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Ventana, Santa Lucia

Oil and Gas Drilling in Wilderness Proposed

The U.S. Forest Service has recommended oil and gas drilling in California's Los Padres National Forest, a move that received immediate opposition from members of Congress and Governor Jerry Brown. The proposed leases, which total 180,000 acres, include 14 sites in the Ventana and Santa Lucia wilderness areas as well as onshore exploration along the Big Sur coast.

In response, California's Democratic congressional delegation unanimously served notice it will support legislation to stop any drilling in the two wilderness areas. Although the delegation is not opposed to oil and gas exploration outside wilderness, it believes the Reagan administration is going overboard by proposing to lease the Ventana and Santa Lucia areas. "This would set a frightening precedent for our entire wilderness system," Democratic Delegation Chairman Don Edwards of San Jose said.

On November 20, Rep. Phillip Burton led an attempt to declare an emergency on California wilderness areas and ban oil and gas drilling in them. This resolution lost in the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee by a vote of 20-19, but only after Rep. Douglas Bereuter, R-Neb., switched his vote from "aye" to "no" when it appeared the amendment would be approved.

The committee then voted 41-1 (Burton casting the "no" vote) to request Interior Secretary James Watt not to approve any oil and gas leasing in wilderness

areas until June 1, 1982. It was reported that Watt tentatively agreed to the moratorium on wilderness mineral leases to give Congress time to study whether it should change wilderness protection laws because of his policies.

Russ Shay, California - Nevada Representative of the Sierra Club, attended the session and reported, "all the California Democrats voted right, and, of course, Don Clausen and Lagomarsino voted wrong." Shay added that in addition to Phillip Burton's strong defense of wilderness, Reps. George Miller and Jerry Patterson spoke out in favor of the Burton resolution and Rep. Tony Coehlo voted for the measure.

One factor behind Watt's agreement is the authority the Interior Committee has to block the secretary's stated plans to increase development of federal lands.

The power rests in a section of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) that allows the Committee to withdraw any federal land from mineral leasing if an emergency exists.

The Committee used this section last June to stop leasing in the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana. Watt has said he thinks the law is unconstitutional, and the action is under challenge in U.S. District Court.

Since the 257 proposed leases in California involve oil and gas exploration, the recommendations of the Forest Service also must be approved by Interior



Oil and gas drilling is proposed for the Ventana Wilderness

Photo by Bob Schneider

Secretary James Watt. A second phase of planning will involve another 250 leases, including about a dozen more in wilderness areas. Many of the leasing sites are in California condor habitats, and several sites are believed to be within designated condor sanctuaries.

On a radio talk show, Governor Jerry Brown said he was most concerned about the proposed drilling in wilderness. "I'm going to throw everything I've got into stopping that misguided effort," Brown told his listeners. The member of Congress representing most of the area involved, Rep. Leon Panetta, was more direct. "It will be war - either in the courts or in Congress," he declared.

Kern River Study Released

The long-awaited North Fork Kern Wild and Scenic River Study finally appeared in October, with the Forest Service recommending all eligible segments of the river for "wild" designation.

Comments on the proposal will be accepted until January 19, 1982. In addition, an informal public workshop will be held in Kernville on December 12 to explain the study, answer questions, and assist with responses. The workshop will be held at 1:00 P.M.

at the Kernville Elementary School on Sierra Way.

78.5 miles of the North Fork are proposed for wild river status by the Forest Service under Alternative A. Three other alternatives have fewer miles of the river recommended for wild and recreational designation, and Alternative E would have none of the Kern protected.

"We are pleased that the Forest Service recognizes the need to protect the wild Kern," said Mike Henstra, President of the Kern Valley Wildlife Association. "We hope Congress also will act quickly on this recommendation to give the North Fork the protection it deserves," he added.

The river corridor under study, from the headwaters to Lake Isabella, has a total length of 83 miles. All but 4.5 miles occur on public lands. Twenty-seven miles flow through Sequoia National Park (and proposed wilderness), 20.5 miles is in the Golden Trout Wilderness, and another section is adjacent to the Rincon Roadless Area.

