

Olympia Update

by Craig Engelking, Chapter lobbyist

AFTER a slow start, the Legislature is getting into full swing. Given the sluggish economy and \$2.5 billion budget deficit, our first priority is to block any misguided attempts to forfeit the environment in the name of "economic development." We've already seen a slew of bills from Senate Republicans that would relax growth management and lead to more sprawl in the countryside. Senate Republicans have also tried to move bills that would tie the hands of state agencies responsible for protecting the environment.

Their efforts aren't surprising. According to the Washington Environmental Voters' Scorecard, the combined average lifetime environmental voting record of Senate Republican Committee chairs responsible for environmental issues is only twenty five percent. While these

terrible environmental bills have received committee hearings, none have passed the Senate — so far. This is thanks to a narrow majority (Republicans control the Senate 25-24) and to a handful of moderate Republicans who value environmental protection. Even if bills do pass the Senate, Democrats controlling the House have vowed to kill the most dangerous bills.

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In sharp contrast to their Senate counterparts, the House Committee chairs that deal with environmental issues have an average environmental voting record of eighty percent (WCV Scorecard). A bill that would reduce mercury contamination in the environment is already moving forward in the House (SHB 10002).

After Referendum 51's defeat, lawmakers are looking at overhauling the way the state plans transportation projects. We're pushing for reforms that would shift the way the Department of Transportation plans projects so that they look at the best way to move people and goods through a corridor instead of vehicles.

We're also working on for a balanced state transportation package that would provide sufficient funding for transit while making appropriate investments in highway safety and maintenance projects, as well as concentrating on fixing choke points.

Water resources are another top priority this session. Despite all the rain we receive on the wet side of the mountains, our state is really in a water crunch. Quite simply, agricultural irrigation and growing population have strained our water supplies. Many rivers and streams across the state don't have enough water flowing in them during dry periods to sustain salmon populations.

This session, both agricultural and municipal interests seek to increase the amount of water they use. While we recognize the need to supply water for people and agriculture, we also need to protect water in streams, rivers and aquifers. The city of Seattle has met 20 years of population growth (some 800,000 new people), without using a drop more water. They've met these needs entirely through conservation. We're working to spread this ethic to other areas across the state so that municipalities can provide clean safe drinking water for people in ways that don't draw down our aquifers and rivers.

Executive Committee Election Results

The ballots have been counted, and the Cascade Chapter has three new at-large members on the Chapter Executive Committee — Scott Otterson, Jan Aarts and Eron Berg — and we have one returning at-large member, Tina Schulstad. Congratulations!

Thanks to all who voted. Thanks also to the Nominating Committee and all those who helped count ballots. The Chapter has great challenges and opportunities ahead of it this year. Fortunately, we also have great volunteers!

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Message from the Chair

Greetings!

The results of the Chapter Executive Committee elections are in and I would like to congratulate and welcome our three new members: Eron Berg, Jan Aarts and Scott Otterson. I am looking forward to working with all of them in the coming 2 years.

I would also like to say thank you to our two departing members, Paul Gould and Joelle Robinson, for their dedication and hard work on the Executive Committee. I know that they will both remain involved in our Chapter's activities, which I genuinely appreciate.

In addition to our new Executive Committee members, I would like to welcome some new group leaders. Heidi Behrens-Benedict, Mercy Rome, Brian Derdowski and Aurela Sequoia will be working to revitalize the Sammamish Group. Bliss Moore is the new contact for the Tatoosh Group, and Barry Pfundt is taking over as Chair of the Sasquatch group from Peggy Bruton.

I also don't want to forget that we have a new *Crest* editor, Carey Evenson, who is taking over for the hard-working Melissa Anne Povey. The *Crest* also has a new production designer, Lisa Delaney.

As always, I greatly appreciate all volunteers and activists for the work they do to make our Chapter the effective organization that it is. I especially want to thank all our leaders, both new and old, who are willing to step up and take on the challenge of guiding our Chapter forward.

Tina Schulstad

Chair, Cascade Chapter Executive Committee

Capitol Gridlock

By Craig Engelking, Chapter lobbyist

IF YOU'RE WONDERING why the state can't move forward with sensible transportation solutions, I can tell you one reason why: State Senator Jim Horn (R-Mercer Island) chairs the state Senate committee responsible for transportation.

One of the first things he did after taking control of the committee was to change the name from the "Senate Transportation Committee" to the "Senate Highways and Transportation Committee." Senator Horn believes that highway expansion is the best way to solve our transportation problems. He's even published editorials in major newspapers downplaying the role mass transit can play. To his credit, Senator Horn was one of the first Senate Republicans to support new taxes for transportation, which we definitely

need. However, he wants to spend almost all the money on massive highway expansion projects that will ultimately lead to nothing more than more lanes of traffic jams.

Now, as chair of the Senate committee, Senator Horn is blocking an effort to include high-capacity transit projects in a central Puget Sound regional transportation plan. Last year, the Legislature passed a bill that would allow King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties to move forward with regional transportation funding and projects. The bill is flawed, though. It essentially requires the counties to spend nearly all the money only on projects that relate to "highways of statewide significance."

In order to put a regional transportation plan on the ballot that the environmental community can support, we need the Legislature to amend the bill to allow for high capacity transit. House leaders

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Public Forums

For more information contact Angela Silva at 206/378-0114 ext. 320 or angela.silva@sierraclub.org.

Unlock Gridlock—A Forum about Regional Transportation Solutions

Monday, March 10, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Mercer Island Library, 4400 88th Ave S.E. Please join us for a presentation about regional air quality and green transportation strategies and a panel discussion with King County Councilmember Cynthia Sullivan, Reps. Fred Jarret and Judy Clibborn, and Kevin Shively about Regional Transportation challenges and solutions. Sponsored by the Seattle and E. King County Sierra Club groups.

Health and Environmental Impacts of Sprawl

Tuesday, April 8, 7-9 PM at Sprinker Recreation Center, Cedar Room, 14824 So. "C" Street, Tacoma. Special guest Pierce County Executive, John Ladenburg. Sprawl affects our health and communities in ways we may not even realize. The presentation focuses on the impacts of sprawl and addresses smart transportation and urban planning, and transportation alternatives. Sponsored by the Tatoosh Group of the Sierra Club.

Capitol Gridlock, continued

support the proposal, as do many local officials. But Jim Horn won't allow it. Unless he allows high-capacity transit projects, like light rail and commuter rail, to be included in the plan, we'll end up with a regional transportation plan that looks like R-51 on steroids. Given R-51's fate, even in traffic-choked central Puget Sound, we can expect voters to once again reject a 1950s style solution to a 21st century problem.

I don't normally encourage this sort of thing, but if you want to start moving forward with real transportation solutions, send a quick email to Jim Horn and tell him that you want high capacity transit included in transportation packages. Even if you don't live in his district, call him. He's the chair of the committee. And he needs to hear from you.

