



Central Coast Forest Association

CCFA's Mission

The Central Coast Forest Association is a non-profit alliance of small forestland owners, forestry professionals and forest-oriented businesses with close affinity to the woods, mountains, streams and wild-life of the Central Coast. Our purpose is to uphold and preserve our values, our property rights and our way of life. To advance this objective CCFA will:

- Interact with community, political and environmental interests as a voice for forestland owners.
- Understand the news, law and technology of forestry and apply this knowledge for the benefit and protection of forestland owners.
- Inform members of matters affecting their lands and forests.
- Take political and legal action to defend the rights and property of all Central Coast forestland owners.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 24

The CCFA annual membership meeting to elect directors for the forthcoming year and discuss CCFA's activities and other topics of interest to members and forest folks is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., October 24 at the Soquel Grange Hall. The agenda will include progress on our legal appeal, an in depth review of the two pending CCFA petitions to the National Marine Fisheries Service concerning local, "threatened" coho salmon, the impact of sudden oak death disease, and other topics of interest to our members.

For more information, see pages 4 and 5.

CCFA VICE PRESIDENT, DAVE SMELT SERIOUSLY INJURED IN TRACTOR ACCIDENT

CCFA's Vice President, and director Dave Smelt, a local naturalist, forestland owner, founding member of this Association and spark plug in the Farm Bureau, was seriously injured in a tractor accident and remains hospitalized. After three months of treatment for a spinal fracture at Valley Medical Center, Dave transferred to the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto for further treatment.

Dave's injury causes inconvenient immobility, but is he still in fighting trim on private property rights and truth in environmental science. He continues in his responsibility as our V. P. and we are keeping his board seat dusted off and ready.

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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE DEFAULTS IN RESPONSE TO CCFA PETITION CCFA FILES SECOND PETITION RE. CENTRAL COAST COHO SALMON

As we reported in the summer issue of "The Log", CCFA, last May, filed a petition with the National Marine Fisheries Service to delist coho salmon in the Southern California ESU that extends from the Pajaro River north 265 miles to Punta Gorda, NMFS is legally required under the Endangered Species Act to respond to our petition within 90 days of its receipt but we have had no response.

Our petition together with fifteen others from northern California and Oregon locations derives its authority from a federal court decision on behalf of the landowners of the Alsea River, Oregon where (as our readers know) NMFS was systematically clubbing to death all coho deemed to be of "non-natural" birth... approximately 99% of the returning adults of this "threatened species".

Our latest petition, filed Sept. 11, 2002, covers that portion of the ESU south of San Francisco Bay where historical, archeological and geographic re

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BOOK REVIEW

AMERICA'S ANCIENT FORESTS: From the Ice Age to the Age of Discovery

By: Thomas M. Bonnicksen, Professor of Forest Science
Texas A and M University
Publisher: John Wiley & Sons Inc, New York, 2000
ISBN 0-471-13622-0

Reviewed by Bob Briggs

I was on the waiting list for this book for a year before it was published and had several anticipatory conversations with the author during that time. The wait was worth it.

The book ends where most forestry books begin, with the arrival of Europeans. Although it is rigorously researched and thoroughly documented with sources, references and notes, the book reads like a story more than a text. The story sweeps across vast reaches of time and space to track America's forests, telling how the earth's climate changes continuously affected the disassembly and reassembly, the dissemination and reconstruction of forests into ever changing patterns. Glaciers scraping the landscape push trees into retreat southward and then they separate and migrate northward to make new forests when the ice melts. Some tree species adapt slowly while others react more rapidly, merging with and moving through and past the slower species.

But the story is not just about climate and trees. The forests and the people who lived there formed an inseparable whole that developed together over the millennia. Forest management is not new. Native Americans vigorously managed their forests in significant ways to optimize hunting, farming and to accommodate their way of life.

Dr. Bonnicksen used archeological, paleoantological and historic methods and sources to deduce the progression of forestlands long before there was anyone to document them, pioneering a method that would seem to have broad application to understanding all manner of living populations.

Perhaps the primary message of the book is: If you want a picture of America's forests at any specific time, don't try it with a time exposure, use a fast shutter and high speed film. Anyone who wants to restore a forest to its prehistoric condition had better pick a specific time in prehistory and move fast because forests have never stood still long.



Thomas M. Bonnicksen

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records indicate that coho are not native to this location and probably could not sustain permanent colonies unless the streams were artificially stocked on a continuous basis (as they have been since 1870) and therefore could not possibly be a "an important component in the evolutionary legacy of the species" as the Endangered Species Act requires as a condition of listing. Our new petition requests NMFS to correct the southern boundary of the ESU to reflect this fact. cussed cussed at the meeting of membership on October 24. (see pages 4 and 5).

