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## 9. ACTION SUMMARY

¶No.	Issue	Contact	"Message!" or Action
3	Cherokee Wilderness bill	Reps. Roe, Duncan, Fleischmann	"We need more wilderness in the Cherokee NF; support Sen. Alexander's and Corker's S.1090!"
5A	ANWR Coastal Plain	By Nov.15, USFWS (see in Action Box)	"I support Wilderness designation throughout the Refuge!"
7C	TCWP stewardship activities	TCWP	Volunteer for NPLD, or for Cedar Barren cleanup
7G	Community Shares	Sandra Goss	Buy tickets for fundraisers

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With mail to Congress still slow following the anthrax scare, consider faxing, phoning, and other modes of communication.

There is much contact information in our up-to-date Political Guide, recently mailed to you. You can also access the Guide, and much other information, on TCWP's web site (<http://www.tcwp.org>).

### WHAT IS TCWP?

**TCWP (Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning) is dedicated to achieving and perpetuating protection of natural lands and waters by means of public ownership, legislation, or cooperation of the private sector. While our first focus is on the Cumberland and Appalachian regions of Tennessee, our efforts may extend to the rest of the state and the nation. TCWP's strength lies in researching information pertinent to an issue, informing and educating our membership and the public, interacting with groups having similar objectives, and working through the legislative, administrative, and judicial branches of government on the federal, state, and local levels.**

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## 1. OBED and BIG SOUTH FORK

### 1A. *TCWP comments on Oil & Gas Management Plan for the parks*

In commenting on the National Park Service's Draft Oil & Gas Management Plan/EIS for the Big South Fork NRRRA and Obed WSR, TCWP strongly endorsed the NPS preferred Alternative C (NL298 ¶1A), but suggested a number of provisions that would strengthen it.

Under Alternative C, Special Management Areas (SMAs) would be designated where park resources are particularly susceptible to adverse impacts. TCWP noted that many of the setback distances proposed for specific features were much too small, especially if the distance was to be measured from the wellhead, rather than from the periphery of the "footprint" of the operation. Footprints can be quite large; and for fracking operations, the impacted surface area is, on average, double that for a conventional operation. The draft Plan proposes only 100 ft setbacks for Cliff Edge, Managed Field, and Cemetery SMAs, and only 300 ft for Trail SMAs.

TCWP also recommended that (a) watercourses be included in the list of Special Management Areas; (b) SMA restrictions be made to include access roads to the well under consideration; and (c) that SMA designation should not be restricted to the specific features (e.g., Cliff Edge) currently enumerated, since other types of sensitive areas might be identified in the future.

### 1B. *Congressmen are unresponsive to our requests for meeting about Obed*

A Congressional recess provides opportunities for constituents to meet with their members of Congress. Right? Sadly, *wrong* in our recent experience.

We started early to arrange meetings for the long August recess. First (July 11), we were told by Rep. Chuck Fleischmann's office that, because the Obed WSR is not in his district (though most of those wanting to meet with him are), we had to arrange a meeting with Rep. DesJarlais, instead. Our request to Rep. DesJarlais (in whose district we also have members and directors) was e-mailed that same day (July 11). It was followed up by a phone call to his Field Representative and an e-mail to the Washington staff member he suggested (both on July 22), and was again followed up to both of these staffers on August 9. The Congressional recess has now ended – without a meeting with either Congressman.

### 1C. *Proposal to increase water withdrawal from major BSF tributary*

The Huntsville District has requested an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit that would authorize an increase in withdrawal of water from the New River for drinking water supply. The New River is one of the two main stems of the Big South Fork Cumberland River.

The withdrawal rate, which would vary with stream flow, would be a maximum of 5 million gallons of water per day (mgd). TDEC's Division of Water Pollution Control, has determined that the proposed activity will result in *de-minimis* (insignificant) degradation. Comments must be received by Sept 23 by TDEC, Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37243.

### 1D. *Some hemlocks in the Obed WSR to be treated against adelgids*

The deadly hemlock woolly adelgid that is loose on the Cumberland Plateau is being combated in properties owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) at the Obed. On September 10, TNC partnered for this task with the East Tennessee Climbers Coalition and the National Park Service on the occasion of the climbers' 12th Annual Adopt-A-Crag Day. Eastman Chemical Co. donated the chemicals needed for the treatment.

