



## Election Endorsements

by Craig Engelking, Chapter lobbyist

With so many important races taking place next year (President, Governor, U.S Senator, etc.), it would be easy to overlook this year's elections. But that would be missing an excellent opportunity to improve the environment in our own neighborhoods.

This year, voters around the state will elect city and county council members, county executives, and mayors. These folks will make important decisions directly affecting our environment and quality of life. While they may not vote on important national issues like designating the Wild Sky a Wilderness area or saving the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling, there's a lot they will do.

Local officials make decisions that affect our neighborhoods; whether we have sprawling subdivisions or woods, farms and creeks; stripmalls or parks; sidewalks and bike lanes or more traffic.

Effective local officials can also do more. They can take our values and turn them into policies at home that eventually serve as models for other communities across the country to follow.



Heidi Wills

For example, in her first term, Heidi Wills has been an environmental leader on the Seattle City Council. When the Bush administration broke its promise and refused to sign the Kyoto Treaty, Heidi stepped up and got Seattle to commit to meeting the Treaty greenhouse gas reduction targets, proving it's doable. She also got local utilities to purchase more clean energy from wind farms in Eastern Washington, among other things. This program reduces pollution, cuts greenhouse gas emissions, and creates new jobs in clean energy.

Now, other cities around the country are taking similar action. Through Heidi's leadership, Seattle voters amplified their voices and those voices resonate. What started as a priority for Seattle voters turned into new policies around the country. Effective local leaders have that kind of impact.

In this issue of the Crest, you'll find Sierra Club endorsements for quite a few races. You'll also notice that there are many races where we didn't endorse. It's not because we didn't want to or because there weren't any candidates worthy of a Sierra Club endorsement; it's because we didn't have enough volunteers to do more.

The endorsement process can be quite involved. Protecting the environment has become very popular in recent years, so most candidates will say they care about the environment. But figuring out who means it and who's just saying it can be difficult. To sort

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## Act Now to Stop Fire Bill

by Jim Young, Regional Representative

Just a year ago, President Bush visited Oregon to tour the aftermath of the Biscuit forest fire and unveil his so-called "Healthy Forests Initiative." This August the President again traveled to the Northwest— this time mixing 2004 reelection fundraising with speeches stumping for action on his legislative priorities when Congress returns this fall. At the top of Bush's Northwest agenda was rallying public support for the Healthy Forests Initiative.

The Bush Administration's fire policy initiative has evolved into a bill—now on the brink of a showdown debate and vote in the Senate. By September, fire policy may well be the focus of Senate floor debate and action. Before recess, the Senate Agriculture Committee passed an amended version of H.R. 1904—the House-passed bill championed by the Administration and the timber industry which includes the core elements of the Healthy Forests Initiative. This bill will be at the center of Senate debate and action after the August break.

Sierra Club strongly opposes H.R. 1904. H.R.1904 benefits only the logging industry by weakening environmental safeguards, reducing public participation in forest management decisions, and severely limiting citizens' abilities to appeal and/or legally challenge unwise "fire" projects. Sierra Club believes that protecting communities first should be the top priority of any federal forest fire policy. Given the agency's limited resources, the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars is to invest in community protection zone projects for vulnerable homes and residents.

Why does the Bush Administration insist on diverting limited resources to logging in remote backcountry areas instead of focusing on protecting communities?

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## Message from the Chair

Greetings!

One issue that has come to the forefront recently which affects the entire state is the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. We have taken two actions with regard to this issue. First, the Sierra Club joined several other groups in a lawsuit to block the shipment of highly radioactive plutonium waste from other nuclear weapons plants to Hanford. Second, we have endorsed Initiative 297, to protect Washington from becoming a national nuclear waste dump. In this issue you will find an article with more details and a link to a website where you can get I-297 petitions and volunteer in this campaign. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to get involved in this important issue.

Of course, we have several other issues and campaigns we are involved in, which you can read about in this newsletter, as well as our endorsements for several key upcoming elections. They all have activists involved, and they all could use more. This is what the Sierra Club is all about, grassroots activists working on specific issues. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who are already involved, and encourage more of you to become active, in the Hanford campaign or any other one that interests you. Even a few hours a month can make a big difference.

*Tina Schulstad*  
Chapter Chair

### *STOP FIRE BILL continued from page 1*

The answer is that "fuels reduction" backcountry logging will benefit the timber industry's bottom line and political allies at the expense of rural communities most at risk of fire. Common sense says that we do the most important fire reduction work first - establishing defensible community protection zones. The Forest Service and other private, state and tribal landowners already have the skills and knowledge to protect communities. What is lacking is federal funding and Congressional policy direction to provide the required resources and mandate needed to elevate creation of community protection zones to priority number #1 for federal fire managers.

H.R. 1904 is bad for communities, taxpayers and forests. The Senate should reject this industry-driven political "payback" to the timber industry and instead embrace a community-focused fire fighting policy that safeguards people and homes most at risk without gutting essential forest protection standards and eroding meaningful opportunities for public input and citizen participation.

**Please call Washington Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and urge them to oppose H.R. 1904 (contact info on p. 15).**

Here are three specific points you can make:

- Prioritize protecting people and communities by spending at least 70% of the

fuels reduction budget on high-priority projects within a half-mile of communities at risk—the Community Protection Zones.

- Oppose any efforts to weaken and undermine our forest protection laws, and assure that the public can hold our government agencies accountable.

- Protect America's remaining wildlands from road building and logging that will not help prevent fires, but will destroy critical fish and wildlife habitat and public recreational opportunities.

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# Transportation Bill Presents Environmental Challenges

by Eric Olson and Neha Bhatt, Sierra Club Challenge to Sprawl Campaign

Congress will soon pass a mammoth transportation bill which could either move transportation priorities toward smart growth, or take us backward toward a narrow focus on road-building and promotion of sprawl.

TEA-3, as the federal bill is now termed, will guide spending of \$250 - \$375 billion over the next 6 years. The last transportation bill (1998) was \$217 billion. Because the funding authorization runs out September 30, Congressional committees now are scrambling to draft a new bill. However, some in Congress want to use TEA-3 to undo many gains made during the last decade. Because the wrong transportation choices can result in dangerous impacts on air and water quality, public health, our natural and historical heritage and quality of life for the next six years, it is critical to make our priorities known to Congress in the next few weeks. September is a critical month to speak up on this legislation. The next opportunity to influence federal transportation priorities will be in 2009.

## Top priorities for TEA-3:

No "gutting" of the environmental and public review processes offering protections for communities, parks, wetlands, wildlife

## Sprawl Event

Sprawl patterns of development as well as our environmental and transportation choices can result in dangerous impacts on air and water quality, public health, our natural heritage and our quality of life. Please join us for a discussion about Sprawl and Open Space and Federal Transportation planning.

**Wednesday, October 1, 6:30-8:30pm**  
**Bellingham Public Library, Main Branch,**  
**210 Central Ave.**

Local activist and author of the October 2002 report Taking the High Road: Protecting Open Space Along America's Highways, Preston Schiller will be our special guest.

For more information contact Angela Silva at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org) or Stan Parker at 360/738-0770.

refuges, and more. The Bush administration and some Congressional leaders have drafted proposals that would gut the environmental review provisions outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and remove such protections on environmentally sensitive areas.

