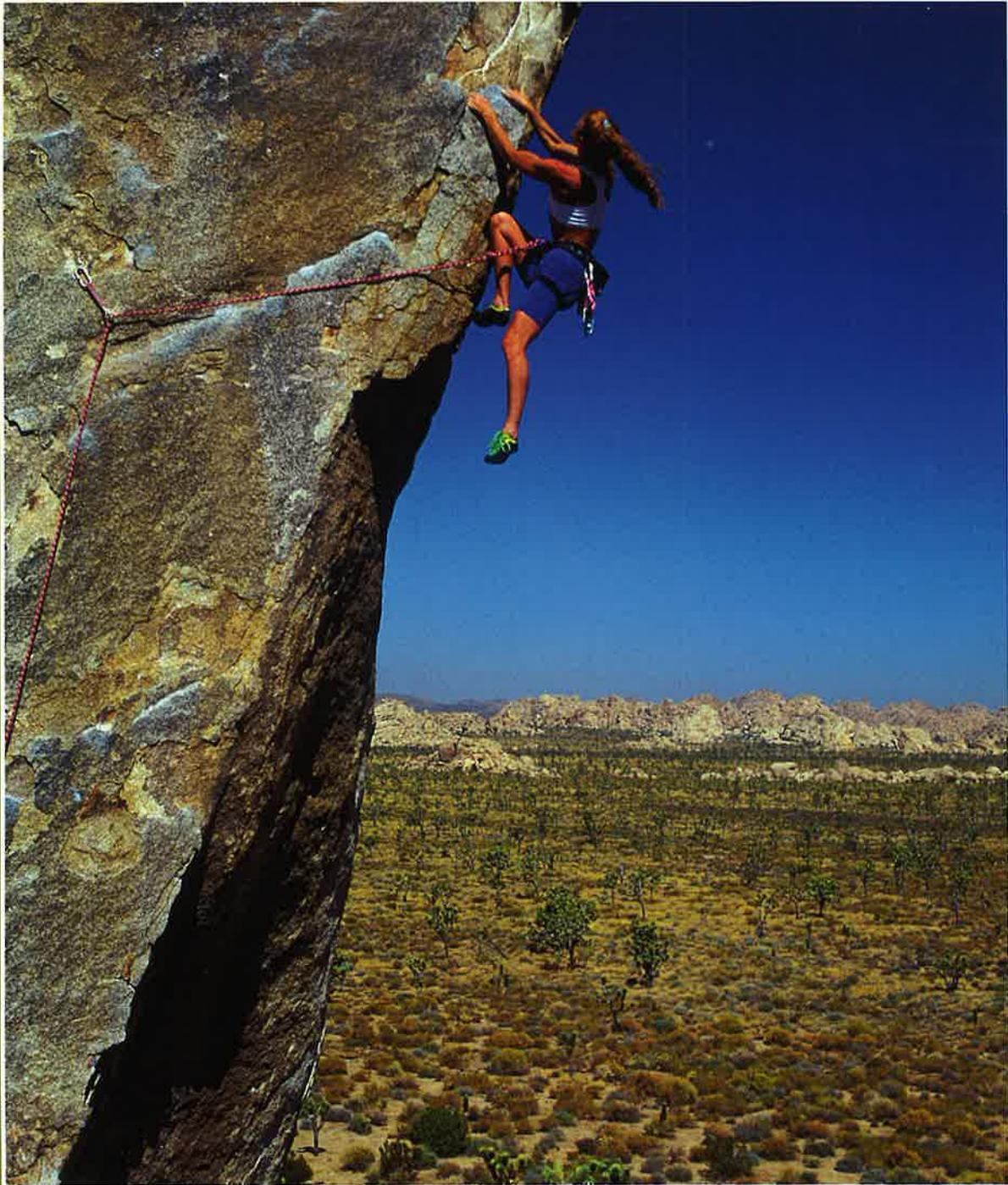


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DIRECTOR'S REPORT



We have been torn between publishing our *Wilderness Record* or holding off until the U.S. House of Representatives voted on our California Wilderness Bills. We wanted so badly to be able to share the good news of their passage with our members. On January 15, 2009, Senator Harry Reid and the U.S. Senate followed through on their promise made in the fall to introduce and subsequently pass what is now an omnibus bill containing 160 separate pieces of legislation.

