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**MAJOR OPPORTUNITY
TO HELP CREATE
B.C. WILDERNESS
AND
PARKS SYSTEMS**

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*Where is the **LARGEST** unlogged
temperate **RAINFOREST**
in the world?* (see page 2 for answer and article)

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ANSWER TO PAGE ONE QUESTION:

- THE KITLOPE

In the autumn of 1990 a wilderness research organization based in Washington, D.C. issued a news release that signalled the end of a great search.

Conservation International researchers had been pouring over satellite photographs, studying government maps, talking to native elders, fishermen, loggers, hunters and environmentalists in a quest to discover the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world. The wilderness group had looked at valleys from Alaska to Chile. In the lower 48 states the largest intact watershed found was Cummins Creek Oregon, 3,500 ha. In Alaska several partially intact 20,000 ha. watersheds were discovered. Almost everywhere a network of clearcuts and logging roads was found to be carving up the wilderness into smaller and smaller pieces.

Then, in British Columbia an amazing complex of wilderness watersheds was discovered tucked away at the end of a spectacular fiord. When the

numbers were crunched the researchers couldn't believe their eyes! The Kitlope watershed and adjoining Kowesas and Tsaytis watersheds contained an astounding 500,000 ha. of untouched wilderness.

In the summer of 1990, Conservation International teamed up with the wilderness committee to conduct an expedition into the remote Kitlope country. What we discovered exceeded our wildest expectations.

The Kitlope, located just south of the town of Kemano at the end of the Gardener Canal, has been protected from logging so far by its inaccessibility. With the glacier-covered spine of the Coast Mountains at its back door and a maze of coastal inlets and islands at its front, the Kitlope has been a well kept secret, until now.

Here is a sample of what the Conservation International/WCWC team discovered...

*Glacier carved sheer rock walls rise out of the primeval forest in a spectacular show of hanging

ice fields and waterfalls. The powder blue Kitlope river snakes its way from side to side creating great sweeping sand and gravel bars. Tributary river valleys lead to wilderness strongholds. Pictographs, abandoned village sites and trade trails give the Kitlope a mysterious, timeless aura.

*The Kitlope watershed encompasses an array of extremely diverse habitats, including high country tundra and valley bottom temperate rainforest. This mosaic results in highly varied fish and wildlife population including wolf, grizzly, moose, oolichan (candle fish) and salmon.

*This is the Kitamaat native people's ancestral territory. The Kitlope has had a history of continuous human habitation extending back to the beginning of time. The last family left the Kitlope only 20 years ago and the people still travel there to fish, hunt and collect healing plants. The Kitamaats consider the wilderness valley a sacred place and have declared that the

valley should remain wilderness for all time.

* The Kitlope is presently part of Tree Farm Licence 41, held by logging company Eurocan. The B.C. government granted the TFL to Eurocan for the price of one dollar in 1980 without the permission of the Kitamaats. Logging road construction in the Kitlope could begin as early as this year, if conservation efforts fail.

* The B.C. Parks Ministry has just announced that it is studying the Kitlope for possible inclusion into the B.C. provincial park system. Please include comments about the Kitlope in your letter to the Parks Minister regarding the parks/wilderness planning process currently underway.

Your Wilderness Committee accords preservation of the Kitlope watershed the highest priority. For the full Kitlope story you'll have to wait for the eight page full-colour Kitlope educational newspaper which will be published before the end of February.

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Let's tip our hats to the B.C. Parks and Forest Ministries. At long last Parks has gone public with its system plan. And Forests has come up with proposed areas to be evaluated for wilderness protection status under the Forest Act. Both Ministries have dragged their heels when it comes to completing B.C.'s protected areas systems, but they're on the move now and need our help.

Presently only about 5½ percent of the province is fully protected in parks. Another 1 percent is partially protected in Recreation Areas or Wilderness Areas, where roads, mining and in some cases logging are permissible. More than half of B.C.'s 73 eco-regions have less than ½ of 1 percent of their areas fully protected.

Of the rich biodiversity found in B.C.--the area that has the greatest diversity of all the states, provinces and territories in North America--from old-growth forest to alpine tundra, grassland to semi-desert, many ecosystems are completely unrepresented in the current protection systems. In some cases little or none remains in natural condition; the time for protecting these ecosystems is gone. Meanwhile, logging and other developments proceed relentlessly around the province. So, completing the parks and wilderness system is an urgent matter!

Parks has developed a systematic approach to protecting areas, subdividing the province into 59 distinctive landscapes (for example, Cascade Ranges). They'd like to protect at least one large representative area in each. Forests has not taken a systematic approach. The Forest Service's map of proposed wilderness study areas features only some of the areas that those in the wilderness preservation movement have been asking be protected--primarily those with low timber values.

WCWC supports the Parks concept of using a rational system. The Committee prefers the Ministry of Environment's (MOE's) Eco-region classifications because of their ecological basis and greater detail. MOE subdivides B.C. into 73 distinctive terrestrial Eco-regions based on climate, physical features and broad plant and animal distributions.

There are severe deficiencies in the current programs presented by Parks and Forests. The Committee will be elaborating on these in a detailed brief to government as our contribution to the current public input process.

We believe that there must be full representation of all the Eco-regions. There must be adequate wilderness preservation in all 70 Eco-regions that still have wilderness remaining. The combined Parks/Forests program, on the other hand, leaves 14 Eco-regions (for example, the South Thompson Upland) without protected wilderness.

We believe that there must be full representation of all ecosystems. Each Eco-region contains a wide variety of plant and animal communities, including mature forests of different forest types, early successional forests, meadows, wetlands, etc.

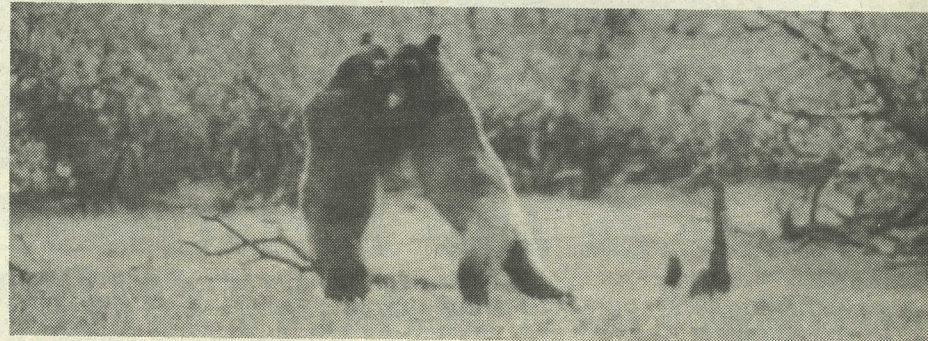
Our vision is that protected wilderness should include sustainable-sized examples of every one of these communities (ecosystems) in every Eco-region. For example, alluvial Sitka spruce should be protected in the Hecate Lowland regardless of whether any may be protected on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Biodiversity will not be adequately protected if Sitka spruce is not protected in all Eco-regions where it occurs.

The Parks and Forests programs do not consider ecosystems to this degree. The combined Parks/Forests program does not come remotely close to representing all of B.C.'s distinctive ecosystems.

We believe that there must be a comprehensive approach to evaluating potential parks and wilderness candidates. Completion of the protected areas system will involve designating at least 100 new Parks or Wilderness Areas. Each will have competing interests. There are no high-park-value roadless areas in the province which are not also coveted by logging, mining or other interests. In order to select the optimum areas, several alternatives will need to be looked at.