The North Fork of the Kern River is in a unique geographic position. It occurs within the influences of several

very different climatic and geologic regions, including the Sierra Nevada, Great Basin, Mojave Desert, and Southern California. It also involves a descent of over 10,000 vertical feet over some 83 miles from its headwaters at the Kings-Kern Divide (12,800 feet) to Lake Isabella (2,605 feet). It is the Sierra Nevada's longest stream without major impoundments or flow alterations.

South of the Golden Trout Wilderness is the 18-mile stretch of the Kern that passes through the 59,000-acre Rincon Roadless Area. It is here, whitewater enthusiasts have declared, that one finds the finest whitewater rafting in North America north of Mexico. Eighty major rapids, earning a Class V rating on the International rafting I - VI scale (VI being unraftable), occur on this unrelenting stretch of whitewater.

Copies of the plan and comments should be sent to Forest Supervisor, Sequoia National Forest, 900 West Grand Avenue, Porterville, CA 93257. Comments must be postmarked by January 19, 1982.

The Sept.-Oct. issue of the Wilderness Record included a special section on the Wild Kern with articles and photographs.

San Diego County

Wilderness Hearing Scheduled

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has scheduled a public hearing for December 7 to consider a proposal for the future management of the Eastern San Diego County Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs). BLM is recommending as suitable for wilderness designation only two of five WSAs. Written comments will be accepted until January 15, 1982.

54,000 acres of public land in San Diego County were identified as having wilderness characteristics.

All five areas border potential State Wilderness within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

The three WSAs recommended as nonsuitable for wilderness designation are San Ysidro Mountain (2,131 acres), San Felipe Hills (5,265 acres), and Table Mountain (958 acres).

Proposed as suitable are the Sawtooth Mountains WSA (27,205 acres) and the Carrizo Gorge WSA (14,571 acres). 3,892 acres of the Sawtooth Mountains would

be designated as nonsuitable as would two acres of the Carrizo Gorge area to be used for developing scenic overlooks.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, December 7, from 2:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center, 8053 University Ave., La Mesa, CA 92041.

Persons wishing more detailed information and rationale concerning the decisions reported on the Summary Map, or wishing

to submit written comments should contact the Area Manager, El Centro Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, 333 S. Waterman Ave., El Centro, CA 92243. Written comments must be received by January 15, 1982.

CWC members with a wilderness activists questionnaire on file for this portion of the state will be receiving a Wilderness Alert on the hearing.

Coalition Report

By Jim Eaton

With my retirement pay from a previous employer losing the inflation battle, I finally decided to trade it for a printer for my home computer. The result is the new look of the Wilderness Record. Actually this move makes good economic sense for the Coalition. Having the Record typeset commercially cost us a lot of money, time, and corrections. The Daisy Wheel Printer II by Radio Shack™ allows us to compose on the screen, print sheets for the copy editor, quickly make the changes, and type out the result in the column width of our choice. As new type style wheels become available we will

be able to vary our print, so you can expect changes in the months to come.

As always, we appreciate comments and criticisms on our publications. The addition of the addresses for elected and government officials on the back page is due to a recent letter we received.

My personal goal is for you to receive a monthly publication, and this change will bring us closer to the day. Now if we only had the money...

The change in systems made us a few weeks late with this issue of the Record. Lots of information and articles are beginning to appear,

so you can count on a very interesting Jan.-Feb. issue.

CWC President Bob Barnes has been busy recruiting new group members. He has been quite successful as we welcome the following new organizations to the Coalition: Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, Committee for Green Foothills, Covelo Wildlands Association, Sierra Club Kaweah Group, Porterville Area Environmental Council, UC Davis Environmental Law Society, and the following Audubon Societies — Kern River Valley, Los Angeles, Monterey Peninsula, and Stockton.

Coalition in Action

Coalition staff and volunteers worked hard on keeping snowmobiles out of California's national parks recently. Hundreds of Wilderness Alerts were mailed from the Davis office to CWC activists, and 350 more alerts were mailed from Porterville in cooperation with the Kaweah Group, Sierra Club. Director Steve Evans organized a crew of Chico environmentalists to travel to the Redding hearing, and Executive Director Jim Eaton represented the Coalition in San Francisco.