§ NEPA is a landmark environmental law, passed with bipartisan support 30 years ago and signed by President Nixon. Now, President Bush and some members of Congress would create unrealistic deadlines on conducting environmental reviews of transportation projects; severely limit timeframes for citizens to challenge bad aspects in court; and transfer more power over environmental reviews to state and local transportation departments.

§ The Bush Administration would also transfer the power to evaluate transportation project impacts on historic sites, parklands and recreation areas from resource managers - whose focus is on environmental preservation - to the U.S. Department of Transportation. This move would drastically weaken protection of sites from irreversible impacts.

**Don't weaken clean air protections.** As asthma rates and respiratory ailments rise around the country, and the health threats of bad air grow annually, we cannot allow deterioration of our clean air protections.

§ Some in Congress would require that air pollution consequences of new roads be projected for only 10 years—half of the 20-year projections now required. Cutting back these projections would ignore important data and will only lead to dirtier air in the long run.

§ Other attacks on clean air include lengthening time between air quality check-ups from 3 years to 5 years. It is important to balance the air pollution budget frequently enough to catch problems before they become serious. We must resist attempts to lengthen intervals between air quality check-ups.

**Protect and Grow the Transit Program.** To build upon the gains in mass transit over the last decade and promote alternatives to sprawl, we must insist on the following:

§ Oppose a proposal by Senators Max Baucus (D-MT) and Charles Grassley (R-IA), which would raid the transit fund in order to bolster the highway fund. The Baucus-Grassley proposal would make states and localities refund the lost money via a risky bonding mechanism, putting transit further out of reach for our communities.

§ Maintain a level playing field between transit and highway programs. Currently, states and localities must pay for 20 percent of new transit and highway projects, while the federal government pays 80 percent. With high competition for transit projects, communities often pay a higher percentage to obtain a project. The Bush Administration wants to require states to pay 50% for new transit, setting a prohibitive threshold for poorer communities needing it the most. But at the same time, the Bush proposal maintains the 80-20 federal-state split for road projects. Effectively, communities would be encouraged to build roads, not transit. This policy change would create more sprawl and greater air pollution.

§ To meet increasing demand for transit, Congress should grow the transit program. The current 4:1 highway/transit funding ratio should be changed to 3:1—that is, for every \$3 spent on highways, transit would receive \$1.

Please ask your Senators and Representative to prioritize public transit, public health, and the environment, and to not weaken public involvement in transportation planning or environmental review processes.

For more information about TEA-3, please visit: [www.sierraclub.org/sprawl](http://www.sierraclub.org/sprawl)

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# Reports from Around the State

## Tatoosh Group Report

### Parks Project:

The Tatoosh group had a successful volunteer appreciation picnic on June 10th at Point Defiance Park. New members were enthusiastic about getting involved in local environmental community activities. We discussed some possibilities of working with the Metro Parks District (MPD) on environmental restoration and maintenance of the natural areas of the parks, like removal of invasive species, trail maintenance, promoting native vegetation, litter removal, etc. Group members met with MPD Volunteer Projects Supervisor on August 27 to discuss specific work project outings and set up times and dates.

### Pierce County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Proposal

Five hearings on the proposed were held in July by the Planning and Environment Committee, a subcommittee of the Pierce County Council. The new chapter on Forest Practices and Tree Conservation was well received by the Committee. Supportive oral and written testimony was provided by concerned citizens and Pierce County Smart Growth Roundtable members, to which Sierra Club (represented by Bliss Moore) belongs. The builder/developer representatives and some private property owners were against increasing wetland buffer widths and shoreline setback rules, which would assure compliance with the State Growth Management Act and the federal Endangered Species Act. The big hearing on the overall CAO was held the evening of July 31 at Bethel High School, with more than 100 attendees. Concerned local citizens provided most of the testimony. The Smart Growth Coalition brought numerous pots of native shrubs and trees, which many testifiers brought to podium. Of the some 50 plus citizens testifying over 90% supported the CAO with some modifications to increase wetland buffer widths; a huge success. The Planning and Environment Committee will review all the testimony and likely ask county staff to prepare further options to consider for modifying the code. Further hearings will be planned for September. The Committee must then make a final recommendation to the County Council. We hope the Council will make a final decision by October.

### Hylebos Outing

On July 12 Terese VanAssche led an interesting outing in Hylebos State Park and on Hylebos Creek. It is truly remarkable what Friends of Hylebos and others have done over the last several years to restore this nearly forgotten, partially covered over, urban creek. The creek is now a spawning ground for three different salmon species, one of which is Chinook. A tentative outing is planned to see the salmon runs commencing again this fall.

### Rhodes Lake Corridor Study

Terese VanAssche attended the Rhodes Lake public open house in May at the McMillin Grange, with about 200+ other residents of the area. Local citizens are very concerned about the impacts of two planned communities: Cascadia (6200 homes) and Falling Waters (980 homes) near Orting and McMillin. Community forum meetings will wrap up in September with future public hearings on the Draft EIS. This is another example of how sprawl is ruining the landscape of rural Pierce County.

### Carbon River Valley Project

There will be a Foothills Trails fundraiser in October to fund construction of a footbridge over South Prairie Creek near Wilkeson, and to help purchase the Marsh property (Huckle-Chuck). There will also be a hike to Surprise Lake on Sept. 20th to do a botany survey with Washington Native Plant Society.

### Upcoming Events:

The Tatoosh Group has a very busy schedule this fall. Group volunteers have been active in endorsements for the Tacoma City Council and have endorsed Ken Miller for position 7 in this race. Please read more about Ken's endorsement in this issue of the Crest and don't forget to vote in the primary election on September 17. September 8, we'll host an Urban Neighborhoods and Low Impact Development presentation with special guest Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg. In October, please join us for our Eco-Friendly Farm Outing (October 5) and our very first Oktoberfest Fundraiser on October 14. As always the Tatoosh Group is only as strong as its volunteers. If you would like to get more involved or are even

just a little curious about us, please contact Bliss Moore at blissmoore@aol.com or 360/752-6472.

## Energy Committee Update

*by Andy Silber, Chair*

The Energy Committee recently joined with others to comment on Puget Sound Energy's long term plan. We applauded their goal of 10% renewables in 10 years, chided them for considering more coal fired power plants and insisted that their plan include energy conservation measures. The speakers at the public hearing in front of the Utilities and Transportation Commission spoke with one voice that now is the time to transform our electricity system and the sooner we start the cheaper and easier it will be. The commissioners were interested in our disagreement with PSE on their definition of renewable energy: they include burning municipal waste and qualified hydro. It wasn't too hard to explain why burning garbage shouldn't be considered renewable, but they thought that hydro was fine. We explained that a clean system that isn't robust in drought years isn't clean, since waivers have been and will be issued during energy emergencies like 2000/2001. We agreed that a new term is needed to refer to clean, renewable, diversifying energy sources like wind, solar and wave.

We are also continuing our work on the Energy Portfolio Standard that will be re-submitted to the State Legislature next session. We're meeting with Representatives and other groups to gather support for the bill. And of course, the committee is still following the issues in front of the Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Council. The CO2 mitigation proposal will probably be public by the time you read this. We're also keeping our eye on the wind farm proposals for Kittitas County.