Parks has identified 42 wilderness areas for possible study and the Ministry of Forests has identified 59. They expect to screen some out during the public process, leaving probably fewer than 100 for study. Our view is that each and every large block of land in B.C. of potential park value should be thoroughly evaluated; there are several hundred such areas.

We believe in full public involvement in the planning process at every stage. The studies should not be left to government planning teams or consultants. The evaluation of each area should involve open public hearings. Sounds like a lot of work, eh? Yet every sizeable roadless area left in the province is a precious and valuable commodity. Are any of them not worthy of open public discussion and evaluation as to their best use?



Three year old male grizzly bear "cubs" playfully wrestling in the Khutzeymateen, one of the areas needing preservation left out of the current planning process.



RECENT

Successes!

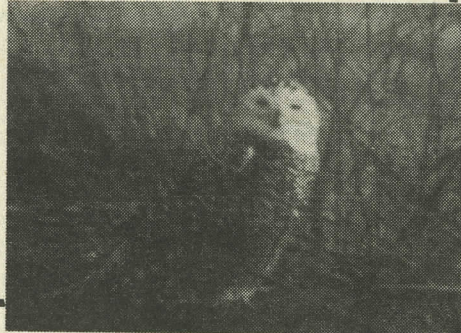


BOUNDARY BAY - GOOD NEWS!

The voters of Delta, B.C. coloured the map green at the fall, 1990 municipal elections. The development-minded mayor and like-minded councillors were swept out of municipal hall by a green revolution. Preservation of Boundary Bay wildlife habitat was the key issue for local citizens.

support of the West Coast Environmental Law Association in a bid to prevent golf course development and preserve the farm land...and we won!

Our success marks the first step in the big campaign to fully protect the internationally-significant Boundary Bay wetlands.



One developer expressed his determination to fight the green tide by tearing up a piece of prime farmland in preparation for golf course construction. The new council at first seemed powerless to stop him, but the Boundary Bay Conservation Committee, a coalition of many local environmental groups including WCWC, went to court with the

WCWC RECYCLING DEPOT OPENS!

On January 2, 1991 the WCWC Mid-Island Branch opened its much needed drop-off recycling depot in Nanaimo. We overcame floods, snow and a very modest budget to achieve success.



100% recycled

Thanks to the strong support of our local members, non-profit groups, schools, businesses and government we are now offering a credible and intelligent alternative to landfilling.

Just the recycling of paper will save 8,500 average sized trees, 3.5 million gallons of water, 2 million kwh of energy (enough to power 3,000 homes for six months) and 1,500 cubic yards of landfill space. Imagine what our entire project will accomplish!

We hope to divert 500 tonnes of paper, 90 tonnes of glass, 60 tonnes of tin and aluminum cans, 30 tonnes of plastic and 20 tonnes of other materials in 1991 alone.

If you live in the Nanaimo area please come on in with your recyclables. You will find us at 2214 McCullough Road, Nanaimo. Phone: 758-0018. See you soon!

FOREST WATCH PROGRAM

As a result of WCWC's Forest Watch program, community groups interested in sustainable forestry practices and local wilderness are springing up all over B.C. A dozen workshops have already been offered in communities such as Port Alberni, Bella Coola, 100 Mile House and Fernie. Active groups are well established in Salmon Arm, 100 Mile House, Vernon and on the Sunshine Coast.

Members are proposing that these stands be partially cut (thinned) and allowed to mature. These 80-year-old forests will then grow in value for another 100 years while still providing on-going local jobs. In addition, these forests will continue to provide pure local drinking water and improved fish and wildlife habitat. Sunshine Coast forest-watchers have no doubt that

PHOENIX PROJECT UNDERWAY

They have contributed everything from electric generators to spotting scopes to video cameras. American Fabricators Ltd. has donated a new research shelter while Extreme Mountaineering Ltd. has donated new climbing equipment for canopy

CARMANAH VALLEY
rainforest canopy
RESEARCH STATION



Western Canada Wilderness Committee

In October 1990 the WCWC research camp in the upper Carmanah Valley was severely damaged by vandals. Over \$30,000 worth of materials and construction costs and an incredible 8,000 hours of volunteer time were lost. WCWC's response to the vandalism is the Phoenix Project--a campaign to build an even better and more extensive research facility than before.

Response to the Phoenix Project from WCWC members has been terrific!

climbing equipment for canopy research. A tree planting co-op has donated a whole set of trail building tools, cook stoves and tents. Lynn Wallace and her team of volunteers from the Mid-Island WCWC Branch have rebuilt the Carmanah bridge using wood from Gogo's cedar mill and Merv Wilkinson's wood lot. The Phoenix Project will go into high gear in mid-March when a massive work party will reconstruct and enlarge the research station. For more info contact Joe Foy at WCWC's main office, 683-8220.

NEMAIH - CHILCOTIN COUNTRY

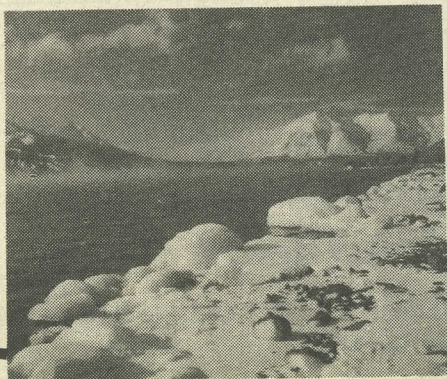
On December 17, 1990 the Nemaiah Valley Indian Band, who live in the Chilcotin country near Chilko Lake, secured an important legal victory in defence of their tradition "Aboriginal Wilderness Preserve".

Carrier Lumber Ltd., which has a forest licence covering a portion of the Nemaiah Valley Band's trap line, agreed not to log within the band's trap line areas until the band's aboriginal rights issue had been settled at trial. In addition, the company

agreed to close off the logging road which it recently constructed into the northern portion of the trap line.

This out-of-court settlement just before the issue was to go before the supreme court of B.C. represents the largest geographical area ever protected from logging by an aboriginal legal claim of any type. It is also the first time that industrial activity in the Chilcotin area of British Columbia has ever been frustrated by any type of environmental aboriginal claim.

Over the last few years, your Wilderness Committee has provided funds for the legal research into aboriginal trapping rights which formed the backbone of this case. In December, we published a beautiful full-colour panoramic poster of the Tchaikazan Valley located in the heart of Nemaiah's Chilcotin country. Send in \$10 and get yourself a copy!



Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast Forest Watch group (SCFW), fresh from its successful campaign to stop herbicide spraying in logging blocks near its members homes, is now mounting a campaign to stop clear-cutting of healthy young stands of Douglas fir.

tourism revenues will be greatly enhanced by pursuing the partial cutting option.

For more details about the Forest Watch Program contact WCWC staff forester Mark Wareing, RPF, at 683-8220.

CYPRESS SUCCESS

In the fall of 1990, WCWC joined forces with a local group, the Friends of Cypress, in a campaign to save an ancient cedar-hemlock forest adjacent to Cypress Provincial Park. A private developer, backed by West Vancouver council, planned to turn a grove of 700-year-old western red cedars and adjacent recreational lands into a semi-private golf course, despite its location high on the flanks of

Hollyburn Ridge where heavy snow covers the ground for half the year. WCWC produced an educational newspaper and mailed it to all West Vancouver residents. As a result of public outcry, the golf course plan was squashed in the subsequent municipal referendum. Local residents and visitors will now enjoy the ancient forest in a new municipal park!

DEEP ROOTS TARGETS DONATIONS

In December of 1990 all members and supporters of the Wilderness Committee were mailed a **Deep Roots** brochure that gave them the opportunity to direct their donations to specific WCWC projects such as rainforest canopy research, book production, trail building and global wilderness mapping.