A week after Interior Secretary James Watt's visit to California, Jim Eaton spoke on the U.C. Davis campus as part of "James Watt Education Day." Also speaking were Bern Shanks, consultant to California State Resources Secretary Huey Johnson, and Earl Cumming, president of the Natural Resources Biologist Association. Several Sacramento television stations and local newspapers covered the event. CWC Director Beth Newman and Dennis Coules helped by running an information table, gathering numerous names on an anti-Watt petition and getting quite a few offers of volunteer help.

Jim travelled around Southern California in September, working on desert wilderness issues. He attended the Board of Directors meeting of the Desert Protective Council and later met with volunteers doing the important field work on our desert wilderness proposals. He is serving as the state coordinator for people wishing to adopt BLM Wilderness Study Areas. Once again, the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter volunteers and staff and Southern California Associate Representative Linda Wade helped further the cause by making Jim welcome in their offices during his stay.

CWC Director Steve Evans was one of sixteen people selected to attend the Sierra Club's annual workshop on political activist training in Washington D.C., Sept. 27-Oct. 2. He went through an intensive week of instruction, including a number of face-to-face meetings with legislators and their staff members. His trip was made possible through the generosity of the Mother Lode Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Porterville Office Report

CWC President Bob Barnes gave a paper on managing public riparian lands at the recently held California Riparian Systems conference in Davis. Bob emphasized coordinated watershed management as the way to manage these lands. Over 600 people were in attendance at the conference sponsored in part by CWC member group Friends of the River.

Bob Barnes and Fred & Mary Meisel mailed out over 3500 complimentary issues of the Wilderness Record as part of the increased effort to spread word about the California Wilderness Coalition and its efforts on behalf of California's wilderness lands.

Michael Henstra, President of the Kern Valley Wildlife Association, took Bob on an airplane flight over the Domeland Wilderness to acquire photographs for the CWC slide collection.

On September 27th, Bob raised \$500.00 for CWC member group Mono Lake Committee by participating in their annual "Birdathon." Also, he helped the local Mono Lake Committee activist, Cyndee Wachner of Visalia, to set up a book and poster display at B. Dalton's bookstore in Visalia as a pilot to have Mono Lake materials sold eventually in B. Dalton's throughout California. In addition, Bob secured literature for the local Monomaniacs to supply a Tulare County Audubon booth at the Tulare County Fair. He worked at the booth and reports heavy interest in Mono Lake and environmental issues in general.

An important contact was made by Bob with Tom Beckett and "Kip" Shepard of Friends of the River's Los Angeles office. He coordinated meetings between FOR Los Angeles and the Kern, Kern Valley, and Kern River Valley Audubon Societies, the Kern Plateau Association, Kern/Kaweah Chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Kern River Parkway Committee (a lot of active folks down along the Kern). Those groups hosted two potlucks for FOR intern Kip Shepard, and Mike Henstra gave him an airplane tour of the Kern River watershed. All this centered around hearings on proposed dams on the

Kern River, an issue that seems dead ... for now.

Bob also made contacts with Pasadena and Los Angeles Audubon Societies, soliciting information from them for articles and asking for input on the California desert.

Contact was made with Harriet Allen of the Desert Protective Council on ways to strengthen DPC's already considerable efforts.

Contact was made with Barbara Blake, Southern California Representative of the Sierra Club. The conversation centered around the distribution of the Angeles Chapter's "I Know Watt's Wrong" bumper stickers.

Glenn Olsen, Western Regional Representative of the National Audubon Society, set up a series of meetings so he and Bob could discuss several issues. Bob was wearing his South Fork Watershed Association hat in meetings with California Resources Secretary Huey Johnson, Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Division head General Homer Johnstone, and Jim Huddleston of the late Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (now Reaganizedly deceased). Wearing his CWC hat, Bob and Glenn met with Zane Smith, Regional Forester of the U.S. Forest Service. The result of the meetings leads Bob to believe that frequent contact with agency leaders allows important dialog and education to take place that often leads to increased sensitivity on the part of agency heads.