Since then, we've been furiously working with our supporters in the House and grassroots activists to win its passage. As I write today, we still don't know when the vote will take place. The bill was introduced "under suspension of the rules" to prevent amendments, meaning we need two-thirds of a majority to pass. Thank you to all our members who have sent letters and made calls to their Congress members — the response has been outstanding.

In addition to our bill before the House, CWC has ramped up our campaign to protect our California deserts. This austere and vibrant landscape is ground zero for the largest land grab since the settlement of the American West. Renewable energy projects, military expansion, infrastructure needs of California's growing population and increased demand for recreation have convinced us that immediate action must happen now.

As a result, we targeted key lands for protection including those left out of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act and others that have significant wilderness character and are at most risk. We have won support from a variety of constituencies, and take enormous pride in our reputation to be a collaborative partner with conservation leaders as well as local stakeholders, land agencies, recreation groups and Congressional leaders. Our reputation to work inclusively and openly to obtain our goals is one of our strongest assets. Our hope is that Senator Feinstein will introduce a bill this year.

Lest you think we've only been focused in Southern California, CWC has also been spearheading efforts to engage the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in utilizing the Travel Route Designation Process to enact sensible,

science-based assessments of roads in our forests, with the ultimate goal of protecting fragile watersheds, wildlife areas, streams, rivers and roadless areas from unnecessary damage.

The good news is that USFS is moving forward to stop illegal cross-country off-roading, the not so good news is that the agency is not conducting an environmental assessment of roads prior to publishing public maps of existing roads. Understandably, we are very troubled by this approach, as it will take years if not decades for roads to be decommissioned and in the meantime these maps will foster greater road use by off-roaders.

If that weren't enough, the Forest Service has also initiated their forest plan revision process for some of our most threatened regions including the Lake Tahoe Basin and Modoc National Forest. It is their intent to complete 11 plan revisions in the next two years. Needless to say, our focus is to secure protections for wilderness quality areas, roadless areas and key watersheds. As we learn more about the impacts of climate change to animals and plants and their subsequent migration to new areas, as well as the critical value of large forests for carbon sequestration, we are re-doubling our work to protect these precious resources.

Lastly, we include in this issue a Q&A with Carl Zichella of the Sierra Club on the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative. You'll be hearing more about this and other steps to locate solar, wind, geothermal and transmission lines in California. This may be the greatest challenge facing conservationists for the foreseeable future. We will post information as it develops on our website.

Please do what you can to get involved in one or more of these campaigns! It is with your assistance that we are able to build grassroots support for California's wild spaces. Most importantly, spend time outside this spring to enjoy the wilderness for everything that it has to offer!

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Three California wilderness bills passed by U.S. Senate

By Ryan Henson, Policy Director

The CWC and other conservation groups have been working with members of Congress for years to win wilderness protection for almost 744,000 acres (over 1,162 square miles) of outstanding backcountry in Riverside County, eastern Sierra Nevada, the San Gabriel Mountains, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The bills would establish ten new wilderness areas and add to ten existing wilderness areas. The regions slated for protection range from lush Sierra meadows to sun-baked sand dunes.

Senator Tom Coburn (R-Oklahoma) was the main impediment to getting these bills passed in the Senate. All of America's 100 senators have the right to put procedural holds on bills, often with little or no reason. Mr. Coburn has exercised his hold privileges more than any other member of the Senate, supposedly for the

purpose of protecting the taxpayers from irresponsible spending. Even when a vote is allowed on a bill, Senator Coburn will often filibuster the matter.

The only way to overcome Coburn is to get substantial bipartisan support for a measure, and Senate leaders often achieve this by bundling Democratic and Republican bills together into a single piece of legislation, thus improving the odds of a favorable vote.

The three California wilderness measures were folded into an enormous bipartisan package of 150 water, wilderness, historic preservation and other types of bills dubbed the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (S. 22). Most of the bills in the omnibus package had been moving through the House and Senate for almost two years before being folded into S. 22.

California Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein worked tirelessly with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada) and Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Jeff Bingaman (D-New Mexico) to bring S. 22 to the Senate Floor and on January 15 the omnibus bill passed 73-21.