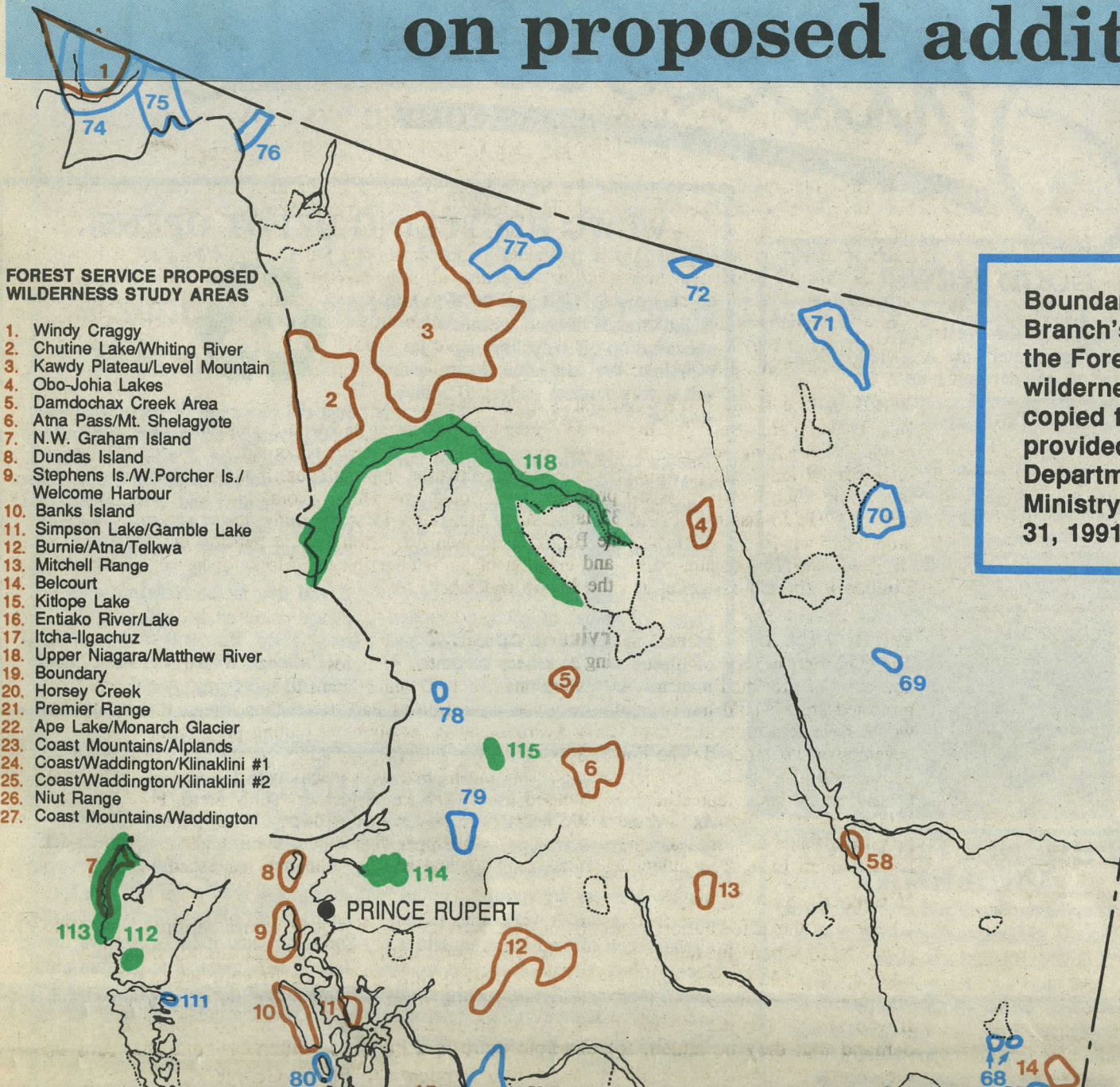
Deep Roots has been a success, with over 1,000 people having responded to date. It has raised more than \$50,000 after expenses. About 40% of donors did not specify a particular project for their donation, allowing us

to choose the one we felt was most urgent. The most popular project selected by our contributors was trail building, which had about 15% of the support. A close runner-up was the publication of WCWC's new expanded version of **Hiking Guide to the Big Trees of Southwestern British Columbia**. Third was the international mapping work being undertaken by our WILD Campaign.

Through Deep Roots, WCWC supporters are charting the course of effective wilderness preservation and ensuring our success.



April 15, 1991, is the B.C. go on proposed additions to its



FOREST SERVICE PROPOSED WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

1. Windy Craggy
2. Chutine Lake/Whiting River
3. Kawdy Plateau/Level Mountain
4. Obo-Johia Lakes
5. Damdochax Creek Area
6. Atna Pass/Mt. Shelagyote
7. N.W. Graham Island
8. Dundas Island
9. Stephens Is./W. Porcher Is./Welcome Harbour
10. Banks Island
11. Simpson Lake/Gamble Lake
12. Burnie/Atna/Telkwa
13. Mitchell Range
14. Belcourt
15. Kitlope Lake
16. Entiako River/Lake
17. Itcha-Ilgachuz
18. Upper Niagara/Matthew River
19. Boundary
20. Horsey Creek
21. Premier Range
22. Ape Lake/Monarch Glacier
23. Coast Mountains/Alplands
24. Coast/Waddington/Klinaklini #1
25. Coast/Waddington/Klinaklini #2
26. Niut Range
27. Coast Mountains/Waddington

Boundaries of the Parks Branch's park study areas and the Forest Service's proposed wilderness study areas were copied from a map kindly provided by the Planning Department of the B.C. Ministry of Parks on January 31, 1991

SOME KEY WILDERNESS AREAS THAT WCWC HAS IDENTIFIED THAT MERIT WILDERNESS PROTECTION

68. Douglas Creek
69. Statlu Lake/Skwellepil
70. Upper Coquitlam
71. Tantalus Range
72. Upper Carmanah/Walbran
73. Mid-Klanawa
74. Clayoquot Sound (south)
75. Clayoquot Sound (north)
76. Tahsish/Kwois
77. Lower Tsitika
78. Kwakiut/Cape Palmerston
79. North Coast
80. Koeye River
81. Grey Bay/Cumshewa Head