If you'd like to get involved with the Energy Committee, contact Andy Silber at andyds@att.net.

# South King County Group Endorsements



**Phil Emerson**  
City of Burien  
Council Pos. No. 2

Phil has worked tirelessly for many years to save area wetlands, Miller and Walker Creeks, and the drinking water aquifer under Sea-Tac Airport. Having grown up in the area, he has witnessed the loss of green spaces and is determined to protect Burien's environment for future generations. We are quite

familiar with Phil's environmental activism and are very excited that he is finally running for a seat on the Burien City Council.



**Robert F. Sheckler**  
Council Pos. No. 6

As Chair of the Airport Communities Coalition (ACC), Robert has been an extraordinary force in the fight to protect the environment of surrounding communities. This has been a long fight and he has not wavered in his responsibilities. We need him in office and we need to support his good work.



**Rose Clark**  
Council Pos. No. 4

As a four year incumbent to the Burien City Council, Rose has fought valiantly to protect Miller and Walker Creeks. She has been the vice-chair of the Airport Communities Coalition (ACC) for the past 2 years, and agrees

with the Sierra Club on 3rd runway issues. Please keep Rose in office so she can continue her good work!



**Christopher Wythe**  
City of SeaTac  
Council Pos. No. 2

Chris is a fellow Sierra Club member who wants to work from within to make SeaTac more environmentally responsible. He rallied local support to protect 55 acres of North SeaTac park from being handed over to the Port of Seattle for development. This was a monumental effort, and in the

end, the current Council voted against the community's wishes. Chris will be a welcome addition to the SeaTac Council. He's proven himself a champion for his community and environment.



**Dan Sherman**  
City of Des Moines  
Council Pos. No. 2

We are always proud to be able to endorse a fellow Sierra Club member. Dan has a proven track record on the City Council of Des Moines, where local issues include opposition to airport expansion and its disastrous effects on streams and aquifers. He has made environmental preservation one of his top

priorities and as a true environmentalist who won't change his position, we can count on Dan to protect Des Moines Creek.



**Jack S. Block Jr.**  
City of Burien  
Council Position 6

Jack has vowed to keep Burien in the Airport Communities Coalition (ACC). He's even committed to continuing Burien's financial support of the ACC. Jack is also much better than his opponents on a whole range of environmental issues. As chair of the Burien Parks Dept. Jack has a record of promoting parks and green spaces.

**Scott Thomasson**  
Council Pos. No. 4

Scott has a proven track record on the Des Moines City Council. His voting record is consistently in line with Sierra Club priorities. He strongly opposed the conveyor belt on Des Moines Creek and has been involved in restoration efforts. He is highly principled and will continue to fight for us.

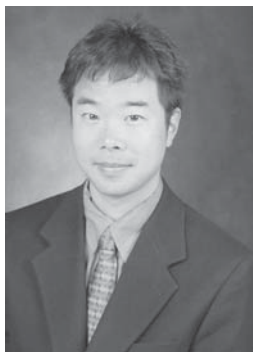
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# Seattle Group Endorsements



**Kollin Min**  
**Seattle City Council Position 1**

Kollin Min has spent his professional career working to protect the environment in Washington State and he's ready to take this experience to Seattle's City Council. As Campaign Director for the Cascades Conservation Partnership, Kollin led a statewide campaign that protected over 30,000 acres of forestland in the Central Cascades. Working closely

with the Sierra Club's Charlie Raines, Kollin provided the management and leadership necessary to oversee such an ambitious undertaking.

Kollin also has years of experience working on environmental issues at the Washington State Legislature. As a senior aide to House Speaker Frank Chopp, he worked with Representative Hans Dunshee to help the environmental community defeat a number of proposed anti-environmental bills, including proposals to weaken the Shoreline Management Act.

Kollin is a land use attorney and also has a Masters' Degree in Environmental Management and Policy from Lund University in Sweden. He will bring to the City Council a firm grasp of the scientific issues underlying environmental policy, as well as an understanding for the progressive way that Scandinavian countries protect our most precious natural resources – clean air, clean water, and open space.

In addition to the Sierra Club, Kollin has been endorsed by Washington Conservation Voters, Denis Hayes, Charlie Raines, Representative Hans Dunshee, Maryanne Tagney Jones, and other environmental leaders throughout Washington.



**Peter Steinbrueck**  
**Seattle City Council**  
**Position 3**

Peter Steinbrueck's long tradition of activism and historic preservation is manifested in his passion for preserving our environment. Since he began on the Seattle City Council in 1997, Peter has worked tirelessly to protect our precious natural resources and promote environmentally sound growth throughout the Seattle. He has successfully reduced the use of toxic chemicals called PBTs in

Seattle's parks, encouraged the use of sustainable building practices, and supported the creation of the city's Office of Sustainability and Environment. Under his leadership, Seattle's new City Hall earned a silver rating in the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) standard for its energy-efficient design.

Peter's commitment to the environment has had a regional impact as well. As a proponent of transportation choices such as bicycling and transit, Peter is encouraging Seattle-area residents to get out of their cars and keep our air clean. Peter also led the charge to end commercial logging in the Cedar River Watershed, the 90,546-

acre preserve that is the source of drinking water to 1.3 million greater Seattle-area residents. Peter is currently the Seattle City Council President and is seeking re-election to his third term on the Council.



**Tom Rasmussen**  
**Seattle City Council**  
**Position 5**

The Sierra Club's Political Committee was impressed with Tom Rasmussen, who is seeking a seat on the Seattle City Council. While this is his first run at the council, he is no stranger to getting things done in this city. As a former staff member, Tom successfully organized the support to save Seattle's greenbelts and open spaces and to acquire historic Kubota

Gardens. As a community leader, Tom led the acquisition of property resulting in the development of one of the largest new parks on Queen Anne—Trolley Park. Tom made a real impression with his commitment on a host of critical environmental issues such transportation, land use, urban creeks, salmon restoration, protection of the Cedar River Watershed, and energy conservation.

Seattle often leads the region, and the country, on environmental issues. That's because Seattle voters choose leaders willing to listen, learn, and ultimately support solutions to environmental threats, instead of avoiding these difficult issues. In Tom Rasmussen, voters have the opportunity to elect a City Council member in that tradition.



**Heidi Wills**  
**Seattle City Council**  
**Position 7**

Heidi Wills is our environmental champion on the Seattle City Council. Heidi has advanced the most progressive environmental agenda this city has ever seen from a first-term council member. She has worked to bring affordable wind power to Seattle, and created the voluntary 'green power' program in Seattle

schools. She has championed transportation choices, requiring 50%, and eventually all new cars purchased for the City fleet be hybrid or alternative-fueled vehicles. She also supports FlexCar's car sharing program, more bus passes, bicycle lanes and sidewalks. Wills has worked to reduce pesticide use in city parks by 30%. So far, six parks are "pesticide free". In addition, Wills has led efforts to strengthen Seattle's Energy Code—all new commercial buildings will be 20% more energy efficient than national standards. Wills has also committed the City to meet the Kyoto Treaty greenhouse gas reduction targets, countering the federal government's lack of leadership by demonstrating that cities like Seattle can do it. Heidi is a strong leader for conservation and recycling. She continually works with the Sierra Club to protect the Cedar River Watershed. We need more leaders like Heidi Wills—our champion on the City Council.