Finally, Bob says that video tapes of several of California's potential wild and scenic rivers are available for public duplication from Jim Huddleston at the National Park Service's San Francisco office. Also, Jim is gathering information to continually upgrade his office's recommendations for wild and scenic considerations. Glenn Olson supplied new information on the Cosumnes that Jim had not received, and it had an effect on his evaluation of the river. If you want to know if your river or stream is on Jim Huddleston's list, contact him in San Francisco. You can provide him with information that he might not have. He is open to information and help.

UPDATE

Desert Advisory Council Named

A 15 member California Desert District Multiple-Use Advisory Council has been appointed by Secretary of the Interior James G. Watt. The newly appointed Council will replace the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee that oversaw the development and completion of the

comprehensive California Desert Plan.

The only wilderness activist is Bill Holden, Jr. of Joshua Tree. Other council members are James L. Strain, H. Marie Brashaer, Dr. Loren L. Lutz, Robert T. Older, Richard Rudnick, Donald Fife, James E. Simmons, Margit Baldivid, Tuñny Williams, Robert E. Ham,

Frank W. Devore, Clayton Record, Jr., Donniene Antonieta Ruiz-Lenz, and Karl Weikel.

The Council will meet periodically to gather and analyze information, hear public testimony, and, in an advisory capacity only, develop recommendations concerning the management of public lands in the public interest.

ORV Routes in the Desert

The first map in a series that will be used in determining off-road vehicle (ORV) routes in the California Desert has been issued by the Ridgecrest Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management.

People who have indicated an interest in assisting with the vehicle route approval process should have received this map for the Kelso area. They should add or correct existing routes by Dec. 29.

If you have not received a map and would like to participate in the designation of approved vehicle routes in the desert, write the District Manager, California Desert District, 1695 Spruce Street, Riverside, CA 92507.

Boney Mtn. State Wilderness

At their October meeting, the State Parks and Recreation Commission established the Boney Mountain State Wilderness within the Pt. Mugu State Park. The 4,000 acre area consists of a rugged

ridge in Ventura County adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The commission also voted to ask the National Park Service to consider mangging as wilderness its

contiguous lands with wilderness characteristics.

A number of structures, notably water tanks, shall be removed or moved near the boundary of the wilderness.



Wilderness Advocates Lose A Friend

The California Wilderness Coalition and wilderness lovers everywhere have lost a friend. Raymond J. Sherwin passed away on September 14, at the age of 66. We all will miss him.

Ray Sherwin was a jurist, outdoorsman, and avid conservationist. His career as a Superior Court judge in Fairfield spanned more than three decades and was filled with imagination and energy.

Fellow jurist, Judge Thomas H. Healy said, "An able man, an effective judge who enjoyed great popularity in the legal fraternity, an ardent environmentalist, 'good company,' he was all of these and more."

Known for making sometimes controversial decisions, Sherwin received national publicity in 1968 when he ruled Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver was being held in

the California Medical Facility at nearby Vacaville for political reasons, not parole violations, and ordered that Cleaver's bail be reduced.

Ray actively pursued conservation goals throughout his life. Volunteer work eventually led to the presidency of the Sierra Club in 1971.

Mike McCloskey stated, "he traveled around the country more than any other president we ever had. He did a fine job of welcoming new grassroots members to the club." In early 1981 Ray became a member of the California Wilderness Coalition Advisory Committee.

I first met Ray at an Assembly Transportation Committee hearing in Sacramento in 1967. Ray was there to help stop the U.S. Forest Service (and a very few Fresno merchants) from trying to build Forest Highway 100

across the Sierra Nevada from Fresno to Mammoth through the Devils Postpile National Monument area. Ray's family is from the Mammoth area and this project had a particular personal interest.

Ray took the time to testify. But, more than that, Ray took the time to wander over and really thank a young student who had just made his first public statement on a wilderness issue. He was like that, always encouraging others. Ray's wilderness conservation efforts were expanded many fold through encouragement of others.

