Use Permit that would require them to pay for any work on the travelway beyond what is needed for a trail. But, the appellants want the upper road to remain open to them, and more importantly, maintained at public expense. The law requires the Forest Service to allow access to their property, but doesn't require the public to pay for it. Unfortunately, the Forest Service, faced with regulation deadlines, withdrew their decision in order to negotiate access agreements with the inholders.

**The proposed plan is a compromise that allows a mix of recreation access opportunities and increased protection for water quality, fish and wildlife habitat.** Decommissioning more than 28 miles of road will decrease illegal dumping, gun shooting, and off-road vehicle driving that has damaged river shorelines. Some of these road segments will be converted to trails. The plan would maintain public use of about 20 miles of drivable roads, 28 motorized day-use campsites and more than 88 miles of trail (40 miles open for mountain bikes). The plan had extensive public input, generating more than 1,100 public responses, 78 percent of which supported the agency's preferred action.

To view the ATM online: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/projects/mf\\_atm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/projects/mf_atm).

### Underground Lab Proposed for Icicle Creek

In November, University of Washington scientists announced a proposed **underground physics lab** in the Icicle Creek valley, southwest of Leavenworth. In order to locate a lab that has 7,000 feet of granite insulation to radiation, they propose digging 4.9-km dual tunnels under 8,501-foot Cashmere Mountain. The National Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory

(NUSEL) is primarily for studies of cosmic matter such as neutrinos. Despite serious concerns about the proposal's impacts to roadless areas, wildlife, wilderness, recreation, water, air and scenic values, Dr. Wick Haxton, project director, says this is the only place in the western United State that meets their requirements.

**This \$300 million project would involve a drilling operation for more than 2 years, with over 360,000 cubic meters of waste material.** This would be hauled down the Icicle Creek road in truck-trailers, about 30 per day. Boring and construction would require industrial staging areas in the valley. Noise, dust and diesel fumes would impact the valley. The project will also require water for drilling and for operation. Waste water must also be disposed of. Substantial cutting and filling could be required to "improve" the Icicle Creek road for heavy truck traffic and giant drilling equipment. When finished, there would be impacts from parking, traffic, ventilation shafts, and power. Some toxic materials would be used in these labs, but Wicks promises double containment vessels. The main office building would be in Leavenworth, connected by underground fiber optic to the underground lab. The lab itself would be under the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, which raises questions about compliance with the Wilderness Act, and the precedent of allowing a mining type operation within its boundaries. With the current administration using every opportunity to undermine environmental laws, this could be a very troubling Trojan horse.

This proposal will require an EIS to analyze impacts and review alternatives (including alternate sites). Funding would come from Congress through the National Sciences Foundation. **While the Sierra Club has neither opposed nor supported the project, it has expressed serious concerns about the significant impacts, and will closely monitor the environmental review.**

For more information: <http://int.phys.washington.edu/nusel>

## Carbon River Valley Highlighted

ON OCTOBER 28, THE TATOOSH GROUP HOSTED THE TACOMA COMMUNITY GATHERING AT THE TACOMA NATURE CENTER. We had a capacity crowd of about 55 folks, and officially kicked off the evening with remarks from the top elected official in Pierce County: **County Executive John Ladenburg**. Ladenburg talked about a number of progressive environmental initiatives the county is pursuing under his leadership and emphasized that the county acquiring priority lands along the Carbon River Valley corridor was up at the top of the list (the Carbon River Valley adjoins the NW border of Mt. Rainier National Park).

Next **Charlie Raines**, the Cascade Chapter's Checkerboard Project Director and longtime Washington State conservation leader, delivered a presentation on the many conservation initiatives being pursued in the Carbon River Valley and nearby areas. The National Park Service, National Forest Service, Pierce County, the Sierra Club and a number of other partner conservation organizations, and private landowners and private timber companies all are collaborating on a series of initiatives to protect more critical Cascades habitat. The primary tools being used to accomplish this goal are conservation easements and land acquisition from willing sellers.

The evening was a great success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in phone banking and door knocking for this outreach effort!

