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Coalition**

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☐ **YES! I v** **to j** **the fight to save** **Washington!**

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Enclosed are my dues for \$ _____

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☐ **YES! I'd like to be part of the WWC activist network!**

☐ I'll write **letters to Congress** on important legislation

☐ I'll write **letters to the Forest Service** and other government agencies commenting on timber sales and other important projects

☐ I'm interested in attending **public hearings**

☐ I'll be part of the **activist phone network**

☐ I'd like to do **volunteer work for WWC**

I have skills and interests in the following areas:

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WASHINGTON WILDERNESS COALITION



The citizen's voice for the Wilderness

The Washington Wilderness Coalition

The Washington Wilderness Coalition was founded in 1979 to foster and organize grassroots efforts within the wilderness movement in Washington State. Composed of over 40 organizations and 1000 individuals, WWC provides a support network for front-line groups fighting for wilderness, wild rivers, wildlife, and sound resource management in the Evergreen State. WWC is Washington's only statewide conservation organization exclusively devoted to wilderness and public lands issues.

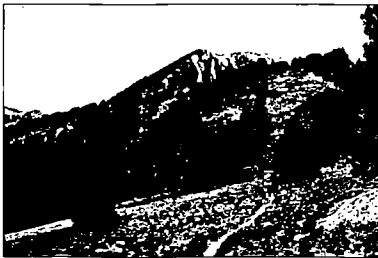
As an educational organization, WWC provides technical information and assistance on conservation issues to individuals, members, and member organizations as well as to political decision makers. By holding or sponsoring workshops and conferences, as well as providing speakers to the community, WWC contributes to the public's awareness and knowledge of wilderness issues.

Above all, WWC is an action organization. WWC coordinates activists and volunteers, meets with government officials, and develops conservation strategies. Through grassroots organizing, public education, and technical advice, WWC has created a vital and growing network of people throughout the state dedicated to protecting and preserving Washington's heritage of wild lands and waters.

▲ WHAT IS WILDERNESS?

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines wilderness as "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man." As growth swallows up more and more of Washington and our population grows, it is essential to preserve as much wilderness as possible for the health of ecosystems and for the well-being of generations to come.

Wilderness provides clean water and clear air. It protects biodiversity and species of plants and animals that are vital to the continued health and well-being of mankind. It provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities, and supports major regional industries such as salmon fishing, recreation, and tourism. Wilderness is essential to all Americans, even those who will never set foot in it.



Protecting large roadless areas in Washington's National Forests is a high priority for WWC.

▲ WILDERNESS PROTECTION

Under the terms of the 1964 Wilderness Act, Congress can designate federal lands to be protected as part of the National Wilderness Protection System. Once designated as Wilderness, the area is off limits to most development and is managed for the preservation of its wild character. Well over 4 million acres of Washington are protected as Wilderness. WWC led the effort to pass the 1984 Washington Wilderness Act which protected an additional 1.03 million acres of wild Washington.

While future Wilderness bills will be needed, Washington's natural ecosystems cannot be protected solely through the Wilderness Act. Many critical areas simply do not fall under the definition of wilderness. So, WWC works in a variety of ways to protect Washington's wild lands and rivers.



Extractive practices, such as logging, produce short-term profits, but destroy the forest ecosystem.

▲ ANCIENT FORESTS

Ancient forest ecosystems are the richest and most biologically diverse wild ecosystems in the Northwest. In the last 200 years, 90% of ancient forests in America have been logged. Of the remaining 10%, most is on public land here in the Pacific Northwest. Without federal legislation, America stands to lose the last of its ancient forests within a decade.

Working with local and national organizations to develop strategy and coordinate action, WWC plays a key role in the nationwide campaign to protect the Northwest's remaining ancient forests. WWC sends activists to Washington, D.C. to testify before Congress, and works to educate Washington members of Congress in their home districts. We also work to influence this issue through public education.

▲ FOREST PLANNING/FOREST WATCH

The U.S. Forest Service is required to develop forest management plans for each National Forest every ten to fifteen years. Much of the battle for responsible forest management is fought over these management plans. The Forest Service uses the plans to determine areas suitable for timber sales, mining projects, motorized vehicle use, wildlife protection, and recreation.

