

TENNESSEE CITIZENS FOR WILDERNESS PLANNING

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TCWP ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 24-26, 1980

Cumberland Campground of the Methodist Church (Crossville)

Please come and enjoy the companionship of other TCWP members both in serious discussion and recreational pursuits. Details are on pages 6-8.

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Action Needed items have stars in the margin.

1. OBED -- FIRST TRACT ACQUIRED!

On August 23 the deed was recorded for the first tract to be acquired by the National Park Service for the Obed Wild & Scenic River. While this property, which is near Nemo Bridge, is a relatively small one, we can still rejoice. The process is at last underway! Several other acquisitions are in process of being negotiated.

2. COLUMBIA DAM - EPA STANDS FIRM; HEARING SET

* EPA Region IV director Rebecca Hanmer refused to be intimidated by either the Corps of Engineers on TVA and refused to withdraw EPA's request for a hold on the 404 permit. She deserves our special thanks. Write Rebecca Hanmer, Director EPA Region IV, 345 Courtland Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308. Ms. Hanmer forwarded a list of her concerns to Washington. The list included generation of trihalomethane precursors, a major concern which TCWP has repeatedly stressed.

Frank Fly, Joe McCaleb, and EDF attorneys continue to prepare for the hearing before the Water Quality Control Board now set for December 15 and expected to last more than a week.

3. STRIPMINING - FEDERAL SETBACKS BUT LOCAL SUCCESSES

* On August 22 the Senate passed by a margin of 54:31 an amendment to the "Tonnage Readjustment Act" which will allow states to ignore the OSM regulations in writing their programs. This so-called "Byrd Amendment" will precipitate a rush by the states to weaken their programs. The amended bill now goes back to the House where some parliamentary questions exist as to whether it goes to Udall's Interior committee, Murphy's Marine Fisheries Committee, or directly to the floor. Both our Senator's voted incorrectly. Write both Baker and Sasser, Senate Office Bldg, Wash., DC 20510 to express your disappointment with their votes. On the brighter side, Joe Clark, as the state's recently added attorney for litigating stripmining, secured convictions for wildcatting against several of Tennessee's most deserving wildcaters. Mr. Clark reportedly did an excellent job even though he was forced to rely on OSM supplied evidence. This illustrates the need for (1) continued OSM oversight, and (2) additional state resources (including helicopter overflights and surveillance. A letter to C. C. McCall, TN Dept. of Conservation, Div. of Surface Mining, 2611 West End Ave., Nash., TN 37203 congratulating for a job well done is in order.

4. ALASKA LANDS BILL

* On August 19 the Senate passed the Tsongas-Roth-Jackson-Hatfield Amendment thus moving another step nearer to a final settlement of the Alaska lands issues. While the Senate bill is not acceptable to the House (it is considered too weak) compromises are being worked out. A final bill will return to the senate. Gravel and Stevens will have one last chance to filibuster. A cloture vote may well be required. Senator Sasser voted correctly on all previous votes. He deserves our thanks. He should also be asked to vote for cloture if it becomes necessary. Senator Baker voted for the compromise bill, but has not voted with us consistently. Write Senator _____, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510.

5. TVA SYNTHETIC FUELS PROGRAM

TVA released its draft EIS for its proposed Coal Gasification Project at Murphy Hill on August 1, 1980. Comments must be received by October 1, 1980 to be considered in preparation of the final draft. The draft EIS shifts between fire technologies and provides little in the way of specific analysis. The potential problem of generation of polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's) which appear to be highly carcinogenic is glossed over and TVA blandly assures us that appropriate control technology will be applied. Judging from TVA's most recent retreat (See E below) from the Clean Air Settlement and its overall failure to control air pollution these assurances are far from comforting. Contact Jenny Freeman at 524-5673 for a copy of the

draft EIS or send comments directly to Dr. M. T. El-Ashry, TVA Forestry Bldg., Norris, TN 37828 (ph. 632-6450). Considering the number of proposed installations, the huge water requirements, and the excessive releases of SO_x and NO_x (with increased acid rain problems), synfuels pose an increasing threat to the Tennessee environment.