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## Bush Administration Chooses Special Interests Over Communities

### Rep. Inslee leads opposition to bad fire policy bill

On December 3rd, President Bush signed into law logging legislation that fails to adequately fund community wildfire protection measures, but will certainly succeed in its true objective – propping up the timber industry. Rural Western communities most at-risk from wildfires have been asking for help for years, and they will have to continue those requests this spring and for years to come. Instead of answering these pleas for help to protect their homes and lives, the Bush Administration has instead delivered easier access to the timber industry to valuable, old growth giants located miles away in the backcountry.

What at-risk rural communities most need is a common sense solution that will provide full funding for much-needed thinning of brush and small trees around communities as its number one priority. Unfortunately, the desire by Bush Administration and its political allies to protect special timber company interests has compromised America's ability to deliver real relief to communities in need. Instead, the administration exploited the public's justified fear of fires to pass a bill that effectively removes citizen participation, interferes with the judicial system, increases commercial logging, and leaves old-growth and roadless forests vulnerable.

Despite the fact that we lost the fight in opposition to the Bush Administration's so-called "Healthy Forest Initiative," we owe **Rep. Jay Inslee** a well-deserved round of genuine thanks and admiration. Jay led the Congressional fight in the House of Representatives against the bad Bush Administration fire policy bill pushed through by powerful timber industry companies and their highly paid lobbyists. Rep. Inslee was one of the few voices raised loudly on the House floor in opposition to this misguided fire bill.

Please take the time to call his local office and thank Jay for this hard work.

Rep. Inslee district office phone numbers are:

Mountlake Terrace: (425) 640-0233

Poulsbo: (360) 598-2342

# Solar Tour a Team Effort

by Pamela Burton,  
Solar Washington Organizer

On January 10, Sierra Club and Solar Washington will sponsor a tour to local sites in Seattle that feature solar water heating, photovoltaic panels and essential conservation components. Participants will also see up close how solar technology is entering the mainstream, and how it can reduce energy costs and increase energy independence.

Over the past few years, growing markets for solar technologies in Japan and Western Europe have brought equipment prices down considerably. These cost reductions, along with streamlined installation practices and products, have caused solar energy to become affordable and competitive with many other consumer choices for home and business owners, and for government.

Solar electric system owners are reducing their electricity burden and can earn an additional ten cents for every kilowatt-hour the solar unit produces by selling "green tags" through the Northwest Solar Co-op's Solar Starters program. Solar water and space heating allows consumers to not only limit their energy intake but also directly reduce the amount of greenhouse gases entering the atmosphere. Buildings account for an estimated 48 percent of total energy use in the U.S., compared to 6.5 percent for the entire fleet of SUVs, mini-vans, and light trucks.

One tour site was funded by Seattle City Light's innovative "Green Power" program. A portion of volunteer contributions made by Seattle City Light customers go to photovoltaic projects at schools and parks. Heidi Wills has committed to expand the portion that goes to solar before she steps down as city councilmember.

**Join the Solar Tour on Saturday, January 10 from 9am - 3pm.** Tour

guides Pamela Burton and Jeremy Smithson are board members of Solar Washington and owners of Puget Sound Solar. Attendees should gather at the offices of the Sierra Club Cascade Chapter, 180 Nickerson St. in Seattle. For info or to sign-up please contact Angela Silva at 206/378-0114 ext 320 or [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org).

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## The Nature of the Legislature

by Holly Forrest, Legislative Chair

A few years ago, there was an earthquake in Olympia. The Capitol building is undergoing extensive renovation now to make it sturdier. On December 6th, something even more noteworthy happened in the state's capital: we had our first Sierra legislative liaison training! It's the realization of a dream I had when I began working with a great former Chapter staff member, Rebecca Sayre. She has since moved on to another position, but her vision of members working together to achieve legislative goals by developing relationships with representatives and senators is one that many of us share. Thanks to Chapter Legislative Analyst Craig Engelking, and Conservation Organizers Angela Silva and Alison Mielke, who put together some really informative sessions—we are on our way. One of the participants commented that "everyone should have the opportunity to receive this kind of civic activism education." As a former elementary school teacher, I'm especially pleased to hear his response.