# Seattle Group



**Cynthia Sullivan**  
Metropolitan King County Council

Cynthia Sullivan, who currently chairs the County Council, has emerged as one of the most dependable leaders for environmental preservation in the state. As a young urban planner, she successfully ran for the County Council in 1983 on a strong anti-sprawl message, defeating a Republican incumbent. During the terms that followed, she helped push through the state's

critical Growth Management Act, and wrote the first and second Comprehensive Plans for King County in the early 1990s. As a Councilperson who truly "gets" growth management, Cynthia works to concentrate growth in pedestrian-friendly and transit-oriented urban centers, protecting rural King County farms and forests from sprawl.

Cynthia's other priority is building light rail, a project that her opponent rejects. Light rail, carrying tens of thousands of people every day, will be the spine of a transit system that is long overdue in King County. As light rail is built, King County will continue to grow the Metro Transit bus system with the latest generation of low-emission buses. When light rail begins service, Cynthia envisions a hub and spoke network of clean buses serving each light rail station. The end result will be a comprehensive, clean and efficient transit system that encourages people to forego their cars.

Cynthia Sullivan's reelection is one of the Sierra Club's top priorities this year. Please consider contacting her campaign at 206/522-8830 to volunteer a few hours of your time.

**Christopher Cain**  
Seattle Port Commissioner  
Position 5



We have endorsed Chris Cain for the Primary. He is a grass roots candidate with proven environmental values. He opposes building a third runway at SeaTac. He supports an active and honest role for the Port in clean-up of the lower Duwamish. He advocates openness

in Port decision-making. A relatively unknown candidate, Chris ran for Port commissioner in 2001 against an entrenched incumbent who had raised over \$100,000. On a budget of only \$11,000 (and with the Sierra Club endorsement) Chris was still able to get 43.64% of the vote. In the two years since that election, Chris has continued to be an activist in all areas of Port business. In particular, he's advocated tighter control of the cruise ship industry to contain illegal sewage dumping. He publishes a newspaper, the Port Observer, which shines a light on the Port commissioners' insular processes and holds them accountable. Chris has the energy and values needed to shake up the insider culture at the Port.

# Loo Wit Group Endorsement



**Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard**

The Loo Wit Group of Sierra Club loves their Mayor Royce Pollard and are very excited to be able to endorse him again.

Mayor Pollard has changed the direction of Vancouver, Wash. He was first elected in 1995 and since then Vancouver has seen the addition of 22 new parks, and the creation of a vibrant downtown that is allowing people to live, shop and play in our city without having to drive to Portland.

Most of us remember the day Mayor Pollard rode his bike through Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver and vowed to make it part of his plan for our city, a place where people could live, work and play in a secure and clean environment, year round, with the choice of buses, bikes, walking and working in close proximity. Now the park is alive with people – the tree lighting ceremony last December drew over a thousand people, compared with a previous average of 100. Thousands attend the annual farmer's market at Esther Short Park throughout the summer.

This has been an unusual off year election for Vancouver. There are many candidates and there have been many last minute filers for the different offices that has made it difficult to interview all of them and announce endorsements early. It is very heartening to see so many people getting involved in their community.

Check the Loo Wit website for our other endorsements as they come online. <http://cascade.sierraclub.org/loowit/>

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# Snohomish Group Endorsements

The proven willingness and ability of these two candidates to negotiate on behalf of the environment led to the rare step of a dual endorsement by the Sierra Club for the office of Snohomish County Executive. We agree with and appreciate the pro-environment work and vision of both of these candidates. We believe both candidates have the leadership, political, business and government experience to well qualify them for the office of Snohomish County Executive. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Phillips, Chair, Snohomish Group at [DianaLBP@aol.com](mailto:DianaLBP@aol.com) or 425/349-5782.



## Aaron Reardon

As County Executive, I will develop a balanced plan for the future that allows our citizens to live and work in the same community. We can have quality parks, open space, clean streams and a sound economy.— Aaron Reardon

Aaron is a current State Senator, former City of Everett Director of the Department of Neighborhoods, former Economic Development Specialist for the Downtown Seattle Association.

Reardon wrote and sponsored a clean water bill under which the government must notify the public when surface water streams exceed state standards for contaminants such as e-coli and fecal coliform. He fought and defeated a plan by the Department of Natural Resources to dump toxic sludge on Smith Island and turn the Weyerhaeuser property in a MUDS facility.

If elected, Aaron will work to preserve existing agricultural lands by taking them off the table for potential development, manage urban growth areas as we attempt to balance the requirements of growth management and environmental quality, and protect surface water streams in urban areas impacted by density and toxins. For info e-mail [aaron@aaronreardon.com](mailto:aaron@aaronreardon.com) or visit [www.aaronreardon.com](http://www.aaronreardon.com).



## Kevin Quigley

We must have the courage and vision to avoid sprawl, protect our farmland and provide parks where our families can play.— Kevin Quigley

Kevin Quigley is the current President of Everett Shipyard, former State Senator, Co-President Gear.com, and Executive Director of Business Development - Teledesic. As a State Senator,

he passed the first funding for Robe Gorge Park. Today it is one of Snohomish County's largest parks.

As President of Everett Shipyard, has worked diligently to increase environmentally sound work practices and environmental safety. Quigley, as a private citizen, chaired a committee to establish a Park Service District, in the greater-Lake Stevens area to acquire parks and open space.

Quigley believes we must allow the public to be part of the process of determining the County's buildable lands, and not allow a policy of sprawl. He'll work to preserve our agricultural lands for future generations. For info, e-mail [kwquigley@seanet.com](mailto:kwquigley@seanet.com).



## Snohomish County Council

### D.J. Wilson

#### Position 3

No one will work harder for you! — D.J. Wilson

The Sierra Club believes that Wilson is the best candidate for the Snohomish County Council. His involvement in the Washington Tea Party (a citizen group formed over concerns about the Brightwater project.) and the Washington Conservation Voters demonstrates his environmental commitment. D.J. is an instructor at Edmonds Community College. D.J. believes we need to further involve the community in governmental processes, require a full environmental review of large-scale projects and preserve open public space. For info

E-mail [djwilson@djwilson.com](mailto:djwilson@djwilson.com) or visit [www.djwilson.com](http://www.djwilson.com).

# Tatoosh Group Endorsement

## Ken Miller

### Tacoma City Council

#### Position 7—At Large

Ken Miller came to Tacoma in the 1970s as a VISTA volunteer to do welfare to work organizing. He fell in love with the City – decided to make Tacoma his home and raised his two children here.

Once elected, Ken's priorities focus on making our City more livable. His three concrete goals are to reduce serious crime by  $\Omega$ , bring 1000, environmentally friendly manufacturing jobs to our City and Port region and essentially rebuild our neighborhoods in less than 10 years – streetlights, parks, sidewalks, fixing potholes – to make our city more pedestrian friendly and livable.

Ken understands the need for identifying solutions to our region's traffic crisis and believes in a smart growth approach to addressing the problem. He is committed to funding transportation choices and promoting economic development that supports density and mixed use land to protect open space outside of the City.