6. CLEAN AIR SETTLEMENT

On August 15 TVA officially requested that Judge Tom Weisman, who has yet to approve the consent decree, to modify the decree so that scrubbers will be no longer required at the Johnsonville steam plant. TVA believes it can protect the ambient air quality standards by burning low sulfur coal, and operating the plant on a reduced schedule when the nuclear plants come on line. Our attorneys in the suit, Dean Rivkin and Dick Aynes, are seeking assurances that the air quality will indeed be protected, but do not feel that reopening the litigation is called for at this time. While this development is not in itself disastrous, it raises questions about TVA's continued lead role in developing scrubber technology and the depth of its commitment. Meanwhile TVA power rates continue to escalate in order to finance its nuclear powerplant construction program, the excess capacity of which TVA hopes to sell to utilities outside its service area. For additional information or to register comments call toll free 1-800-362-9250 or 632-4100 in Knoxville. (These are the new TVA Citizen Action Line numbers.)

7. SEN. BAKER KEY IN BARRIER ISLANDS PROTECTION

Many of you are familiar with one or more of the "barrier" islands off the coasts of N. and S. Carolina and Georgia (and, in fact, stretching from Florida to Maine). These islands are being urbanized at a rate twice the national average. One reason is an array of federal programs that provides subsidies for their development; developments occur in hazardous areas (wind & sea erosion, hurricanes), and more federal funds are then needed to bail them out. For a good article on this problem see the September 1980 issue of Smithsonian magazine. Senate bill, S.2686 would cut off Federal subsidies for barrier island development. Senator Baker (Senate Office Bldg., Wash., DC 20510), a key member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, must be asked to act quickly on this bill. Ask him also to include in the bill a provision that allows the government to purchase undeveloped portions of the islands for protection when funds become available. The companion House bill has such a provision.

8. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TCWP CONSTITUTION

Some members recently involved with recruiting new directors for the TCWP board have recommended that changes be made in the constitution regarding the number of nominations required. Those members include Lynn Wright, Hal Smith, Ruth Slusher and Grimes Slaughter. The rationale for the change is as follows. Finding people willing to serve as directors for TCWP is not easy. Since service in an organization such as TCWP is stimulated solely by personal concern for the environment, the major criteria for service should be an interest in being active in TCWP. It seems reasonable that the nominating committee should only be required to seek out persons who are genuinely interested in filling the open positions on the board. Presently they are required to nominate two extra persons for both the board and the next nominating committee. Once a person accepts the responsibility of standing for election as a Director, but then is not elected, they is likely to channel their interests into some other activity and become less active in TCWP. If someone who was not contacted by the nominating committee should ever wish to be a Director, they can always campaign and be nominated from the floor at the Annual meeting.

The amendments as currently written and the proposed changes are on page 5.

9. TCWP CANDIDATES FOR 1981

President: William L. (Bill) Russell, Oak Ridge, Geneticist, ORNL; amateur photographer. TCWP founder; Pres. 1971-1973; director 1969-1970, 1974-. Active in formulation and passage of Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act. preservation of Obed, and trying to save the Duck River and Little Tennessee.

Vice President: Don Todd, Wartburg, teacher. TCWP board 1971-73; Pres. 1974-76; stripmine committee, Obed committee. Pres. TTA 1971-72. Chmn., Morgan County Court Comm. on Recreation and Tourism 1975-. Instrumental in securing passage of Tennessee Trails Systems Act, National Wild River status for Obed, control of stripmining. Currently strongly concerned about implementation of Obed Wild Rivers Act.

Secretary: Jenny Freeman, Knoxville, recently completed a Ph.D in Forestry. Her professional experience includes work as a naturalist for the Tenn. Dept of Conservation and for the National Park Service. She was TCWP Vice Pres. in 1979. Recently she has been working as the Tri-cities co-ordinator for the Tennessee Toxics program, a project involved with providing TN citizens with the motivation, information and skills to participate in decisions involving toxic chemicals.

Treasurer: Lynn Dye Wright, Kingston, Aquatic Ecologists at ORNL. TCWP Sec. 1978; Pres. 1979-80; phone committee chairman 1978-. Concerned about implementation of Obed Wild Rivers Act, saving the Duck River and expanding the membership of TCWP.

Directors : (Vote for 5)

Liane B. (Lee) Russell, Oak Ridge, Geneticist, Biol. Div., ORNL. TCWP founder; V.P. 1966; President. 1967-70; Dir. 1971-. Has written TCWP 's newsletter 1966-present, and carried out executive business of TCWP. Coordinator of the Big S. Fork Preservation Coalition. Active on stripmine, Obed, Big S. Fork, Duck River committees, intergroup liaison, political contacts, evaluation of environmental positions of political candidates.