Congratulations to the "Inaugural Graduating Class" of Legislative Liaisons 101: Llyn Doremus, Kristin Hessick, Tom Knight, Krist Lane, Linda and Dale

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Mountain Front to oil and gas drilling, shifting the cost of toxic clean-up to taxpayers rather than polluters, and threatening wildlife, fish and migratory bird habitats, while at the same time needlessly giving a boatload of goodies to the oil, coal, and nuclear industries. As the Seattle P-I editorial so aptly stated on November 20, "The robber barons of a century ago would envy the giant corporate giveaways."

**Round Four**—For now, Congress has gone home, but the Republicans promise to bring this bill up in January and pass it quickly. We have to come out fighting one last time. This bill is bad for the environment, bad for the public interest, and bad for America. It does not move us in a positive direction toward the energy independence this nation demands and needs.

**With continuing assaults on our environment by the Bush Administration, we are greatly appreciative of Senators Murray and Cantwell for their many efforts to defeat this dreadful energy bill.** They need our help, and we need your help. To find out how to fight this bill – as well as many other dangerous initiatives from the Bush administration – please contact our office at 206/378-0114 or [Kathleen.casey@sierraclub.org](mailto:Kathleen.casey@sierraclub.org).

**Senator Patty Murray:** "Not only does it put consumers at risk by repealing necessary protections, but it seriously puts at risk our own health and the health of our environment with the special-interest giveaways to the oil, gas, and coal industries."

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# Dirty Secrets

by Kari Mosden, *Washington Toxics Coalition*

WHAT HAPPENED between a copper smelter, consistent northerly winds, and an island just north of Tacoma, Washington, is now another unfortunate chapter of toxic pollution in Pacific Northwest history. What's being done about it, however, is promising and important work.

Vashon Island is an idyllic place to live, a popular weekend get-away, and a bedroom community for Seattle commuters. A short ferry ride from Seattle, the tranquility of the place is immediately apparent. However, Vashon has a secret, something that is literally right under its residents' toes: elevated levels of the toxic heavy metals arsenic, lead, and cadmium permeate the soil on most of the island. Arsenic can cause death at high levels. Lead can damage the nervous system, kidneys, and reproductive system. Cadmium damages the lungs, can cause kidney disease, and may irritate the digestive tract. Depending on where kids play or what's growing in the vegetable garden, Vashon residents may be at risk of toxic exposure.

**How did this quaint, hidden gem of a place become contaminated by this invisible threat?** Smokestacks from a copper smelting plant just south of the island spewed toxic wastes into the wind for decades. Vashon is the living legacy of the effects. This is not news to island residents. In fact, there was quite a ruckus a few years back when parents discovered the high levels of toxic chemicals in parks and school playgrounds. After much topsoil replacing, those parts of the island are safe enough for children to play in, but much of the island remains contaminated.

Cause for concern? Perhaps. Residents have been educated about the problem, but the threat remains. The Heavy Metals Remediation Committee (HMRC), a subset of the Vashon-Maury

Island Community Council, formed to "address community concerns and health risks relating to heavy metals in our soil, plants, air and water." They organized two informational symposiums, Get the Scoop on Our Dirt, and You Can Grow Cleaner Dirt, and serve as a resource for island residents. HMRC chairperson May Gerstle leads efforts to clean the soil and educate the residents.

"We have done quite a bit of work to uncover the impacts of these heavy metals in the soil," relates May. Their focus now is on human health impacts of the toxic substances.

Having grown up in Berkeley, California, May is no newcomer to community activism, which explains why she is so successful in rallying people to action on Vashon. Before moving to Vashon eight years ago, she was a community relations director in Seattle. Her former career helped her to understand and prioritize important issues.

**When residents of the island discovered that the soil in playgrounds and parks was contaminated, May helped organize the group that became HMRC.** Her own health may not have been affected by the toxic soil, but Vashon is her home, and the health of her community and the environment is important to her. She and others made sure that the cleanup occurred expeditiously, and put together two symposiums to educate the residents of the island. She truly believes in what she often says: "Part of helping those who've been affected is in educating them about the effects."