Senator Jim Horn can be emailed at: horn_ji@leg.wa.gov.

Washington's Clean Water Threatened

by Alison Mielke, Conservation Associate

WASHINGTON'S water supplies are one of our most precious resources. Despite Western Washington's rainy reputation, many of our streams and rivers lack adequate water flows by late summer. Low water flows create unhealthy conditions for people and fish: pollutants become more heavily concentrated, water temperatures rise, and normal salmon migration up and down streams is hampered.

Despite these risks, Governor Locke continues to promote programs that permit additional water withdrawals in over-appropriated watersheds and that exempt small developments from the permitting process for water rights. The state has also been lax in addressing other known threats to rivers and streams, such as illegal water use.

Washington State legislators are now reviewing many bills that could either improve or drastically weaken protections. Many of the bills now under consideration—which the Governor is supporting—are shortsighted and only delay the hard decisions we need to make regarding water use in Washington. Please contact your legislators and tell them that protecting Washington's water is important to you.

To ensure our water resources are not jeopardized, our elected officials must plan for long-term water use, encourage conservation, and make certain our streams and rivers can provide clean drinking water and sustainable habitat for salmon and wildlife.

Remind your legislator that:

- Water resources belong to all of the citizens of Washington and must be protected for future generations.

- Streams and rivers that support healthy wild salmon populations must be protected because the cost of

losing salmon is incalculable.

- An adequate amount of water in a stream is critical to healthy water quality.

- We must ensure a sustainable supply of water for both instream and out-of-stream needs.

- We must not give new rights and benefits to water rights holders before the impacts of future water usage on Washington's rivers are assessed.

- Water flows should be set based on sound science.

- All water withdrawals should be measured. Water should not be withdrawn from new locations or used for new purposes without adequate review of environmental impacts, and no water should be withdrawn from rivers and streams without a permit.

- Criteria for decision-making must be specified as it relates to exemptions, changes, and negotiation processes. We need consistent standards, not loopholes and ad hoc arbitrary decision-making.

Call, write, or e-mail your legislator today:

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Olympia, WA 98504
www.leg.wa.gov/senate/

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Olympia, WA 98504
www.leg.wa.gov/house/

For more information, contact Alison Mielke at 206/778-5345 or alison.mielke@sierraclub.org.



Tatoosh Group

Tatoosh Group is as busy and strong as ever. We currently have openings on our membership committee, working on our newsletter, outreach events, letters to the editor, and media contact. We are developing conservation plans for the rest of 2003, and are interested in new members serving on our Executive Committee board. Elections are in April, so if interested, please contact Bliss Moore at blissmoore@aol.com, Terese VanAssche at tererasolutions@hotmail.com, or Angela Silva at angela.silva@sierraclub.org.

Here are some of the issues we are working on:

Habitat Ordinances: Pierce County has completed the new Habitat Development and Restoration Code addressing low impact development, tree retentions, creek setbacks, etc. We are urging adoption of the revised Pierce County Habitat Ordinances this year by the County Council. The Pierce County Smart Growth Roundtable, a coalition of PC environmental groups, submitted significant comments about the Habitat Ordinances. Bliss Moore is the Tatoosh group delegate to the Smart Growth RT meetings.

Fast Track & Fair Trade: Janet Stephens participated in the "Fast Track" training in San Francisco and is also working with the Fair Trade group in the Seattle area; watch for upcoming events.

Carbon River, Clearwater Wilderness and Mt. Rainier National Park expansion: Tatoosh members continue to work with the Carbon River Coalition to extend the Mt. Rainier NP boundary 3 miles up the Carbon River Valley, and acquire lands along the proposed Carbon River Foothills Trail. Terese is working with the EPEC (Environmental Public Education Campaign) to increase the boundaries of

the Clearwater Wilderness bordering the Carbon River Valley. Salmon habitat and wildlife corridors are harmed by erosion from clear cutting near the Wilderness boundaries, so we must protect the Carbon River watershed. Jennifer Dunn has re-introduced her bill to expand Mt. Rainier NP boundaries by 800 acres. Charlie Raines has proposed a better boundary extension, which includes 400 acres on the west side of the Carbon River, between Cayada Creek and the Carbon River Road.

The additional lands will more adequately protect the watershed. Charlie has met with Plum Creek representatives, and Jennifer Dunn and Adam Smith's offices to gain their support for a different bill that includes the additional 400 acres. This may be our only chance to include all the desired lands in the National Park bill. Depending on the NP bill outcome, these lands may also be considered for addition to the Clearwater Wilderness.

Clover Creek: We continue working on restoration of Clover Creek. Kate Dunlap presented her findings on stream flow in Clover Creek at our January meeting. Kate has worked with Al Schmauder of the Clover Creek Council since last spring to develop her findings. Kate has also volunteered to serve on the Tatoosh Ex-com Board. Welcome Kate!

Toxic Chemicals: Tatoosh group hosted a presentation by the Washington Toxics Coalition on ways to reduce and eliminate toxic chemical use and pollution in our communities.

Sprawl & the Cross-Base Highway: Tatoosh group plans a "Health Effects of Sprawl" presentation to our membership on April 8. We continue to oppose the Cross-Base Highway and will review the final EIS when ready.

Outings: Terese led a wet and wild snowshoe outing into the Norse Peak Wilderness on Dec. 14. It rained, it snowed, and then the wild winds blew. The group still enjoyed breaking in our snowshoes for the winter. We turned back before reaching the end of the trail, though, due to the rain, wind, and avalanche concerns. Our group safely dried out and warmed up in Greenwater in front of a roaring fire. We have snowshoe and x-country ski outings in March, and water & salmon outings in March and April. Please see the events section and contact Terese if you are interested in attending outings. We will also present an Outings skill seminar on Sunday, April 13, as part of the Chapter Activist training.

Sasquatch Group

Barry Pfundt, who took over as Sasquatch Chair just last month, is a dynamic activist with deep roots in Washington State. Born in Anacortes and raised in Bellingham, he moved to Olympia after serving six years in the US Navy. Barry enrolled at The Evergreen State College, where he graduated in 2001. Since then, he's worked as a field representative for Congressman Brian Baird and Legislative Session Aide for State Senator Georgia Gardner. He also managed Gardner's re-election campaign in Whatcom County.

Barry writes: "I joined the Sierra Club in 1994 after the 'nature shock' of going from commercial fishing in Southeast Alaska to boot camp in Orlando, FL."

