



PACK & PADDLE



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"The challenge goes on. There are other lands and rivers, other wilderness areas, to save and to share with all. I challenge you to step forward to protect and care for the wild places you love best." - Dr. Neil Compton

New Ozark Society Dues Structure for 2018

By David Peterson, Ozark Society President

The fall 2017 general meeting, hosted by the Highlands Chapter, was a grand success. More than 60 members attended. Fred Paillet led us on a crisp hike up to North Twin Peak, identifying trees and recounting the history of the reclaimed farm land.

President Peterson updated us on the nutrient pollution science of the C&H hog farm during the general meeting. The pot luck was fantastic, and Chris Kline's brother and sister-in-law entertained us with good singing and hot licks on the guitar, mandolin, and banjo. All of this at the Ozark Mountain Smoke House, which was not only free, but also a cozy museum.



The next morning, the OS board voted to adopt a new fee structure. The basic rate, \$20 for Ozark Society membership and \$10 for each chapter membership remains the same, but the application form invites other options for those who can afford a higher level of support – up to \$1000 for a

“benefactor.” We are discontinuing the life memberships for new members as of 2018 because the one-time lifetime fees do not keep up with costs as time passes, and it is difficult to maintain up-to-date contact information with life members. But those of us who are already life members will be “grand-fathered” into the new system. And finally, we have made the collection of dues more centralized in an effort toward efficiency and better communication. By January 1, 2018 or sooner, you will be able to make a one stop payment on line by visiting the Ozark Society home page, with visa or master cards replacing pay pal as the payment option. Of course, you could still fill out the membership form and send it with a check to the Ozark Society via snail mail. Check out the new membership form in this issue.

Also at the board meeting, Carolyn Shearman (communications chair), Chris Kline (membership chair), Kay Ewart (OS Treasurer), and Brian Thompson led a lively discussion of how we can better utilize membership software. There are some exciting possibilities: for instance

- i) Automated, and near instantaneous, membership recognition and responses.
- ii) A reorganized web site which could communicate hiking and other recreation opportunities and changes, at the click on a tab.
- iii) Allow for easier chapter postings by chapter web masters.



The spring general meeting will be hosted by the Buffalo River Chapter at Tyler's Bend, April 21 & 22. Laura Timby from the Buffalo River Chapter has reserved the pavilion and a group campground, details to follow. The Bayou Chapter has agreed to host the 2018 fall meeting at some location and date to be announced later.



The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal



Join us, or renew now! Dues are for one year and they include a subscription to the Society's newsletter, *Pack & Paddle*. To join or renew, go online to the Ozark Society website at www.ozarksociety.net. Or you can fill out this form and send it with a check written to "The Ozark Society." See below for our address.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Old Email (if changed)

Email 2: _____ Old Email (if changed)

I would like *Pack and Paddle* sent to my home address instead of by email. (Default is email.)

Please check one:

- New Member (Start at **Section A** for your OS and Chapter Membership)
- Renewal (Start at **Section A** to renew your OS and Chapter Membership)
- LIFE Member (Start at **Section B** to renew just your Chapter Membership)

Section A: Please specify both the Level of Membership and the Chapter you are joining:

Level: (choose one)

Chapter: (choose one)

- Friend: \$30 = \$20 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Associate: \$50 = \$40 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Supporter: \$100 = \$90 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Sponsor: \$250 = \$240 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Patron: \$500 = \$490 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Benefactor: \$1000+ = \$990+ OS +\$10 Chapter

- Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- Mississippi Valley (Cape Girardeau, MO)
- Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- No chapter, all to overall Ozark Society

Section B: For Members who wish to join more than one Chapter or Life Members renewing their Chapter Membership only

Choose as many as you wish and add \$10 for each selection:

- \$10 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- \$10 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- \$10 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- \$10 Mississippi Valley (Cape Girardeau, MO)
- \$10 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- \$10 Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)

My Total is: \$ _____

Please remit to: The Ozark Society, PO Box 2914, Little Rock, AR 72203

Once your membership has processed, you will receive a welcome letter if you are new to the Ozark Society. If you have questions about your membership status, contact Mary Gordon at mb2rene@aol.com.

Conservation News: The Westerman Bill

By Alice Andrews

At the last Ozark Society Board meeting we agreed to include the testimony of Jim Furnish on the Westerman Bill HR2936 or the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017” in this edition of Pack and Paddle and it follows below. His evolution from a traditional Forester (logging projects) to his current philosophy of viewing our National Forests as treasures to protect for current and future generations. He believes our Forests, Wilderness areas and Roadless areas must be preserved for their water quality, fish and

wildlife, recreation and Carbon sequestration, that these values far exceed timber products in value and importance.