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## 2. TENNESSEE NEWS

### 2A. *Tennessee Oil & Gas rulemaking continues*

[Contributed by Cindy Kendrick]

As reported earlier (NL297 ¶2A; NL298 ¶3B), TDEC has been advancing revisions to State Oil & Gas regulations. Two public comment periods and hearings were held earlier in 2011, during which TCWP submitted comments. TDEC's proposal to address these public comments was reviewed by the State Oil and Gas Board on August 25; the Board also held a public hearing at that time. TCWP presented comments to the Board, as did several other environmental groups and an attorney representing the oil and gas industry.

The revised regulations will include improved requirements for erosion control, abandoned wells, plugging bonds, discharges, gathering lines, and tanks that help to increase safety and environmental protection. However, many of the changes fall far short of citizens' requests. For example, the revised regulations will allow up to seven years for temporary abandonment of wells, and various compliance periods were actually extended, increasing risks. In response to public comments, TDEC and the Board identified several areas for future rulemaking, including codifying casing requirements that are currently implemented only through policy.

In addition, coordinated work has begun between TDEC, the Tennessee Oil and Gas Association (TOGA, an industry group), and citizen groups (including TCWP, League of Women Voters, Sierra Club, TCWN, SOCM, and others) toward rulemaking addressing specific aspects of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") as a method of extraction. On August 10, TDEC Commissioner Martineau, Deputy Commissioner Meghreblian, and TDEC's Knox-

ville Water Pollution Control staff hosted a joint meeting of the parties to itemize concerns. TDEC is currently reviewing both its compilation of those concerns and its internal proposals to begin to address them. TCWP will continue to participate in these initiatives and work toward strong protection of groundwater and surface water.

## 2B. *T2B review of TDEC*

Gov. Bill Haslam charged all departments to conduct top-to-bottom (T2B) reviews, with the goal of improving agency operations and service to all constituents. As part of this process, the Dept. of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) sought input from inside and outside the agency.

TCWP participated in the online 9-question survey. Among things we praised: the highly professional staff; the wisdom of lodging the regulation of oil & gas activities in the Division of Water Pollution Control. Among deficiencies we pointed out: the woeful shortage of enforcement personnel; the absence of regulations that address the use of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for extraction of natural gas. Among our recommendations: enable land acquisition for the protection of our precious and unique natural landscapes; explore ways to protect river and forest corridors for the purpose of ensuring the health of ecosystems; increase enforcement capabilities (we suggested funding sources); follow up on H.R.98 (see NL298 ¶3A).

## 2C. *The Tennessee purple coneflower has come off the endangered list*

The purple coneflower, discovered in the late 1800s, was long thought to be extinct. In the late 1960s, botanist Dr. Elsie Quarterman found a few living specimens in a Middle Tennessee cedar glade. In 1979, the species was listed as endangered, but over 30 years later, on September 2, 2011, recovery was deemed sufficient to strike the coneflower from the list of Threatened and Endangered Species. It is only the fifth plant ever to be removed owing to a recovery. The US Fish & Wildlife Service plans to monitor the flower for five years, to ensure it doesn't suffer a setback.

Recovery of the purple coneflower was made possible through the saving of cedar glades, the species' unique habitat found most frequently in the central basin of Tennessee. Cedar glades, which occur where limestone bedrock lies near or at the surface, have very shallow soil or exposed bedrock, making tree growth difficult or impossible and creating habitats similar to those of prairies. (Cedars often grow at the margins or in bedrock cracks.) Elsie Quarterman was one of the great advocates for cedar-glade preservation by The Nature Conservancy (which established several preserves) and by the State of Tennessee (Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Long Hunter State Park).

Elsie Quarterman, now 100 years old, was in attendance at the de-listing ceremony. May she be able to cele-

brate the purple coneflower's survival for more years to come!

## 2D. *More Tennessee botany:*

### *large photo collection now digitized*

A collection of more than 1,100 photographs by Dr. Alan S. Heilman, retired U.T. professor of botany, has now been digitized by the University of Tennessee Digital Library Initiatives and may be viewed at <http://kiva.lib.utk.edu/heilman/> [Note: UT's DLI will soon also house TCWP'S Newsletter collection (¶298 ¶9B).]