The ball is now in the House of Representative's court. Conservationists are hoping for a vote on S. 22 in the House in the near future.

Here is what is at stake.

Senator Boxer's and Representative Mary Bono Mack's (R-Palm Springs) California Desert and Mountain Heritage Act would protect over 190,000 acres of wild country in Riverside County by establishing four new wilderness areas and expanding six existing wilderness areas. The bill would also protect 31.5 miles of stream as "wild and scenic rivers" where new dams would be permanently prohibited. One of the gems slated for protection is Joshua Tree National Park with its namesake giant yucca plants stretching their gnarled branches toward the sun. As a stand-alone bill the measure was passed by the House of Representatives and approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee before getting bogged down in Senator Coburn's quagmire.

Senator Boxer's and Representative Jim Costa's (D-Fresno) Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness Act would protect nearly 85,000 acres of the park as wilderness and name a portion of the new wilderness after former Congressman John Krebs (D-Fresno) who was instrumental in saving the area from ski resort development. The lands slated for protection include breathtakingly beautiful meadows and peaks

as well as groves of stately sequoias, the world's largest trees. As a stand-alone bill the measure passed the House and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee before it too languished while awaiting final Senate passage.

Senator Boxer's and Representative Howard "Buck" McKeon's Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act would protect over 468,000 acres of wilderness by establishing five new wilderness areas and expanding six existing wilderness areas. The bill would also protect over 52 miles of stream as wild and scenic rivers. The measure would establish a new wilderness in the White Mountains, a stunning and arid range east of the Sierra Nevada that shelters extensive stands of bristlecone pines, the oldest trees on the planet. This bill was passed by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and it was sent to the Senate Floor where it never had a vote. In the House it had hearings before the Resources Committee's Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

Stay tuned to our action alerts in the *Wilderness Record* for the latest news on the efforts to pass these and other important land protection bills.



Lizard - Hidden Valley, Joshua Tree National Park - CWC ARCHIVE



Annual Spring Fundraiser

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us April 24, 2009 as we celebrate California wilderness with our many friends.

This year we salute Rick Ridgeway with our Philip Burton Wilderness Award. Mountaineer, writer and environmentalist, Rick in his younger days was a pioneer of big peak climbs in the Himalaya. But then he took on the mission of publicizing the conservation issues of remote places around the world. Currently, he is the vice-president for environmental initiatives at the outdoor retailer Patagonia where he heads up their "Freedom to Roam" initiative. The campaign seeks to build public and private support for the preservation of essential wildlife corridors between wilderness areas in the United States, including here in California.

The Philip Burton Award is named in honor of the late California Congressman whose conservation legacy has been enjoyed by many generations. Former awardees have included Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Jim Eaton, CWC founder and legendary wilderness activist.

There are several sponsorship opportunities available, and support can also be provided through auction and in-kind donations. To become a sponsor or for more information, contact Development Director Bill Tieman, at 510.451.1450 (ext. 103) or btieman@calwild.org or go to our website for tickets.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY? There are a variety of ways to make a lasting contribution towards the protection and conservation of our state's fragile wilderness legacy. Below is a summary of different ways you can make a commitment to support CWC's work from your will, living trust, or other estate plans. All of these gifts work directly to protect the integrity of wild lands so that future generations of Californians can enjoy the benefits of our unique natural heritage.



We are happy to explain the details and benefits of our planned giving options, and we would welcome an opportunity to help you find a way to give that best fits with your intentions. Consultation with our staff incurs no obligation on your part, and, of course, all information discussed will remain strictly confidential. Please feel free to contact Bill Tieman at btieman@calwild.org or 510-451-1450.

PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

Bequests: Make a gift to support the environmental work of future generations in your will or living trust that preserves California wilderness for our future generations.

Retirement Plan Assets: Use your tax deferred retirement plan assets to support CWC's ongoing efforts to establish wilderness protection.

Life Income Gifts: Transfer assets to California Wilderness Coalition and you and your chosen beneficiaries can receive income for a specified term or for life. After the conclusion of the term, the remainder of the life income gift is distributed to CWC.