Starting in 1985, WWC organized a system of task forces for each National Forest. The purpose of these task forces was to

evaluate drafts of Forest Plans, organize conservationists' proposals and comments on the plans, and to file administrative appeals to the plans. When the Forest Service refused to consider the merits of the appeals to the Forest Plans—as required by law—WWC participated in a coalition lawsuit to stop the Forest Service from destroying wildlife areas at issue, and to preserve citizens' rights to appeal Management Plans.

With WWC's organizing help, the task forces that WWC helped establish have evolved into a network of Forest Watch groups monitoring Forest Service projects, such as timber sales, across the state.

▲ WILD RIVERS

The Northwest is blessed with an abundance of free-flowing rivers and streams. Yet these are often threatened by hydroelectric development and the effects of streamside timber practices. The severe decline of many of the Northwest's wild salmon species is one indication of the desperate condition of our rivers.

WWC leads the campaign to protect over 100 of our remaining wild rivers under the Federal Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. Wild & Scenic legislation would protect these rivers from hydroelectric projects and preserve the rivers' natural values.

Increasingly, Washington's rivers are experiencing more damage associated with the destruction occurring in surrounding forests. Careless logging practices increase siltation and flooding, block streams, and reduce shade cover for salmon fry. WWC works to keep logging away from river corridors in order to protect rivers from this kind of degradation.



WWC has proposed Miller River in the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest for protection as a "Wild & Scenic River."

▲ GRASSROOTS PHILOSOPHY

In 1979, WWC began with a simple philosophy: the preservation of wilderness and public lands needed a grassroots network of activists across the state to work for protection of local areas and to unite to work for the protection of larger areas. Over the last twelve years WWC has demonstrated what a dedicated network of citizens concerned about wilderness and public lands can achieve.

Join the coalition and add your voice to the movement to protect Washington's wilderness and public lands.



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March 11, 1993

To: Katie McGinty, Director, Office of Environmental Policy

From: Joe Walicki, Conservation Director *J. W.*

Re: Names of grassroots people for possible attendance at Forest Summit, April 2nd.

The **Washington Wilderness Coalition** was established in 1979 to coordinate and train local grassroots groups to protect our wilderness areas and our ancient forest. We have about 40 small local grassroots groups (groups that are not affiliated with any national group and raise all their own funds) that are members of the coalition.

My purpose in writing to you is to help you select the best people to represent the environmental community before the President at the Forest Summit in Portland on April 2nd.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT AT LEAST ONE GRASSROOTS REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH STATE (Washington, Oregon and California) BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

The national groups have their role and perspective. Grassroots groups have a different role and perspective. This difference should be represented at the Summit. The groups that I've worked with over the years have been close to the land and know first hand the effects of logging on their streams and wildlife and the effects of log exports and automation on their jobs. I think it would be beneficial to the dialogue that takes place at the summit if this on-the-ground and in-the-community perspective were available to the President.

Here are the expertise areas and the names of people who would prove valuable to the Summit:

COMMUNITY LEADERS

John Osborne, Spokane. John is founder and current Board Member of the Inland Empire Public Lands Council. Through his leadership this group has become a very strong advocate for ancient forest protection in northeast Washington. They have appealed many timber sales and Forest Service plans.

Joe Walicki, Seattle. Joe has over 20 years experience in working with small grassroots groups through out Oregon and Washington, both as a volunteer and professional. His knowledge of forest and wilderness issues is extensive. He also worked in the woods as a surveyor of logging roads and had his own professional backpacking business.

RIVERS/WATERSHED

Linda Hanlon, Seattle. For the last couple of years Linda has been traveling around the state working with volunteers who want to save certain river stretches and watershed areas within ancient forest areas.

SCHOOL-TEACHER/CITIZEN

Woody Rehanek, Tonasket. Woody used to work in the local timber mill but now is a teacher. He volunteers his time with the local Okanogan Highlands Alliance, a group dedicated in saving ancient forest and stopping destructive gold mining.

MAPPING

Mark Lawler, Seattle. Mark is a longtime Sierra Club activists, knowledgeable on eastside and westside timber issues. He is well versed in the Forest Service planning process and knows where most of the ancient forest are located.

EASTSIDE

Dave Kliegman, Mike Petersen, Tim Coleman all live and work in north central Washington and have years of experience in dealing with the Forest Service eastside forestry problems. All have

dedicated large blocks of their free time to review timber sales and analyze planning documents.

