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Cover Photo: The lower Rogue River is a stunning piece of the American landscape. Photo by Dang Ngo.

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FEBRUARY 7

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE GRIZZLY

After a decades-long comeback, the grizzly bears of Yellowstone appear to be thriving. Should they now be removed from the protection of the Endangered Species Act? How do we balance the needs of an expanding human population with the goal of preserving our wildlife as nature intended?

MARCH 7

BUYER BE FAIR:

THE PROMISE OF PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

Under the auspices of the WTO, globalization of world trade seems like a juggernaut that will not be stopped. But is there a way to make trade FAIR? **Buyer Be Fair** looks at two major trade goods -- timber and coffee -- to find out how certification works and whether it helps the world's poor, and their lands.

HIKES

Beginning in March, join KS Wild on the 4th Saturday of every month for a hike into the Wild Rogue (see pages 7-8).

For more info, contact lesley@kswild.org or 488-5789.

Help KS Wild Make Maps

KS Wild is looking for a relatively new PC computer to increase our map-making capabilities. We are an Apple office, but we can only make maps if we have a PC to run the software! We have a great need for map-making in 2007 as we move forward with our campaigns to protect roadless portions of the lower Rogue River and the Siskiyou Crest. Donations are tax-deductible.

The Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center (KS Wild) is an advocate for the forests and wildlife of the Klamath and Rogue watersheds of northwest California and southwest Oregon. We use environmental law, science, collaboration and education to defend healthy ecosystems and help build sustainable communities.

Many thanks to all our supporters:

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Focus on our KS Wild Family

KS Wild is thrilled to announce the arrival of three new Board members! It is an honor and a pleasure to welcome Shelley, Scott and Tracy to the KS Wild Board of Directors. The staff and Board are excited to work together for the forests, rivers and critters of the Klamath-Siskiyou!



Shelley Elkovich

An Ashland resident for nearly a decade, Shelley is a dedicated mom and talented organic gardener. She is a crafty artist whether it is KS Wild event decorations, mouth-watering desserts or thoughtful handmade gifts. When not birding with her son, or shepherding her daughter to violin class, Shelley is an active community member who has been

instrumental in projects such as the Peace House garden, the campaign to stop the Mt. Ashland Ski Expansion and an ACLU legal case defending free speech. Shelley and her family have been invaluable KS Wild supporters for years.



Scott Harding

A 10 year resident of the Klamath-Siskiyou, Scott moved to the region as a geologist with the Siskiyou National Forest. He has since lived continuously in the region, both in Oregon and California, currently residing on the North Fork Salmon River, on the southern edge of California's Marble Mountains. Scott works as a freelance photographer and as a

whitewater kayaking instructor on the Salmon River. Scott has been involved in various environmental and community projects as a photographer, web developer, brush-cutter, writer and activist.



Tracy Harding

Coming from the dairy lands of Illinois, Tracy has lived in Ashland since 2001. She is a skilled community organizer and active civic participant. She currently serves on Ashland's Bike and Pedestrian Commission, where she successfully organizes the annual Car-Free Day. She is involved in numerous local campaigns, including the

proposed Mt. Ashland ski expansion. Tracy is a thoughtful artist and loving mother of two. As a successful small business owner, Tracy recently began Reclamation Goods to sell handmade natural fiber products that encourage responsible consumption and suggest that *small changes in everyday behavior can have positive consequences for generations to come.*

Rogue River Stonecrop

(*Sedum moranii*)

The Rogue River Stonecrop only grows on cliff faces and rock outcrops in southwest Oregon's Wild Rogue area. This rare, inconspicuous small cluster-forming sedum occurs nowhere else on earth, aside from the Wild Rogue Roadless Areas and nearby lands. Attractive and very hardy, sedums are water-storing succulents that are often cultivated in gardens.



J. Etter & M. Kristen

A Bittersweet Victory

In early December, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of KS Wild in a case involving old-growth logging northwest of Grants Pass. Known as "Mr. Wilson," this timber sale liquidated two hundred acres of centuries-old forest.

This victory is bittersweet, as the timber company had already cut down the forest before the appeals court ruled the logging was illegal.