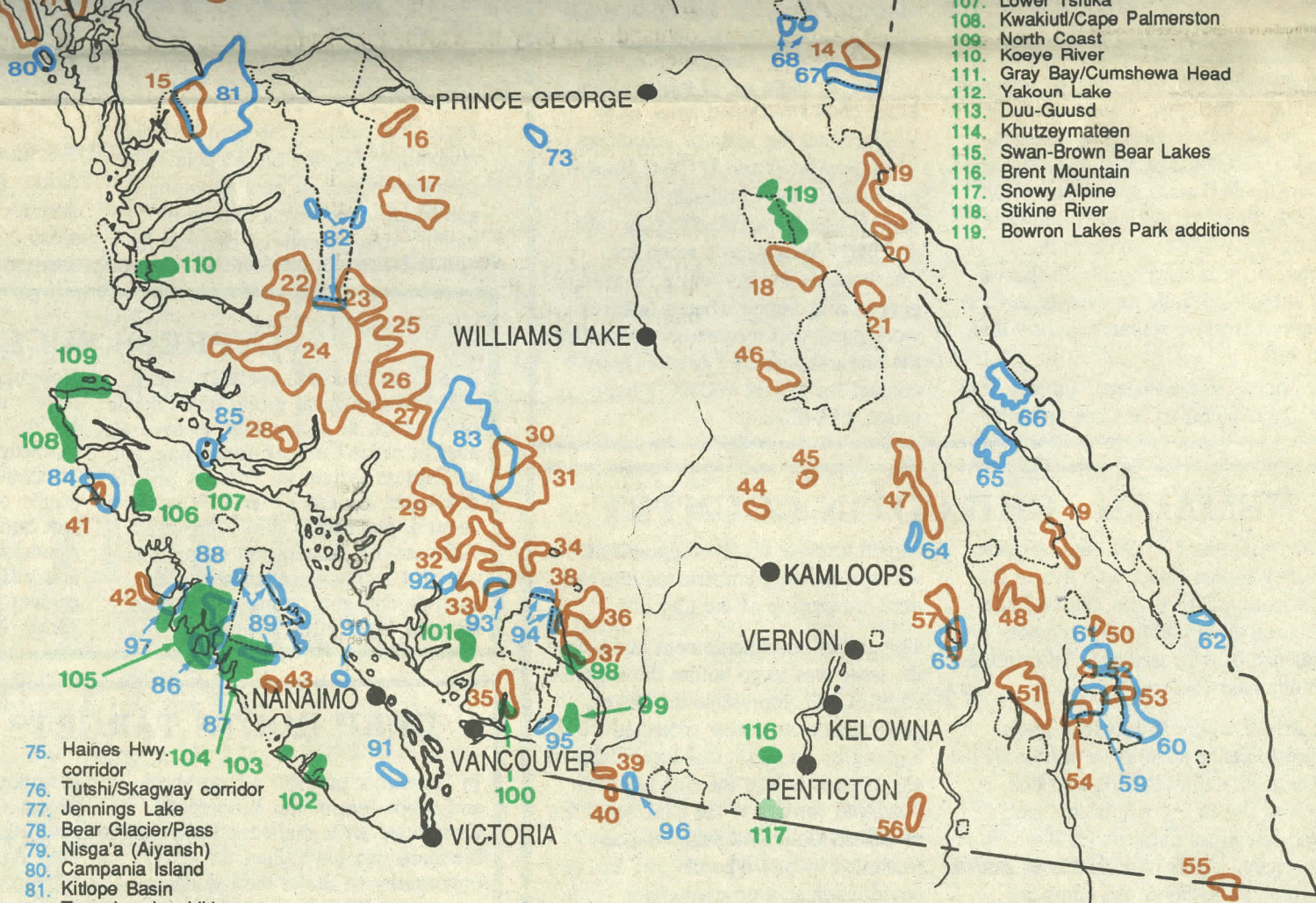
- 28. Ahnuhati River
- 29. Bishop River
- 30. South Chilcotin
- 31. Spruce Lake
- 32. Upper Lillooet River
- 33. Pemberton Icecap
- 34. Tenquille/Owl Lakes
- 35. Pinecone Lake
- 36. Middle Stein
- 37. Nahatlatch River
- 38. Lizzie Alpine
- 39. Mt. Cheam/Ling Lake
- 40. Radium Lake/Hanging Lake
- 41. Nasparti River
- 42. West Nootka Island
- 43. Gibson/Klista Plateau
- 44. Bonaparte
- 45. Dunn Peak
- 46. Deception/Boss Mountain
- 47. Bischoff Lake
- 48. Battle Range
- 49. Dogtooth
- 50. Upper Dunbar
- 51. White Grizzly
- 52. Hanging Glacier
- 53. Ben Abel
- 54. Carney
- 55. Wigwam
- 56. Gladstone
- 57. Greenbush Lake
- 58. Mount Selwyn

**MAJOR PROVINCIAL PARK
PROPOSED STUDY AREAS**





- 59. Carney Creek
- 60. Purcell (east side)
- 61. Lake-of-the-Hanging-Glacier
- 62. Mt. Assiniboine addition
- 63. Monashee addition
- 64. Anstey Arm/Hunakwa Lake
- 65. Sir Sandford
- 66. Clemenceau Glacier
- 67. Kakwa addition (north)
- 68. Monkman additions
- 69. Redfern Lake
- 70. Foothills
- 71. Cariboo Mtns./Grayling River
- 72. Liard Eskers
- 73. Titetown Lake
- 74. Alsek/Tatshenshini Rivers

- 75. Haines Hwy. corridor
- 76. Tutshi/Skagway corridor
- 77. Jennings Lake
- 78. Bear Glacier/Pass
- 79. Nisga'a (Aiyansh)
- 80. Campania Island
- 81. Kitlope Basin
- 82. Tweedsmuir additions
- 83. Chilko Lake
- 84. Brooks Peninsula addition
- 85. Broughton Archipelago (Kwakiutl)
- 86. Flores Island
- 87. Obstruction Island
- 88. Megin River
- 89. Strathcona additions
- 90. Cameron Lake
- 91. Cowichan River
- 92. Princess Louisa
- 93. Callaghan Lake
- 94. Garibaldi Additions
- 95. Golden Ears (Alouette Lk.) addition
- 96. Chilliwack Lake addition
- 97. Nootka Sound

- 107. Lower Tsika
- 108. Kwakiutl/Cape Palmerston
- 109. North Coast
- 110. Koeye River
- 111. Gray Bay/Cumshewa Head
- 112. Yakoun Lake
- 113. Duu-Guud
- 114. Khutzeymateen
- 115. Swan-Brown Bear Lakes
- 116. Brent Mountain
- 117. Snowy Alpine
- 118. Stikine River
- 119. Bowron Lakes Park additions

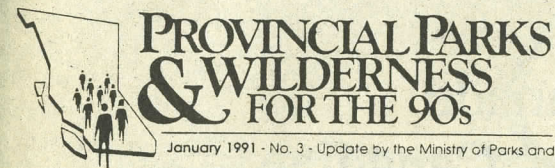


LEGEND

-  EXISTING PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL PARKS
-  PROPOSED FOREST SERVICE WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS
-  MAJOR PROVINCIAL PARK STUDY AREAS
-  KEY ADDITIONAL AREAS IDENTIFIED BY WCWC THAT MERIT WILDERNESS PROTECTION



Government's deadline for input on parks and wilderness systems!



PROVINCIAL PARKS & WILDERNESS FOR THE 90s

January 1991 - No. 3 - Update by the Ministry of Parks and the Ministry of Forests

Meetings scheduled throughout B.C.

Why should you attend?

This is your opportunity to talk to the staff who are responsible for identifying areas to be studied for proposed provincial park and wilderness area designation. It's also a chance to hear from others in your community.

This step gives you a chance to comment on:

- the system planning process;
- whether the objectives of the park and wilderness area systems need to be refined;
- whether proposed study areas accurately encompass significant park and wilderness values and features;
- which areas should be priorities for action.

No decisions will be made about boundaries, land uses or designation until further study on each area.

How can you contribute?

At open houses, you can talk informally with staff from BC Parks and the BC Forest Service. At public meetings, you may wish to ask questions or make a brief statement. At either forum, we'd like you to fill out our "concerns sheet" to tell us what interests or concerns you the most.

What happens at an open house?

Open houses are your chance to view displays and background reports, and to discuss your views informally. Any aspect of either Parks Plan for the 90s or Wilderness for the 90s, or any specific Study Area can be discussed in detail.

What happens at a public meeting?

Public meetings are more formal. BC Parks and the Forest Service will make brief presentations highlighting the work we've done. There will be time for you to ask questions.

In addition, there will be an opportunity for formal presentations. To ensure that everyone who wishes to comment can do so, we ask that presentations be brief and that groups select one person to represent their interests. If you plan to make a formal presentation, you may register beforehand with a BC Parks office, or simply register at the meeting.