The purpose of posting his testimony is to ask our Members to read it carefully, then call or write the Arkansas Delegation, urging them to oppose the Westerman Bill. It has passed the House recently and will move on to the Senate. Mr. Furnish provides plenty of “talking points” to let our Congressmen and Senators know why this terrible bill must be opposed. His book,

“Toward a Natural Forest, The Forest Service in Transition” is a joy to read, both factual and philosophical. It provides a ton of “fodder” - first hand experiences and reason for defeating this bill.

We are asking our Members, Officers and Board to write or call their legislators, the Governor and if anyone is inspired, also write both House and Senate Natural Resource Committees and Subcommittees on Federal Lands, Depts. of Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Office of the Budget.

Testimony of former U.S. Forest Service Deputy Chief Jim Furnish Before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft of “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017” June 15, 2017

I am Jim Furnish, former USDA Forest Service Deputy Chief for National Forest Systems. I’d like to thank Chairman McClintock and Ranking Member Hanabusa for the opportunity to testify today. I left the agency in 2002, following a 35-year career that also included jobs as district ranger and forest supervisor, and I served from coast to coast. I managed national forests and their issues in the same milieu of social forces and emerging science that continue to vex and frustrate people of good intentions - agency officials and private citizens alike.

Speaking bluntly, the bill before you seeks to enact legislation that is an affront to well-entrenched pillars of our democracy and culture as a society; a society blessed with a legacy of stunningly rich public lands. This bill puts forth a false choice between commerce and our environment, and is certain to exacerbate long-buried conflicts that can be, should be, and have been effectively addressed by other laws and pragmatic policies and practices already in use on our public lands. I would hope that you see your role as

legislators as improving circumstances, not worsening them.

I have heard many people blame our current difficulties with wildfire on NEPA, ESA, and frivolous litigation, and this draft bill echoes these views. Such views are simplistic and incorrect. We cannot log our way out of this difficulty. The scale of biologic forces associated primarily with climate change – longer, dryer burning periods, increased insect mortality, and decades-long suppression policies – have created a landscape at higher risk. This situation requires focused and highly prioritized measures applied to the highest risk acres. And an acceptance of the reality that climate change will impose on us certain inevitable consequences long in the making.

My experience literally screams that this draft bill is misguided, unnecessary, ultimately harmful, and just plain WRONG. This bill breeds mistrust.

In my recent memoir, *Toward A Natural Forest*, I noted that the Forest Service I loved and left had refused to conscientiously wrestle with this

profound truth: “a significant portion of the public we’d sworn to serve had rejected our management of their public lands, and the land itself was telling us of its distress.” This describes the spotted owl crisis of the 1990s, and more broadly, the misguided effort to maximize timber production at the expense of other more valuable resources. This bill seeks to take us back to the old days when logging dominated public lands. That policy proved bankrupt socially and legally.

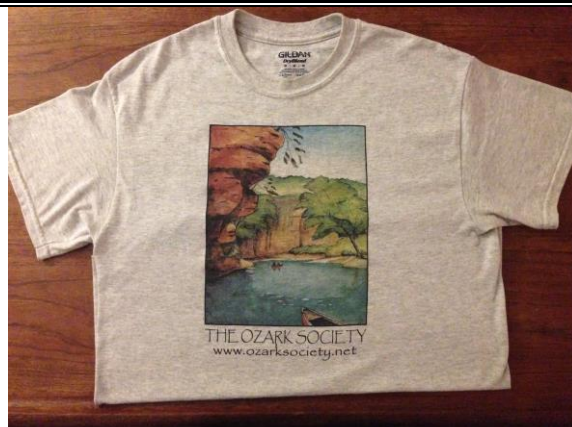
The bill essentially creates a series of work-arounds by legislating fixes to non-existent problems, unless you see national forest lands primarily as timber farms. As one who lived through that era, this bill is a prescription for the same short-sighted policies that caused gridlock. There has been a fundamental shift in thinking about what values best represent the broader public. Water quality, fish and wildlife, recreation, and now carbon all far exceed timber products in value and importance.

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Membership News: It's T-Shirt Time!