KS Wild and friends filed suit in 2002, but District Judge Michael Hogan incorrectly ruled against us and allowed illegal logging to commence. The BLM then rushed to log this ancient forest, despite our request for the higher court to hear the case first.

Many people were made aware of this timber sale when a slice from a logged stump toured the West to draw attention to old-growth logging. In 2003, KS Wild staff loaded up a truck and carried the slice across the country to Washington D.C. to expose the Bush Administration's plans for public forests. The 440-year tree slice (pictured above) became known as the "Shakespeare Tree" since it was born around the same time as William Shakespeare.

While no one can put the illegally logged trees back, we hope that this ruling will provide a chance for the BLM to reflect on their penchant for logging old growth. The court found that the BLM cannot evade the law by rushing to log before justice can be served.

*This victory is bittersweet because while the BLM broke the law,
the timber company had already cut down the forest...*

KS Wild continues to advocate for forest restoration and jobs-in-the-woods to reduce fuels, while defending old-growth from BLM logging plans.

Thanks to Ralph Bloemers and the CRAG Law Center for their stellar work representing us in this case.



Dot Fisher-Smith poses with a slab cut from the Mr. Wilson timber sale years before a judge ruled in favor of KS Wild and allies, agreeing that the BLM illegally logged the old-growth timber sale.

Amelia Budd and Liza Tran

Another KS Wild Legal Victory For Wildlife

Longtime *KS Wild News* readers may remember that back in 2003 we challenged the illegal 303-acre Cotton Snake old-growth timber sale near Cow Creek - just west of Glendale, Oregon. Cotton Snake was one of the first timber sales in which the BLM relied on the Bush Administration's direction to eliminate surveys for the old-growth dependent red tree vole, which lives high in the canopy of ancient Douglas-fir trees. The red tree vole is an important indicator of ecosystem health and serves as a prey base for the threatened Northern Spotted Owl.



Francis Eatherington

Old-growth, once slated for logging, is safe for now.

On October 16, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with *KS Wild* that the BLM's policy of refusing to survey for the tree vole, despite the clear requirements of its Resource Management Plan and the Northwest Forest Plan, constituted a major "plan amendment" and thus required completion of an Environmental Impact Statement.

That means that the ancient forests of Cotton Snake are safe, for now. More importantly, it means that the old-growth timber planners in the BLM cannot just pick and choose which regulations they are going to implement when planning controversial timber sales.

While the Bush Administration is busy furiously attempting to unravel the Northwest Forest Plan and open up our old-growth forests to unfettered logging before the end of its second term, *KS Wild* is resisting every step of the way. Our recent victory in *Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center et al. vs. Lynda Boody* will go a long way towards ensuring that our legacy of intact ancient forests lasts much longer than Bush's remaining time in office.

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Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to attorney Stephanie Parent of the Pacific Environmental Advocacy Center (PEAC), our co-plaintiffs Umpqua Watersheds and the Cascadia Wildlands Project (CWP) and the irrepressible volunteers at the Northwest Environmental Survey Team (NEST).

KS Wild Board Member Honored at Fire Ecology Conference

KS Wild Board Member Jay Lininger was honored in November by the Association for Fire Ecology with its Graduate Student Excellence Award at the 3rd International Fire Ecology and Management Congress in San Diego, CA.

Jay is a Doris A. Duke Conservation Fellow in the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Montana in Missoula. In December, he successfully defended a master's thesis on the effectiveness of stand-scale forest restoration in the Siskiyou Mountains.



Li Brannfors

Jay's involvement with fire management in Ashland helped the community transcend political controversy and advance hazardous fuel reduction in a project identified by Forest Service literature as a "success story" of agency-community collaboration. He also applied fire ecology research to his authorship of the chapter on wildland fire use and restoration in Ashland's Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Most recently, Jay worked in the Fire Ecology Program of the National Park Service at Grand Canyon where he supported wildland fire use, prescribed fire, and fire suppression operations as a fire monitor, fire fighter, and helicopter crewmember.

Jay is an incredible asset to *KS Wild* and we are proud of his ongoing success.

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Featured Hike Siskiyou Crest Snowshoe

Cold, wet winter days are often spent cuddling in front of a wood stove with warm beverages, cozy clothes and a compelling book. Yet when the sun is shining and the skies are blue, as is often the case around here, a winter day is well spent up on the Siskiyou Crest in a snowshoe adventure.