The 83-year-old Heilman has been taking botanical photographs for almost 6 decades. Collection themes include flowers, buds, bark, cones, ferns, fruits, fungi, leaves, lichens, mosses, seeds, stems, trees, and wood; and each of the individual shots (some of which are taken through a microscope) can be viewed in enlargement. Many of the photographs are of plants in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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## 3. THE CHEROKEE WILDERNESS BILL IS MOVING

[Contributed by Jeff Hunter, SAFC]

On August 4, the Tennessee Wilderness Act of 2011 (S.1090) received a hearing in the Public Lands and Forests subcommittee of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee. US Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, the only individual who offered testimony in person at the hearing, said that the Obama Administration "strongly supports the Tennessee Wilderness Act." Senator Alexander submitted written testimony to the committee, as did Knoxville resident Will Skelton. In addition, Senator Corker submitted a stakeholder letter. This letter in support of the bill was signed by over 70 groups and individuals, including TCWP.

In the next few months, we expect the bill will be approved by the full committee and added to a bipartisan package of public lands bills. We are hopeful that this Omnibus Public Lands Bill will receive a full floor vote in the US Senate sometime in 2012. While there is currently no companion bill in the House of Representatives, it is important that the Tennessee Congressional delegation hear from their pro-wilderness constituents about this bill. This is particularly true of Congressmen Phil Roe, Chuck Fleischmann, and John J. Duncan, Jr.

S.1090 would add acreage to 5 existing Wilderness areas (Big and Little Frog, Sampson Mountain, Big Laurel Branch, and Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock) and would create a new one, the more than 9,000-acre Upper Bald River Wilderness (NL292 ¶4A; NL298 ¶5A).

<p><b>WHAT YOU CAN DO:</b> Please take a moment to let your Congressman know that it has been 25 years since the last wilderness bill was passed for the State of Tennessee, and the time for more wilderness is now. Together, we can protect nearly 20,000 acres of Tennessee's natural heritage for future generations.</p>
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#### 4. TVA ADOPTS NATIONAL RESOURCES PLAN

[Information from TVA news release]

In August, the TVA Board accepted the Natural Resources Plan (NRP) proposed earlier this year (NL297 ¶3D), for which TCWP had submitted comments (NL298 ¶4B). This Plan ([www.tva.com/nrp](http://www.tva.com/nrp)), the first of its kind to be developed, will help guide TVA management and public-use policy over the next 20 years. It covers public recreation facilities, water resources, wildlife and plants, and historic and cultural sites on TVA-managed reservoir lands. The areas comprise about 293,000 acres of public lands and 11,000 miles of shoreline across 46 reservoirs in seven states.

TVA's NRP addresses six stewardship areas:

- Biological resources, such as endangered or threatened wildlife, native and non-native plants, and habitat lands that can be accessed for individual recreation;
  - Irreplaceable cultural resources, including archeological sites, historic structures, and artifacts that tell the story of Tennessee Valley settlement;
  - TVA -managed public recreation facilities, such as campgrounds, day-use areas, and boat launches;
  - Resources to promote the improvement of regional water quality, health of aquatic species, and stability of shorelines;
  - Reservoir-land planning to balance demands for conservation, recreation, shoreline access, and economic development;
  - Public engagement to educate and involve people and organizations in the shared stewardship responsibility for protecting and enhancing public lands.
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#### 5. NATIONAL ISSUES

##### 5A. *Draft ANWR Plan considers Coastal Plain wilderness; your support needed*

[Information from Northern Alaska Environmental Center]

Every ~15 years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required to conduct a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the refuges it manages. For the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), the last CCP was issued in 1988, and the agency is now engaged in an update/revision. This one, for the first time in history, has a complete wilderness review which, importantly, includes the Coastal Plain ("America's Serengeti"). The draft CCP, which considers various alternatives, can be seen at <http://arctic.fws.gov/ccp.htm>.

Open houses and public hearings are being held at Anchorage and Fairbanks in September and October, but those of us who feel strongly about protecting the marvelous wildness of ANWR do not need to attend to express our support (see Action Box, below).