Carl Zichella, Director of Western Renewable Programs, Sierra Club

By Erika Garcia

The **Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)** is a statewide initiative to help identify the transmission projects needed to accommodate renewable energy goals, support future energy policy, and facilitate transmission corridor designation and transmission and generation siting and permitting. RETI is an open and transparent collaborative process in which all interested parties are encouraged to participate.

RETI will assess all competitive renewable energy zones in California and possibly also in neighboring states that can provide significant electricity to California consumers by the year 2020. RETI also will identify those zones that can be developed in the most cost effective and environmentally benign manner and will prepare detailed transmission plans for those zones identified for development.¹

CWC: How is RETI proposing to develop renewable energy zones with the least amount of environmental impact?

CZ: There is no such thing as an impact-free energy source. But this can be and is being done with great care. It may well turn out that we need to build far fewer transmission assets than previously believed (I personally believe that is the case). That's a good thing. RETI approached this from the standpoint of using, to the maximum extent possible, existing infrastructure and rights of way.

CWC: Is RETI effectively evaluating the environmental implication these competitive renewable energy zones will have?

CZ: Nothing we do substitutes for the legally required environmental review projects must undertake. RETI is not a regulatory process. It is intended to provide guidance to regulatory agencies about the least environmentally and most economically beneficial places to put projects and transmission. In most cases these are the same things. For instance, the cheapest place to put projects is near existing infrastructure and rights of way. That means upgrading existing lines may be the cheapest transmission solution in many if not all cases. That in turn prevents the need for a new line. This is environmentally as well as economically beneficial. While some lines are going to be needed, much of what we need to do may be able to be done without them.

CWC: How is the development of renewable energy zones throughout our state going to impact the state's last wild places?

CZ: There is a tremendously important reason we are doing this; one that is inescapable and critical to the long term survival of desert ecosystems and species: global warming and climate change, the effects of which are already apparent in our state. It is untrue that we can meet all our goals with distributed solar or wind or geothermal by themselves. We need all the energy efficiency we can get. We need all the distributed solar we can get; we need all the wind we can appropriately site and wheel. We need the geothermal resources we can muster in the right locations. But we also need large-scale, appropriately sited solar resources to prevent the full brunt of global warming from destroying all the resources we care about and have fought so hard to protect. Scientists tell us that failing to do this will mean the loss of Joshua trees and peninsula bighorn sheep and other desert species, as well as the submersion of coastal wetlands, the deterioration of giant sequoia forests, the extinction of high-elevation species, the loss of water from diminishing Sierra snow pack further degrading our aquatic ecosystems and imperiled fish populations, and worsening air pollution damaging the health of millions of our people and harming ecosystems at all elevations.

CWC: Many people in the environmental front would like to prioritize using "previously disturbed lands" as CREZ (competitive renewable energy zones). How is the RETI process reflecting this?

CZ: There is give and take between stakeholders to be sure, but everyone has been respectful of each others views, values and needs. And the process is far from over. All RETI participants would prefer to use disturbed sites if possible. We are presently ground-truthing the zones identified in Phase I and some will drop out if they are found to be environmentally problematical, can't deliver the energy we thought because of other constraints (such as BLM's 1% development cap in DWMA's or ACECs) or infeasible for other reasons (like fragmented ownership for example). We are encouraging the use of disturbed areas for zones as we can best identify them, and a number of projects have been proposed for such areas including retired farmland. No zone presently identified is cast in stone. Many of the disturbed areas people have called to our attention are already in zones we identified

¹ Renewal Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI). *The California Energy Commission*. July 2008. <http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/index.html>.

in Phase I, and those which are not are being explored right now. It is premature to judge the outcome of the process at this point.

CWC: Any last comments to our *Wilderness Record* readers?

CZ: Delay is our enemy in fighting climate change. We all need to work together to do what is necessary and to do it quickly and right. I firmly believe we are on the right track and I encourage you to attend RETI meetings, learn more, and help us accomplish our mutual goal of protecting natural resources while fighting global warming.

Carl Zichella is Sierra Club's Director of Western Renewable Programs. He is a steering committee member of the California Apollo Alliance, a director of the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology (CEERT), and environmental representative on the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) and the Western Governors' Association Western Renewable Energy Zone identification processes.