Ken is a former board member of the Tacoma Zoo Society, Co-founder of the Tacoma Actors Guild, member of the American Leadership Forum, led Study Circles on Race and co-founded Great Schools Tacoma! Ken has received the endorsement of Mayor Bill Baarsma and environmental leaders such as Bill LaBorde and Kirk Kirkland among others.

# Protect WA: Stop Nuclear Waste Dumping

by Carole Woods, Loo Wit Group

We're going to have to take the law into our own hands to keep Washington from becoming a national nuclear waste dump and to stop the dumping of radioactive waste in unlined trenches at Hanford. If we do not, 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste will be sent to Washington State, and contamination of the Columbia River will grow. The Cascade Chapter is a partner in the "Protect Washington" coalition, which has launched Initiative 297, the Protect Washington campaign. The coalition is using the initiative process to give voters the opportunity to make law to require the state to enforce its own standards on nuclear and other hazardous waste.

Hanford is the most contaminated spot in the western hemisphere, and the worst Superfund site. Over a million gallons are known to have leaked from at least 69 of Hanford's 177 enormous tanks of liquid high-level nuclear waste and other toxic substances. Some of it has reached the groundwater and the Columbia and more concentrated plumes are on their way. There is no plan to clean up the contaminated soil and water.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) announced plans to use Hanford as a national radioactive waste dump through the year 2046. The draft EIS showed 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste to be trucked into Washington – without considering the risks of accidents or a terrorist attack on these 70,000 rolling "dirty bombs". DoE has announced that it will finalize this decision by September and start increasing shipments of waste to be dumped at Hanford. DoE has also refused to commit to end dumping of waste in unlined soil trenches – even while admitting that the groundwater flowing into the Columbia River will carry increasing radioactive and chemical contamination – exceeding drinking water standards for thousands of years.

In 2002, the Bush Administration announced it was starting to truck highly radioactive Plutonium wastes, mixed with chemical wastes, to Hanford

from other nuclear weapons plants, but refused to disclose quantities or impacts in an environmental impact statement. The Sierra Club joined a federal lawsuit along with Heart of America NW, PSR and Columbia Riverkeeper to block the shipments – after Washington Ecology Director Tom Fitzsimons initially agreed to accept them. After half the Plutonium arrived from the initial sites, Washington Attorney General Gregoire also filed suit. The federal district court for eastern Washington issued an injunction against the Plutonium shipments. The pro bono attorney for that case, incidentally, was Brent Foster, Chair of the Portland chapter of the Sierra Club. Thank you, Brent!

Stopping 70,000 truckloads one lawsuit at a time is not our best strategy to stop Hanford from being used as a national radioactive waste dump. Therefore, the Hanford Public Interest Network groups wrote Initiative 297 to have state law reflect the simple principle that a polluter can not add to their mess before it is cleaned up. Initiative 297 will also end dumping of waste in unlined soil trenches; require cleanup of the leaks from Hanford' High-Level Nuclear Waste Tanks, bar adding more waste to any landfill or facility that is violating federal and state hazardous waste laws, and require public participation in cleanup and permit decisions.

The Hanford Clean-Up agreement currently requires DoE to remove waste from the High-Level Nuclear Waste tanks, and 'vitrify' it (turn it into glass), but DoE is trying to weasel out of most of that commitment. On July 2, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill thwarted a DoE move to reclassify 90% of the tank waste and just leave it there by ruling the DoE doesn't have authority to reclassify the waste.

This shows that if we don't remain vigilant, DoE might just walk away from the Hanford catastrophe, or, worse yet, 'write off' the lower Columbia and accelerate dumping. Already, the Hanford Reach National Monument shorelines are the only national monument too contaminated for safe public use. We must not let them 'greenwash' this man-made disaster.

We can't rely on our state government or the feds to protect Washington. We'll have to do it ourselves — and we will. Our coalition comprises an amazing number of wonderful, committed citizens like you and career activists who are as smart, skilled, knowledgeable, and experienced as you'll find anywhere. And the Sierra Club has enough members to put this initiative on the ballot all by itself. If each of the Chapter's 25,000-plus members were to get 10 signatures from family and friends who are registered to vote, we'd be on the ballot. Just like that.

To get petitions and to volunteer to petition: [www.protectwashington.org](http://www.protectwashington.org); email: [liza@heartofamericanorthwest.org](mailto:liza@heartofamericanorthwest.org); or call the Protect Washington campaign at 206/523-0042.

## Want to Get Involved?

The Sierra Club is only as successful as our volunteers. So come join us for a fun evening that makes a difference!

## Volunteer 101

**September 18, Thursday**  
**October 21, Tuesday**

Come learn how you can contribute to the success of the Sierra Club. We'll talk about ways to become involved, including working on local issues and helping in the office with mailings, phoning, events, and many other opportunities to fit every comfort level. Learn how to volunteer regularly or from time to time as it fits your schedule. Meet at 6:30 PM at the Cascade Chapter office, 180 Nickerson St., Suite 202, Seattle. Contact Alison at [alison.mielke@sierraclub.org](mailto:alison.mielke@sierraclub.org) or 206/778-5345. (CH)

## Volunteer Night

**October 2, Thursday**

Take action night. Put what you've learned into action. Contribute to the success of the Sierra Club and help recruit new volunteers. Join us for a fun evening, make a phone call, write a letter, make a difference. Meet at 6:30 PM at the Cascade Chapter office, 180 Nickerson St., Suite 202, Seattle. Contact Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org) or 206/523-2147x320. (CH)

See the Cascade Chapter website at [www.cascade.sierraclub.org](http://www.cascade.sierraclub.org) for other ongoing volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org) or 206/378-0114 or Alison at [alison.mielke@sierraclub.org](mailto:alison.mielke@sierraclub.org) or 206/778-5345.

# Meetings, Outings, & Events

## Recreational Outings

### September

September 13, Saturday

**Bicycle Tour** — Vancouver Lake-Lower River Road-Frenchman's Bar area of west Clark County. We'll ride partly on a bike path. Join us for a fun ride at an easy pace, total distance less than 20 miles. Required: bike in good mechanical condition, helmet, lunch and water. Contact Lehman at [tripsguy@aol.com](mailto:tripsguy@aol.com) or 360/944-7957. (LW)

September 14, Sunday

**West Cady Ridge** — Up to 11 mi. RT and 2900 ft. elev. gain. It should be prime berry picking season with plenty of fall color as we wander the upper slopes of West Cady Ridge in the proposed Wild Sky Wilderness. Weather and party permitting, we may go as far as the existing Wilderness boundary and wonder why we had to walk so far to find it. We'll see some of the best of the Wild Sky country and talk about the status of the proposed bill to protect this area. Contact Harry at [HBRomb@aol.com](mailto:HBRomb@aol.com) or 206/365-9302. (CH)

September 20, Saturday

**Clearwater Wilderness & Surprise Lake** — 6 mi. RT, 1100 ft. elev. gain. Join the Tatoosh Group, the Carbon River Valley Coalition, and Wash. Native Plant Society for a hike and botany survey of these lands we are working to protect in the Clearwater Wilderness. Border logging and gravel mining are damaging water quality in the abundant creeks and habitat corridors for the abundant species living near the Carbon River valley. Info and signup, contact Terese at [terrasolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terrasolutions@hotmail.com) or 253/334-2157. (TA)