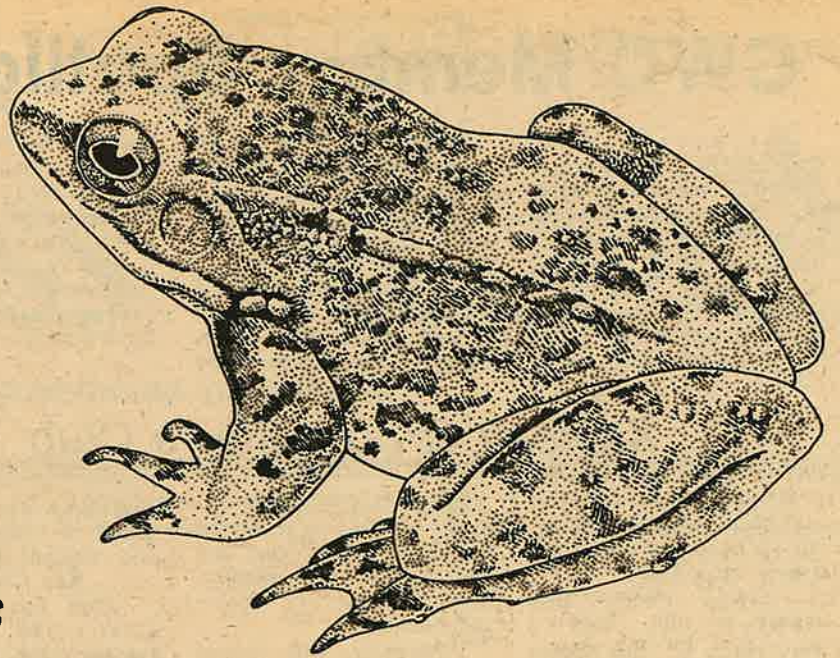
Some people send flowers to mark the passing of friends. I think that Ray would feel much better if we all worked a little harder to save more wilderness habitat for flowers to grow in.

- Bob Schneider

Wilderness Wildlife

Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog

By Dennis Coules



One of the few amphibians you are likely to encounter in the high country of the Sierra Nevada is *Rana muscosa*, the mountain yellow-legged frog, which has been recorded from 4,500 feet to over 11,500 feet near Mt. Whitney. It also is found from 1,200 - 7,500 feet in a few mountain ranges in Southern California, and an isolated population occurs on Mt. Rose in Nevada. The only other frog commonly found above 6,000 feet if you are south of Tehama County is the familiar Pacific tree frog, only about half the size of the yellow-legged frog. Another distinguishing characteristic is the yellow coloration found on the underside of the hind legs of most individuals of *Rana muscosa*. Below 6,000 feet in the Sierra, any yellow-legged frog you find is probably *Rana boylei*, the foothill

yellow-legged frog, although at isolated locations, *Rana muscosa* may be found below this elevation (i.e., a population at 4,500 feet at Sagehen Creek, Calaveras County). This highly aquatic frog may be seen along streams, lakes, or springs. Dense populations may occur at high altitude lakes, possibly due to lack of competition from other frogs of the *Rana* group. Usually venturing only a hop or two from the shoreline, this frog will immediately jump into water and hide under stones or in the bottom sediment when frightened. Thus it is not easy to observe during the day, although it may remain relatively immobile when viewed by flashlight at night. *Rana muscosa* may emit loud "mews" similar to those of a kitten if handled. It also may flatten its body, retract its eyes, and place its forefeet over its ears if

captured. Breeding occurs from June to August, after lakes are free of ice at the higher elevations. At lower elevations, breeding may occur much earlier in the spring. Up to 1,400 eggs have been reported from a single clutch, although the average is 200 to 300. The eggs are attached in clusters to underwater stones or vegetation. The tadpoles, which are brown with a golden tint, tend to congregate where the water is warmest. At higher elevations, the tadpoles rarely have enough time to metamorphose before the onset of frigid weather inhibits development, so they overwinter beneath the ice of lakes to transform into adults the following year. There is evidence that some stragglers may even take two years to reach metamorphosis. With the extreme conditions present at