Growing up in Whatcom County and working for five summers in Alaska, Barry took his surroundings for granted. In boot camp, he couldn't even walk on the grass, let alone go for a hike. That experience changed him from someone who had always enjoyed and respected the environment to someone who wanted to actively defend it. Barry believes all the little things we do each day as individuals can make a profound change in the overall health of the planet. Barry adds, "It's a daunting time to be a part of the environmental movement, but the hard times will only make us stronger. I'll never forget the first Sierra Club meeting I went to and how great it felt to be surrounded by a group of total strangers of like mind who were willing to give of themselves for that which they loved. I'm looking forward to a challenging year as Chair of the Sasquatch group. I hope to work with Sierra Club members all over our region — not just the Olympia area — and I invite any and all to be in touch and share your ideas." Contact Barry at bpfundt@bigfoot.com.

The Sasquatch Group will co-sponsor a major conference, organized by the Olympic Forest Coalition (OFCO), on protecting the national forests of Western Washington, May 10-22, 2003, at the Evergreen State College (TESC) in Olympia. The conference will focus on the Olympic, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Gifford Pinchot National Forests, all under renewed threat of accelerated logging as environmental safeguards are abandoned or relaxed under Bush Administration policies. These changes

also threaten to reignite social conflicts in the rural communities that have worked to diversify their economies during the previous decade. U.S. Congressman Jay Inslee has been invited as keynote speaker. Presenters and attendees will include environmental activists; academics and scientists; political leaders; representatives from the U. S. Forest Service and timber industry; and rural and urban constituents. Outgoing Sasquatch Chair Peggy Bruton will serve as a liaison between the Coalition and Sasquatch members. Anyone interested in working on preparations for the conference should contact Peggy at 360/866-7165 or gimlethey@aol.com.

Volunteers are needed for Procession of the Species Parade April 26. Sasquatch is among the environmental and community groups invited to present displays at the Procession Art Center in Olympia this spring. Your ideas are welcome — and needed! For info call Barry at 360/534- 9273.

Loo Wit Group

Loo Wit Group of SW Washington held a great planning retreat February 1-2.

Nineteen members of the executive committee and advisory board gathered at beautiful Coyote Ridge Ranch, a bed and breakfast/conference center in the hills above La Center owned by Sierra Club member Val Alexander. She prepared delicious meals and kept the woodstove burning as the group brainstormed and bonded. (Contact Coyote Ridge Ranch at 360/ 263-2521 or coyoteridge@tds.net).



It was a tremendously productive two days. The group leaders went through an extensive training process facilitated by NW office staff member Paul Shively and Chapter organizer Alison Mielke. After examining the national, regional and local topics, the group voted to pursue a focus on a few main issues. Clark County

Growth Management and National Forest Management were broad themes; more specific sub-campaigns included promoting Dark Divide Wilderness efforts and protecting air and water quality, and fragile wildlife habitat from Port of Vancouver expansion plans. We welcome input and involvement from all our 1,550 members.

Thanks to the efforts of member Steve Hill, our group has joined Fort Vancouver Cable Television. This public access station will provide training and equipment for our members to make quality environmental programs.

Have an idea for a show? Want to learn more about this opportunity? Contact Steve at 360/ 817-3749 or email shill@wafertech.com. Check out the website at <http://www.publicaccessstv.org>.

There is exciting work ahead, and we invite our fellow members to participate. From hands-on stewardship such as wetlands cleanup with Heye Horlings, to leading outings as one of Peter Apeltauer's team; distributing information about environmental issues at the farmer's market; or attending a hearing to support good water standards; there is something for everyone.

We are looking for a volunteer to lead our calendar sales effort, which will begin again in September. Please contact Holly Forrest at 360/ 891-0929 or hollyberry@effectnet.com.

Sammamish Group

The Sammamish Group is growing and changing. The New Year brings new faces to our east King County group, with Heidi Behrens-Benedict as the new Chair; Mercy Rome as Treasurer, Brian Derdowski on the Executive Committee, and Aurela Sequoia heading up Outings. One of the group's key issues for 2003 is clean water. Here's some background:

Clean water for people and wildlife is important to the Sierra Club, both locally and nationally. There are things we can do personally to promote the availability of clean water now and for the future.

Fresh, clean water is our common right, and a heritage to be protected vigorously. Less than 2% of the water on the planet is fresh. Even in the Pacific Northwest, it is a precious and scarce resource. Industrial and agricultural waste, construction runoff, and the destruction of wetlands and salmon habitat put our waterways in constant jeopardy. In the mid-nineties,

water was especially hard hit when Congress gutted the landmark Clean Air and Water Acts. The onslaught continues as the current administration cuts environmental protections enacted over the decades.

For example, many of us drink bottled water as a matter of course. With all the news indicating how polluted our fresh water is, it makes sense, right? Not necessarily. The widespread use of bottled water fosters the perception that the quality and safety of this fundamental resource is in doubt. That makes it easy to give up on the safety and purity of our domestic water supply. This also puts us on the road to supporting privatization of our municipal water systems. The solution? Unless there is a compelling reason to question the quality of your drinking water, don't buy bottled water. It's as simple as that. If you prefer not to have chlorine and fluoride in your drinking water, buy a water filter. Keep the bottles out of the landfill and our water supplies publicly owned. Save the bottled water for travel.

You can also help preserve clean drinking water by renewing your Club membership and becoming more active in your local group. Your membership in this dynamic environmental organization helps protect our water for generations.

The Sierra Club mission statement reads: "Members are encouraged to explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth. By their actions, practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources. As members of a larger body, educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment. And because the Sierra Club members take this stewardship seriously, they act using all lawful means to carry out these objectives."

We live in one of the most beautiful places on Earth. Imagine how our lives would change if we couldn't enjoy the Cascade Mountains, lush forests, and streams full of clear water- all under bright blue skies. These are integral parts of our quality of life. They are all fragile; all worth protecting and most importantly, they belong to all of us. As members of the Sierra Club, we feel a strong obligation to secure this heritage for generations to come. We need your help, ideas and enthusiasm. We need your letters to the editors. We need your activism. Together, we can protect the environment and fight for the quality of life we hold dear.

Rally Against Bush's Budget

by Kathleen Casey, Regional Representative

IN EARLY February, in the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, two dozen environmentalists greeted Interior Secretary Gale Norton with signs — and the media with the truth — regarding President Bush's 2004 budget proposal. While Norton touted how "green" the budget was, activists explained to reporters and the public that the budget, in fact, was harmful to the environment. It includes less money for land acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund; cuts to the Wetlands Reserve Program that helps farmers preserve wetlands; and underfunding for the federal Salmon Recovery Plan for the Snake and Columbia Rivers. The budget also cuts funding for purchasing threatened wildlife and recreation lands near the Alpine Lakes in eastern King County, despite huge local support.