Having cleaned up playgrounds and educated gardeners and other island residents, HMRC is moving on to doctors. Their latest project is a Handbook for Healthcare Practitioners. "Doctors and other healthcare practitioners don't always know what the symptoms of lead, arsenic, or cadmium poisoning look like, because they are not usually trained for that in medical school," May said, adding that HMRC hopes this handbook will help close that gap. They have worked diligently to ensure the relevance

and accuracy of the handbook's content. As May puts it, "this is no 'woo-woo' publication," meaning it's a well-researched and evidence-based document. Doctors and scientists sit on the HMRC, and the committee works closely with the state Department of Ecology and King County Department of Public Health for review and input. The group takes its science seriously and plans to distribute the handbook to all healthcare practitioners on Vashon.

**We don't often think about the harm of tracking dirt into the house,** what our vegetable gardens take out of the soil, or where our animals have been. However, these seemingly harmless activities can expose innocent citizens, on Vashon and elsewhere, to toxic chemicals. Harmful exposure to these toxic metals typically comes by accidental ingestion. Health problems may develop only after years of exposure, or may not show up until many years after exposure has stopped. Safe practices, such as frequent hand washing, taking shoes off in the house, and washing all vegetables and fruits before eating them, can go a long way towards reducing one's exposure. As with most toxic waste issues, there is too much that we don't know, and, as the HMRC has pointed out, the best course of action is education and caution.

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# Brian Baird Speaks to Vancouver Community Gathering

By 12:30 p.m. on November 15th the appetizers were begging to be eaten, the vintage slide projector was stocked with beautiful photos of the Dark Divide Roadless Area, and the stage was set for **Congressman Brian Baird** to speak at Sierra Club's Vancouver Community Gathering.

Then community residents started coming....and they kept coming and coming, to the tune of 145 people. It was amazing. The program began with recognition of key volunteers and political officials in attendance. **Craig Pridemore**, Clark County Commissioner and Sierra Club member, made brief remarks on Clark County and the environment. Then, **State Representative Deb Wallace** (17th Legislative District) spoke on the environmental challenges we face here in Washington state before introducing U.S. Representative Brian Baird (3rd Congressional District).

Rep. Baird spoke on the Bush Administration and its assaults on the environment. He also took several questions from the audience including issues related to energy and the Dark Divide Roadless Area. Afterward, **Nick Forrest**, Professor of Political Science at Clark College and Loo Wit Group Chair, gave a slide show presentation on keeping the Dark Divide wild. Nick's presentation informed the audience of the threats to the Dark Divide including destructive dirt bikes and the potential for logging, as well as the solution of permanently protecting this forgotten forest.

About four weeks before the event, Sierra Club volunteers went door-to-door in Vancouver neighborhoods and hand-delivered nearly 1000 invitations that invited residents to the Community Gathering. Special thanks to the numerous volunteers who assisted with this outreach effort!

## Portland Urban Village and Light Rail Tour

THE CHAPTER TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE led fifteen Sierra Club members to Portland, Ore. to tour Urban Villages, Transit Oriented Development; Historical sites and ride the MAX light rail line. Many participants rode Amtrak from the Seattle/Tacoma area.

Tour Guide Constance Beaumont gave a historical overview of many buildings including the Union Station, the Courthouse and the newly remodeled Eco-Trust building in the highly coveted Pearl District. "The Pearl" is approximately 90 blocks of a renovated industrial area, and represents one of the most dramatic transformations in central Portland's from the 1990s through today.

Scott Chapman and Jason Price also gave a guided tour of the Orenco Station, the Westside MAX Light Rail line (This 18-mile extension runs from downtown Portland to Beaverton and Hillsboro) and the Tom McCall Waterfront Park (this park was converted from major highway).

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Sierra Club members listen to Constance Beaumont as she describes the history of the EcoTrust building.