Andy Butler, Oak Ridge, Biochemist, Research Associate with University in Biology Div. ORNL, TCWP director 1980. Has served as Conservation Chairman for Harvy Broome group (Sierra Club) and local co-ordinator for Alaska Coalition. Interested in Wilderness affairs and in clean energy.

Ken Warren, Oak Ridge, retired, Chemist 18 yrs at ORNL. He is active in several conservation organizations and is currently serving as Newsletter Editor for the TN Chapter of the Sierra Club and as Handbook Editor for the SMHC. He has served TCWP in the past as both a director and as Secretary.

Larry Barnthouse, Kingston, Aquatic Ecologist, ORNL, Dr. Barnthouse has been studying the impacts of Power plants and other energy production facilities. For the last three years he has been a technical advisor and expert witness for EPA in Environmental hearings relating to impacts of Indian Point Generating Station on Hudson River fish populations. He is interested in promoting the establishment of Wilderness areas and protection of TN streams and lakes from the effects of stripmining, land clearing and shoreline development.

Eric Hirst, Oak Ridge, Engineer in the Energy Conservation Program at ORNL, He has been a member of Sierra Club 15 yrs and TCWP for 10 yr. He once served on the Sierra Club Energy Policy Committee. His main concerns are wilderness and energy problems. He expresses an interest in serving TCWP in a more active capacity.

CANDIDATES (cont.)

Owen Hoffman, Oliver Springs, Environmental Scientist with Health and Safety Research Div. at ORNL. Formerly Ecologist with the Institute for Reactor Safety in the Fed. Republic of Germany and Park Ranger Naturalist for NPS 1966-71 at Crator Lake, Zion and Yosemite Nat. Parks. His concern has been with the protection of a quality environment; particularly the establishment and maintenance of outstanding wilderness areas including National Parks. He believes TN has great potential for being one of the finest scenic regions in the U.S.

Nomination Committee (Vote for 3)

Ralph Deaderick, Kingston, retired Engineering Supervisor with Union Carbide. TCWP member several years, his interest include air quality and preservation of wilderness areas.

Grimes Slaughter, Oak Ridge, Physicist at ORNL working in the I&C Div. and also in Neutron Physics. He has been active in TCWP, TTA, AND TSRA for several years and is past president of TTA. He is currently vice President for TCWP.

Fred Sweeton, Oak Ridge, Physical Chemist at ORNL. Former treasurer for TCWP 1969-72. He is also a member of the Smoky Mt. Hiking Club, Sierra Club and the Wilderness Soc.

Will Skeleton, Knoxville, Attorney, Member of TCWP, Sierra Club, Wilderness Soc., Audubon Soc., and TSRA. He has served as Chairman of the Harvey Broome Group and in the TN Chapter of the Sierra Club. He is particularly interested in wilderness preservation in the Southeast.

Kathy Oaks, Oak Ridge, Ecologist at ORNL. Works in the Environmental Impact Assessment program. She was formerly active in Conservation organizations in the West.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (cont.)

Article II, paragraph 2 presently reads as follows: "Election of officers and directors shall be held at the annual meeting by means of written ballots. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of one or two candidates for each of the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Additional nominations will be entertained from the floor and entered on the ballot. Following the election of officers, a second ballot shall be presented for additional directors. This must contain at least seven names proposed by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor may be added and may include candidates defeated in the previous balloting for officers. The membership shall vote for five or four directors, depending on whether or not the past President was or was not reelected.

Article III presently reads as follows: The Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairman and two other members and shall be elected at the annual meeting by written ballot. A slate of at least five names shall be presented by the current Nominating Committee. The membership shall vote for three.

The recommended changes are as follows:

Article II, paragraph 2 - in line 6 change the word "seven" to "five".

Article III - in line 3 change the word "five" to "three" and insert the following sentence. "Nominations from the floor may be added".

10. TCWP ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

October 24 (Friday)

- 6-9 pm Registration, committee work
- 8:30 pm Slide presentation by Tom and Dabny on their recent trip to Alaska
- 9:30 pm Fireside discussion, anyone willing to share musical talents with us is encouraged

October 25 (Saturday)