The Bush administration's budget also assumes \$24 billion in revenues from oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, signifying their intent to open the Arctic despite broad public disapproval. They also intend to spend a the majority of money fighting forest fires through the "Healthy Forest Initiative"— a misleadingly titled program that will focus on allowing timber companies to clearcut trees for profit, rather than protecting the communities at-risk during fire season. Many thanks to Chapter staff and the terrific cadre of volunteers who showed up on a moment's notice: Don Parks, Polly Dyer, Sally Neary, Karen Fant, Terese Van Assche, Bliss and Shirley Moore, Brenda Buchanan, and students from Evergreen State College. Quick turnout and cooperation also came from other key groups, including Washington



Activists greet Interior Secretary Gale Norton with a colorful lineup of signs just before her outdoor press conference at Nisqually. Photo by Jennifer Rudolph

Wilderness Coalition, and Allen Smith and Amy Schlachtenhaufen from TWS, the Mountaineers, League of Conservation Voters, and Jim DiPeso from Republicans for the Environment.

The group's rebuttal to the Bush budget was extensively covered by the press — The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, KING-5, KOMO-AM, KUOW, Tacoma News Tribune, the Olympian and AP. Please take a few minutes to write a short Letter to the Editor to the P-I, TNT and Olympian, referring to their recent stories. Include these points, and let us know if you get one printed. Contact Kathleen Casey at 206/378-0114 x.305.

Against a beautiful landscape, Secretary Norton tried to imply that the Bush administration cares about protecting the environment, but the administration's budget — much like their policies — show differently. While getting a photo-op at the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, Ms. Norton defended the administration's stated goal of drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the crown jewel of the Refuge system.

The Bush administration's shallow commitment to the environment is also seen in their plans for the Nisqually Refuge itself. Secretary Norton promised to spend some money on rebuilding a viewing deck and mend some fences — both worthwhile projects. However, the proposed management plan prioritizes land acquisition and dike removal in order to restore the natural ecosystem and habitat for young salmon. There is no money for that in the President's budget.

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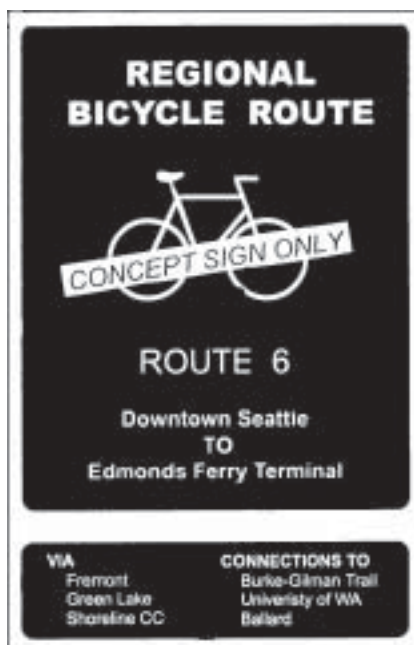
In March we mailed each of our members an appeal for funds. These contributions really do make a difference to us and are an important part of our Chapter's budget. When you make a donation to the Chapter, you support the Sierra Club's work in your own back yard. You allow us to continue our work to protect wilderness and wildlife, to improve the quality of life in our cities, and to promote the enjoyment of nature.

Bicycle Advocates Needed

by Dennis Neuzil, Cascade Bicycle Club

FOR THE FIRST TIME ever, local bicyclists are leading an effort to identify and promote the development of a comprehensive network of regional bike routes. The Regional Bike Routes Project is a proposed system of major bike routes which link the 84 cities of King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties and serve other important destinations and travel corridors.

The project's mission is to help increase bicycling mobility and usage and to increase bicycling's contribution to expanding transportation choices, mobility, efficiency and a sustainable environment for residents and visitors. The Cascade Bicycle Club is leading the effort in association with other area organizations, including the Tacoma Wheelmen, BIKES, Edmonds Bicycle Group and the Kent Bicycle Advisory Board.



The current draft of the system plan consists of 1,516 route-miles, of which 402 miles (27%) have a high-priority need for bike improvements. The regional routes project reinforces locally-developed bike route plans, and works toward ensuring that future road

projects enhance rather than adversely impact existing and potential bicycling access and mobility. Typical improvements include bike lanes, paved shoulders, wide curb lanes, multi-use paved trails, traffic control measures and spot improvements.

The project seeks to bring the system to an interim or better level of improvement by 2010, rather than over the 20 to 30 year/long-range implementation period typically used by cities, counties and WSDOT.

Volunteer advocates are needed to help finalize the plan and work with the area's cities, counties, transit operators, WSDOT, the Puget Sound Regional Council, port districts and other entities to adopt the project's recommendations.

For more information or to participate, contact project chair

Dennis Neuzil at 425/455-1419 or dennisneuzil@foxiinternet.com.

Reach the **Cascade Bicycle Club** at 206/522-3222 info@cascade.org or www.cascade.org.

The Energy Portfolio Standard: Update and Call for Action

by Andy Silber, Energy Committee Chair

Once again our electricity rates are expected to rise next year due to the low rain and snowfall during the autumn. During normal years our hydro system provides us with plentiful, affordable, and clean energy. But drought years seem to be becoming the rule rather than the exception. Even in good years, there is a struggle for water between electricity generation, farmers and fish.

The Energy Committee has been working on the Energy Portfolio Standard. This bill would require an increasing percentage of electricity used in this state to **come from non-hydro renewables like solar and wind**: 5% in 2010; 10% in 2015; and 15% in 2023. It also requires a consistent investment in energy-efficiency measures like compact fluorescents, more efficient commercial refrigerators, and low-income weatherization. A study by the Tellus Institute ([http://](http://www.nwenergy.org/outreach/Tellus_Report.html)

www.nwenergy.org/outreach/Tellus_Report.html) showed that the standards set in the bill can be met at a lower cost than building new natural gas fired plants.

The price hikes that came in 2000 and will be around for years to come are the results of drought, over reliance on our hydro system, and greed. Droughts will always be a threat, increasingly so with climate change. Getting rid of greed is, of course, beyond the scope of this committee! What we can do is reduce our reliance on the hydro system. The Energy Portfolio Standard will ensure that this is done in a way that creates jobs and tax revenue in Washington State, reduces the pressures on our hydro system leaving more water for fish and farmers, and reduces air pollution (including greenhouse gases). The current recession is in part due to the price spikes of 2000, and the Energy Portfolio Standard will lessen both the

economic and environmental impacts of future droughts.

At press time, the status of the bill is not known. The bill has been submitted to the House as HB 1544. The latest information will be at www.renewwashington.org. What you can do: call your representatives at (800) 562-6000 and tell them that this bill is important for Washington's future, both economically and environmentally. You don't even need to know what district you live in or who your representatives are – just tell the person answering the phone that the Energy Portfolio Standard (HB 1544) is important for the future of Washington State. It takes less than five minutes.

If you'd like to get more involved, the Energy Committee meets at the Chapter Office the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Sign up for our email list by contacting Andy Silber at andyds@att.net.