Tell the FWS why the Arctic Refuge, its wilderness and its incomparable wildlife, matters to you – even though you may never have been there and may never get the chance to visit. Additionally,

- support the alternative that recommends wilderness for the *entire Coastal Plain* and for the other presently non-designated lands;
- insist on safeguarding the wilderness qualities and integrity of the ecosystem of the Refuge as a whole through appropriate stewardship;
- oppose any oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development because it would permanently harm the wildlife and wilderness values of the Refuge.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** The deadline is November 15. Support wilderness throughout the entire Refuge!

Comments can be sent by any one of these methods:

•e-mail: [arcticrefugeccp@fws.gov](mailto:arcticrefugeccp@fws.gov)

•online: <http://arctic.fws.gov/ccp.htm>

•Fax: 907-456-0428

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To read more about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, visit <http://northern.org/programs/arctic/arctic-national-wildlife-refuge/protecting-the-refuge>.

##### 5B. *House of Representatives is out to destroy environmental protections*

[Information from Bryan Walsh, *Time*]

A short while ago, Reps. Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Ed Markey (D-MA) charted all Congressional votes taken so far this year and calculated that the Republican-led House has voted to "stop," "block" or "undermine" efforts to protect the environment 110 times since January. More of the session is yet to come, and a lot more mischief is in the works. Breaking down the 110 votes already tabulated: on average, 97% of Republican members voted for the anti-green positions, while 84% of Democrats supported the pro-green position. (See ¶5C, below, for votes by the Tennessee delegation on water issues.)

Recently (NL298 ¶7B, 7C, and 7D), we reported some of the attacks on wilderness and on clean water. But those are by no means the only areas under attack. Just a couple of weeks ago, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) sent a letter to colleagues outlining a vigorous political strategy to block as many as eight life-saving clean air standards.

Among the riders that were attached to the 2012 spending bill for the Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department are some that would

- stop the EPA from carrying out the strengthened new automobile-fuel-efficiency standards that were recently announced (¶5D, this NL);
- prevent the EPA from labeling toxic coal ash as hazardous waste;
- prevent the EPA from issuing any regulations on greenhouse-gas emissions over the next year (despite the fact that the Supreme Court has ruled the agency

has the responsibility to regulate those emissions as a public-health threat under the Clean Air Act).

The GOP's battle against EPA'S attempts to regulate greenhouse gases is being framed as a fight against energy taxes, because greenhouse-gas regulations equal higher energy costs, which then kill jobs. For example, Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID) has said, "overregulation from EPA is at the heart of our stalled economy." Economic studies do not support this position. Thus, a new report by the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts estimated that the EPA's stricter pollution rules for power plants would actually *create* the equivalent of 290,000 full-time jobs, as companies invest in new pollution controls and replace retiring power plants. Congressmen who do not believe in climate change might be motivated by health concerns. A recent report by the American Clean Skies Foundation ([www.cleanskies.org/pdf/12-20AG-MEF.pdf](http://www.cleanskies.org/pdf/12-20AG-MEF.pdf)) found that cleaner-air regulations enforced by the EPA have saved hundreds of thousands of lives since the early 1970s, and have averted billions in health-care spending.

Anti-EPA agitation is not restricted to the House of Representatives – it also thrives among presidential candidates. Newt Gingrich and Michele Bachmann have both called for abolishing the EPA. Sarah Palin summed up the prevailing GOP attitude when she said (while attending a motorcycle rally): "I love the smell of emissions."

5C. *Tennessee delegation votes on clean-water issues*

[From Clean Water Network]

Clean Water Network has compiled an informative chart for the US House of Representatives' clean/dirty water votes this past year. Below, we show the overall record of the Tennessee delegation. For details on the votes on which the CWN scores are based visit: <http://www.cleanwaternet.org/news-events/news/house-representatives-clean-water-voting-record-112th-congress> and click on the water-drop symbol for any member of the Tennessee delegation

Distr.	Party/ year elected	Representative	CWN Score
1	R/2008	David Philip Roe (R)	0
2	R/1988	John Duncan, Jr (R)	7
3	R/2010	Chuck Fleischmann-R	7
4	R/2010	Scott DesJarlais (R)	0
5	D/2002	Jim Cooper (D)	100
6	R/2010	Diane Black (R)	0
7	R/2002	Marsha Blackburn-R	0
8	R/2010	Stephen Fincher (R)	7
9	D/2006	Steve Cohen (D)	100

5D. *Administration strengthens fuel-efficiency standards*

[Information from UCS]

Near the end of July, the Obama administration unveiled an agreement with major automakers and the state of California on a framework to strengthen the nation's fuel efficiency and auto pollution standards for new cars and light trucks. This proposal, which will apply to vehicles sold in model years 2017 to 2025, will set a global warming pollution standard of 163 grams per mile by 2025. This corresponds to 54.5 miles per gallon (mpg) if met exclusively with fuel efficiency improvements, or a Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standard of 48-49 mpg assuming full use of air conditioning improvements. That would translate to a 2030 window sticker of about 36 mpg, up from 21 mpg today.