Is this my last chance to contribute?

No; this is one more step in a process of public discussions. We invite you to send us written submissions until April 15. You may also want to again meet with our staff to discuss your concerns and interests. In addition, open house materials will remain on display at regional viewing centres throughout the province.

When we have completed our meetings and received your comments, we'll prepare a summary of what we heard. We'll send this summary to everyone on our mailing list.

Following this review, future area-specific studies will be scheduled, and public participation will be an important component in each case.

WILDERNESS/PARKS PLANS COMING TO TOWN A CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL WCWC MEMBERS!

February could be a time of huge gains in the fight to protect B.C.'s important wilderness areas, but only if you take time out to speak up in defence of wilderness! The B.C. Parks Ministry and the B.C. Forest Service are stumping around the province conducting a series of open houses and public meetings about proposed new provincial parks and Forest Service wilderness areas. **It is crucial that all wilderness preservation advocates attend these meetings and make written submissions.** This is the opportunity we've all been waiting for, a chance to complete B.C.'s protected wilderness and parks systems. Look at the map on the left to see the wilderness areas that Parks and Forest Service are proposing. We have also added some of the key proposed parks and wilderness areas that they, for some unknown reason, have left out of their plans.

What is the B.C. Parks Ministry proposing?

B.C. Parks is proposing that the current system of provincial parks be expanded with special emphasis on adding ecosystems not yet represented in the current parks system, preserving large scale natural areas and providing back country recreation opportunities. If public response is favourable, each newly proposed protected area would eventually become a class A provincial park. B.C. Parks has established 33 large study areas and 75 small study areas. Some key park proposals include an addition to the Brooks Peninsula recreation area, expansion of Strathcona, Garibaldi and Tweedsmuir parks, and creation of parks covering the Alsek/Tatshenshini area, the Kiltlope Basin, Chilko Lake, and the Megin watershed.

What is the B.C. Forest Service proposing?

The B.C. Forest Service is proposing to create a number of Forest Service Wilderness Areas, a new type of protected area made possible under a 1987 amendment to the Forest Act. These protected areas would have roughly the same protection as Park Recreation Areas, that is they would have less protection than Class A Provincial Parks allowing mining prospecting and development to proceed. The Forest Service uses a wilderness ranking system that gives areas with low timber values a higher ranking. This means that wild places with big-tree low-elevation forests are not well represented in proposed Forest Service Wilderness study areas. Forest Service Wilderness areas must be at least 1,000 hectares in size with no roads. 59 study areas are proposed. Some key ones are the Stein/Lizzie Lake/Upper Nahatlatch, South Chilcotin, Chilliwack Lake-Radium Lake, Tenquille/Owl Lakes, Banks Island and the Ahnuhati watershed.

Where do you fit in?

Check out the information from the Forest Service-BC Parks brochure reprinted on this page. Note when the hearings come to your community and plan to attend. Post this page in a public place, highlighting the meeting time and place in your area, and encourage as many of your friends to attend the meeting and make written submissions. If you see that important local wilderness areas are not included in the proposals, demand that they be added, for example there is a huge no-wilderness-zone that runs up the centre of the province all the way from Penticton to Prince George!

Lower Mainland

Open houses, beginning at 2 pm at these Lower Mainland sessions, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.

Feb 12 Maple Ridge old library, Centennial Arena Bldg, 11963 Honey Pt

Feb 14 Burnaby Holiday Inn/Melrotown 4405 Central Blvd

Fraser Valley

An open house, beginning at 3 pm, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.

For more information, or to register, please call 858-7161.

Feb 20 Chilliwack Playstreak Rm, Holiday Inn, 45920 -1st Ave

Open houses will be held from 3-8 pm at these centres:

Feb 12 Abbotsford Kings Cross Social Ctr, 1515 College Dr

Feb 14 Hope Hope Golf & Country Club Golf Course Rd

Garibaldi/Sunshine Coast

An open house, beginning at 3 pm, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.

For more information, or to register, please call 898-3678.

Feb 21 Squamish Garibaldi Highlander Hotel, 40330 Tantails Way

Feb 19 Surrey

Surrey Inn
9850 King George Hwy
McGill Theatre, Robson Sq,
800 Robson St

For more information, or to register, please call 463-3513.

Northern Vancouver Island

Open houses, beginning at 2 pm at these Vancouver Island sessions, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.

For more information, or to register, please call 755-2483.

Feb 12 Port McNeill Lions Hall, 2897 Mine Rd

Feb 14 Campbell River St. Patrick's Hall, 34 South Alder

Feb 18 Tofino/Ucluelet Wickaninnish Ctr, end of Wickaninnish Rd, Ucluelet

Feb 20 Courtenay Filberg Centre, 411 Anderson Ave

An open house will be held from 2-7 pm in Cold River

Feb 13 Gold River Community Hall, 500 Muchalat Dr

Okanagan

Open houses, beginning at 2 pm at these Okanagan

21 Squamish Garibaldi Highlander Hotel, 40330 Tantalus Way
 Open houses will be held from 3-9pm at these centres:
 Feb 13 Powell River Powell River Rec Complex, 5000 Joyce
 Feb 14 Sechelt Rockwood Ctr., 5511 Shoncliffe
 Feb 20 Whistler Whistler Conference Ctr., 4010 Whistler Way

Southern Vancouver Island

Open houses, beginning at 2 pm at these Vancouver Island sessions, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.
 For more information, or to register, please call 387-4363.
 Feb 12 Nanaimo Bowen Park complex, 500 Bowen Rd
 Feb 14 Duncan Silver Bridge Inn, 140 TransCanada Hwy
 Feb 19 Victoria Conference Ctr., 720 Douglas St
 Feb 20 Port Alberni Echo Ctr., 4255 Wallace St
 *open house begins at 3 pm at Port Alberni only

West Kootenay

Open houses beginning at 2 pm at these West Kootenay sessions, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.
 For more information, or to register, please call 825-4421.
 Feb 11 Creston Recreation Centre, 319 N 19 Ave
 Feb 13 Nelson Heritage Inn, 422 Vernon
 Feb 14 Castlegar Sandman Inn, 1944 Columbia
 Feb 15 Trail Terra Nova Motor Inn, 1001 Rossland
 Feb 27 Revelstoke Recreation Centre, 600 Campbell Ave

Open houses will be held from 6 to 10 pm at the following:
 Feb 18 Grand Forks Yale Hotel, 174 Market St
 Feb 19 Greenwood MacArthur Hall
 Feb 20 Crawford Bay Community Hall
 Feb 22 Kaslo Legion Hall, 403-5th St
 Feb 25 New Denver/Silverton/Siocan Silverton Municipal Hall
 Feb 26 Nakusp Senior Citizen's Hall

East Kootenay/Columbia
 Open houses, beginning at 2 pm at these East Kootenay sessions, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.
 For more information, or to register, please call 422-3212.

Feb 12 Golden East Kootenay Community College, 1419-11th Ave
 Feb 13 Invermere Community Hall
 Feb 14 Cranbrook Inn of the South ballroom, 803 Cranbrook St N
 Feb 19 Kimberley Centennial House, 100 Coronation Park
 Feb 20 Elkford Elkford Motor Inn, 812 Michel
 Feb 21 Fernie Old Elevator, 291-1st Ave.

Okanagan
 Open houses, beginning at 2 pm at these Okanagan sessions, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.

