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NEW OUTDOOR IDAHO EXAMINED "CONFLICT IN THE CLEARWATER;" DIALOGUE FOLLOWS WITH DISCUSSION

— Aired Thursday, June 12 at 8:00/7:00 p.m. MT/PT
— Repeated Sunday, June 15 at 7:00/6:00 p.m. MT/PT

OUTDOOR IDAHO and DIALOGUE combined forces to explore the changes facing Idaho's Clearwater National Forest. This forest is in a state of change — no longer what it used to be, not yet what it might be. And, like all change, people have conflicting emotions about it.

"It's one of America's great forests. Big trees, big fish, big fires, big elk herds, and big headaches for the ones trying to manage it," says producer Bruce Reichert about the subject of this new OUTDOOR IDAHO show. "Every issue that confronts every forest in America is here on the Clearwater, in spades."

A live DIALOGUE followed the OUTDOOR IDAHO broadcast on Thursday, June 12 at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT, which picked up the discussion on the Clearwater. Host Marcia Franklin spoke with guest Larry Dawson, supervisor, Clearwater National Forest. He was joined by John McCarthy, spokesman for the Idaho Conservation

League; a representative of the Idaho Fish and Game Dept.; and Robert Maynard, an attorney involved with Federal Lands Task Force pilot projects. Franklin and guests took calls from viewers on a toll-free line. (There was no live call-in during the Sunday repeat, June 15 at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT.)

OUTDOOR IDAHO re-traced the Clearwater's history, exploring the devastating forest fires in the early twentieth century that devoured thousands of acres of trees, leaving vast open areas. Those areas filled with grasses and low-growing browse that fed what became the nation's largest elk herd. This was followed by decades of fire suppression. Now, the brush has grown tall and trees are returning, further changing the vegetation. The elk numbers, like their feeding grounds, have dwindled, threatening a \$20 million elk hunting industry. "We had the premier herd of the world," says Fish & Game Commissioner Alex Irby, "and to suddenly lose that, in less than a 100 years, it's got us all shook up."

The program looked at the forest through the eyes of

various factions, like timber advocate Don Konkol of Orofino. "They just need to manage the forest, and not for a single use... The mortality rate of forest lands in the Clearwater is 170 million board feet a year. I don't think they've sold two million."

Larry McLaud, spokesman for "Friends of the Clearwater," takes the OUTDOOR IDAHO crew to the rockslide at Quartz Creek in the Clearwater forest. "This is a prime example of why we need careful management in the Clearwater... we need to be smarter in the future, a lot more humble about what we think we know."

Eighty-five year old former forest ranger Bud Moore talks of his days in the Clearwater and the need for people to cooperate to find solutions for a stable future.

"Just how in the blazes can a ranger run a show with the public fighting each other, the public he's supposed to be working for," Moore says. "This is a democracy, and you're just stalemated, until we join up a little bit. Working together works, and that's what I'd like to see and that's what I'm trying to represent today, in whatever way I can."

Other interviews include Clearwater Forest Service supervisor Larry Dawson; Cal Groen, regional supervisor for Fish & Game; Jim Peek, retired wildlife professor; Ed Lindahl of the Clearwater Elk Recovery Team; and others.

Highly erosive soils in steep, rough terrain, and heavy precipitation all contribute to the difficulties in forging a successful path to the future.

“The forest is a magnet for spirited debate, about water, logging, recreation,

wildlife, even quiet. All these values are important to someone, and there are many eyes on the Clearwater,” Reichert says. “This forest matters, not just to Idahoans, but to people throughout the nation.”

IDAHOPTV PRODUCER CHOSEN FOR PEW FELLOWSHIP

In May, IdahoPTV producer Marcia Franklin was selected from a field of 80 applicants for a Pew Fellowship in International Journalism. (www.pewfellowships.org)

She will begin a four-month leave of absence from IdahoPTV on September 1. Marcia will join 8 other fellows at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins Uni-

versity in Washington, DC for 6 weeks. She will then travel to Iran for another 6 weeks to report on the growing environmental movement there. Should travel to Iran not be possible, her alternate proposal includes traveling to Kazakhstan to report on that country's environmental concerns.

In December, she will return to Washington, DC for three weeks to put her

pieces together. The goal is to produce a TV, print or radio piece on her selected topic. Several fellows have had their work air on public television's "Frontline: World." Marcia will return to Idaho in mid-December.

This is a rare and deserved opportunity for Marcia that reflects the quality of work she has done for the citizens of our state.

IDAHO'S GIFT TO THE WORLD: BARBARA MORGAN

In late June, producer Marcia Franklin went to Houston to begin filming a documentary on educator-in-space Barbara Morgan. The 51-year old McCall teacher, originally the backup for Christa McAuliffe, has spent the last 18 years waiting to go up in space. She was scheduled to launch this November, but her mission was delayed by the explosion of the shuttle Columbia. It is predicted that Morgan's mission, STS-118, will probably launch in early 2005.

Franklin and videographer Jay Krajic filmed Morgan in several training exercises at NASA, interviewed Morgan and her husband, as well as Morgan's commander and one of her fellow astronauts. The footage will be used for a documentary that will air on the eve of Morgan's flight, and for a special educational video to be shown in schools across the country.

The project is part of IRIS, Idahoans Reaching Into Space, a consortium that

includes representatives from the Idaho Department of Education, the Discovery Center, INEEL, and the offices of Representative Mike Simpson and Senator Mike Crapo. The teaching materials will be aligned to Idaho school standards.

Franklin will return to Houston in 2004 to continue documenting Morgan's quest to reach space.