The Pacific Crest Trail runs 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada, zigzagging up the Sierra Nevada, then moving west through the Klamath-Siskiyou before turning east again and up the Cascades. The PCT near Mt. Ashland offers great winter recreation, as it is a relatively level trail along the Siskiyou Crest, and the access road is plowed. This portion of the PCT offers phenomenal views in all directions, including Mt. Shasta and Preston Peak. Additionally, the McDonald Peak Roadless Area is adjacent to the PCT just west of Mt. Ashland and offers great fun at the top of Ashland's watershed, including views of Mt. McLaughlin and the rim of Crater Lake. For those who still want their fire to sit by while in the snow, check out Grouse Gap Shelter on the southside of the Crest, and consider a sleep-over!



Getting There

Take Oregon I-5 exit #6 and head up the access road to the Mt Ashland Ski Area. The eight miles to the ski lodge are plowed, but be careful of road conditions and traffic. Park in the back parking lot. Strap on the snowshoes and head further along Forest Service Road 20 (it's not plowed after the parking lot). You can hop down to the PCT near the bathrooms, or proceed on Road 20 until you reach Grouse Gap and then jump onto the PCT. **Always be well prepared when adventuring in the backcountry!** Bring water, food, raingear, warm clothes, a flashlight, a way to start a fire, and a map of the area.

Salvage Logging Bill Stalls

As the 109th Congress adjourned last week, Representative Greg Walden's logging bill has been put to rest, for now. While the House passed Walden's logging bill in 2006, the Senate was not able to move the controversial proposal. Oregon Senator Gordon Smith and Idaho Senator Mike Crapo had hoped to pass a Senate version, but failed to gain bipartisan support for a bill that would weaken environmental laws and give greater access to public lands for private profit. Thanks to everyone who wrote letters or made phone calls in opposition to this ill-conceived logging bill.

California Watch:

Forest Service Illegally Builds Road

Q: When is a Forest Service roadless area not a roadless area?

A: When the agency secretly punches over a mile of new logging road into pristine forests without conducting any environmental planning.

Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Laporte's seminal September ruling finding the Bush Administration's rollback of roadless area protection illegal was rightly cheered by environmentalists as bringing sanity back to the Forest Service.

Unfortunately, the Forest Service has never been a big fan of sanity when it comes to roadless forest management. Case in point is the proposal to build 4,811 feet of new logging road into the Underwood Roadless Area in the South Fork Trinity Watershed in the Six Rivers National Forest. The sole purpose of this road is to facilitate logging of a 160-acre inholding belonging to timber giant Sierra Pacific Industries.

While the spectacular Underwood roadless area is known for its rock outcroppings, steep drainages, and native forests, the Forest Service only sees the roadless area as an impediment to logging. Incredibly, the Six Rivers National Forest issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzing the impacts of constructing the new logging road through the roadless area *after* the road was hastily punched in this summer. This is a lot like having a doctor perform a physical once the patient has died.

Rather than wait for analysis, public comments, or the implications of the roadless legal victory, the Forest Service relied on the fear of fire to ignore all environmental laws that might inhibit road construction. As part of the fire suppression effort for the Panther fire, the Forest Service simply unleashed the bulldozers and built the proposed logging road prior to the public having a chance to comment on the new road construction. Incredibly, the Forest Service planning process is still accepting public comment in order to determine whether or not to construct the road that is in fact already built.

Bring the Klamath River Salmon Back to Oregon

No salmon from the once-mighty Klamath River fish run have reached Oregon waters for the past 50 years, due to the obsolete fish-killing dams that block more than 350 stream-miles of habitat in the Klamath Basin. Fortunately, we now have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring Klamath salmon back to Oregon.

The Federal Regulatory Energy Commission is currently in the process of relicensing the Klamath dams. Dam removal could be the key to restoring healthy salmon runs on the Klamath. The four lower dams represent only a fraction of one percent of California's and Oregon's power grid.