September 21, Sunday

**Kayak Touring** — A fun day on the water! An easy paddle in sea kayaks on flat water (no nasty rapids or waves) in the Clark County area. Required: life jacket, your own sea kayak or a rental kayak (rentals available at REI-Jantzen Beach or Alder Creek Kayak on Tomahawk Island - east end of Hayden Island). Instruction will be provided before we start paddling. Bring sunscreen, lunch, water, and wear clothes you don't mind getting wet. Contact Lehman for info at [tripsguy@aol.com](mailto:tripsguy@aol.com) or 360/944-7957. (LW)

September 27, Saturday

**Olympic Wilderness Beach Weekend** — Hike sections of the longest wilderness beach in the contiguous forty-eight states. A scenic area full of wide beaches, jutting headlands, sea stacks and wildlife. Contact John at [jpercysnet@yahoo.com](mailto:jpercysnet@yahoo.com) or 503/781-7793. (LW)

September 27, Saturday

**Service Outing at Soos Creek** — Join the South King County Group at Soos Creek Park on Kent's East Hill. The park is a ribbon of excellent riparian habitat that is increasingly threatened by encroachment of non-native plant species. We will be working to restore an area that is heavily infested with ivy. Contact Mark at [markjtn@earthlink.net](mailto:markjtn@earthlink.net) or 253/639-3862. (SK)

September 28, Sunday

**Race to Stop Global Warming** — Join the Sierra Club Cascade Chapter Team! 8K run and 5k walk beginning 8am at Westlake Park, downtown Seattle. This is part of a nationally sponsored, 8-city event. Have fun, raise awareness, and raise money for the Cascade Chapter. Register online by Sept 25 at [www.racetostopglobalwarming.org](http://www.racetostopglobalwarming.org), and click Seattle, then on Help Your Organization, to find out how to raise money for the Sierra Club Cascade Chapter. Contact Lisa at [dekkerwest@aol.com](mailto:dekkerwest@aol.com) or 206/367-0863 (CH).

### October

October 4, Saturday

**Summit Lake OR Bearhead Mountain** — Up to 7 mi. RT and 1800 ft. elev. gain. The leader can't make up his mind as this goes to press. Both of these hikes follow part of the same trail that enters into the Clearwater Wilderness north of Mt. Rainier. Welcome the foresight of earlier leaders who successfully sought to protect this area as Wilderness and find out more about the current status of nearby areas while experiencing wonderful views, if the weather cooperates. Contact Harry at [HBRomb@aol.com](mailto:HBRomb@aol.com) or 206/365-9302. (CH)

October 4, Saturday

**Foothills Trail Fundraising Frolic** — Join the Tatoosh Group, Foothills Trails Coalition, and Carbon River Valley Coalition for our pancake breakfast fundraiser on the banks of the mighty Carbon River. We will also hike 5-6 mi. RT (400 Ft. elev. gain / loss) on the Foothills Trail near the historic Fairfax townsite and bridge, and discuss the work our groups are doing to preserve this rainforest and watershed. 8AM - 4PM. RSVP and donation requested. Contact Joan Miller to RSVP and for info, at 360/829-0537 or [portlist@tx3.com](mailto:portlist@tx3.com); contact Terese for info at [terrasolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terrasolutions@hotmail.com). (TA)

October 5, Sunday

**Eco-Friendly Farm Tour** — The increasingly intensive means of producing food have led to increasingly adverse effects on the environment. Please join us for a tour of a local eco-friendly farm. Noon-2 PM. Contact Bliss at 253/752-6472 or [blissmoore@aol.com](mailto:blissmoore@aol.com). (TA)

October 18, Saturday

**Tatoosh Wilderness, Castle Pinnacle** — 5.5 mi. RT, 1430 ft. elev. gain. Mt. Rainier with her finest fall colors on. We should see fall mushrooms before the snow flies. Contact Terese at [terrasolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terrasolutions@hotmail.com) or 253/334-2157. (TA)

### November

November 1, Saturday

**Mt. Pilchuck Fire Lookout**. 4.5 mi. RT, 1300 ft. elev. gain. Fabulous view of the North Cascades from Mt. Pilchuck, and fall mushrooms should still be visible. For info and signup, contact Terese at [terrasolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terrasolutions@hotmail.com) or 253/334-2157. (CH)

## Meetings and Events

### September

September 3, 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! 6:30 PM, Chapter Office, 180 Nickerson St., Suite 202, Seattle. Contact Mark at 206/632-1550. (CH)

September 7, Sunday

**The return of the John Muir picnic!** — Lewisville Park, Cedar picnic shelter in Battle Ground. Contact Linda at [lindaw@stjps.com](mailto:lindaw@stjps.com) or 360/546-2015. (LW)

# Meetings, Outings, & Events

September 8, Monday

**Urban Neighborhoods and Low Impact Development** — With Special Guest John Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive. Tacoma has revitalized the downtown area and invested in other urban neighborhood improvements. Residents can conveniently walk, bicycle or take transit to most jobs and also enjoy vibrant, livable communities. Tacoma also offers a multi-modal transportation hub that includes the State's first Light Rail Link line. Low Impact Development is also on the horizon with the pilot project Meadow on the Hylebos, the 8-acre residential development near Fife. 6:30-8 PM Tacoma Nature Center, 1919 South Tyler Street. Contact Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org) or 253/831-2853. (TA).

September 9, Tuesday

**East King County Picnic Potluck** — Join other members of the Eastside Group for a late summer picnic at Bellevue's beautiful Lake Hills Greenbelt, at the picnic shelter from 6PM to dusk (approx. 8PM). Come anytime. We will enjoy each other's company and discuss future environmental work in the area. Bring a main or side dish to share, and your own plates, silverware, and cups. Beverages, salad, and bread will be provided. (We are also having a picnic in Mercer Island on Sept 10.) Suggested donation of \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Contact Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org) or 206/378-0114 x320. (SM)

September 10, Wednesday

**East King County Picnic Potluck** — Join other members of the Eastside Group for a late summer picnic at Mercer Island's beautiful Luther Burbank Park, at picnic area A (near the tennis courts) from 6PM to dusk (approx. 8PM). Come anytime. We will enjoy each other's company and discuss about future environmental work in the area. Bring a main or side dish to share, and your own plates, silverware, and cups. Beverages, salad, and bread will be provided. (We are also having a picnic in Bellevue on Sept 9.) Suggested donation of \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Contact Alison at [alison.mielke@sierraclub.org](mailto:alison.mielke@sierraclub.org) or 206/778-5345. (SM)

September 10, Wednesday

**South King County Group Discussion** — Let's gear up for the elections this fall. Join us to tune up your political awareness. Find out how the upcoming elections affect the issues that matter to us most. We will be inviting south King County candidates and asking them questions. You don't want to miss this informative meeting. 7 PM-8:30 PM at the Kent Senior Center: 600 East Smith, Kent. For directions call 253/856-5150. Other questions contact Becky at [beckett@nwlink.com](mailto:beckett@nwlink.com) or 206/721-3890. (SK)