He lives in Davis, California with his wife Sarah and their dogs Lambchop and Dudley.

CWC New Website



Check it out, we've unveiled our new web site. We're particularly excited about the new action alert tab, which allows users to craft and address letters to their representatives in an effort to protect wild land. You can even sign up for email alerts to make sure you don't miss any of our outings or special events during the year. Supporters

can join online, or make a special donation.

It is also easy to download special CWC publications, which detail specific wilderness legislation. We have added more pictures and maps of beautiful wilderness areas throughout California. Users may view interactive maps created by our GIS specialist, Julia Kernitz, which outlines protected areas as well as wilderness areas that have been proposed in Congress.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words and we are convinced that photo images can evocatively communicate the CWC story. Do you have great photos to share of people, wildlife or scenery in the California wilderness? We'd love to see and share them. Please submit a high resolution, JPEG photo to info@calwild.org, with a photo title, caption and name to be used for the photo credit.

The second phase of the web site will include more maps and wilderness information. If you are interested in helping us, go to the Volunteer section and sign up.

We appreciate the help of our volunteers and staff, Tides Foundation and Mighty Minnow of Oakland, who designed and built the site.

COALITION NEWS



Welcome to **Bill Tieman** our new Development Director. Coming to us from Stanford where he most recently served as associate director of The Stanford Fund; managing alumni annual fundraising campaigns. Previously he was a doctoral candidate in the Classics Department there studying the social and economic history—including philanthropy—of the Greek world of the third and second centuries BC. A California native from Los Angeles he is fluent in Spanish and was a Fulbright Scholar traveling to Chile in 1992. He spent much of his childhood traveling in the California desert areas with his family where his love for California's wild lands was nurtured. Bill is a fanatical Bay Area sailor, and outside of working hours odds are high that he's on the water, practicing or racing in his dinghy.

A welcome of another kind occurred in January when our crackerjack Desert Policy Director, **Monica Argandoña** and her husband **Leon** welcomed baby girl **Alexandria Sierra**. Please join us in congratulating both the proud parents.



Desert *Notes from the Field*

By Laurel Williams

The past few months have seen a whirlwind of activity in CWC's Desert Field Office. From community meetings and workshops to intimate home gatherings and hiking trips, people around the state have been adding their voices to the growing effort to preserve our vast and beautiful deserts—to keep them forever wild.

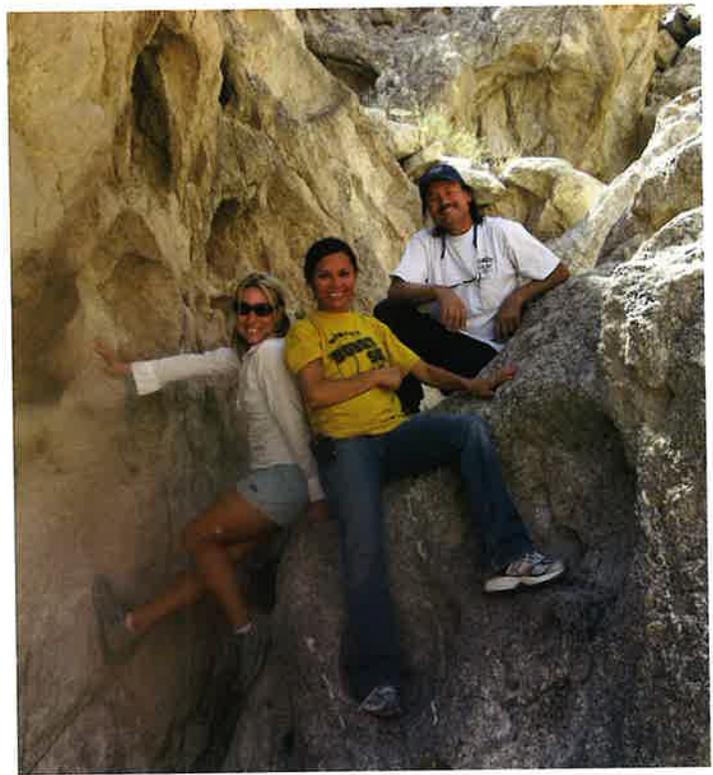
Some highlights . . .