LEGAL ACTION PROGRESS

The appeal of our lawsuit against Santa Cruz County and the Coastal commission is frustratingly normal for a legal action...slow. CCFA and Big Creek filed initial briefs on schedule. The defendants briefs were originally due on Sept. 4, but they requested a 15 day extension that was granted on Sept. 13 so now the due date is Sept. 28. The next action will be written responses to the briefs, then oral arguments and eventually, a decision.

Slow though it is, it's lots of work for our attorneys and Board members...and it's expensive.

TRIVIA

CO₂ RELEASED BY PETROLEUM USE BARELY KEEPS UP WITH FOREST DEMAND

The NASA, Ames Laboratory publication, "Astrogram", reports that Earth scientists, using high resolution satellite data sets, have found that forests in the United States, Europe and Russia stored 700 million metric tons of carbon annually during the 1980s and 1990s. On the other side of the equation, figures released by the American Petroleum Institute show that all of the petroleum consumed annually in the United States releases 708 million metric tons of carbon into the atmosphere. Going back to grade school arithmetic, we calculate that trees remove 98.9% of the carbon released by all the petroleum burned in this country.

Remember, you read it here first.

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Ben Franklin, 1759



Notes from the Nut-house

Or: Why I feel like an alien around here.

FIRE...

Why look any further for nut-house material?

The sermon from the nut-house today will take as its text (what else?) - *fire*. We have enough nut-house notes on recent green fires to fill this entire issue several times over, but we are gratified that nearly every news publication in the country has carried some of these stories so we can use some of our space for other things. Here's just a peek.

Why southern Oregon is burning

The following description is from a letter by Dr. Arthur Robinson, director of the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, Cave Junction, Oregon (near where the State's most disastrous fire in a century is burning).

Hundreds of forest fires begin in Southern Oregon each year from several causes - primarily lightning. Many professionals work, usually successfully, to put these fires out. This year, however, when a fire started in a U.S. government-owned forest designated as "the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area", the firefighters were forbidden to put it out. It was a politically correct, "natural fire".

As it grew, it changed from an uncontrolled fire to an uncontrollable one. When fighters were finally allowed to do their job it was too late. The fire joined with another one to the south and together so far has consumed over 500,000 acres of forest, farms, homes, businesses and possibly even a few spotted owls. Firemen expect it to continue to burn until the rains come this fall.

The same eco-wackos who chain themselves to trees to keep fallers from harvesting them, protected this fire as it consumed thousands of trees, animals, birds and anything else alive

"Chainsaw Tom" (Daschle) Rides Again

Fires raging throughout western forests (Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon, California, South Dakota, Washington etc.) have until recently been an equal opportunity catastrophe. Anywhere a fuel-reducing thinning was proposed it drew opposition, with no discrimination, from the enviro-wacos and enviro-crats... and all the forests burned equally. In the midst of the equal opportunity conflagrations, South Dakota's Lone-Ranger, Senator "Chainsaw Tom" Daschle charged to the rescue of his constituents and attached a rider to an unrelated spending bill that exempts his home state from all of this nonsense, delay and litigation. South Dakotans can now, legally take care of their forests.

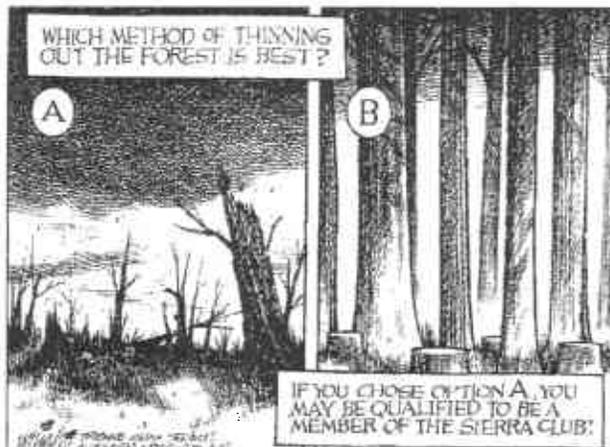
This is great if you live in South Dakota. We don't know why their trees are so much more valuable than those of the rest of the Western States or what happened to equal opportunity, but next time I see "Chainsaw Tom", I'll ask.

"Chainsaw" is now on the Sierra Club's list as is Dianne Feinstein and a few other Dems. for tentatively inquiring about equality for some of the other Western States.

LESSONS FROM THE NUTHOUSE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY (N.S.F.)

Lesson 1: How to thin a forest...

Lesson 2: Here's how our schools have made progress in teaching the basic arithmetic of logging. Test yourself



on these sample questions.

1940: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price. What is his profit?