UCS (Union of Concerned Scientists) experts anticipate that the standards for model years 2017 to 2025 will deliver the following benefits in 2030, in addition to the benefits from the first round of standards:

- Cut oil consumption by as much as 1.5 million barrels per day -- 23 billion gallons of gasoline annually -- by 2030. That is equivalent to U.S. imports from Saudi Arabia and Iraq in 2010.
- Cut carbon pollution by as much as 280 million metric tons (MMT) in 2030, which is equivalent to shutting down 72 coal-fired power plants.
- Lower fuel expenditures at the pump by over \$80 billion in 2030. Even after paying for the cost of the necessary technology, consumers will still clear \$50 billion in savings that year alone.

UCS warns, however, that there are still parts of the plan that need to be resolved. If they aren't implemented correctly, they could turn into loopholes. If automakers can meet the standards with accounting tricks instead of using better technology, the program's overall benefits would be eroded

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6. BLASTS FROM THE PAST,  
Or, The More Things Change,  
the More They Stay the Same  
[Contributed by Sandra Goss]

6A. 40 years ago

*From the TCWP Newsletter of 2/2/71:  
Controls for Tennessee's  
oil and gas production needed*

The Tennessee Oil and Gas Board (composed of the Commissioners of Conservation and of Revenue, the State Geologist, and the Attorney General) is seeking a change in the state law that pertains to the operation of oil and gas wells. Recent operations in the Oneida oil field have been marred by sloppy practices leading to stream and air pollution, hazardous conditions, and waste. Under the present law, the Board cannot exert any control until production reaches 50,000 barrels per day (it is now about 3000

barrels/day in the Oneida field). The Board proposes a change in the law that eliminates this limiting provision. We endorse the Board's recommendation and suggest that you contact your state legislator to ask for elimination of Sect. 60-105 of the Tenn. Code Annotated, as well as for various more minor changes that will give greater definition to the Law.

6B. 30 years ago

*From the TCWP Newsletter of 11/9/81:*

*Wilderness proposal*

*for the Cherokee National Forest*

A draft Wilderness Bill was released October 15 by the Cherokee Forest Wilderness Coalition, of which TCWP is a member. The draft is a mutually agreed upon compromise between the Coalition and the Tennessee Conservation League (TCL). It concerns itself only with the Cherokee Division of the Cherokee National Forest, i.e., the national forest located in Tennessee south of the Smokies. Within that part of the Cherokee NF, four areas were agreed upon by the Coalition and TCL: Bald River Gorge, Citico Creek, Big Frog Mountain, and Little Frog Mountain.

The 1975 Eastern Wilderness Act protected only 8,069 acres, 1.3% of the total Cherokee N.F. acreage. The acreage in the above compromise draft bill represents less than 12% of the Cherokee south of the Smokies. The 4 areas have been managed as wilderness for the past 5 or 6 years, are virtually roadless, and (due to the rugged terrain) have only low timber potential. Trail construction, hunting, and fishing would be permitted.

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## 7. TCWP NEWS

7A. *Jo Hardin joins TCWP Board*

According to the TCWP constitution, in case a vacancy occurs among Officers or Directors, the remaining members of the Board of Directors may seek nominations from any TCWP member for replacement. Such was the case recently when her mother's medical problems made it necessary for Director Jenny Freeman to resign before the end of her term. The remaining Board members selected Jo Hardin, who assumed her duties at the September Board meeting and will serve for the remainder of 2011. Jo is also a nominee for the 2012 Board, and you will find her name on the ballot to be voted at our Annual Meeting on October 1.

Jo is a retired Morgan County teacher, who lives in Oakdale, with her husband Jerry. She brings to the Board a familiarity with Morgan County issues, a knowledge of science, much common sense, and a good environmental ethic.