Obviously, there are many other people I could recommend but this will give you some idea of who the coalition deals with. If you would like more detailed information on any of these people, **please feel free to call me at 206-633-1992 or FAX me at 206-633-1996.**

If I was picked to represent our grassroots groups at the Summit, you could be assured that I would accurately report on the needs of our groups on ancient forest protection and their feelings of living and working in timber dependent communities. It would be an honor and privilege to represent them.

Thank you.

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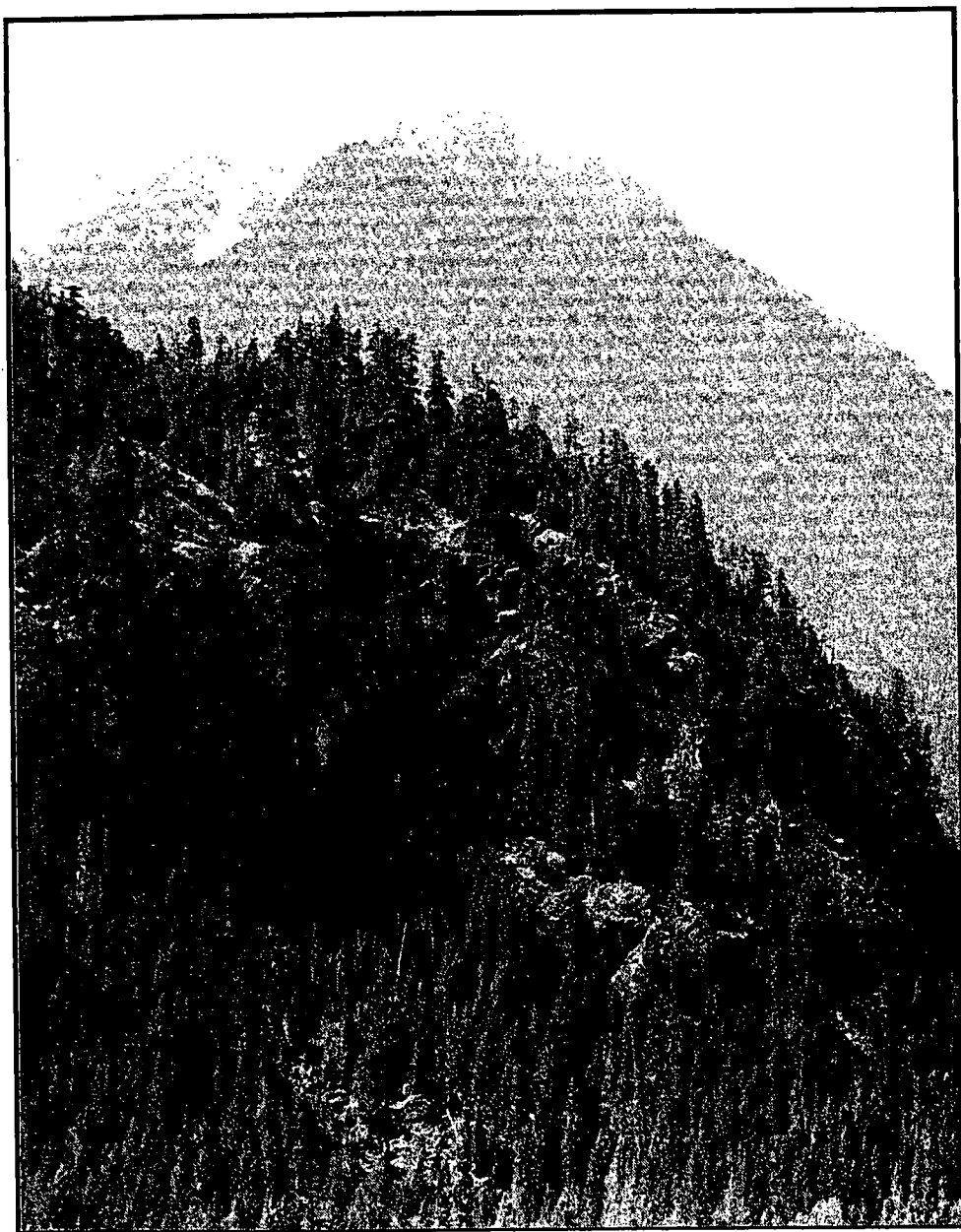
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