1960: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

1980: A logger exchanges set "L" of lumber for a set "M" of money. The cardinality of set "M" is 100. Each element is worth one dollar. Make 100 dots representing the elements of set "M". The set "C", the cost of production contains 20 fewer points than set "M". Represent the set "C" as a subset of set "M" and answer the following question: What is the cardinality of the set "P" of profits?

1990: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost is \$80 and his profit is \$20. Underline the number twenty.

2000: A logger, by cutting down beautiful forest trees, makes \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the forest birds and squirrels *feel* as this logger cut down their trees? (There are no wrong answers.)

Lesson 3 Extra Credit: Write a short paragraph on "How to improve Canopy Cover by Burning off the Forest".

Is this progress in forestry education or what?

CENTRAL COAST FOREST ASSOCIATION

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**ELECTION OF
DIRECTORS**

If you can't
make the meeting,
please send in your
proxy ballot.

The Annual Membership Meeting is the time for election of Directors for the forthcoming year, review of the activities, accomplishments and problems of the Association and discussions of future activities. We will have several interesting presentations and hear suggestions for priorities and improvements.

Also, it's a good time to say hi to old friends. In case you miss diner, light refreshments will be served.

Hope we see you there!

Meet us at the Soquel Grange Hall

2800 Porter Street, Soquel

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NOTICE

OF ANNUAL CCFA MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Central Coast Forest Association will hold its 2002 annual membership meeting for the purpose of electing three CCFA directors to serve for the forthcoming three year term, and for transacting other appropriate business. The schedule is:

Date: October 24, 2002
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Soquel Grange Hall, 2800 Porter Street, Soquel

The following directors are running for reelection to a three-year term of office.

NAME	INTEREST	RESIDENCE
1. Dick Burton	Land owner, tree farmer	Soquel
2. Dave Smelt	Land owner, tree farmer	Correlitos
3. Joe Burch	Land and forest business manager	Morgan Hill

Each CCFA member in good standing may vote. The three candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will serve as directors for a three year term.

Any CCFA member in good standing is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. You may cast your vote for the slate of directors listed above who are seeking re-election or you may write in your vote(s) for any three CCFA members in good standing.

Enclosed is a proxy form. If there is any possibility that you may not attend the meeting please complete and file your proxy so that we can be assured of a quorum. You may revoke your proxy if your plans change. Proxies must be filed with the secretary, Cate Moore, prior to the meeting.

PROXY BALLOT

Mail Ballot to: Central Coast Forest Association, 1670 Porter Street, Capitola, CA 95010

I, _____, as a member in good standing of the Central Coast Forest Association hereby appoint Cate Moore, Secretary of CCFA, as holder of my proxy and I direct her to cast my vote in the October 24, 2002 election of directors in accordance with these instructions.

CHECK ONE

I direct that my proxy vote be cast for the slate of three candidates named above to serve as CCFA directors for the forthcoming three year term.

OR

as I direct that my proxy vote be cast for the following three CCFA members in good standing to serve as CCFA directors for the forthcoming three year term.

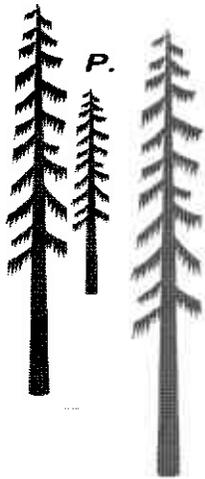
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3 _____

I, the undersigned have executed this proxy on the _____ day of _____, 2002

Signature of CCFA Member



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September 21, 2002

Dear Forest Landowners,

We have fought and won a major part of our legal case before the superior court and both we and the County and Coastal Commission have appealed. We have an excellent case, but we must finance it. Let us not give up now with the fight half won. Let us not empower our opponents next actions to erode our property rights and transfer power to the County bureaucracy. This is part of an increasing resistance to government confiscation. It is part of the fight to prevent total government control of private property. Join us at our annual meeting October 24. We will update you on CCFA activities. You will meet many freedom fighters you know and many you will want to know.

It seems like a discouraging time. There is too much to do just getting along, but let me tell you from personal experience, when you meet with like minded people such as members of CCFA, a synergy develops that will send you back out energized and encouraged, and ready to continue to defend your property and other endangered rights. Come to our annual meeting October 24 and re-fuel your enthusiasm.

We have a program that will inform, educate and encourage. We have a membership that believes in property rights and good forestry. We have carried one of the few successful battles in this County against our paternalistic government. But we are not alone. There is a growing groundswell of resistance to government's constant gnawing away at our fundamental rights and we need to meet with each other, and develop a momentum with other like minded groups that are fighting for other property rights. You will meet some of these people at our annual meeting. Separately we cannot sustain the effort it takes to win. Together we can do it. Come to the Annual Meeting.

Let us not hang separately; Let us stick together with renewed energy and finish the battle.

Sincerely,

Peter Twight