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 8:30 am Doyle Cline - National Park Service Project Manager will report on the current status of the Obed Wild & Scenic River and the Big South Fork recreation area
- 9:15 am J. W. Bradley - Past president and active member of Save Our Cumberland Mountains will bring us up to date on the status of Federal and State Stripmining legislation and info on current local problems.
- 10:00 am Coffee break
- 10:15 am Dennis Lovell - The Scenic Rivers Co-ordinator from the Department of Conservation will update us on State plans for Scenic River designations
- 11:00 am A speaker is being sought to motivate our interest and support for fighting the Columbia Dam on the Duck River
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30-5:30 Recreation. Two hikes are being planned and other recreation such as volleyball, etc. will be available. We'll plan alternate activities for inclement weather
- 5:30-6:30 Business meeting, election of new officers and financial report
- 7-8 pm Dinner
- after dinner - Bill Chandler - TCWP's former Executive director who is currently working at the Environmental Policy Center in Washington, DC will share with us his perspectives on the challenges facing environmentalists during this period of increasing demands for energy development

October 26 (Sunday)

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30-10 am Workshops on both issues and organizational problems
- 10-11 am Summary of workshop ideas to whole group
- 11-12 Camp clean-up
- 12:00 Cold-cut buffet lunch

11. SLIDES OF TENNESSEE ARE NEEDED

TCWP is trying to develop a good slide program for presentation to the public. We are looking for slides showing both the natural beauty of Tennessee and the degradation of that beauty by environmentally unsound procedures of energy production, timber harvesting, waste dumping etc. Bring your slides to the annual mtg. or contact Lynn Wright of Rt. 2 Box 162 B, Kingston, TN 37763 (376-3916). Examples of what we are looking for include: (Tennessee Beauty) clear streams and rivers, mixed forest stands, spring flowers, rolling farmland, Little Tennessee River before flooding, Duck River, any scene which is unspoiled by poor planing but may include areas modified by man in an aesthetically pleasing manner. (Tennessee Ugliness) stripmine problems such as highwalls, overburden pushed down the mt., slag heaps, coal fines in rivers, acid drainage, property damage from blasting etc. Other ideas include unsitely development in areas that should have been left as wilderness, erodin at clearcut sites or harvesting roads, dump sites, pictures of reservoir mudflats after draw-down, air and water pollution sources. It would also be worthwhile to have slides of energy production being done in an environmentally sound manner such as well reclaimed areas and Power Plants or factories with "clean" smoke. Use your imagination and help us develop a good program. All slides should be accompanied with info on site, date and other useful info.

12. TCWP ANNUAL MEETING

October 24-26

Cumberland Campground of the Methodist Church

We have a lovely setting in the midst of the Cumberland mountains, close to Crossville, for our Annual meeting. Fall colors should be at a peak and the crisp air invigorating. See back of this page for directions.

HOUSING:

The housing arrangement will be very comfortable. We have reserved two new lodge buildings each with the following facilities: a large central room with fireplace and adjoining home-sized kitchen; two sleeping areas each with a shower room and 4 bedrooms, each with 4 bunks. The floors are carpeted and the buildings are centrally heated. You must provide your own bed linens and blankets (or sleeping bags), towels and toilet articles. For any families who may prefer tent or trailer camping several sites are available with water and electric hook-ups.

FOOD:

Meals provided will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner Saturday and breakfast and lunch Sunday. These will be served in one of the lodges and all utensils will be provided. Everyone will be expected to help with meal preparation and clean-up though we hope to minimize the amount of work necessary by advance preparation.

COST:

2 nights lodging + meals	\$22/person	1/2 price for 4-11 yr old
1 night lodging + some meals	\$12/person	children and no charge
Saturday daytime meals only	\$5/person	3 yr or under
Tent or trailer campers + all meals	\$7/person for meals + \$5.50 per night per family unit	

RESERVATIONS:

Please return the reservation form below and your money immediately. We would like to have a relatively definite number by October 13. Call Charlie Klabunde 483-8055 or Lynn Wright 376-3916 if you have any questions. Family and friends are welcome and encouraged.

SEND YOUR RESERVATION TO: Charles Klabunde
219 E. Vanderbilt Ave.
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Name

Address

..... Zip

Phone: Home Work

Number in party: adult malesadult females
Children (age and sex)

I wish to reserve a bedroom for my family

I plan to sleep in a tent or trailer

Total amount enclosed: \$

13. Map to Cumberland Campground

The Cumberland Camp of the Methodist Church is, on the north edge of Crossville. From N, E or W: Exit I-40 at Jamestown exit and drive south on US127 3/4 mi towards Crossville. Turn left onto the old highway and go about 1 mile, camp is on right. (Coming from South, go through Crossville on 127 past shopping centers and the last traffic light; any of the next three right turns will put you on old highway; camp will be on left).

In camp take the right fork, looping back to left behind the large main building and past back of caretakers house. Our lodges are just over the rise.