For more information, or to register, please call 494-0321
 Feb 12 Vernon Vernon Lodge, 3914-32nd Street (Hwy 97)
 Feb 14 Kelowna Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Ave.
 Feb 15 Penticton Trade and Convention Ctr., 273 Tower
 Feb 18 Merritt Civic Ctr., 2185 Voght
 Feb 19 Penticton Arena (Mezzanine), Old Hedley Rd.
 Feb 21 Keremeos Victory Hall, 7th Ave
 Feb 22 Osoyoos Community Centre, foot of Main St.
 An open house will be held from 6 to 9 pm in:
 Feb 11 Cheryville Community Hall, 158 North Fork Rd

Open houses will be held from 2-9 pm in:
 Feb 13 Peachland Peachland Community Ctr., 4450 6th Street
 Feb 20 Oliver Community Centre, 36003-79th St

Thompson River

Open houses, beginning at 2 pm, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.
 For more information, or to register, please call 828-4494.
 Feb 12 Clearwater Frog Inn, 228 E Yellowhead Hwy
 Feb 14 Salmon Arm Shuswap Inn, 551 TransCanada Hwy NE
 Feb 18 Merritt Civic Centre, 2185 Voght
 Feb 20 Lilooet School District Resource Centre, 472 Main
 Feb 28 Kamloops Coast Canadian Inn, 339 St Paul
 Open houses will be held from 6-9 pm in:
 Feb 11 Blue River Legion Hall, Pine Street
 Feb 13 Barriere Legion Hall
 Feb 15 Chase Town Hall, 809 Shuswap
 Feb 19 Gold Bridge Hydro House, LaLoie Ave
 Feb 19 Tatla Community Hall
 Feb 22 Ashcroft Community Hall, 409 Bancroft St.
 Feb 26 Sicamous Our Lady of Fatima Hall, 705 Cherry
 Feb 27 Lytton Parish Hall, 140-7th St.

Cariboo

Open houses, beginning at 2 pm at these Cariboo sessions, will be followed by public meetings at 7:30.
 For more information, or to register, please call 398-4414.
 Feb 11 100 Mile House Red Coach Inn
 Feb 12 Quesnel Legion Hall, 242 Kinchant
 Feb 16 Williams Lake W.L. Jr. Secondary School
 *in Williams Lake, the open house will begin at 2pm; the meeting will end at 8:30
 Feb 19 Tatla Community Hall
 Feb 21 Bella Coola Labelco Hall
 An open house will be held from 10 am to 1 pm in:
 Feb 19 Nemah Band Office
 An open house will be held from noon-3pm in:
 Feb 18 Big Creek Community Hall

the centre of the province all the way from Penticton to Prince George!)
 Also point out to the Parks/Forest Service the areas which we have marked on this map in light green, ones that were left out of the government proposal such as the upper Carmanah Valley, Walbran Valley, Khutzeymateen valley, Yakoun Lake, Koeys Valley and lower Tsitika Valley, and which should be considered for preservation. If proposed boundaries do not include key parts of your local wilderness area, demand that the boundaries be expanded. Make sure that local native peoples' concerns are being addressed. You have until April 15 to send in additional written proposals. Please send a copy of all written proposals to the WCWC. Our Committee has almost 30,000 members. Let's work together to complete B.C.'s wilderness system now!

Cariboo

Open houses will be held from 4-9 pm in:
 Feb 13 Wells Barkerville Elem. School
 Feb 14 Likely Community Hall
 Feb 14 Horsefly Community Hall
 Feb 15 Clinton Clinton Library
 Feb 15 70 Mile House Community Hall
 Feb 18 Alexis Creek Community Hall
 *starts at 5 pm
 Feb 20 Anahim Lake Anahim Lake School
 Feb 22 Bella Bella Bella Bella Sch. Activity Rm
 *ends at 8pm in Bella Bella

Prince George

Open houses, beginning at 3 pm, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.
 For more information, or to register, please call 565-6340
 Feb 11 Vanderhoof Nechako Valley Secondary School auditorium, 2608 Bufe
 Feb 13 Prince George Holiday Inn, Cranbrook Rm
 Feb 18 Valemount Valemount Secondary School Library, 1300-6th Ave
 Feb 19 McBride McBride Junior Secondary School auditorium
 An open house will be held from 3-5 pm in:
 Feb 11 Fraser Lake Fire Hall, 55 Endako Ave
 Open houses will be held from 4-8 pm in:
 Feb 12 Fort St. James National Historic Park Visitor Ctr., Chief Kwah Rd
 Feb 14 Mackenzie Ernie Bodin Community Ctr., Room 1, Centennial Dr

Peace/Liard

Open houses, beginning at 3 pm at these Northern BC sessions, will be followed by public meetings starting at 7:30 pm.
 For more information, or to register, please call 787-3407
 Feb 11 Fort St John Pioneer Inn, 9830 100 Ave
 Feb 13 Fort Nelson Town Hall (Town Square)
 Feb 19 Dawson Creek George Dawson Inn
 Feb 20 Chetwynd Recreation Centre, 4552 N Access
 Feb 21 Tumbler Ridge Rec Centre Main Lounge

Peace/Liard

Open houses will be held from 7-10 pm in:
 Feb 14 Toad River Community Hall, file 422 Alaska Hwy
 Feb 18 Hudson Hope Hudson Hope School, 10101-103rd Ave

Skeena

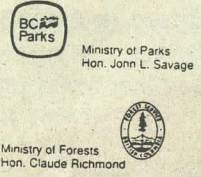
Open houses, beginning at 2 pm at these Skeena sessions, will be followed by public meetings at 7:30 pm.
 For more information, or to register, please call 847-7320.
 Feb 11 Smithers Hudson Bay Lodge, 3251 Hwy 16
 Feb 12 Hazelton National Exhibition Centre K'son Grounds, Hwy 62
 Feb 13 Terrace Inn of the West, 4620 Lakelse
 Feb 13 Houston Houston Motor Inn, 2940 Hwy 16
 Feb 14 Kitimat Riverlodge Community Ctr., 660 Columbia
 Feb 14 Granisle Council Chambers, 1 McDonald
 Feb 15 Prince Rupert The Crest, 222-1st Ave W
 Feb 16 Masset Community Centre
 Feb 17 Queen Charlotte City Queen Charlotte School
 Feb 18 Stewart Winter Club Arena
 Feb 19 Dease Lake Community Hall
 Feb 20 Cassiar Cassiar Community Club
 Feb 21 Atlin Atlin Recreation Centre
 Feb 22 Burns Lake Art Gallery meeting room, 540 Yellowhead Hwy
 An open house will be held from noon-3 pm in:
 Feb 14 Aiyansh Band Council Main Hall
 Open houses will be held from 2-5 pm in:
 Feb 19 Iskut Community Hall

Make your voice heard

Write to the Minister of Parks - Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

AND

Minister of Forests - Same address as above



Help shape the future of Parks and Wilderness for the 90s

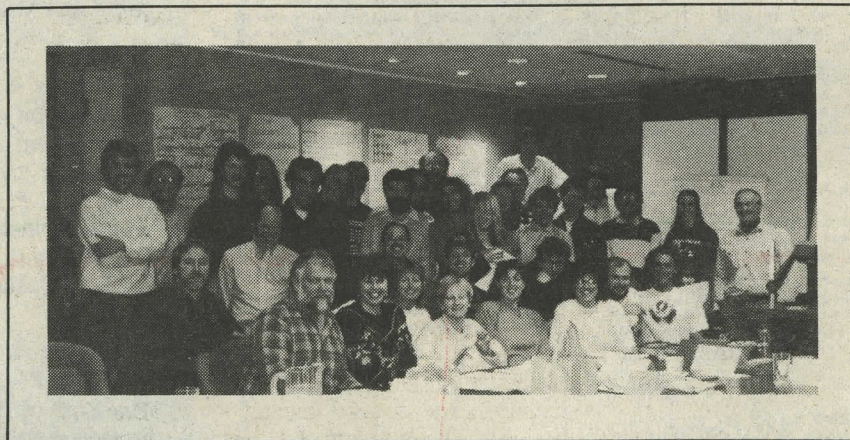
Preserving Our Living Legacy



Western Canada Wilderness Committee

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a non-profit organization based in Canada, working for the preservation and protection of Canadian and international wilderness through research and education. We promote the principles which achieve ecologically sustainable communities. We empower people to realize these goals. We work through lawful means.