7B. *2011 Nominating Committee proposes 2012 Nominating Committee*

In a special mailing you recently received about our Annual Meeting, we also listed the nominees for the 2012 TCWP Board of Directors. The space for the 2012 Nominating Committee was, however, left blank. Candidates have now been named, as follows:

Tom McDonough, Chair

Beth Adler

Mac Post

The 2011 Nominating Committee (Cindy Kendrick [chair], Will Skelton, and Dick Raridon) worked hard to identify 2012 candidates who can help broaden our connections and pull in the talent, energy, and vision that help keep TCWP vibrant. We are grateful for their service. Thanks, also, to all who provided suggestions and feedback, or who had contact with potential nominees.

7C. *Upcoming activities*

[Contributed by Carol Grametbauer]

National Public Lands Day cleanup -- Saturday, September 24

On Saturday, September 24, TCWP will celebrate National Public Lands Day with a workday at TVA's Worthington Cemetery Cedar Barren Ecological Study Area. We will begin with an interpretive walk to discuss the ecology of sensitive cedar barrens and wetlands at the site; plants we will see include prairie rosinweed and big bluestem. Following the walk we will continue our work to restore the native cedar barren and to remove exotic invasive plants and trash.

TCWP has partnered with TVA on stewardship activities at the cedar barren for more than 10 years, and many people have helped with the stewardship work at Worthington. See ¶7H, this NL, for City Council Proclamation National Public Lands Day.

We will meet for the cleanup at 9 a.m. Eastern time at the Elza Gate Park picnic area near the intersection of Oak Ridge Turnpike and Melton Lake Drive. At the completion of our work (around 12 to 12:30 p.m.) TCWP will provide a pizza lunch.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothes, and bring water, gloves, and clippers, loppers, or shears, if possible. Other tools and equipment will also be available at the worksite. For more information, contact Jimmy Groton at 865-805-9908.

TCWP Annual Meeting – Saturday, October 1

Robert Martineau, Tennessee's new commissioner of Environment and Conservation, will be the guest speaker at the TCWP annual meeting on Saturday, October 1, at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Cookeville. TCWP members and non-members alike are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to hear the perspectives of our

new TDEC commissioner! (Brock Hill, deputy commissioner for Parks & Conservation, had planned to speak also, but has subsequently had to decline due to changes in his schedule.)

Martineau has more than 25 years of experience as an attorney in the field of environmental law. For seven years, he served as senior attorney in the Office of the General Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Air and Waste Management Association and a former council member of the Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law of the American Bar Association.

Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m. **Central time**; the guest speaker's presentation, to be followed by a question-and-answer period, will begin at 10 a.m. After a brief business meeting we'll enjoy the state park's popular buffet lunch. A selection of hikes will be offered in the early afternoon.

The registration fee of \$15 (for both members and non-members) includes lunch. **Advance registration is encouraged**; for more information or to register, visit TCWP's website, [www.tcwp.org](http://www.tcwp.org), or contact TCWP Executive Director Sandra Goss at 865-583-3967 or at [Sandra@sandrakgoss.com](mailto:Sandra@sandrakgoss.com).

#### Oak Ridge Cedar Barren cleanup -- Saturday, Nov. 5

The Oak Ridge Cedar Barren will again be the site of exotic invasive plant removal as we conduct our fall cleanup. Located next to Jefferson Middle School in Oak Ridge, this Barren is a joint project of the City of Oak Ridge, State Natural Areas Division, and TCWP. One of just a few cedar barrens in East Tennessee, the area is subject to invasion by Chinese lespedeza, leatherleaf viburnum, Chinese privet, autumn olive, mimosa, Nepal grass, multiflora rose, and woody plants that threaten the system's prairie grasses. Our efforts help to eliminate the invasives and other shade-producing plants that prevent the prairie grasses from getting needed sun

Volunteers should meet in the Jefferson Middle School Parking lot at 9 a.m., with sturdy shoes, loppers, gloves, and water. The work session will conclude at noon.