For more info, go to:

**Historic Union Station**

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**Tom McCall Waterfront Park**

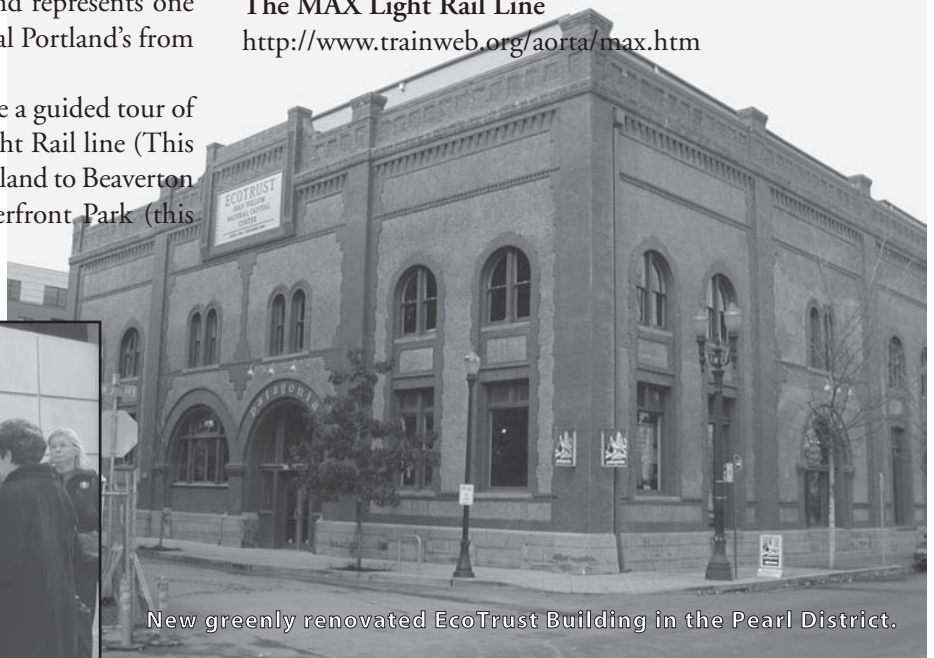
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**The Orenco station**

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**The MAX Light Rail Line**

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New greenly renovated EcoTrust Building in the Pearl District.

To get more involved with the Cascade Chapter Transportation Committee or to learn about public outreach programs, please contact Tim Gould at [4cleanair@usa.net](mailto:4cleanair@usa.net) or Angela Silva at 206/378-0114 ext 320.

# Meetings, Outings & Events

## Recreational Outings January

### January 10, Saturday

**Solar Tour** — Join us to tour Solar Homes and Businesses in the Seattle/Bellevue area. We'll learn about the latest in solar technology and how it can work for you. 9AM to 4PM. Meet at 9AM at the Cascade Chapter Office, 180 Nickerson St, Seattle. Contact Angela at 206/378-0114 ext 320 or [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org). (CH)

### January 17, Saturday

**Snowshoe Wells Creek Mt. Baker area** — 6 mi. RT with 1100 ft. elev. gain. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Come out to enjoy views of Church Mtn. and a wonderful overview of the Nooksack River valley. You provide: snowshoes, boots and poles, lunch and water, and smiles! 8 AM to 5 PM. Contact Terese at [terrasolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terrasolutions@hotmail.com) or 360/788-7424. (CH, MB)

## February

### February 8, Sunday

**Skagit River Eagle Festival** — Bald Eagle viewing at its finest. Observe eagles near Concrete and Rockport, and meet up with volunteers at Howard Miller Park to watch the eagles feasting on returning salmon runs. The festival also includes arts, crafts, food and music. Stay all day or part of the day, as you choose. 10 AM to 5 PM. Contact Terese at [terrasolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terrasolutions@hotmail.com) or 360/788-7424. (CH, MB)

### February 21, Saturday

**Snowshoe Schweitzer Creek Loop Mtn. Loop Highway** — 11 mi. RT and 1800 ft. elev. gain. The fall storms foiled our outing to Mt. Pilchuck. Here's another chance to enjoy this winter wonderland, with great views of Big Four, Vesper, Sperry and Three Fingers Mtns. You provide: snowshoes, boots and poles, lunch and water. Bring those cameras too! 8 AM to 5 PM. Contact Terese at [terrasolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terrasolutions@hotmail.com) or 360/788-7424. (CH, MB)