We Value

WCWC POLICY ON
CIVIL
DISOBEDIENCE

- ◆ wilderness as absolutely vital to the health of the planet and human survival
- ◆ indigenous peoples' traditional respect for the Earth, their right to a just and fair settlement of their land claims, and their right to self-determination

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

We do not participate in any form of civil disobedience. We do not condemn non-violent civil disobedience by others. We condemn activities that threaten life, property or the environment.

claims, and their right to self-determination

- ◆ consistent excellence in all endeavours
- ◆ a work atmosphere which stimulates and supports creativity, innovation, and balanced lifestyles and recognizes everyone's contribution
- ◆ life in all its mystery, abundance, complexity and diversity

*** NOTICE * SPECIAL MEMBERS' MEETING**

**Saturday March 16, 1991
1- 3PM
The Cinematique
1131 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C.**

- * Vote on proposed bylaw changes ***
- * Special financial report ***
- * Video clips of your Committee in action ***

SPECIAL BYLAW RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved That:

articles 25 and 26 of the Society's bylaws be amended as follows:

Delete 25(2) which now reads "The number of directors shall be 12 plus one director elected from each branch executive."

and replace with 25(2) The number of directors shall be 12.

add 26(5) No person who is an employee of the Society or who is engaged by it pursuant to a contract for services is eligible for election as a director unless the remuneration for such employment is less than 10% of such person's annual gross income and amount of work for the Society averages less than 5 hours per week.

POLICY RESOLUTIONS

Be It Resolved That:

the WCWC Mission Statement and the WCWC Policy on Civil Disobedience (as stated on this page), having been developed by consensus at the Strategic Planning Session of directors and staff held January 12-13, 1991, be adopted as WCWC Policy.





NEWS FROM WCWC BRANCHES

MID-ISLAND BRANCH

Carmanah Valley day tours will be back by popular demand this spring and summer, giving WCWC members and friends a chance to get out on weekends and to get into this ancient rainforest. West coast wilderness overnights and local outings to places of historical, cultural and natural significance will also be featured in this year's expanded tours hosted by the Mid-Island Branch!

Our concerns about inner coastal waters continue to be expressed through our ongoing activities with the Save Georgia Strait Alliance. A highlight of 1990 was our participation in last summer's swim/canoe marathon to help save the straight.

The Mid-Island Branch has begun a major campaign to protect wilderness in three of the six remaining unlogged watersheds on Vancouver Island. The Klashkish, Naspart and East Creek watersheds will be featured in upcoming public talks. An expedition to the Brooks Peninsula in early spring will investigate the possibility of establishing a research camp there. For more information, call 753-9453 or drop by our Nanaimo storefront office at 140B Terminal Avenue.

OKANAGAN BRANCH

In November the Ministry of Forests presented its Okanagan Options Report (a planning programme for the next five years). Wilderness Committee members from all over the Okanagan attended the meetings. Our Branch is unified in its call for a decrease in the area's annual allowable cut and for the creation of the Upper Shushwap wilderness area under the Ministry of Forests wilderness classification.

Kelowna Wilderness Committee members are studying the ramifications of Pulpwood Agreement #9 which covers the Okanagan, Kootenay, Shushwap and Thompson areas. Research so far indicates that the logging plans are a far cry from sustainable forestry.

Penticton members are concerned with logging and grazing in the Penticton watershed. The development of a garnet mine in the nearby Apex Recreation Area is still proceeding despite long-standing and growing public opposition.

Our up-coming events include several slide shows about B.C.'s wildest river, the Tatshenshini:

* Feb. 11 at Okanagan College in Vernon

VICTORIA BRANCH

Over the past few months the Victoria Branch has been bustling with activity, as we work to protect some of Vancouver Island's few remaining natural forest habitats.

Recently the Lower Tsitika Valley has received lots of attention. Our branch has published several educational reports about this watershed and the adjacent whale habitat in Robson Bight, including *A Case For Preservation: A Report and Critique to the Tsitika Follow-Up Committee*, and our branch's first book, *Beyond the Gate: Artists' Journeys to Save the Tsitika Valley and Robson Bight*.

The Tsitika art show *Wilderness Treasures of Land and Sea*, mounted by our Branch in November and December of 1990, was a great success and we are currently in the final stages of delivering the art pieces to the lucky high-bidders. A big thanks to all the participating artists, volunteers and people who came out to see the show.

Several branch planning meetings have resulted in a very ambitious programme of projects and goals for the Victoria Branch for '91. We are now putting our plans into action. Stay tuned!

When you are in Victoria be sure to drop by to join our wild and crazy volunteers or to say hi! Reach us at 388-9292 or at #19-Bastion Square.

INTERNATIONAL WILD CAMPAIGN

WCWC's WILD (Wilderness Is the Last Dream) Campaign continues to work closely with groups in Canada and abroad to save global wilderness.

WILD has been working on WCWC's campaigns to protect wild rivers, co-publishing a newspaper on the Tatshenshini River with Tatshenshini Wild and a paper about the James Bay II and Kemano Completion hydro-electric mega-projects with the Steelhead Society of B.C.

prominent conservation groups, Fundacion Neotropica and SOS Mata Atlantica, to mount a Latin America mapping conference and produce information essential for protection of natural ecosystems and the planning of sustainable communities in Latin America.

To get involved in WCWC's international WILD work, call 604-669-WILD (669-9453).

- * Feb. 11 at Okanagan College in Vernon
- * Feb. 14 at Okanagan College in Kelowna
- * Feb. 15 at the Summerland Theatre in Summerland

Give us a call in Vernon at 545-9292 or drop by our storefront/office at 104-2908 30th Avenue. Our volunteer crew would love to see you!

ALBERTA BRANCH-IN-FORMATION

We are the Wilderness Committee's newest branch-in-formation, and the first one outside of the province of British Columbia. A recent questionnaire sent to our local members has shown that overwhelmingly the number-one issue here is boreal forest logging and pulpmill expansion. This is bound to become one of the key Alberta Branch campaigns. The Oldman Dam, the OSLO tar sands project and Wood Buffalo Park were also recommended by our members as issues needing more attention.

We have compiled a list of possible locations for a storefront office although no location has been chosen to date. Perhaps



someone in Edmonton would like to donate a space?

We are planning our first educational newspaper on Alberta forest development. If you would like to get involved please phone Brian Toole in Edmonton, 430- 8310.

WILD's most intensive campaign has been to help the indigenous peoples of Sarawak, especially the nomadic Penan, protect their ancient rainforest home.

The mapping and collection of information about all of the world's remaining natural ecosystems continues to be WILD's primary focus.

A grant from CIDA is enabling WILD to work with two



WHITE ROCK BRANCH-IN-FORMATION

The main focus of the White Rock BIF continues to be the preservation of Boundary Bay's critical wetlands bird and wildlife habitat. The White Rock BIF holds a Nature Watch hike every month to introduce people to the wonders of the bay's wildlife. Our co-operation with the White Rock and South Surrey Naturalists has been beneficial as the Naturalists graciously provide viewing scopes and information packages for our hikers.