By Chris Kline, Membership Chair

New T-shirts are here and they are great!!!!
 These are light grey with this Buffalo River graphic on the front. This graphic is proprietary to the Ozark Society, not to be copied. There are a few of the forest green ones left so contact Chris if you want one of those instead:
cl_kline@sbcglobal.net



Ozark Society T-shirt Order Form

Adult T-Shirts

Please specify quantity per size						Specify cost per quantity: Adult T-shirts+ \$20 each, shipping=\$4 each		
S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	T-shirt \$	Shipping \$	Total Cost per size:

Children's T-Shirts

Please specify quantity per size			Specify cost per quantity: Child's T-shirts=\$15 each, \$4=shipping each		
Child's Small	Child's Medium	Child's Large	T-Shirt \$	Shipping \$	Total Cost per size

Order Total _____

Ship to Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Make Checks Payable to: The Ozark Society

Address: Chris Kline
 801 N. Rush Dr.
 Fayetteville AR, 72701

**If you are ordering 3 or more, contact Chris at cl_kline@sbcglobal.net for revised shipping estimate.*

The Colorado High Adventure Trip for 2018

By Catherine Tolson

The 2018 Colorado High Adventure Trip will be held at Cascade Campground from Sunday thru Saturday, July 15 - 21. The campground is located in the Collegiate Peaks area of the San Isabel National Forest on County Road 162 west of Nathrop, Colorado. Reservations will be accepted between January 1st and May 31st, 2018. To confirm your place on the Colorado outing, send your form below and a check made out to the Ozark Society to Catherine Tolson at the address included.

If you prefer motel accommodations to camping, you can make reservations at nearby motels or bed & breakfasts. Please be sure your reservation arrives by June 1 at the latest. The trip is limited to 60 people.

You must be an Ozark Society member to participate in this trip. If you are not already a member, you may join by sending \$30 annual dues along with trip fee of \$175 for campers or \$125 for non-campers. You will also need to complete the Trip Form for the trip and include it with your fees. The Trip Form is located online at www.ozarksociety.net and below.

Meals will be provided for all trip participants, regardless of whether you are camping or staying elsewhere. The meals will begin with dinner on Sunday July 15 and end with dinner on Friday July 20. If you have special dietary needs or preferences, you may need to bring your own food as the menus are planned well in advance of the trip. There will be a variety of outings from which to choose: hiking, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, sightseeing, and rafting or boating on the Arkansas River. If you plan to canoe, kayak, or bike, you should bring your own equipment. For rafting, you will need to make your own arrangements with a local outfitter.

If you have any questions about the trip, contact Catherine Tolson by phone at 318-680-9280 or by email at catherine.tolson@comcast.net.

Colorado High Adventure Trip Form 2018

Please complete this form and mail with your check to the **Ozark Society** to:

Catherine Tolson
216 Vinwood Rd
Monroe, LA 71203

Personal information (please print!)				
Last name(s)		First name(s)		
Mailing address				
Phone	Cell	Home		
Email				
Camping (Circle)	Yes	No		
Camping equipment (<i>if camping</i>)				
(Circle)	Tent	Small (2-3 person)	OR	Trailer Length _____ feet
		Large (4-6 person)		
Other information (camping with, traveling with, etc.)				
Fees Ozark Society	Trip \$175	Ozark Society dues (<i>if paying</i> - includes chapter dues) \$30	Indicate chapter (<i>circle</i>) Bayou (<i>Shreveport, LA</i>) Buffalo River (<i>North Central AR</i>) Highlands (<i>Fayetteville, AR</i>) Mississippi Valley (<i>Cape Girardeau, MO</i>) Pulaski (<i>Little Rock, AR</i>) Sugar Creek (<i>Bentonville, AR</i>)	Total amount included \$

More Adventure Trips for 2018

By Stewart Noland



Grand Canyon Rafting April 22-28th

Canyoneers (800-525-0924, canyoneers.com) has agreed to host Ozark Society members on an All the Grand, six night seven day motor powered raft trip on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. The trip will begin and end in Flagstaff, Arizona. The launch date is April 22, 2018.

As of October 30, 2017, there are 20 spaces available on the trip. The cost of the trip is \$2595 per person. The weather and water in the Grand Canyon in April are usually very agreeable, making April a prime time to take this trip. For more information or to sign up for the

trip please contact Canyoneers, asking for Mike.

This trip is a good opportunity in a short period of time to see the Grand Canyon from Lee's Ferry below Glen Canyon Dam to Pearce Ferry on Lake Mead. Ozark Society members that made this trip several years ago really enjoyed the experience. When the boat stops to take a side hike, take it. The side canyons on the Grand Canyon are magical.

Paddle the Salmon River Idaho July 29- August 3rd

Aggipah River Trips (Bill Bernt, www.aggipah.com, 208-756-4167) has agreed to host Ozark Society members on a 5 night, 6 day trip on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. The trip will launch from Boundary Creek on July 29, 2018. There are two trip options: row or paddle your own boat, or ride with Aggipah.