## March

### March 27, Saturday

**Diobsud Creek trail work party** — with the National Forest Committee and Mt. Baker group. See next newsletter or

website for updated information as the date draws near; or contact Mark at [mark.lawler@sierraclub.org](mailto:mark.lawler@sierraclub.org) or 206/632-1550. (CH, MB)

## May

### May 1, Saturday

**Lookout Mtn. Wildflower Hike** — 6-8 mi. RT, 1000 ft. elev. gain. See the early spring emerging wildflowers above Lake Samish. 8 AM to 5PM. Contact Terese at [terrasolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terrasolutions@hotmail.com) or 360/788-7424. (CH)

## Meetings & Events January

### January 7, Wednesday

**National Forests Committee Meeting** — Learn about and help save Washington's ancient forests, roadless areas, and trails. Many volunteer opportunities available, including our Wildlands Campaign and Cascade Checkerboard Project. All are welcome! 7 PM, Chapter Office, 180 Nickerson St., Suite 202, Seattle. Contact Mark at 206/632-1550. (CH)

### January 7, Wednesday

**Impacts of Growth Educational Forum Series: The (Not So) Hidden Costs of Growth - Are YOU ready to pay?** 6:30-8:30 PM, Washington State University Vancouver campus. Contact Linda at 360/695-4244 or Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org). (LW)

### January 13, Tuesday

**Loo Wit Excom meeting** — All members welcome. 7 to 9 PM in Vancouver. Contact Roger at [RogerSail@aol.com](mailto:RogerSail@aol.com) or 360/693-9131. (LW)

### January 14, Wednesday

**South King County Group Transportation Presentation** — The Transportation Choices Coalition will provide details on the \$4 billion + State Transportation Package (recently passed by the '03 legislature), options in the tri-county Regional Transportation Package (upcoming for a '04 public vote), and what actions we can take to improve transportation choices in south King County and throughout the region. Snacks provided. 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Kent Senior Center: 600 East Smith. Contact Cathea at [AdvancedI@aol.com](mailto:AdvancedI@aol.com) or 206/878-5805. (SK)

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## January 20, Tuesday

**Energy Committee Meeting** — Anyone interested in energy policy, climate change and doing something about it is invited to the monthly meeting of the Cascade Chapter's Energy Committee at 6:30 PM at the Cascade Chapter Office, 180 Nickerson St., Suite 202 in Seattle (enter building on east side). If you want to help work toward solutions, we'd love to have you. Contact Andy at andyds@att.net or 425/828-1421. (CH)

## January 20, Tuesday

**Book Club, South King County Group** — We are starting a Book Club!!! Our first book is "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right" by Al Franken. We will have a potluck and book discussion. So please get your hands on a copy of this book and join us for dinner and intelligent (no promises) discussion. Book Club time and location to be announced. Contact Becky at beckett@nwlink.com or 206/721-3890. (SK)

## January 21, Wednesday

**Water & Salmon Committee Meeting** — Despite Western Washington's rainy reputation, we often experience drought in the summer months, when salmon are returning to spawn. The water campaign is working to ensure we have enough water in our rivers and streams for fish and our enjoyment. Join us as we talk about issues of local and statewide importance, and make plans for preserving our precious water resources. 6PM at the Cascade Chapter office, 180 Nickerson St., #202. Contact Alison at alison.mielke@sierraclub.org or 206/778-5345. (CH)

## January 21, Wednesday

**Volunteer Training and Action Night** — Come learn how you can contribute to the success of the Sierra Club. In this two-part meeting, we'll talk about ways to become involved, including working on local issues and helping in the office, such as with mailings, phoning, events, and many other opportunities to fit every comfort level, as well as get started by taking action, to make a phone call, write a letter, make a difference. Learn how to volunteer regularly or from time to time as it fits your schedule. Meet at 6:30PM at the Cascade Chapter office, 180 Nickerson Street, Suite 202, Seattle. Contact Angela at angela.silva@sierraclub.org or 206/378-0114 ext 320. (CH)