The White rock BIF does not have a store or office, however the Naturalists have donated space for us to post information at Beecher Place in Crescent Beach. WCWC's marketing team is investigating a White Rock location for a kiosk, to be built this spring by the committee and ready for summer sales of WCWC merchandise. Our monthly meetings are held in Crescent Beach with a regular attendance of 70 people.

If you live in the White Rock-Surrey-Delta area why not join us? For more information please call Terry Chilibeck at 538-4747.

YOU TOO ARE NEEDED AS A COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER

WCWC Vancouver. Regular volunteer nights Mondays and Wednesdays. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at 683-8225 to find out about other opportunities for you to help out.

WILD night. Tuesdays. Call 669-9453
BRANCHES. Phone in and find out where and when.

VANCOUVER

Plans are underway by some WCWC members to propose the establishment of a Vancouver Branch. Meanwhile Committee Forester Mark Wareing is working hard gathering information for the campaign to stop clearcut logging in the watersheds that provide Greater Vancouverites with their drinking water. Every Vancouver area member should be on the lookout for a canvasser with watershed newspaper and a petition coming to their door soon.



Giving wilderness preservation a chance

Some people say that we ask too often for help. They feel guilty because they cannot afford to give a donation every time we ask. If this describes you, remember, we only expect to receive donations from those who, at the time, can afford and feel good about helping. Every newspaper that we publish contains an appeal to make sure that the opportunity to give is readily available to you, in the event that it is the right time for you to give.

The only reason that we constantly ask for money is that we

constantly need more! There are so many wilderness areas that need campaigns to save them right now. We must save all of them.

Time is short, too. In the lifetime of our planet, this generation is pivotal: we will either protect the Earth's natural ecosystems or watch them be destroyed. Ultimately it is up to you.

Our records show that a growing percentage of our current members are also giving us regular donations. You've let us know on membership surveys that you feel good about giving to our campaigns. You've joined and contributed to our organization because you know we make a positive difference.

It is a privilege to be one of the leading organizations achieving wilderness preservation. Thank you for your expanding generosity and your influential letters. Members like you are the foundation of our strength.

WCWC Books - READ...LEARN...SPEAK OUT!!

Mail-in or Store Coupon



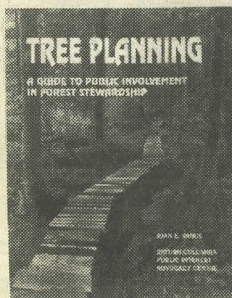
Now
\$9.95

Rediscovery - an activity guide to native and environmental awareness, by Thom Henley. reg. \$14.95



Now
\$9.95

Magical Earth Secrets - "Children of the world need hope not despair. This book and your positive actions provide it." - David Suzuki. reg. \$15.95



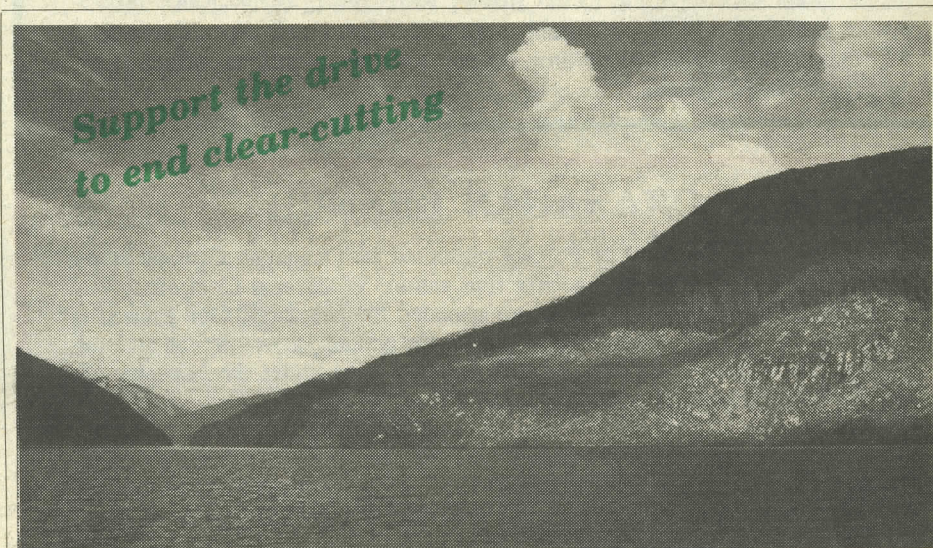
Now
\$8.95

Treeplanning - essential reading for anyone concerned with the crisis in our forests. reg. \$12.95



Now
\$44.95

Clayoquot - On the Wild Side, "the magnificent photo essay of Adrian Dorst and writer Cameron Young. It carries the dual message of wondrous beauty threatened by the policies of leaving 80 percent of Vancouver Island open to clearcut logging." - Tony Eberts. reg. \$60



On the long trip up the Gardener Canal to reach the mouth of the Kitlope River, there are only a few clearcuts like this one. They serve as a warning of what the Kitlope would look like, if we fail to preserve this treasure.

YES! I want to learn more! Please send me:

___ copies of **Rediscovery** at \$9.95 each.
___ copies of **Magical Earth Secrets** at \$9.95 each.

Can you donate equipment supplies and/or services?

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 - copies of Treeplanning at \$8.95 each.
 - copies of Clayoquot at \$44.95 each
 - add 7% GST (canadian residents only).
 - add \$1.50 postage for each book.
- Total enclosed \$ _____



Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Province _____
 Postal Code _____

Please send payment (cheque or credit card) to
 Western Canada Wilderness Committee
 20 Water St. Vancouver B.C. V6B 1A4
 Or bring this coupon into our store at 20 Water St.

Can you donate equipment supplies and/or services?

In our Deep Roots Fund brochure mailed out last December, we asked our members and supporters for donations of equipment and supplies for the first time. The response was overwhelming. The ropes, research tent, wood, stoves, spotting scopes, and trail building equipment will be put to good use this spring and summertime. A round of appreciation for all of you that have helped out.

Here are some more things we could use. Legal sized filing cabinets; 14' high commercial warehouse shelving; AT & XT IBM compatible computers; 35mm slide film; two radio phones; two slide projectors (carousel type); dictaphone; increment borers; surveyors tape; office stationary and supplies; high quality label printer and lots more. Please let us know what you have, there is a good chance we can use it.

An official tax receipt will be issued for the value of these contributions. Thank you very much.

A golden opportunity

for those who have not recently given!

YES! I want to help you with an all-out effort to use the current government public involvement process to get more B.C. wilderness and park areas preserved.

Here is my donation of _____. I understand that every donation, even a small one, helps. (A tax receipt--reg. # 0587113-21-28--will be issued for all donations).

I would like my contribution to be used to help establish the entire parks system or...

I would like my contribution to be put to work to save the following special area(s) _____ (use number(s) found on the map on page 4).

I would like to give _____ number of gift membership(s). I enclose the full name(s) and address(es) and \$25 for each to cover their annual membership fee. I understand that if I send in my gift memberships before March 1, 1991, as a special gift, they will immediately be sent the 1991, as well as, in the fall, the 1992 Western Canada Endangered Wilderness Calendar.

Name _____ Address _____
 _____ Postal Code _____

Please send your donations and gift memberships to Western Canada Wilderness Committee, 20 Water Street, Vancouver, BC. V6B 1A4. Visa and MasterCard welcome.

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