September 16, Tuesday

**Energy of the Future** — Forget coal and natural gas! The future of our energy supply is in renewable choices like wind and solar. Join us for a panel discussion on shifting our energy priorities away from fossil fuels. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Cascade Chapter Energy Committee and Northwest Energy Coalition. 6:30PM - 8:30PM at Seattle REI, 222 Yale Ave N. Contact Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org) or 206/378-0114 ext 320. (CH)

September 16, Tuesday

**Food, Drinks & Politics** — The Loo Wit Group Political Committee invites you to the second of a series of FOOD, DRINK, & POLITICS Evenings featuring Vancouver City Council candidates. They will discuss current city environmental issues, highlighting the importance of good leaders in protecting clean water and livable communities. All are invited. Admission is free. No-host food and drink. Questions and discussion on any topic are encouraged. 5 PM - 7 PM at the Salmon Creek Brew Pub, 108 W. Evergreen in downtown Vancouver. Contact Linda at [lindamclain@attbi.com](mailto:lindamclain@attbi.com) or 360/694-4447. (LW)

September 17, 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](mailto:alison.mielke@sierraclub.org) or 206/778-5345. (CH)

September 17, Wednesday

**Urban Growth Boundary Defined** — Come learn more about creating more livable urban communities! Part of the Creating Livable Communities Forums sponsored by Friends of Clark County and the Loo-wit group of the Sierra Club. Free and open to the public. 6:30-8:30 PM, Vancouver, WA. Other dates in this series: Oct 8, Nov 5, Dec 3. Contact Linda at 360/546-2015 or Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org). (LW).

September 18, Thursday

**Outings Committee** — Help kick off the revitalized Outings Committee's fall programs. Please join us at 6:30 PM at the Cascade Chapter office in Seattle, 180 Nickerson, Suite 202. We will discuss great outings locations, ideas for new outings, upcoming outings trainings, and water outings certification with a kayak expert. We need your input, all outings leaders and those interested in becoming outings leaders for the Cascade Chapter. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Contact Terese at [terresolutions@hotmail.com](mailto:terresolutions@hotmail.com) or 253/334-2157. (CH)

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September 23, Tuesday

**Loo-Wit Group Forestry Committee Meeting** — 7 PM in the banquet room at Shorewood Apts, 5555 E. Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver. If it's nice weather, we may sit out by the pool. Contact Roger at 360/693-9131. (LW)

## October

October 1, Wednesday

**National Forests Committee Meeting** — See September 3 for description. (CH)

October 1, Wednesday

**Taking the High Road: Protecting Open Space Along America's Highways** — With Special Guest: Preston L. Schiller, Ph.D., Local Activist and Author. Please join us for a discussion about Sprawl and Open Space and Federal Transportation planning. It seems that no matter what level of government is dealing with transportation planning, the first solution is to build more roads. We need to balance the discussion and encourage elected leaders to include transportation choices in their plans. 6:30-8:30 PM. Bellingham Public Library, Main Branch, 210 Central Ave. Contact Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org) or Stan at 360/738-0770. (MB)

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

# Meetings, Outings, & Events

October 2, Thursday

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October 8, Wednesday

**The Health Impacts of Sprawl** — Come learn more about creating more livable urban communities! Part of the Creating Livable Communities Forums sponsored by Friends of Clark County and the Loo Wit group of the Sierra Club. Free and open to the public. 6:30-8:30 PM, Vancouver, WA. Other dates in this series: Sept 17, Nov 5, Dec 3. Contact Linda at 360/546-2015 or Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org). (LW)

October 14, Tuesday

**Oktoberfest Fundraiser** — Please join us for an evening of authentic German Cuisine, Polka Music, German Brew and a chance to meet other like-minded folks. We'll also have a special early-bird sale on our 2004 Calendars. Friends and family are welcome. Suggested donation is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family or couple. 6:30-9 PM in Parkland, near Tacoma. Contact Angela at 253/831-2853 or [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org). (TA)

October 15, Wednesday

**Water & Salmon Committee Meeting** — See September 17 for description. (CH)

October 21, Tuesday

**Energy Committee Meeting** — See September 16 for description. (CH)

October 21, Tuesday

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## November

November 5, Wednesday

**The Cost of Growth** — Come learn more about creating more livable urban communities! Part of the Creating Livable Communities Forums sponsored by Friends of

Clark County and the Loo Wit group of the Sierra Club. Free and open to the public. 6:30-8:30 PM, Vancouver, WA. Other dates in this series: Sept 17, Oct 8, Nov 3. Contact Linda at 360/546-2015 or Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org). (LW)

## December

December 3, Wednesday

**Urban Wildlife** — Come learn more about creating more livable urban communities! Part of the Creating Livable Communities Forums sponsored by Friends of Clark County and the Loo Wit group of the Sierra Club. Free and open to the public. 6:30-8:30 PM, Vancouver, WA. Other dates in this series: Sept 17, Oct 8, Nov 5. Contact Linda at 360/546-2015 or Angela at [angela.silva@sierraclub.org](mailto:angela.silva@sierraclub.org). (LW)

### Non-Sierra Dates of Interest

Now through September

**Volunteers for Outdoor Washington Trail Maintenance** — Bandera Mountain needs volunteers to finish this popular trail to Mason Lake near Snoqualmie Pass. Work parties begin Saturday, May 17 and will continue every Saturday through the fall. Some Sunday work parties are also available. For 2 days of trail work you get a 2003 Annual Forest Pass. Meet new people, have fun and volunteer your time to work outdoors. Contact 206/517-3019 or [info@trailvolunteers.org](mailto:info@trailvolunteers.org), or go to [www.trailvolunteers.org](http://www.trailvolunteers.org).

October 11, Saturday—October 12, Sunday

**Bird Fest 2003** — in Ridgefield, WA. Welcome back our feathered friends at Bird Fest 2003 this weekend in Ridgefield, Wash. (just north of Portland, OR). Enjoy indoor programs, children's activities, and guided nature walks on the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Follow the footsteps of Lewis & Clark and visit an ancient Chinook Indian village where they stopped to trade and visit. See live raptor-birds and much more. Contact 360/887-9495 or [birdfest@hotmail.com](mailto:birdfest@hotmail.com), or visit [www.ridgefieldfriends.org](http://www.ridgefieldfriends.org).

October 4, 18, 25, and November 1, Saturdays

**Wilderness Living Training Series** — Learn the priorities for surviving in the wilderness—knowing fire, shelter building, water collection and purification, and "survival kitchen". This series will help us come closer to the earth and our heritage. 9AM – 4PM each day (except Nov 1 which is a 24 hr shelter overnight). Duvall, WA area. \$60/session or \$200/series. Contact Kimberly at 425/788-1301 or go to [www.WildernessAwareness.org](http://www.WildernessAwareness.org).

October 10, Friday – October 12, Sunday

**Weekend Getaway: Tracking the Oregon Dunes** — Spend a weekend on the Oregon Coast in one of North America's finest tracking environments. Follow the trails of black bear, mink, porcupine, coyote, mouse, elk, otter, and more! Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, near Florence, OR. \$135. Contact Kimberly at 425/788-1301 or go to [www.WildernessAwareness.org](http://www.WildernessAwareness.org).