## January 21, Wednesday

**Presidential Candidate Forum** — Seattle Group General Membership Meeting. Learn more about the environmental

positions of the presidential candidates from campaign representatives presenting information and answering questions. 6:30 PM at Seattle REI, 222 Yale Ave N. Contact Joanne at sailorjd@msn.com or 206/328-9155. (SE)

## January 22, Thursday

**Presidential Candidate Forum** — Learn more about the environmental positions of the presidential candidates from campaign representatives presenting information and answering questions. 6 to 9:00 PM at the Clark Public Utilities Community Room, 1200 Ft. Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA. Contact Linda at 360/694-4447 or Linda\_SierraClub@hotmail.com. (LW)

## January 22, Thursday

**Volunteer Training and Action Night Part 2** — (see January 21 listing).

## January 22, Thursday

**Slideshow and Presentation** — by Jaxon Ravens, about the Sierra Club Lewis & Clark Wild America Campaign. Bicyclists with a passion for history and adventure are always looking for the next journey. 2003 is the first year of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's amazing journey across North America. Jaxon Ravens retraced their entire route solo and unsupported during the summer of 2003 from Washington D.C. to Seaside, OR. Come share in his stories of the road and get some materials and hints in planning your next bicycling adventure. 7 PM - 8:30 PM, Seattle REI, 222 Yale Ave. N. Contact Jaxon Ravens at JaxonRavens@aol.com or 206/300-2011. (NW)

## January 29, Thursday

**Environmental Lobby Day** — Join hundreds of citizen lobbyists to learn about what the legislature is doing to strengthen or weaken our environmental protections. If you

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LW = Loo-Wit (Vancouver, southwest WA)  
MB = Mount Baker (northwest WA)  
NW = Northwest Office  
SM = Sammamish  
SQ = Sasquatch/Olympia  
SE = Seattle Group  
SN = Snohomish  
SK = South King County  
TA = Tatoosh (Pierce County)

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have never been to the Capitol, this is a great way to learn the issues, meet your legislators, and tell them why you support healthy water, energy, state forests, and more! The day will start with remarks from key legislators, an environmental legislation update from lobbyists and a lobbying skills workshop. After the workshop, citizen lobbyists, you!, will meet with your own legislators. Appointments will be pre-scheduled with most legislators. This information will be available to you after you register. To register or get more information, contact Alison at 206/778-5345 or [alison.mielke@sierraclub.org](mailto:alison.mielke@sierraclub.org). (CH)

## February

### February 4, Wednesday

**National Forests Committee meeting** — See January 7 description for more information. (CH)

### February 10, Tuesday

**Loo Wit Executive Comm. meeting** — All members welcome. 7 to 9 PM in Vancouver. Contact Roger at [RogerSail@aol.com](mailto:RogerSail@aol.com) or 360/693-9131. (LW)

### February 10, Tuesday

**Susan Zwinger Lecture** — Noted NW author Susan Zwinger has written several books on environmentalism, including "The Last Wild Edge: One Woman's Journey from the Arctic Circle to the Olympic Rain Forest" and "Still Wild, Always Wild: A Journey into the Desert Wilderness of California." Zwinger will lecture on environmental issues encountered on her travels. 7PM at the Longview Public Library. Sponsored by "Northwest Voices," Willapa Hills Audubon, and Loowit Sierra Club. Contact John at [jgreen2317@aol.com](mailto:jgreen2317@aol.com). (LW)

### February 11, Wednesday

**Natural Capitalism Presentation** — Natural capital (natural resources and the ecological systems that provide vital life-support services) are becoming scarce and relatively expensive. Do we price them correctly? Does protecting the environment hurt the economy, competitiveness, economic growth, profits, or jobs? As our economic and environmental interests increasingly overlap, will this help us begin to solve our environmental problems? Come join a lively discussion towards a sustainable future. Snacks provided. 7 to 9 PM at the Kent Senior Center: 600 East Smith. Contact Cathea at [AdvancedI@aol.com](mailto:AdvancedI@aol.com) or 206/878-5805. (SK)