higher elevations of the mountain yellow-legged frog's range, hibernation may occupy a good portion of the life cycle. Adult frogs here hibernate in lake bottom mud for many months, being active for as little as four months. Large numbers may emerge as soon as the ice melts. Adult frogs rarely breed before reaching 2-3 years of age. *Rana muscosa* adults will feed upon both aquatic and terrestrial animals. Among the food items recorded are toad tadpoles, ladybugs, and dragonfly nymphs. As with most frogs, almost any small moving object will be pounced upon. The most important enemy of adults is probably the garter snake, and predation by coyotes and a Clark's nutcracker also has been observed. **Conservation** Alteration of lake levels by damming or disturbance of shorelines

due to excessive recreational use or development will have a detrimental effect on this species. When trout are introduced to high mountain lakes where they formerly were absent, mountain yellow-legged frog populations are reduced, probably due both to direct predation on tadpoles and competition with adults for aquatic foods. In the Sierra Nevada, *Rana muscosa* seems safe from annihilation by the introduced bullfrog, which has not penetrated much above 4,000 feet. The bullfrog is having a devastating effect on lower elevation populations of native frogs in California, including the foothill yellow-legged frog, red-legged frog, and probably the southern California populations of the mountain yellow-legged frog. Introduced to California from the eastern United States between 1914 and 1920, the bullfrog has spread throughout the state, nearly wiping out the red-legged frog in the San Joaquin Valley and

surrounding foothills and jeopardizing the foothill yellow-legged frog, particularly in man-altered habitats. The bullfrog grows much larger than these native species and voraciously feeds on other frogs and tadpoles, as well as competing with them for food and habitat. Native frogs would greatly benefit if all restrictions were removed from the sport and commercial taking of bullfrogs, which are now considered a game species in California. Further exotic frog introductions also should be prevented. The leopard frog, another non-California species, has been introduced to various parts of the state and also poses a threat to native frogs. **FOR REFERENCE** The best source for information on the mountain yellow-legged frog and closely related species such as the foothill yellow-legged frog is Richard G. Zweifel, "Ecology, Distribution and Systematics of Frogs of the *Rana boylei* Group," University of California Publications in Zoology 54: 207-92 (1955).

Small Hydro Rush Continues

The rush for requests for small hydro development sites is continuing. Hundreds of requests for preliminary study permits have been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on creeks and rivers throughout California. The most curious aspect of the small hydro boom is the rush to reserve potential hydro sites on undeveloped creeks and rivers. The State Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) has estimated that over 500 megawatts of power can be developed at existing structures in California. Of 300 potential projects, less than 75% have been filed for with FERC. Over 200 megawatts of small hydro capacity at existing structures has not been applied for. The large majority of FERC preliminary permit

applications have been concentrated on undeveloped creeks and rivers, some of which are in roadless areas (see chart). The unanswered question: why are over 200 megawatts worth of potential small hydro sites at existing structures lying idle, without claim, while corporations, individuals, and municipalities scramble for rights to potential undeveloped sites that may cost millions more to develop? - Steve Evans

SMALL HYDRO PROJECTS PROPOSED IN ROADLESS AREAS

ROADLESS AREA	STATUS	NATIONAL FOREST	# PROJECTS
Tinemaha	W	Inyo	4
Grider	NW	Klamath	1
Kelsey	NW	Klamath	1
Red Buttes	NW	Klamath	1
Shackleford	NW	Klamath	1
Cub Creek	NW	Lassen	2
Ishi	W	Lassen	2
Ishi	FP	Lassen	2
Mill Creek	FP	Lassen	6
Polk Springs	FP	Lassen	1
Grindstone	NW	Mendocino	1
Thomes	NW	Mendocino	4
Bald Rock	FP	Plumas	4
Chips Creek	FP	Plumas/Lassen	8
Beegum Gorge	NW	Shasta-Trinity/BLM	3
Pattison	NW	Shasta-Trinity	1
Blue Creek	NW	Six Rivers	1
Orleans	NW	Six Rivers	2

(STATUS: W = Wilderness FP = Further Planning NW = Non-wilderness)

Snowmobilers Routed at Hearings

Attempts to open three California national parks to snowmobiles met with stiff opposition at hearings last September. Although the National Park Service has not released their decision or the public comment tally, unofficial reports indicate an overwhelming number of letters were received against allowing snowmobiles in Yosemite, Sequoia-Kings Canyon, and Lassen Volcanic National Parks. At the hearing in Fresno, Catherine Burke said, "the National Park

Service has basically two mandates and that is to preserve and protect the parks." Burke and other environmentalists contended the use of snowmobiles is inappropriate in national parks. People speaking against the snow machines outnumbered the opposition by a three-to-one margin. The Redding hearing had the same margin against snowmobiles, although most of the testimony there was about Lassen Volcanic National Park. Even the park concessionaire spoke in favor of continuing the ban on the vehicles.