A cool December evening in El Centro found activists gathered round a quaint backyard wood stove, writing letters and talking about the importance of preserving the desert.

The following weekend, friends and neighbors hiked along a sandy wash in the Indian Pass proposed wilderness additions near the Colorado River in the eastern portion of Imperial County. Ancient trees, tarantula encounters, and sweeping views of the Palo Verde Mountains reminded everyone of what we're working to protect.

Although an incredible snow storm in the Morongo Basin caused road closures and canceled a hike scheduled for the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve proposed wilderness, local chambers of commerce and business owners added their support to the effort to permanently protect this unique desert oasis adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park.

In January, after most of the snow had melted throughout the high desert, CWC and the Mojave Sierra Club led a hike in the Rodman Mountains Wilderness.



The hike, designed especially for kids, provided a chance to see a fantastic array of ancient petroglyphs and rock alignments, protected by the federal wilderness designation. A foray to a high point rewarded hikers with an impressive view of the eastern Mojave desert including the Cady Mountains proposed wilderness area.

Later that month, high desert residents gathered at the Lewis Center for a workshop on how to become more involved in protecting the desert. Teachers, students, lawyers, government employees, astronomers, moms, dads, and kids all brainstormed ideas and committed to participate in CWC's grassroots efforts.

February saw folks out on the ground, braving desert rain and wind to complete route inventories in the Slate Range proposed wilderness and saw supporters volunteer to assist BLM staff and the citizens of Trona clean up and restore nearby Great Falls Basin.

Even rain could not deter people away from a hike through Afton Canyon. The exceptionally green creosote bushes seemed to glow against the red canyon walls, and the Mojave River flowed in places it is often hidden well underground. Lush greenery seemed to sprout from every surface as people hiked along recently scoured washes.

For more information regarding CWC Desert grassroots organizing efforts and outings, please contact Laurel Williams at lwilliams@calwild.org or 909-946-1855.



A bumpy ride with the Forest Service on Off-Highway Vehicle Route Designations

Former Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said unmanaged off-highway vehicle use is one of the “four key elements” posing the greatest threat to our national forests. We couldn’t agree more. Unmanaged off-roading in California public lands scars pristine alpine meadows, can pollute our streams and rivers, fragment fragile wild life and plant habitats and rob the quiet recreation enjoyed by thousands of hikers, anglers and equestrians.

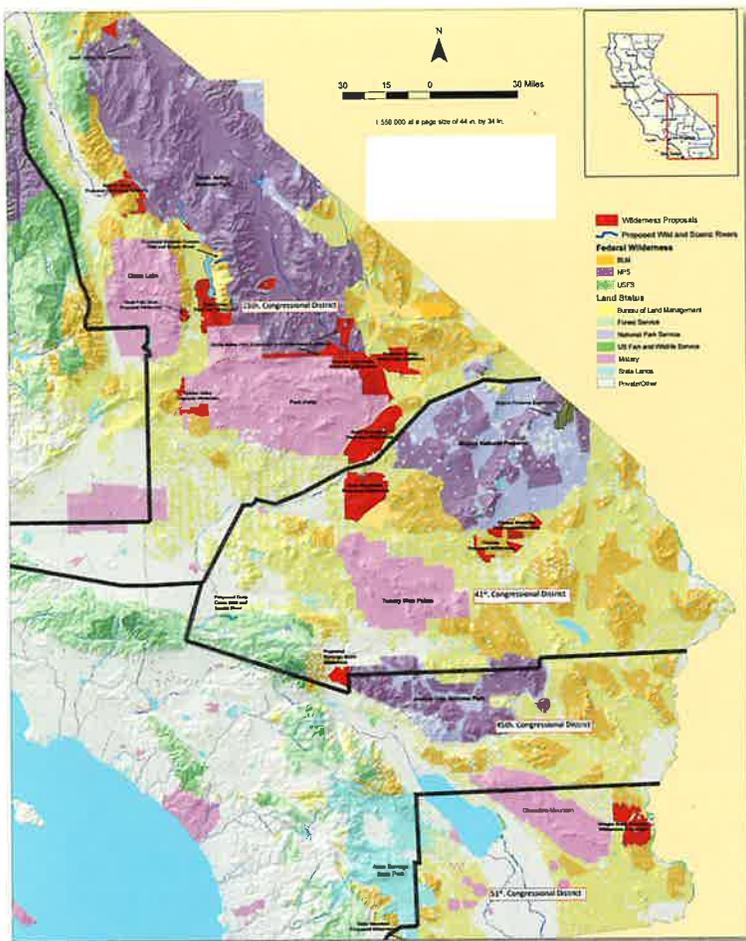
In 2005, the Forest Service embarked on an ambitious four-year effort to officially designate appropriate roads for maintenance and off road recreation. We are particularly concerned with the process being used by the Forest Service as we would like to see many of these roads and trails closed to ensure a more conservation oriented approach to management, including more limited ORV (Off-Road Vehicles) use in the forests. It is one of our goals at CWC to ensure that our concerns with ORV use in environmentally sensitive areas in California’s National Forests are taken into account in the decisions made by the Forest Service in their motorized travel route management process.