### February 12, Thursday

**Food, Drink and Politics** — with special guest King County Executive Ron Sims. Learn about his experiences with environmental issues. He'll discuss the work he has done: protecting salmon with the Tri-County ESA Response Group; strengthening light rail and other public transportation efforts with Metro Transit and Sound Transit; and overseeing the development of King County's nationally renowned Urban Growth Boundary to improve vital economic centers and reduce sprawl. 6:00-8:00 PM, location TBA in Vancouver, WA. For details, check our website or contact Linda McLain, 360/694-4447 or [Linda\\_SierraClub@hotmail.com](mailto:Linda_SierraClub@hotmail.com). (LW)

## March

### March 2, Wednesday

**National Forests Committee meeting** — See January 7 description for more information. (CH)

### March 2, Tuesday

**Lewis & Clark Lecture** — Emmy-award-winning cinematographer, author, and Lewis and Clark historian, Rex Ziak will lecture on preserving the legacy of the Columbia River Estuary where Lewis and Clark spent the winter of 1805. Sponsored by Loowit Sierra Club, Willapa Hills Audubon, and "Northwest Voices." 7PM at the Longview Public Library. Contact John at [jgreen2317@aol.com](mailto:jgreen2317@aol.com). If you are interested in volunteering for our tabling efforts at this program, please contact Shannon Harps, Conservation Organizer, at [Shannon.Harps@sierraclub.org](mailto:Shannon.Harps@sierraclub.org) or 206/419-6295. (LW)

## Seattle Group Needs Volunteer

The Seattle Group is looking for a volunteer to help organize informational meetings for our membership. The Seattle Group sponsors four meetings per year on a variety of environmental topics. The meetings are held at the downtown REI. This volunteer assignment involves working with the Executive Committee to come up with meeting ideas, arranging for speakers and getting the word out through newsletters, post card mailings and other means. The volunteer work can be done over the phone or email and at a time convenient for your schedule. Contact Joanne Donohue at 206/ 328-9155 or [sailorjd@msn.com](mailto:sailorjd@msn.com) if you are interested.

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McLain, Christi Nelson, Scott Otterson,  
Stan Parker, Tina Schulstad and Heidi  
Stephens.

We have several important priorities  
for the legislative session, which is a brief  
60 days this year. They are clean water,  
state forests, the energy portfolio stan-  
dard, and reduction of toxic pollution.  
Lobby Day is January 29th—but if you  
can't make that day, don't despair! There

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are many other dates you can meet with  
your legislators. Even after the session is  
over, there will be chances to advocate  
for our issues.

If you are interested in learning more  
about this program, please contact me  
or Craig Engelking. If you would like a  
copy of the packet of materials, please  
contact Alison Mielke. All contact info  
can be found elsewhere in this issue.

## Ballot for Cascade Chapter Executive Committee Elections

Mail to:  
Executive Committee Election  
Sierra Club -Cascade Chapter  
180 Nickerson St., Ste. 202  
Seattle, WA 98109-1631

Mail before:  
January 23, 2004

### Vote for *five* candidates

\*\*Those with joint memberships, please vote on the same ballot using the two columns provided\*\*

___	___	Tristin Brown
___	___	Scot Brannon
___	___	Linda Wolfe
___	___	Terry Dievendorf
___	___	Alan Byars
___	___	Michael O'Brien

Please include your *Crest mailing label* or write your member number on this ballot for verification of membership.



Thursday January 22, 2004  
7-8:30 p.m.  
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### Lewis & Clark Slide Show

The Sierra Club's Lewis & Clark Wild America Campaign encourages you to attend a slide show and presentation by Jaxon Ravens at REI, Seattle. Jaxon Ravens retraced the entire Lewis & Clark route—from Washington D.C. to Seaside, OR—during the summer of 2003 by bicycle, solo and unsupported. Come share in his stories of the road and get some hints for planning your next bicycling adventure. The Sierra Club's Lewis & Clark Wild America Campaign is partnering with Jaxon for this presentation, and we will present information and materials about this unique campaign to protect special places. Walk (or ride) away with information, maps, and a renewed passion for adventure!



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