*Additional information on all TCWP activities may be obtained from TCWP Executive Director Sandra K. Goss at [Sandra@sandrakgoss.com](mailto:Sandra@sandrakgoss.com) or at 865-583-3967.*

#### 7D. *The next Newsletter is No. 300*

We hope to celebrate this upcoming anniversary by printing a few testimonials from readers who have found our Newsletters interesting or enjoyable over the past several years. If you'd like to contribute a short comment, send it to the address shown at the bottom of p.1.

#### 7E. *From the Executive Director*

[Contributed by Sandra Goss]

Dear TCWP folk,

I just wrapped up an enjoyable vacation week at the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, a Wilderness Area between Minnesota and Canada that is managed by the US Forest Service. This popular destination attracts thousands of visitors who camp from the canoe for a 3- or 5-day outing that includes scenic lakes, portages up to one mile long, and assorted wildlife. While the area's beauty and enjoyable cool temperatures can't be denied, East Tennessee's dramatic mountain vistas and extremely diverse flora and fauna are equally compelling.

You'll read in this Newsletter about efforts to gain Wilderness designation for special parts of the Cherokee National Forest, some that took place 30 years ago and some that are current events. In each case, it takes all of us working together and communicating with our Congressmen to make that final Congressional designation happen. Please take that item's Action Call to heart and send an e-mail or phone message to our Congressional delegation. We have to let them know that we constituents heartily favor Wilderness Designation.

On other fronts, our *ad hoc* membership recruitment committee will meet next week. We could use help with the committee as well as new members!! Please consider TCWP membership as a gift for those hard-to-buy-for friends and family members. We'd like to swell our ranks by 50 new members by year-end. Help us meet that goal!!

The archiving of the TCWP Newsletter for the UT Digital Library continues apace. The older newsletters, which were typed and mimeographed, have been converted to digital format. Work now centers on creating a list of core subjects that will be used to link each issue to search words. Users can then use search engines to locate the issue(s) with sought after information. During the conversion process, one could catch bits and pieces of older newsletters. We're producing a column in this issue with excerpts from past issues (see ¶6, above). Honk if you enjoy it!!

Don't forget our fabulous Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, October 1. Tennessee Department of Conservation and Environment (TDEC) Commissioner Robert Martineau is our featured speaker, at the Cumberland Mountain State Park. The day will conclude with the delicious Park buffet lunch and an enjoyable hike around the lake, varying lengths available. My goal is to have 100 attendees. We have a ways to go and your reservation is URGED!!

We'll be celebrating Newsletter Issue 300 in November. Hats off to the incredible Lee Russell, whose knowledge and precision contribute inestimably to the high quality of our publication. Thank you Lee, for all you do, and thanks to each of you for the calls you make and letters you write on the important issues of the day.

Sandra.



## 7F. *Thanks for your help*

[By Sandra K. Goss]

- Cindy Kendrick, Dick Raridon, and Will Skelton (this year's Nominating Committee) for your thoughtful and timely efforts to identify nominees.
- Jean Bangham, Don Davis, Dick Raridon, Frank Hensley, Charlie Klabunde for your work in preparing newsletter mailings; and Charlie Klabunde for preparing and disseminating the electronic version of each current NL.
- Colin Campbell, Phil Campbell, Ed Clebsch, and Priscilla Watts for converting the newly-digitized newsletters to Optical Character Recognition status; and Charlie Klabunde, Lee Russell, and Sandra Goss, for discussions with UT Library staff about a searchable platform for the newsletter collection to be posted on the web under the UT Digital Library Initiatives.
- Cindy Kendrick, Brian Paddock, and other TCWP friends for delivering comments to the August Tennessee Oil & Gas Board meeting that considered revisions of rules governing oil and gas extraction.
- Lee Russell for preparing the TCWP comments on NPS's Oil & Gas Management Plan for the Big South Fork NRRRA and Obed WSR.
- Annetta Watson and other TCWP friends for their individual comments on the same Plan.
- Will Skelton, Ray Payne, Jeff Hunter, Hugh Irwin, and others for tirelessly continuing their work for designation of additional Wilderness in the Cherokee National Forest.
- Lee Russell for formulating and submitting TCWP's comments for the top-to-bottom (T2B) review of TDEC.
- Carol Grametbauer for media publicity of our activities and events; for serving as TCWP Secretary; and for chairing the Program Committee.
- Jan Lyons for organizing a hike with water views at Big Ridge State Park.
- Jimmy Groton for enlisting TVA as cosponsor of the upcoming National Public Lands Day event at Worthington Cemetery in Oak Ridge.
- Tennessee Conservation Voters and Tennessee Environmental Council staff and volunteers for developing and implementing the 5th Annual Agenda Setting meeting for Sustainable Tennessee.