Charlie Raines, Director

LAND ACQUISITION FUNDS SLASHED

On February 13th, Congress finalized the FY03 budget (postponed from last September). With new leadership in the Senate and a new House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee chair, Charles Taylor (R- NC), funds for land acquisition were cut drastically. Funding for acquiring Plum Creek Timber Co. lands near Alpine Lakes is now set at \$4 million — less than what the House originally Ok'd last summer (\$4.5 million). In another loss for the Cascade forests, Forest Legacy funds, which acquire conservation easements to prevent development of forest lands, were eliminated for an important area near Lake Easton.

Last summer, the Forest Service borrowed money from other activities, including land acquisition, to pay for firefighting. Congress will now repay those accounts, but only at 2/3 of what was borrowed. Since funds for acquiring segments of the Pacific Crest Trail were borrowed, this means that some parcels near Stampede Pass may not be acquired this year.

Senator Patty Murray, and **Representatives Norm Dicks** and **Jennifer Dunn** worked hard to secure funds year. Please contact them and encourage their efforts to protect these lands.

BUSH ZEROES OUT CASCADES

In his FY04 budget, President Bush has proposed cutting land acquisition funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund by over 50%. The Forest Service would receive only \$28 million, compared to \$128 million last year. The Cascades get savaged again — zero for the Plum Creek lands near Alpine Lakes! Combined with the cuts in the '03 budget, that leaves the project \$8.5 million short. Purchase options on over 9,000 acres of land will run out at the end of the year, allowing Plum Creek to log them, or sell to developers, as they have done recently. River shores, ancient forests and trails are threatened.

What a response to the incredibly popular public-private effort known as the Cascades Conservation Partnership! Over 15,000 people have donated over \$14 million to acquire key wildlife and recreation lands in the central Cascades. Surely, this is worth real support (not just lip service) of Congress and the President.

It is critically important that additional funds are provided to acquire and protect these checkerboard lands this year. Contact the White House and your representative.

For more information:
www.cascadepartners.org

Mt. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

EXPANSION BILL REINTRODUCED

Rep. Jennifer Dunn has introduced a bill (HR 265) to add 800 acres of land to Mt. Rainier National Park along 3 miles of the Carbon River. The bill was co-sponsored by **Congressmen Norm Dicks, Doc Hastings, Adam Smith, Jim McDermott, Brian Baird and Rick Larsen**. The same bill passed the House last year, but Congress adjourned before the Senate could act. **Sen. Patty Murray** intends to introduce a companion bill in the senate.

Bounded roughly by the Carbon River on the north and the county road on the south, the expansion area includes good salmon habitat and riparian forest. It would also allow the Park Service to relocate a vehicle campground to a place downstream where access is not threatened by meandering of the river and frequent road washouts. Further repairs would be expensive, and rerouting would damage the river and adjacent old-growth forest. The existing campground at Ipsut Creek will remain, but as hike-in/bicycle-in only.

Two parcels of private land will need to be purchased, including the sites of the campground and overlook. The owners, Plum Creek and a local family, are willing sellers.

LAND ACQUISITION PROPOSALS

There are additional Plum Creek lands on the north side of the river that are also important, but were not included in the

park bill. These include parcels that border the national park and the Clearwater Wilderness. Rep. Dunn intends that these parcels should be acquired and protected by the Forest Service.

An extension of the Pierce County's Foothills Trail along old railroad grades up the Carbon River canyon has been proposed. This would allow walkers, bikers and equestrians to travel from Tacoma to the new campground in the national park.

RAGING CEDAR POWERLINE

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has proposed a new powerline through the Cedar River Watershed — which the City of Seattle recently protected from logging — and the upper Raging River valley. Due to public opposition, they have rewritten their EIS and now are looking at other alternatives, some of which would run through Maple valley, which would severely impact rural lands. BPA still wants to go through the watershed with their linear clearcut. Whichever route BPA chooses, they must fully mitigate for the impacts of the line.

Key Points:

- **Pursue conservation and other electrical system changes** before building a new powerline.
- **Mitigate any new or expanded corridor by acquiring and protecting nearby forestland** — Along **Raging River** near Highway 18 and **Section 25** (Plum Creek Timber Co.) near the Cedar River.
- **Raise height of lines & minimize width of corridor** over Raging & Cedar Rivers to protect riparian forests.
- **No new roads**; install towers with helicopters.

SEND YOUR COMMENTS NOW, TO:

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Sierra Club Celebrates Lewis and Clark Landscape

by Kathleen Casey,
regional representative

Now that 2003 is here, our country has officially entered the bicentennial commemoration period for Lewis and Clark's great adventures of discovery. The Sierra Club is, accordingly, kicking up our plans to protect the lands they explored and the wildlife they encountered.

In January, the Sierra Club was prominently featured at "Jefferson's West", the national launch of the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in Charlottesville, VA. We presented a 2.5 hour presentation titled, "What's Lost, What's Left: Protecting the Lands Explored by Lewis and Clark." Presenters included author and activist Rick Bass; Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope; Spokane volunteer John Osborne, MD; and Darrel Martin, Gros Ventre tribal leader.

Participation in this event is part of a larger campaign the Chapter has been involved in for several years. Using the story of the Lewis and Clark expedition and the natural wonders they described in their journals,

Chapter activists have helped raise the profile of the Wild Sky Wilderness, Columbia Gorge land acquisition, Checkerboard lands and the Dark Divide.

In Virginia, we were excited to debut our short film profiling some of the West's last great wildlands and the people who are working to protect them over the course of its five-year campaign. Award-winning actress Sissy Spacek narrates the 22-minute film, which features several Washington sites that the Cascade Chapter wants to restore and protect: the Dark Divide, Snake and Columbia Rivers and Columbia River Gorge. Speaking on behalf of our Chapter, Nick, Holly, Andrew and Katie Forrest poignantly describe the beauty of the Dark Divide and the threats that could change that area forever.

Over the next few months, Groups will have the opportunity to view the film and use it to educate the public about the campaign. If you are interested in scheduling a viewing, please contact Jim Young at 206/378-0114 x 304.

The Lewis and Clark Wildlands Campaign aims to permanently protect the millions of acres of wilderness-quality land in states explored by Lewis and Clark, preserve and restore key wildlife habitat, and protect threatened, endangered, and other critical species like salmon, wolves, bison and grizzly bears.

"We can look to Lewis and Clark not

simply to help us remember what once was, but to help us see the wild lands and wildlife that are still America. There is no better way to commemorate the Lewis and Clark bicentennial, or the explorer in each of us, than to protect and restore wild America," said Jennifer Ferenstein, Sierra Club President.