## Coming next issue: Meet the Interns



Julia Terlinchamp



Eric Adler



Eri Shimasaki

For four young environmentalists, this was the summer it all began. Eric Adler, Eri Shimasaki, Julia Terlinchamp, and Katharine Edwards all came together as the intern team for the Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club. Despite differing backgrounds and interests, these interns crossed paths in the office with the desire to get involved, get active, and get started in an environmental career.

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# Cascade Checkerboard Project

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## Cascade Checkerboard Project

by Charlie Raines, Director

### Senator Murray Secures \$6.5 Million for the Cascades

In July, the Senate appropriations committee approved an interior appropriations bill with \$5 million for the Forest Service to acquire Plum Creek options lands near Salmon la Sac, north of Cle Elum. The committee also allocated \$1.5 million for conservation easements near Easton that will prevent development on key private forest lands. Senator Patty Murray was instrumental in getting these projects included in the funding bill. This is an amazing turn around from the recent events in the House, where the subcommittee chair slashed land conservation funding for federal agencies and provided no funds designated for lands targeted by The Cascades Conservation Partnership. Despite the valiant efforts of supporters of land conservation, such as Rep. Norm Dicks, the House leadership pushed the subcommittee bill to final approval. If the Senate numbers hold up when the House and Senate meet for conference in September, nearly 2,500 acres of land in the Cascades will be saved—including old growth forest, two miles of trail, and sensitive streams. Sierra Club is a member of the Partnership and is strongly supporting these appropriations. Contact your legislators and urge them to support the senate allocations.

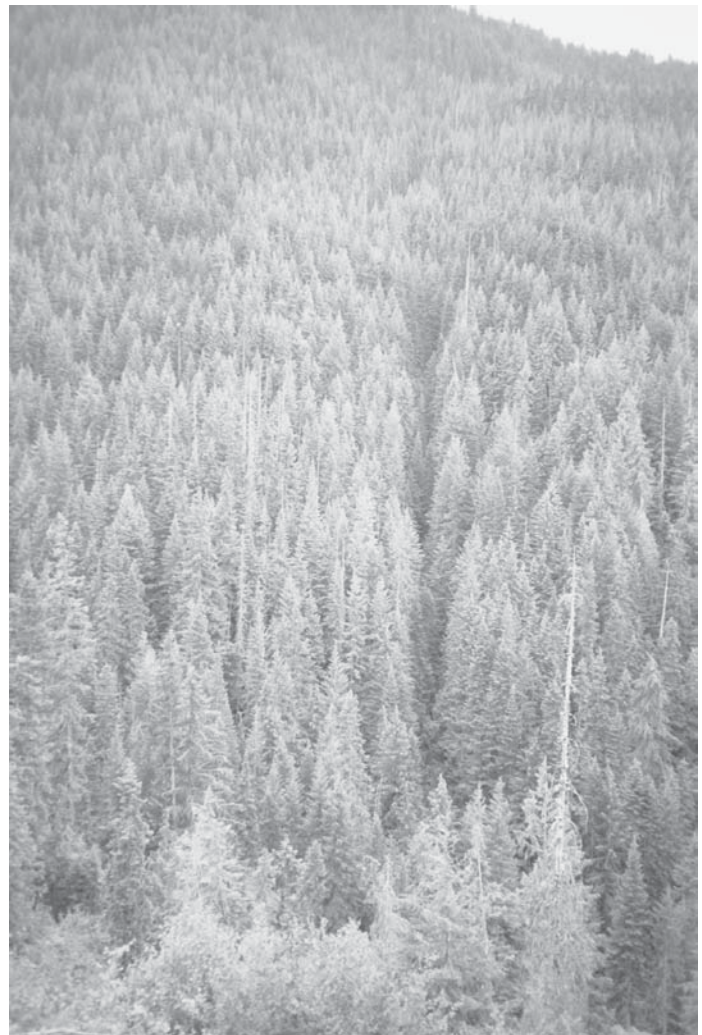
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### State receives \$1.8 million Habitat Grant for Yakima River

Over 600 acres of mature and riparian forests will be protected in the Yakima River Wildlife Corridor Project with the help of a federal grant to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The funds are awarded for projects that support habitat conservation plans, in this case both the Plum Creek and Washington DNR plans. The Partnership will provide matching funds, to help protect these lands along Cabin Creek near Easton.

### Raging Cedar Powerline Under Construction

BPA issued a final EIS in July and began constructing the powerline through Seattle's Cedar River watershed. This followed the Seattle City Council approval of a package of mitigation for the powerline, including land acquisition, \$6 million for restoration projects in the watershed, and a commitment for no more powerlines through the watershed.



This forest in Paris Creek, near Salmon la Sac, will be acquired by the Forest Service if Congress approves funds in September. Photo: Charlie Raines

### Sunny Checkerboard Outings Day

Over sixty people enjoyed bright sunshine on their outings into the Checkerboard country on July 26th. Destinations included Mirror Lake—with frogs and salamanders; Blowout Mountain—a recent acquisition along the Pacific Crest Trail; Sawmill Creek—old growth forest in the Green River watershed; Lake Ann—proposed for addition to Alpine Lakes Wilderness; and Thorp Mountain lookout—spectacular views. Thanks to the Summit at Snoqualmie for use of the Hyak Lodge, and thanks to Club volunteers and interns for their help making this annual event a success.

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# Race to Stop Global Warming

by *Lisa Dekker*

*“Climate change presents high stakes for the future of our drought-sensitive region. The Race to Stop Global Warming is a concrete way to raise public awareness of the real threats of global warming, and to be a positive part of the solution.” — Heidi Wills, Seattle City councilmember and Honorary Chair of the Seattle Race to Stop Global Warming.*

Global warming. Glaciers melting and shrinking. Temperatures rising and weather systems changing. The problem is real, and the Sierra Club has made it one of their national campaigns. The solutions — mainly decreasing our use of fossil fuels — exist. But it’s a challenge that we, especially in the first world, must face creatively and collectively.

How can you help face the challenge? Come on out for the 3rd Annual Seattle Race to Stop Global Warming on Sunday, Sept. 28. Get fit, raise awareness, and have fun. Join our Cascade Chapter Sierra Club team, or form your own! An 8k run, a 5k walk, plus a free kids fun run, the event welcomes families. It is also held in 7 other cities across the nation and has national sponsors such as Aveda and Toyota Prius. Its founder is the Green House Network, a group that seeks to build the grassroots movement needed to stop global warming by educating and uniting citizens.

For more information and to register, go to [www.racetostopglobalwarming.org](http://www.racetostopglobalwarming.org), or call 1 866/786-7262. You may also contact Lisa Dekker at [dekkerwest@aol.com](mailto:dekkerwest@aol.com) or 206/367-0863.

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through it all, Sierra Club volunteers frequently prepare written questionnaires for the candidates and usually interview them.

After the interviews, the team will discuss the pros and cons of each candidate and come up with a consensus decision and rationale. They take that recommendation to the appropriate Sierra Club political committee for more discussion and a vote on the endorsement. After the first political committee votes, it goes to another committee for approval.

Depending on the specifics of the race, we might do more than simply endorse. We have a wide range of tools available to help elect our endorsed candidate win. We might mail information out to voters, place ads in the paper, phone bank, door bell, or even make political contributions. The more volunteers who are involved, the more we can do and the more votes our candidate receives.

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