This past December CWC submitted comments along with our partners regarding the Tahoe National Forest’s motorized travel management plan. We argued along with other groups that the Tahoe National Forest has not identified the roads under their jurisdiction that are no longer needed, and therefore, should be decommissioned or considered for other uses, such as trails. We also urged the Forest Service to consider the overall impact of motorized vehicle use on clean air and water in the forests and surrounding regions.

We have been particularly disappointed in the Forest Service’s failure to adequately address the issues of climate change and greenhouse gas emissions from ORV’s in their motorized travel management plans. Many of the off-road vehicles registered in California emit 50 times more pollution than a current model passenger car ... (CARB 1997 in Kassar 2005). Some estimates state that off-road vehicles produce as much as 4,000 times more carbon monoxide emissions and 118 times as many smog-forming pollutants as modern automobiles on a per-mile basis (CARB 1998 in Kassar 2005).

CWC has taken the lead in providing comments on the Modoc and Plumas National Forest Travel Management Draft Environmental Impact Statements (a comprehensive analysis of how the travel management plan will effect the environment). We are currently opposing the Forest Service’s proposed addition of 336 miles of unauthorized routes to the Modoc National Forest Travel System. In the Plumas National Forest, the Forest Service has not only proposed the addition of 364 miles of existing unauthorized routes, but also a 36 acre “play area” where any motor vehicle is permitted. The CWC is working hard to protect the forest ecology, air and water quality and to preserve the beautiful wildlife and wilderness in these forests.

In the next several months CWC will continue to participate in the commenting stage as the other National Forests in California release their Draft Environmental Impact Statements.



accurate, and widely available to the public. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is the new wave of digital map making that can be used for everything from driving directions to mapping desert tortoise habitat. In a GIS, information collected through a GPS unit, public surveys, or satellite imagery can easily be applied and analyzed within sophisticated software. Analyzing data through GIS can be very beneficial in our mission to protect wilderness areas throughout the nation. For instance, through data queries and spatial analysis, a GIS map can be used to predict habitat areas based on slope, precipitation, and soil type. Aerial imagery can provide a birds-eye-view to track OHV routes within ecologically sensitive areas. Geographic Information Systems provide a powerful and accessible tool in understanding the significance of open wild land throughout California.

Now through Internet Mapping Services such as Google Earth, anyone with an internet connection can become a virtual cartographer. Before you plan your next wilderness backpacking trip, explore secrets of protected roadless areas that can only be remotely exposed through satellite imagery. Become a virtual cartographer and explore existing and potential wilderness areas in Google Earth. Follow these simple instructions to begin mapping digitally from home:

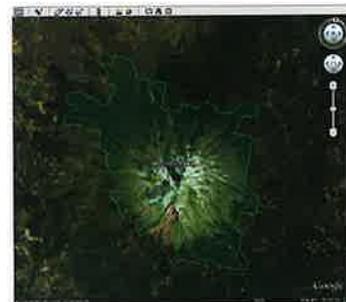
Download Google Earth: <http://earth.google.com/>

Visit calwild.org and navigate to Explore Wild Lands to download the following KML files to be uploaded into Google Earth: ExistingWilderness.kml, IRA.kml

Follow the instructions on the website to explore existing and potential wilderness within California from your own computer.