If you're interested in more information about the campaign, please visit www.sierraclub.org/lewisandclark. The site contains guidebooks and trip stories, photo galleries, detailed information about imperiled special places and wildlife, modern-day nature journals, quotes and news clips dating back to the expedition and the centennial, and opportunities for people to take action to protect lands and creatures Lewis and Clark encountered.

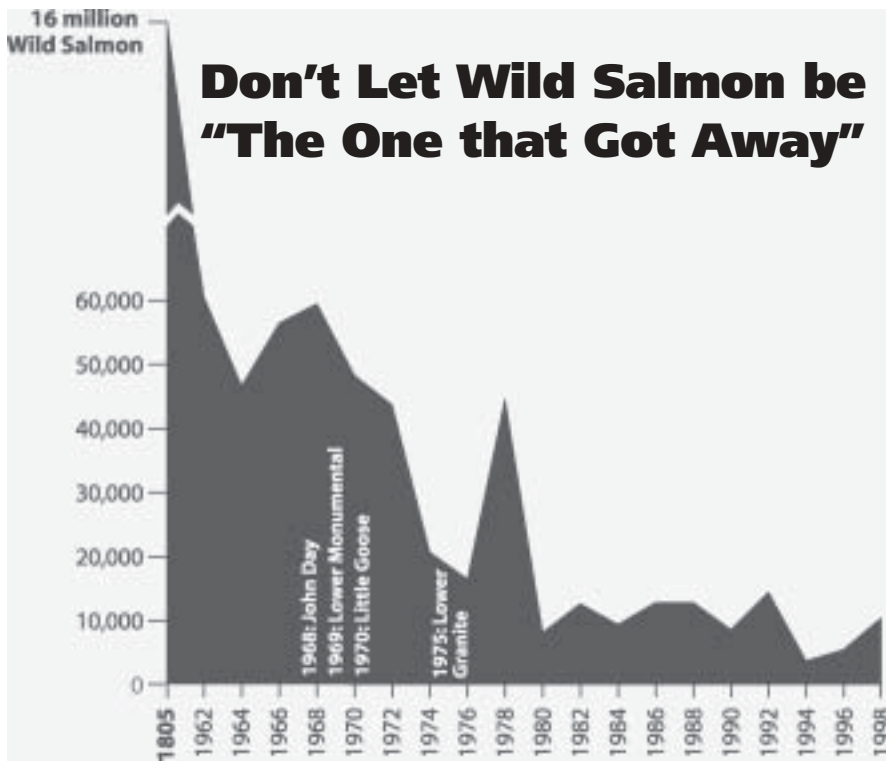


Members of the local fife and drum corps serenaded staff at the Sierra Club's Lewis and Clark campaign booth.



Sierra Club staff members attended the national launch event for the Lewis and Clark campaign, held on the lawn of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello home. Pictured are (l-r): Chase Davis (NW Assoc. Regional Rep), Mary Kiesau (Lewis and Clark Wildlands campaign coordinator), David Ellenberger (campaign media coordinator) and Katie Craig, (program coordinator).





WILD SALMON are icons of the Northwest, a key component of our economy, and an indicator of the health of our rivers and communities.

The wild salmon of the Snake and Columbia rivers were the first in the Northwest to be listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. To help these imperiled runs, federal agencies developed the Salmon Recovery Plan, which outlines all the activities necessary to bring back these species from the brink of extinction. However, the Bush Administration is failing miserably to fund and implement the plan, further hampering fish recovery.

We can have healthy salmon runs and effectively address impacts to local communities for salmon recovery efforts. Making sure we recover salmon in the Columbia Basin will not only recover salmon in these rivers, but help set the stage for effective salmon recovery efforts in Puget Sound and the coast. Our elected officials need to take a

leadership role in making sure that happens.

We need your help to ensure that wild salmon keep coming home to the Northwest.

In 2001, Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) introduced the Salmon Planning Act to assure the region can take timely action to protect our wild salmon from extinction. In the last session of Congress, 89 House members from across the country signed on in support. Please thank Congressman McDermott for his leadership in saving our salmon.

The Salmon Planning Act (SPA) will fund studies to determine the best ways to remove the four Lower Snake River dams. It will authorize dam removal if key federal agencies determine that it's necessary to save wild salmon. The SPA studies would determine how to best protect communities, maintain energy supplies, and improve the transportation infrastructure to move goods. It will also require an independent scientific review of the

Bush Administration's failing recovery efforts. These are crucial first steps towards saving wild salmon.

Call or write today and encourage your Representative to co-sponsor the Salmon Planning Act. (**See p. 15 for contact information**)

When you do, make these points:

— I care about wild salmon for their cultural, biological and economic contributions to our region. It's important that we protect and restore these remaining wild salmon runs in the Columbia and Snake River basins. The Snake River is particularly important, as it contains 70% of the wild salmon recovery potential for the entire Columbia Basin.

— The Bush Administration has failed to implement the Federal Salmon Recovery Plan and its budgets leave our wild salmon high and dry. The federal government only completed about 25% of salmon recovery measures called for in the Salmon Recovery Plan for the Columbia and Snake River salmon in 2001. Initial 2002 results are looking equally grim.

— Waiting too long will lead to extinction. SPA will prepare us to act quickly. This year, there is an official "check-in" to assess the federal program's recovery progress, or lack thereof. Scientists recognize dam removal as the best option for recovery and SPA will ensure that we are ready to help Northwest communities and salmon in a timely, responsible manner if removal of the four lower Snake River dams becomes necessary.

— Please co-sponsor the Salmon Planning Act TODAY. There isn't much time to save one of America's great treasures — our Northwest wild salmon.

For more information, contact Kathleen Casey at 206/378-0114 x 305 or kathleen.casey@sierraclub.org or log on to: www.sierraclub.org/wildlands/species/salmon/.



March

March 1, Saturday

Columbia River Shore Restoration — Get dirty with us, and do some wetland and Columbia River shore restoration work! 9 - 11 AM at the Water Resources Education Center. Bring boots or shoes that can get wet, gloves, a cup/mug and some drinking water. Some goodies provided by the City of Vancouver WREC. Contact Heye Horlings at 360/786-7872 or heye@streamgraph.com. (LW)

March 2, Sunday

Nordic Pass Cross Country Ski Trip — Get away from groomed tracks, crowds, and roads: ski scenic backcountry near Snoqualmie Pass through old growth forests, meadows, and abundant snow, all on a marked trail created by Sierra Club and the Mountaineers. Intermediate skiing ability and some backcountry experience required. 8 mi. roundtrip, 1300 ft. elev. gain. Contact Mark at 206/632-1550. (CH)

March 5, 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, the Wild Skykomish Wilderness bill, and the Cascade Checkerboard Project. All are welcome! NEW TIME AND LOCATION: 6:30 PM, Cascade Chapter Office, 180 Nickerson St., Suite 202, in Seattle (enter building on east side). Contact Mark at 206/632-1550. (CH)