Led by Resources Secretary Huey Johnson in San Francisco, an even larger crowd outspoke snowmobilers by a ten-to-one margin. Representatives of conservation groups, handicapped individuals, and other citizens argued that the national parks should remain free of snow machines. CWC Executive Director Jim Eaton stated that in order to reach a true balance among wildlife, snowshoers, skiers, and snowmobiles, not only must the national parks remain closed, but significant amounts of our national forests also should be off-limits to snowmobiles.

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PURPOSES OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS COALITION

...to promote throughout the State of California the preservation of wild lands as legally designated wilderness areas by carrying on an educational program concerning the value of wilderness and how it may best be used and preserved in the public interest, by making and encouraging scientific studies concerning wilderness, and by enlisting public interest and cooperation in protecting existing or potential wilderness areas.

CWC Member Spotlight

As a service to California Wilderness Coalition member groups, the Wilderness Record publishes articles on individual group members. It is hoped that these articles will strengthen the Coalition by providing organizations with wide

exposure and the readership of the CWC an exposure to the philosophy, goals, and techniques of the featured groups.

We have a number of "spotlights" for which we lacked space this issue. Some of the groups to be

featured in the next few issues include the Porterville Area Environmental Council, Kern Valley Audubon Society, Pasadena Audubon Society, and the Sierra Association for Environment.

Kaweah Group, Sierra Club

The 300+ member Kaweah Group of the Sierra Club has joined the CWC. Welcome!

Group Chair Bob DeNike has led a resurgence of this Sierra Club group with members in Tulare and Kings counties. Membership has grown spectacularly over the last year, and meetings in Porterville are attracting up to 100 people.

The Kaweah Group had an award winning booth at the Porterville City Fair (42,000 people in four days) where they combined book sales with a literature and photographic display. The response was gratifying with many non-Sierra Club members expressing support for the group's activities, and more than 300 people signed the

"Dump Watt" petition. Over \$300 worth of merchandise was sold, and the Sierra Club message was spread to many individuals.

Recently, Bob Denike traveled to Fresno to testify at hearings on the use of snowmobiles in Lassen, Yosemite, and Sequoia/Kings Canyon national parks. The Kaweah Group organized a joint mailing with CWC on the snowmobile issue that was mailed out to over 350 persons. The group also has been active in such issues as Mineral King and the California wilderness bill.

The group holds monthly meetings, field trips (both hiking and cross-country skiing), and letter-writing parties. Sierra Club President Joe

Fontaine spoke to the group in May on local and national issues.

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Membership Dues

Membership in the Sierra Club is \$25.00 per year and includes the Club's magazine Sierra and the Kern/Kaweah Chapter's newsletter The Roadrunner.

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The Desert Protective Council is a nation-wide organization which was incorporated in 1955. Its founders were concerned about the destructive and irresponsible use of desert resources for military maneuvers and mining. Later, the Council addressed such issues as over-grazing, mechanized recreation, wilderness preservation, wildlife and the encroachment of urban developments and ancillary services.

The sphere of interest of the Desert Protective Council (DPC) includes the American deserts and those mountains which are contiguous and ecologically interdependent and related. Special attention has been focused recently on the California desert.

Policy positions are formulated by a fifteen member Board of Directors which meets at least four times annually. Corporate business is conducted at the Annual Meeting in October. Members may attend Board and committee meetings.

El Paisano is a quarterly newsletter informing members of Board actions and Council events. Desert Alerts are special mailings which call upon all members and

friends to respond to emergency situations. Booklets, articles and pamphlets are distributed through the Education Foundation and the Randall Henderson Memorial Fund.

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