You can also add your own points of interest with the Add Placemark feature on the top. Create your own wilderness maps by adding placemarks, paths, and polygons displaying animal sightings, reporting unauthorized OHV routes, or drawing boundaries of damaged or misused wilderness areas. Any information found in the field is potentially valuable for CWC and our mission in wilderness protection. Contribute to our cause as a virtual cartographer through this easy method of virtual cartography.

To view additional wilderness and proposed wilderness area maps, please visit www.calwild.org or contact Julia Kernitz, jkernitz@calwild.org.



Wilderness Virtual Cartographers

by Julia Kernitz

In the fight for wilderness protection throughout California, maps have become an important tool in winning support from both politicians and the public. Where statistics and figures can fail in conveying the significance of protecting open space, a map fulfills this responsibility. The widespread use of digital map making today has provided additional means for the public to explore and connect to inaccessible spaces.

Since 1976, the California Wilderness Coalition has been out in the field collecting data and documenting boundaries of potential wilderness areas throughout our state. Creating maps from collected data was not always easy. Potential wilderness areas were drawn by hand in a very time consuming and tedious process. Current and emerging technology has automated much of this process and afforded opportunities for the complex analysis of geospatial data.

Advances in cartographic technology have made the process of wilderness mapping more efficient,

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Sabrina Basin in the John Muir Wilderness -
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Take a hike with CWC's Desert Team!

Saturday, April 11th

Kingston Mountains Mining Tour

See the famous Kingston Mountain mines, proposed wilderness additions, and possibly some late blooming wildflowers. Meet at the Amargosa Conservancy office in Shoshone at 8AM. We'll spend a full day with easy to moderate walking, 1-2 miles. This is an outing led by the Amargosa Conservancy.

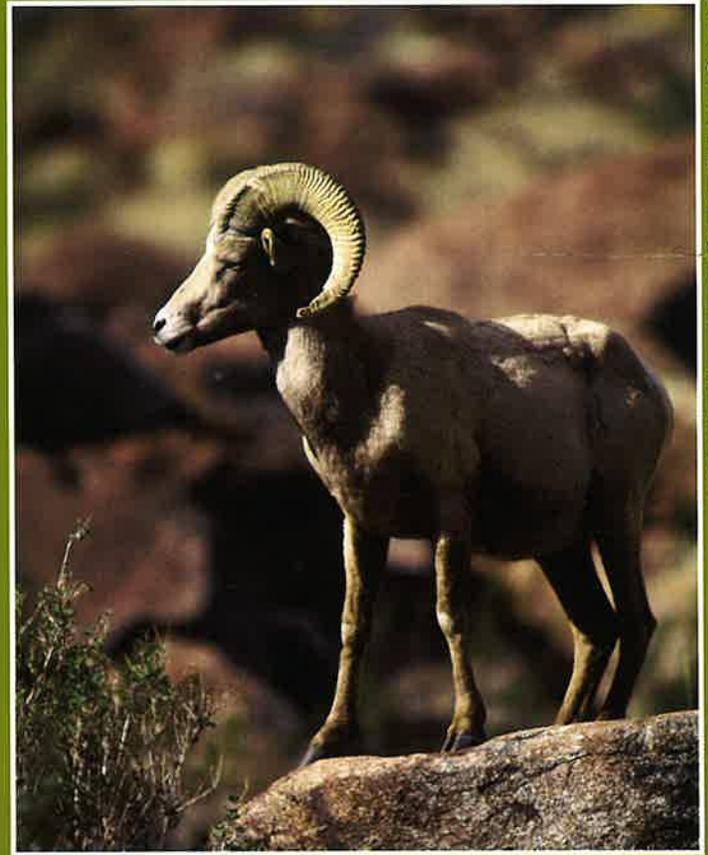
Sunday, April 26th

Castle Mountains proposed wilderness addition to the Mojave National Preserve

Join the CWC and the National Parks Conservation Foundation on an exploration day hike of castle-like rock formations, Joshua Tree forests, and exquisite scenery.

For more information or to RSVP, please call or email Laurel Williams at 909-260-8833 or lwilliams@calwild.org.

For all outings, bring 2 liters of water per person per day, sturdy walking shoes or boots, hat, sunscreen, snacks and food.



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