March 6, Thursday

Loo Wit Group Executive Committee Meeting — All members are welcome. Contact Roger at 360/693-9131 or RogerSail@aol.com. (LW)

March 8, Saturday

Lanham Lake Snowshoe Play — A snowshoeing we will go again! Join the trek to Stevens Pass and enjoy snowshoeing to Lanham Lake. 8AM – 5PM. 4-5 mi. roundtrip, 1100 ft elev. gain. Contact Terese at 253/334-2157 or terrasolutions@hotmail.com. (CH)

March 10, Monday

Unlock Gridlock — A Public Forum about Regional Transportation Solutions. Presentation and a panel discussion with local and state leaders about Regional Transportation challenges and solutions. 6:30-8:30 PM, Mercer Island Library, 4400 88th Ave. S.E. Contact Angela Silva at 206/378-0114 ext 320 or angela.silva@sierraclub.org. (SE/SM)

March 10, Monday

Snohomish Group Executive Committee Meeting — All members welcome. Location TBD. Contact Diana at 425/349-5782 or dianalbp@aol.com. (SN)

March 11, Tuesday

National Forests and the Clearwater Wilderness Campaign — Charlie Raines will be our special guest speaker. Learn how we are working to save wilderness in Pierce County. 6:45 – 8:30 PM, Swan Creek Library & Literacy Center, 3828 Portland Avenue, Tacoma. Contact Terese at 253/334-2157 or terrasolutions@hotmail.com. (TA)

March 11, Tuesday

Sasquatch Group Executive Committee Meeting — Fishbowl Pub, Olympia, 515 Jefferson (Legion & Jefferson), 6 – 8 PM. Please join us! Contact Barry at 360/534-9273 or Peggy at 360/977-7165. (SQ)

March 12, Wednesday

Understanding Environmental Policy — Legislative Coordinator Craig Engelking will discuss the levels of government and how environmental protection is mandated and implemented. Open to the public. 6:30 PM, Roundtable Pizza, 5016 NE Thurston Way, Vancouver, WA. Contact Holly at 360/891-0929 or hollyberry@effectnet.com. (LW)

March 12, Wednesday

South King County Group — Free presentation: Port of Seattle's 37% tax increase. How will your money affect the environment? The Port has its fingers in many pies: fisherman's terminal, cruise ship terminals, the airport and more. Come learn about the impact its activities have had on the environment, past and present, and why it has us worried. 7 - 8:30 PM at the Kent Senior Center, 600 East Smith, Kent. For directions call 253/856-5150. Other questions contact Cathea at Advancedi@aol.com or 206-878-5805. (SK)

March 12, Wednesday

Loo Wit Group Sierra Club Roundtable Pizza Fundraiser – One Day Only! Vancouver Mall area location, 5016 NE Thurston Way. Percentage of sales of lunch, dinner or take out donated to Sierra Club. Contact Holly at hollyberry@effectnet.com or 360-891-0929. (LW)

March 15, Saturday

Cascade Chapter Executive Committee meeting. All members are welcome. Come meet our new Executive Committee members and learn about the Chapter's work programs for the coming year. Location in Everett TBD. Contact Tina Schulstad at tina_schulstad@email.msn.com or 206-363-4489. (CH)

March 15, Saturday (a non-Sierra Club event)

Chinook Bend Planting — Join other volunteers restoring Chinook Bend along the beautiful Snoqualmie River. Help plant native trees and shrubs to improve habitat at this former farm site. 10:00AM to 2:00PM near Carnation. Contact Greg Rabourn at the King County Department of Natural Resources at 206/296-1923 or greg.rabourn@metrokc.gov.

March 18, 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). We'll be working on improving the way we produce, distribute, and use energy. If you want to help, we'd love to have you. Contact Andy at 425/828-1421 or andyds@att.net. (CH)

March 19, Wednesday

Water Campaign Steering 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 over pizza about preserving our precious water resources. 5:00 PM at Zeek's Pizza, at 41 Dravus Street at Nickerson, near the Cascade Chapter office. Contact Alison at 206/778-5345 or alison.mielke@sierraclub.org. (CH)

March 22, Saturday

Do a Little "Spring Cleaning" — We'll join Friends of the Trail to clean up public lands in the area of Middle Fork near North Bend. Contact Angela at 206/378-0114 ext 320 or angela.silva@sierraclub.org. (CH)

March 22, Saturday

Black River Blue Heron Birding — Visit the largest Blue Heron colony in Puget Sound (135 nests last year) to view these magnificent birds and learn about threats to their habitat with the new Women in the Woods program. 2-3 mi. round trip, easy creek walk. Contact Terese at 253/334-2157 or terrasolutions@hotmail.com. (CH)

March 29, Saturday

Do a little "Spring Cleaning" — We'll join Friends of the Trail to clean up public lands in the area of Sultan Basin Road near Everett. Contact Angela at 206/378-0114 ext 320 or angela.silva@sierraclub.org. (CH)

March 31, Monday

A Wilderness-Forever Future — The Lessons of a Century of Wilderness Advocacy. Guest presenter Doug Scott will focus on Washington and Alaska. 7 PM, Bellingham Public Library, 210 Central Avenue. Contact Randy at 360/647-2807 or randy@mtbakergroup.org.

April

April 2, Wednesday

National Forests Committee Meeting — See March 5 description. (CH)

April 3, Thursday

Loo Wit Group Executive Committee Meeting — All members are welcome. Contact Holly at 360/891-0929 or hollyberry@effectnet.com. (LW)

April 8, Tuesday

Health and Environmental Impacts of Sprawl — Sprawl affects our health and communities in ways we may not even realize. Come share the evening with special guest Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg, 7-9 PM, Sprinkler Recreation Center, Cedar Room, 14824 So. "C" Street, Tacoma. Contact Angela at 253/831-2853 or angela.silva@sierraclub.org. (TA)

April 9, Wednesday

Earth Day Pot Luck — Come for an evening of socializing and camaraderie with like-minded folks in south King County and learn how you can make this earth a better place. Bring your ideas, appetite and a favorite sugary or salty treat to share! 7-8:30 PM at the Kent Senior Center, 600 East Smith, Kent. For directions call 253/856-5150. Other questions contact Catha at 206/878-5805 or sierraclubsouthking@yahoo.com. (SK)

April 12, Saturday & April 13, Sunday

Activist and Advocacy Training — Please join us for an invigorating weekend of activism. We'll discuss the basics of the Sierra Club, effective grassroots advocacy and get to know local Sierra Club volunteers and activists. Open to volunteers and activists at all skill levels. Cost is \$12 (meals are included). Overnight accommodations are available for an additional charge. Space is limited. 10AM - 6PM, Saturday and 9AM-3PM, Sunday, at Flaming Geyser Environmental Learning Center, Auburn. Contact Angela Silva at 206/378-0114 ext 320 or angela.silva@sierraclub.org. (TA)