Until the end of 2017, the cost of the trip is \$2150 to ride with Aggipah or \$1505 to take your own

boat. After January 1, the cost of the trip is \$2200 and \$1540, respectively. A 25% deposit is needed to secure your place on the trip (Aggipah, PO Box 425, Salmon, Idaho, 83467) If you have any questions please call Bill Bernt at Aggipah or Stewart Noland (bossHQ@aol.com, 501-666-2989). If you sign up for the trip, please let Stewart know so we can coordinate logistics. If this date is not good for you, Aggipah has other launch dates listed on its website.



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As a frame of reference, I served on Oregon's Siuslaw National Forest as Supervisor in the wake of the spotted owl crisis from 1992-1999, instituting management reforms aimed at forest restoration rather than exploitation, as chronicled in the video documentary *Seeing The Forest*. These reforms are still in place, and have proven effective and durable. Today the Siuslaw National Forest is one of the largest and most reliable providers of timber in the PNW, and also carefully safeguards endangered species habitat and restores salmon runs. Notably, the Siuslaw has not had a single timber sale appeal or lawsuit in over 20 years. The reason is that timber production is no longer a primary goal there, but a byproduct of restoration activities. And I might add that all the above was accomplished without the provisions of this draft bill. Even harsh critics of logging will accept commercial timber activity IF the agency provides legitimate reasons to harvest trees while fostering ecological integrity.

Let me give you examples. Siuslaw timber production slipped to essentially ZERO in 1993, and we instituted collaborative processes with friend and foe to dig ourselves out of the hole. I can assure you the issues and table stakes exceeded those on most national forests. Agency credibility and success rested on honesty, transparency, candor, information sharing, power sharing, mutual respect, and a penchant for listening well. We had to create new solutions that satisfied all parties, and the law. Failure was not an option – we could sink no lower.

Collaboration succeeds when trust and respect are nourished and flourish. The discussion draft puts a heavy finger on one side of the scale – the side predicated on logging. I guarantee you this provision dooms success. Those citizens most needed

to ensure successful deliberations – those you consider intractable foes of logging -- will either refuse to participate or walk away, requiring the application of numerous other band aids to keep logging proposals from foundering. The success we enjoyed on the Siuslaw NF was based on the assumption that everyone was reasonable and would work toward solutions that truly benefited the land and resources. This bill nullifies that presumption by bullying those with viewpoints perceived as anti-logging. Asking the Forest Service to faithfully implement all elements of this law is to assign them a biased, prejudicial role unbecoming a professional.

Let's look at the bill's approach to the use of categorical exclusions, or CE's. Increasing the threshold to 10000 acres is excessive and uncalled for. This is the equivalent of 15 square miles!! Projects of such massive extent were never intended by NEPA procedures to be excluded from public participation, analysis and review. This provision can only be seen as intended to avoid scrutiny and due process. Yet another provision increases the threshold to 30000 acres if the project is supported by collaboration. But NEPA is predicated on analyzing and documenting environmental effects, not whether social processes are invoked.

Title II accelerates the review timelines for salvage. I knew a time when virtually all salvage was harvested, yet we now know that the role of dead trees is very complex and deserving of the most careful analysis. Haste and delay are both uncalled for in pursuit of consensus solutions.

Another collaboration provision requires analysis of only two alternatives -- action and no action – thus stipulating that collaboration must conclude with only one option

and arbitrarily assigning other meritorious alternatives to the trash can. NEPA contains important learning functions that necessitate consideration of all reasonable alternatives; a premise strongly supported by case law. Such precautionary principles are intended to conserve resources and combat smug certainty.

This unstable house of cards is built on progressively biased strategies, all directed at making logging essentially mandatory rather than discretionary. The approach is in essence the same tragic mistake that created the spotted owl crisis; elevating logging over other uses and values. Add one last insult -- deny due process for litigation and recovery of legal expenses. You are creating a system of haves and have nots . . . again.

Regrettably, the have nots will include species protected by ESA. Rather than viewing ESA as an obstacle, ESA should be seen as a fundamental responsibility of public land management. Case studies abound throughout the country illustrating recovery of species in peril as well as how thoughtful forest management, done properly, supports recovery.

I am also deeply distressed that this bill ignores the major problem confronting the Forest Service today - - the escalating cost of fire suppression and its consequence of diminishing all other resource management. Your legislative proposals aimed at resolving this long-standing impasse enjoy broad bipartisan support, including mine, and I suspect my fellow witnesses support them also. If you truly seek to address the major problem standing in the way of applying sound science to create effective solutions, pass the fire funding bill. And leave this bill on the shelf where it belongs.

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