The National Marine Fisheries Service, scientists, agencies, Klamath Tribes, and the Pacific Federation of Fishermen's Associations have recommended dam removal. With your help, these dams will come down, and the salmon will come home. For more information, visit: www.klamathforestalliance.org

Kelsey Whisky Update

BLM Auctions Roadless Old-Growth near Wild and Scenic Rogue River

Largest BLM Forested Roadless Area in the U.S. Targeted For Logging

While the fate of untrammled roadless areas on our National Forests has been widely debated in every conceivable forum from Grants Pass to Washington D.C., the BLM's efforts to convert its wild roadless forests into tree farms has largely flown under the radar.

Outside of the Pacific Northwest, few Americans know that the BLM manages old-growth forests, let alone that the BLM plans to log the ancient forests that comprise the gorgeous 46,600-acre Zane Grey roadless area. The Zane Grey is the largest intact native forest administered by the BLM on the planet. It currently provides much-needed "source habitat" for rare, old-growth dependent species like the northern spotted owl and the Pacific fisher. It is also a haven for wild salmon and steelhead.

The Zane Grey, along with the Whisky and Grave Creek roadless areas, are collectively known as the Wild Rogue Roadless Area. This entire area is a potential addition to the Wild Rogue Wilderness.

Revvng Up the Chainsaws

In March 2003, the Medford BLM unveiled its plans to log ancient forests in the heart of the Wild Rogue Roadless Area through the Kelsey Whisky timber sale. The name Kelsey Whisky refers to two salmon-bearing tributaries to the congressionally-designated Wild and Scenic Rogue River that will bear the brunt of the BLM's old-growth logging.

Despite the fact that public comments ran 15-1 against the Kelsey Whisky timber sale, the BLM is plowing ahead with the proposed logging. In November of 2006, the BLM sold the rights to log 512 acres of old-growth within the Wild Rogue Roadless Area to



Dang Ngo

Old-growth slated for logging under the Kelsey-Whisky project.

Advocating for Threatened Plants & Wildlife

KS Wild continues its strong advocacy for at-risk wildlife, like the Oregon cougar, grey wolf and the newly discovered Scott Bar salamander. Our legal victory in September forced a federal review of dwindling wolverine populations in the Lower 48. In December, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service responded to our request to protect the rarest plant in the Klamath-Siskiyou (the magnificent Siskiyou mariposa lily) with a Conservation Plan. Perhaps most importantly, Congress adjourned without passing a bill that would have weakened the Endangered Species Act.

Reaching Out and Looking for a Better Way

Encouraging a New Direction

KS Wild regularly works with agency staff to encourage restoration while protecting older forests and important habitat. In early 2006, KS Wild persuaded the Rogue River National Forest to drop plans to log old-growth forests and build 11 miles of road for the Big Butte Timber Sale. As a result, the Forest will instead thin previously logged white fir stands and decommission 32 miles of road.



Lesley Adams

KS Wild spends a day in the field with Klamath National Forest staff to discuss common ground.

Leaving a Forest Heritage

The BLM began its plan to remove protections for BLM forests via the Western Oregon Plan Revisions. KS Wild is helping lead a coalition working to defeat these rollbacks. In 2006, we launched a website (www.oregonheritageforests.org), worked with affected landowners, hosted a BLM summit, and crafted comments, opinion editorials and articles.

Building on Common Ground

KS Wild works on collaborative efforts to advance sustainable and restorative natural resource use on federal lands. In 2006, we worked with the Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan Stewardship Contracting Group and the Southern Oregon Small Diameter Utilization Collaborative, both regional groups consisting of agencies, environmentalists, timber industry, and local stakeholders, to encourage the utilization of small diameter trees from previously-logged public land.

Organizing and Engaging Community

Throughout the year we have communicated with thousands of people about public lands management, offering tools for citizen involvement and providing perspective in media. We led hikes into roadless areas, engaged in direct dialogue through our community canvass and hosted education and action-oriented events such as the Rogue Valley book release for "Wildfire: A Century of Failed Forest Policy," and a community forum on the proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Coos Bay port and pipeline.