## 7G. *Community Shares Update:*

### *Birthday Party and Brewers' Jam*

[Contributed by Sandra Goss]

Community Shares (CS)

(<http://www.communitysharestn.org>), formed in 1985, funds more than 50 nonprofit, grassroots organizations that promote social justice or environmental protection. One of these is TCWP. Fundraising is conducted in

workplace-giving campaigns that offer employees a choice in how they spend their charitable dollars.

To support its work, CS is planning two fund raisers.

- (1) The 25th Anniversary Birthday Bash will take place on Friday, Sept. 23, from 7 to 10 PM at The Laurel Theater in Knoxville. The party will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, music, dancing, a birthday cake, and the Roux du Bayou Cajun Band from Nashville. Food is catered by Lisa Smith of Big Fatties Restaurant. TCWP is working to have 10 folks attend at a cost of \$22.50 each. Bought individually, tickets are \$25 each. For more information or to reserve a ticket, contact Sandra at 865-583-3967 or [Sandra@sandrakgoss.com](mailto:Sandra@sandrakgoss.com).
- (2) The 15th Annual Knoxville Brewers' Jam will be held Saturday, October 22 at the World's Fair Park in Knoxville. The festival, produced by and benefiting Community Shares of Tennessee, features unlimited samples from craft brewers pouring fresh beers of every taste, color, strength, and style. In an effort to make the event even more enjoyable for the brewers and Jam attendees, ticket sales are limited.

As a Community Shares group, we must provide sweat equity toward CS efforts. Sign up now for a shift at the Brewers' Jam and receive free admission. Volunteers should contact Sandra at 865-583-3967 or [Sandra@sandrakgoss.com](mailto:Sandra@sandrakgoss.com). Alternatively, tickets can be purchased at <http://www.knoxvillebrewersjam.com/>

## 7H. *Oak Ridge City Council proclamation honors TCWP*

[Contributed by Carol Grametbauer]

On September 12, TCWP President Jimmy Groton and Board member Lee Russell received a special proclamation from the Oak Ridge City Council honoring National Public Lands Day (NPLD) and TCWP's and TVA's efforts to promote stewardship of our public lands. The council's proclamation encouraged Oak Ridge citizens to recognize the importance of enhancing and restoring America's public lands.

TCWP was named in two paragraphs, as follows:

"WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 24, 2011, the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP) and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) will celebrate National Public Lands Day at TVA's Worthington Cemetery Cedar Barren Ecological Study Area; and ....

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning has partnered with TVA on stewardship activities at the Worthington Cemetery Cedar Barren for more than 10 years, and since 1966 TCWP has worked to protect sensitive public lands and natural resources throughout East Tennessee."

The proclamation ended by "applaud[ing] the volunteers for their land conservation efforts in the community."

See ¶7C, this NL for information on this year's NPLD event.

## 8. CALENDAR; RESOURCES

•• CALENDAR

(For details, check the referenced NL item; or contact  
Sandra Goss, 865-583-3967, or  
[Sandra@sandrakgoss.com](mailto:Sandra@sandrakgoss.com)

- September 23, Community Shares 25th Anniversary Birthday Bash (see ¶7G, this NL).
- September 24, National Public Lands Day cleanup at Worthington Cemetery (see ¶7C, this NL).
- October 1, TCWP Annual Meeting (see ¶7C, this NL).
- October 22, Community Shares Brewers' Jam (see ¶7G, this NL).
- November 5, Oak Ridge Cedar Barren cleanup (see ¶7C, this NL).
- November 15, Deadline for comments on ANWR wilderness designation (see ¶5A, this NL).

•• RESOURCES

- EDF's "Clear the Air" website  
(<http://www.edf.org/page.cfm?tagid=60634&redirect=cleartheair>) has links to the latest pertinent news.

**TCWP ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday, October 1 at Cumberland Mountain State Park

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**Two evening Fund Raisers in Knoxville  
To Benefit Community Shares  
Friday, Sept 23 & Saturday, Oct 22.**

See page 9, ¶ 7G