April 12, Saturday

Spring Birds of Central Washington — Spend the day birding various locations in Central Washington. We'll encounter a variety of species, many of them recently returned from their wintering grounds. Our primary destination will be the Quilomene Wildlife Recreation Area near Vantage, where we will search for shrub steppe habitat species. No experience necessary. Leave Issaquah at 6 AM. Contact Mark at 253/639-3862. (CH)

April 12, Saturday

Rainforest Trail Maintenance — Diobsud Creek, North Cascades. Help with the annual upkeep of this delightful trail above wild river gorge. Easy work and hike, no experience required, tools supplied. Contact Mark at 206/632-1550 (Seattle) or Frank, 360/676-7332 (Bellingham). (CH/MB)

April 13, Sunday

Icy Creek Hike — Green River Gorge. Hike down Icy Creek to wondrous waterfalls; the coldest clean water feeding the middle Green River. Practice map & compass use. Meet at Flaming Geyser State Park, after the Chapter Training hosted by Tatoosh group. 1 PM – 3 PM, 3 mi. roundtrip, 400 ft. elev. loss/gain. Hands-on outings skill-share before the hike. Contact Terese at 253/334-2157 or terrasolutions@hotmail.com. (TA)

April 14, Monday

Snohomish Group Executive Committee Meeting — All members welcome. Location TBD. Contact Diana at 425/349-5782 or dianalbp@aol.com. (SN)

April 15, Tuesday

Energy Committee Meeting — See March 18 for description. (CH)

April 16, Wednesday

Water Campaign Steering Committee Meeting — See March 19 for description. (CH)

April 17, Thursday

Hewlett Packard's 2003 Earth Day Celebration — Vancouver. Volunteer to table at this fun daytime event. Employees are a friendly, receptive bunch who are eager to learn about our issues. Contact Holly at hollyberry@effectnet.com or 360-891-0929. (LW)

April 19, Saturday

Foulweather Bluff II — The tides are right on this day to view some of the best sand dollar beds on Hood Canal near Hansville. We'll meander through lowland forest, bogs, and extensive tideflats and see an amazing variety of birds and native plants. 4 mi. roundtrip. Contact Terese at 253/334-2157 or terrasolutions@hotmail.com. (TA)

April 26, Saturday

Lowland Forest Trail Maintenance — Baker Lake Trail. Wildflowers should be blooming in ancient forest. Views of Mt. Baker, access to lakeshore. Easy work and hike, no experience needed, tools supplied. Contact Mark at 206/632-1550 (Seattle) or Frank at 360/676-7332 (Bellingham). (CH/MB)

Late April

Public Outreach on the Dark Divide — around Earth Week. Volunteer to help with a variety of fun activities! This may include tabling at the Home and Garden Idea Fair at the Clark County Fairgrounds April 25-27th. Contact Shannon Harps, EPEC (Environmental Public Education Campaign) at 206/378-0114, shannon.harps@sierraclub.org or volunteer leader Linda Wolfe in Vancouver at 360/546-2015. (LW)

MAY

May 1, Thursday (tentative)

Documentary Presentation — Slideshow and audio program. Award-winning producer Barbara Bernstein will share excerpts of her work from Rivers That Were, a two-part radio documentary exploring the long-term consequences of over a century of redesigning nature to suit commercial and industrial needs. The programs juxtapose the voices and viewpoints of Native Americans, barge operators, water engineers, environmentalists, policy makers and others who live and work in the watersheds of mythic Western rivers. The program will be held at Vancouver's Water Resources Education Center. Contact Holly at 360/891-0929 or hollyberry@effectnet.com. (LW)

Date TBA

Author Event and Outing — Sierra Club Books is releasing "Adventuring Along the Lewis and Clark Trail" by Elizabeth Grossman in April 2003. The Dark Divide region of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest is included. There will be a special author event and outing to introduce the book in Southwest Washington. Contact Mary Kiesau at 206/378-0114 or mary.kiesau@sierraclub.org. (LW)

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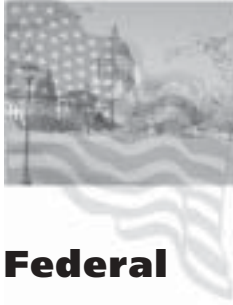
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Lewis & Clark Exhibit at Pacific Science Center

AMERICAN RIVERS' museum-quality environmental education exhibit titled "Discovering the Rivers of Lewis and Clark", will be displayed at Seattle's Pacific Science Center from February 28 to May 11.

This unique exhibit tells the story of Lewis & Clark's legendary river trip, and the wildlife and landscapes they encountered and described. The exhibit retraces the river route of the Corps of Discovery, and documents the river environment and wildlife that existed in 1803-1805. The exhibit also explains how the four major rivers traveled by Lewis and Clark –the Missouri, Snake, Columbia and Yellowstone –have been altered by human activity, and have consequently impacted wildlife habitat.

The exhibit has been touring the country since May 2001, and has stopped at Missouri River communities such as Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and Bismarck. The exhibit will continue touring the Pacific Northwest through early 2005.

Descriptive text and more than 230 images and graphics are included on 55 large panels. Three listening stations, two touch-screen computers, and a mini-theatre donated by the History Channel are also part of the exhibit.

American Rivers is a national river conservation organization with its main office in Washington, DC. Field offices are located around the country, with a major regional office located in Seattle. For additional information, visit www.americanrivers.org, or call 206/213-0330.

Activist and Advocacy Training

Sierra Club Cascade Chapter Activist and Advocacy Training will take place Saturday, April 12 (10am-6pm) and Sunday, April 13 (9am-3pm) at Flaming Geyser Environmental Learning Center near Auburn. Please join us for a rejuvenating and invigorating weekend of activism.

Agenda Highlights include:

- Sierra Club 101
- Environmental "Lay of the Land" Discussion
- Funds and Volunteers: How get more of both
- Intro to Outings
- And Much More!

This event is open to volunteers and activists at all skill levels. Cost is \$12 (meals are included). Overnight accommodations are available for an additional charge. Space is limited.

For more information contact Angela Silva at 206/378-0114 ext. 320 or angela.silva@sierraclub.org.

Sierra Club Activist and Advocacy Training Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

CHECK WHICH DAY WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND:

- Saturday April 12 Workshop (10am-6pm) Sun April 13 Workshop (9am-noon) Outings 1-3pm

CHECK TOPICS YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED IN:

- Sierra Club 101 Funds and Volunteers: How get more of both
 Environmental "Lay of the Land" Intro to Outings
 Other

Overnight Accommodations: Yes No

**Save your spot! Please send this form and a check for \$12.00 to
Sierra Club Training, c/o Cascade Chapter, 180 Nickerson St #202, Seattle, WA 98109**