KS Wild Year in Review

2006 was a big year for wildlands and their advocates in the Klamath-Siskiyou, as local issues played a significant role in federal legislation and policy. KS Wild helped lead the charge on a number of fronts, scoring key legal victories to protect threatened places and endangered species, setting national legal precedent favoring conservation, and positively encouraging federal land managers to shift towards ecologically sound restoration. Highlights include, but are not limited to:

Protecting Forests and Habitat

Reinstating “Look Before You Log” Protections

Dealing a blow to the Bush Administration’s efforts to undermine the Northwest Forest Plan, KS Wild helped reinstate the Plan’s common sense ‘look before you log’ directive. The Bush Administration tried to scrap the Plan’s Survey and Manage requirement as part of a timber industry settlement deal. In January, the court halted 140 timber sales in order to protect at-risk plants and animals.

Saving Salmon River Old-Growth

In July, KS Wild protected 744 acres of old-growth forest in California’s Salmon River watershed. We prevailed in our challenge when Judge England agreed that the Forest Service had pulled a “bait and switch” with the public by analyzing the effect of thinning small trees while actually marking ancient trees for logging. This confirms the importance of “groundtruthing,” whereby KS Wild field-checks and documents illegal timber sales.

Restoring Roadless Protections

In September, KS Wild and conservation partners won a lawsuit against the Bush Administration’s repeal of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, reinstating protections for nearly 60 million acres of roadless lands across the nation, including two million acres in Oregon and more than four million in California.

Standing up for Critters, Plants and Clean Water

Conserving Aquatic Habitat

In March, a federal district court magistrate sided with KS Wild and others, ruling that the Biological Opinion underlying the Bush administration’s scrapping of the Northwest Forest Plan’s Aquatic Conservation Strategy violated the law. The ruling aids in providing healthy watersheds for threatened and endangered aquatic species.

Preserving Clean Water

In May, KS Wild successfully forced a settlement with a regional lumber manufacturer, requiring the company to comply with Clean Water Act reporting requirements and discharge limits at its mills.

the Rough and Ready timber company of Cave Junction, Oregon. This 512 acres includes 313 acres of “regeneration” clearcut logging that will require punching over a mile and a half of new logging road into untouched ancient forests.

A Legacy of Abuse

The BLM lands that surround the Wild Rogue Roadless Area are a silent and powerful testimony to the agency’s mismanagement: Clearcuts dominate the landscape; flammable brush fields and young tree farms have replaced towering ancient forests; and poorly built logging roads choke streams with sediment.

Of the 862,000 acres administered by the Medford BLM, well over 800,000 acres are crisscrossed by webs of logging roads and clearcuts. The vast bulk of the BLM’s land base resembles an industrial fiber farm managed solely for timber industry profits. Rather than focusing timber production on the hundreds of thousands of acres that it has already degraded, the BLM seems ideologically driven to repeat the mistakes of the past on the last truly wild 46,600 acres of roadless forest that it manages.

Standing Up for Ancient Forests

KS Wild is committed to defending the salmon, owls and ancient forests of the Wild Rogue Roadless Area from the BLM’s aggressive logging plans. We are spearheading legal challenges to the BLM’s proposed old-growth timber sales and to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s decision to authorize the destruction of northern spotted owl critical habitat. We expect to file suit this spring to protect the irreplaceable wild forests of the Wild Rogue Roadless Area.

While we will do all that we can to beat back the current threats to the Wild Rogue, the BLM’s actions have made it abundantly clear that, if left to their own devices, this roadless area will never be free from the threat of the bulldozer and the chainsaw. KS Wild is working for permanent congressional protection of the Wild Rogue through wilderness designation (see pages 7-8).

What You Can Do to Help

For more information on the Wild Rogue Roadless Areas, the Kelsey Whisky timber sale, and our efforts to protect this special place, visit: www.kswild.org

Join KS Wild for our Annual Meeting & Open House

Meet the staff and Board of Directors, learn more about how KS Wild works, check out our new offices, and enjoy tasty homemade snacks.

When: 4 pm, Sunday, February 25th

Where: Old Lincoln Elementary School, 320 Beach St, Ashland, Oregon

For more info, please contact stephanie@kswild.org or call the office

The Wild and Scenic Rogue River: Wildlands and Wild Rivers

Now is the time to protect the Wild Rogue's roadless forests and scenic waterways

The Rogue River Basin is one of the most remarkable wild areas in the United States. While the Wild Rogue Wilderness protects a portion of this natural treasure, old-growth logging is now slated in roadless areas just outside wilderness boundaries. Now is the time to protect the Wild Rogue for this and future generations.