HEALTH, PEST EXPERTS DISCUSSED WEST NILE VIRUS ON DIALOGUE

—Aired Thursday, June 19 at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT

—Repeated Sunday, June 22 at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

DIALOGUE guests discussed West Nile Virus — how it is transmitted and how to protect people and livestock from the disease.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen was joined by Bob Hays, integrated pest management program specialist, Idaho Department of Agriculture; and Leslie Tengelsen, deputy state epidemiologist, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

West Nile Virus, once limited to the Middle East, now poses a threat to people, horses, donkeys, mules, and wild birds as the disease moves closer to

Idaho. The virus was introduced to the East Coast in 1999 and has since migrated to nearly every state. One positive test on a horse in Southwest Idaho was recorded this spring.

During the live call-in show on Thursday, Cartan-Hansen and her guests took phone calls from viewers on a toll free line.

DIALOGUE LOOKED AT STATEWIDE SCHOOL TESTS

—Aired Thursday, June 26 at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT

—Repeated Sunday, June 29 at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

DIALOGUE took up the subject of statewide standardized testing, which were administered this past spring in Idaho's public schools.

DIALOGUE host Joan Cartan-Hansen was joined by Linda Clark, director of instruction for Meridian School District; and Janet Orndorff, member of the Boise School Board.

Cartan-Hansen questioned the educators and policymakers about the effectiveness of the tests and they consid-

ered what the tests mean for students, teachers, and the public education system.

During the live call-in show on Thursday, Cartan-Hansen and her guests took phone calls from viewers on a toll free line.

SENATOR MIKE CRAPO ON DIALOGUE

—Aired Thursday, July 10 at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT

—Repeated Sunday, July 13 at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

U.S. Senator Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, joined host Joan Cartan-Hansen on DIALOGUE to discuss national issues that resonate in Idaho.

He appeared by way of a live satellite feed from Washington, DC, where Congress was in session. Crapo talked about challenges facing INEEL and its changing mission, collaborative land management, and impacts on Idaho of President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind education policy.

During the live call-in show on Thursday, Cartan-Hansen and Crapo took phone calls from viewers on a toll free line.

DIALOGUE, produced by IdahoPTV, is Idaho's only statewide public affairs call-in program. The program is funded by the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.

IDAHOPTV'S ZOOM INTO ACTION NATIONWIDE NEXT YEAR

Zoom Into Action is a volunteer initiative project of the PBS national kids' series, ZOOM. Students from around the country participate through their local PBS television station. Each Friday, IdahoPTV's "Zoom Into Action" segment highlights different Idaho students and their projects.

In June, IdahoPTV's segment on Longfellow School's class effort to collect school supplies for students in Zimbabwe was selected for inclusion into the sixth season (winter/spring 2004) national series.

Communication students at Boise State University, the University of Idaho, and

the Boise School District, along with IdahoPTV personnel, produced 17 segments, which are featured each Friday on Zoom.

All of the segments can be viewed on the web at: <http://www.idahoptv.org/zoom-action/action/letter.html>.

UPCOMING LOCAL SHOWS

-DIALOGUE, writer Edmund Morris, author of "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt," August 2003

-FocusWest: Western Predators. The first of our collaborative efforts with public television stations in Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and Oregon, slated to air Thursday, September 19, 2003, will examine the issue of endangered species in the West. The FocusWest team takes a look at creatures synonymous with "The West," creatures that are liv-

ing on the very edge of existence. The great predators of the frontier are still a part of our lives. For some, they belong in our hearts, to be protected and honored. For others, they belong in the crosshairs. In this program the FocusWest partners will zero in on Grizzlies, wolves, and cougars. Each struggles for a way to live within the bounds of wilderness and civilization.

-Western Predators, 1/2 hour documentary, October 2003

-Outdoor Idaho: White Clouds, a program that examines the potential for compromise on the White Clouds, a beautiful part of the SNRA that some folks want to see as wilderness. Congressman Mike Simpson is working to bring together the environmental community and ranchers: not an easy task! To air in November 2003.

-FocusWest: The Future of Energy in the West. Our second major regional collaborative project will be to examine the

growing issue of energy in the West. World energy consumption, according to a United Nation's NGO, is expected to increase 57 percent by 2020. The U.S. Department of Energy expects most of the increase in energy production will come from oil, gas and coal, but proponents of alternative energy sources believe America should push renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydrogen. Whether you are looking for traditional or non-traditional energy sources, scientists say you will find it in the American West. Here is where the undiscovered fossil fuels are located. Here is where there are enough open spaces for wind-mills. Here is where America will store its nuclear waste products. This FocusWest program will look at where America will find its energy supplies in the next 20 to 50 years and what impact that search will have on the West. It is currently slated to air Thursday, November 20, 2003.

-Architecture in Idaho, an hour special on Idaho's architecture, from mining towns and barns to the very latest structures around the state. To air in December 2003.

-Old Timers, this program features folks on the other side of sixty, people who have made a difference or who have a story to tell. To air this fall.

-FocusWest: Behind Western Bars. Our third project of the grant will be to examine the growth of prison populations in the West. As the population of the West grows, so do the prisons. Inmates are still locked inside concrete and steel, the way they've been for centuries. But things are changing. Who are the prisoners of today's prisons? What did they do to get there? Will they ever get out? What's being done on the inside for those who will, one day, be outside? FocusWest takes you behind the scenes, inside the walls, through the

bars and into the lives of those who call prison home. How have changes in sentencing and legislation impacted the growth? Can states continue to fund new prisons? What new innovative programs are being developed to reverse this trend? These and other questions will be examined in this production slated for air January 22, 2004.

-Idaho Reports, January 2004

-Cancer Camp, February 2004

-Over Lewis & Clark Trail, March 2004

-Outdoor Idaho: Paradise Lost. A look at the devastating effects of noxious weeds and how local, state, and federal individuals and agencies are coping with what some are calling the most difficult resource management issue our state faces. To air spring 2004.