Aimi Torfason

A Famed Fishery

The lower Rogue - from just west of Grants Pass to near the Oregon coast - was one of the original eight rivers designated as national treasures when Congress passed the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act in 1968. The Rogue is the largest producer of Pacific salmon in Oregon outside of the Columbia River.

Nearly 100,000 fish return from the ocean each year to spawn in tributary streams. Some species, like coho salmon, are in decline and need protection.

A Plant Museum

The Wild Rogue has exceptional forests and botanical diversity, including rare plants, mosses and fungi. The white flowered ginger occurs near creeks in old-growth forest habitat and is a species yet to be described as "new" (to science).



Mimi Kamp

This ginger and the Rogue River Stonecrop (see "Focus on the Family," page 11) have only been found in the lower Wild Rogue Basin.

Rich in History

For thousands of years, Native Americans lived along the Rogue, eating salmon, collecting acorns and setting fires. French trappers fought the various tribes, naming them all "les Coquins" and the river "La Riviere aux Coquins" (the Rogue River). Gold was discovered in 1851. Five years later, the last battle of the Rogue Indian War, fought along the lower Rogue, was a bloody massacre. Native survivors were forced out of the area.

In the 1920s, adventure author Zane Grey lived on a mining claim at Winkle Bar, where he wrote several books, including "Rogue River Feud." His cabin stands today and is a popular destination for backcountry visitors.



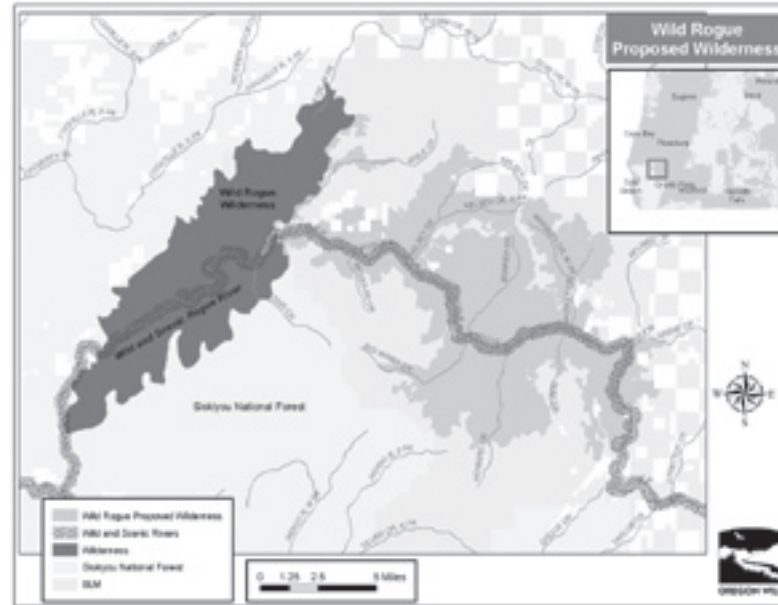
Lesley Adams

A Recreational Haven

The lower Rogue River is internationally renowned for fishing and boating. Hiking and nature viewing are also extremely popular. The 40-mile Rogue River Trail begins at Grave Creek and the Rainie Falls Trail offers easy access to view salmon jumping upriver. Due to demand, BLM placed limits on boating downriver from Grave Creek and set up a lottery system to award permits. Tourism on the Rogue generates \$13 million annually.



Lesley Adams



A Refuge for Wildlife

The Wild Rogue area is extremely important for wildlife, providing habitat for rare species like the bald eagle. Merganser (diving fish duck), river otter, osprey, elk, black bear, and many other critters use the river and surrounding environments. The BLM describes this area as "source" habitat (an area where wildlife flourishes and populates the surrounding landscape).



Ohio DNR/Tim Daniel

The Future of the Rogue

Nearly 70 miles of streams that feed the Rogue River are eligible for protection under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act and more than 60,000 acres of roadless wildlands should be protected as Wilderness. Now is our chance. **Please contact Rep. Peter DeFazio and ask him to "Save the Wild Rogue." The BLM is planning on logging this spring, so your help is needed today!**

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