

TENNESSEE CITIZENS FOR WILDERNESS PLANNING

Newsletter No. 89, August 21, 1978*

* This NEWSLETTER contains two special mailings on issues especially *
* in need of your involvement: the Little T and the Obed. Please *
* act! Also please see the Annual Meeting announcement: return the *
* registration blank *

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** TCWP PUBLIC MEETING/LETTER WORKSHOP **
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** "Crisis: Wilderness in Cherokee National Forest" **
**
** Will Skelton **
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** Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:30 -- Oak Ridge Unitarian Church Social Room, **
** 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike **
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** Come spend a half hour viewing slides of proposed RARE-II wilderness **
** areas in Cherokee followed by a half hour essential letter-writing to **
** the Forest Service in support of wilderness proposals. (See ¶6 **
** this NL) **
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11. CANDIDATES FOR TCWP OFFICE

The nominating committee, consisting of Jim Cape (chairman), Debbie Shonka, and Ruth Slusher, presents the following slate. (Election to be held Oct. 14, see Annual Meeting announcement, enclosed.)

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PRESIDENT: Lynn Dye, Oak Ridge, aquatic ecologist with the ORNL Environmental Sciences Div. In 1976, she served on the Annual Meeting committee; in 1977 she organized and chaired TCWP's phone committee, statewide and local; in 1978 she served as TCWP Secretary. She would like to get several issues committees organized and active this year, and to draw new members into TCWP.

VICE PRESIDENT: Jenny Freeman, Knoxville, graduate student at U.T., has an M.S. in Forestry. Her professional experience includes work as a naturalist for the Tenn. Dept. of Conservation and for the National Park Service; teaching environmental education for (to?) TVA; and teaching dendrology at U.T. Her considerable work for TCWP includes organizing the Bijou Guitar Benefit, and writing testimonies on stripmining, Savage Gulf, etc.

SECRETARY: Vici Carlock, Oak Ridge, has been employed as a group secretary with the Institute for Energy Analysis, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, since September 1977 when she and her family relocated from Texas to Oak Ridge. She holds a B.F.A. in Speech and Hearing Therapy from Texas Christian University and has been employed in that capacity with the Houston, Texas, and Nashville, Tennessee, school systems. (Vici says that her family moved to the green of Tennessee to escape the dreariness of North Texas.) She helped TCWP with its 1978 political survey, and is anxious to do more work on TCWP issues.

TREASURER: Charles Klabunde, Oak Ridge, physicist, Solid State Div., ORNL. TCWP Treasurer 1972- ; Outings Chmn 1970, 1971; Harvey Broome Film Comm., 1973- . An active hiker, backpacker, folk dancer. Helped in developing TCWP's computerized membership records and mailing labels.

DIRECTORS (vote for 5)

Jan Brenner, Knoxville, has bachelor's and master's degrees in physical geography (emphasis on environmental perception). Jan has assisted TCWP as a consultant (on a grant from the Cherokee Indians) doing research on the "Alternatives to Completing the Tellico Dam" study prepared by TVA and the Department of Interior. She has also shown interest in RARE-II, and the Tellico Plains-Robinsville Highway.

Louise Gorenflo, Knoxville and Pelham, is a graduate student in the Ecology Program at U.T. Louise has done considerable volunteer work for TCWP: she organized the "208" Water Quality Workshop in April of this year (for TCWP and the State 208 Citizens Advisory Committee, of which she is a member), has submitted testimony for TCWP on a number of stripmining issues, has written press releases, and has commented to the Department of Interior on the Federal Surface Mining regulations. Louise has a history of organizational experience, including work on solar energy.

Dee Monty, Knoxville, is a photographer and microbiologist, active in the Smoky Mtns Hiking Club, the League of Women Voters, and the Knoxville Unitarian Church (of which she is past president). She would like to apply her skills to TCWP issues and is particularly interested in RARE II and the bottle bill.

Liane B. (Lee) Russell, Oak Ridge, geneticist, Biol. Div., ORNL. TCWP founder; V.P. 1966; Pres. 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 R. committees, intergroup liaison, political contacts, evaluation of environmental positions of political candidates.

William L. (Bill) Russell, Oak Ridge, geneticist, ORNL; amateur photographer. TCWP founder; Pres. 1971-73; director 1969-70, 1974- . Active in formulation and passage of Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act, preservation of Obed, and trying to save the Duck River and Little T.

Paul Somers, Nashville, Tennessee Heritage Program (in the Dept. of Conservation). While still a grad. student at U.T., Paul became strongly involved in the TCWP effort on behalf of the Eastern Wilderness bill. His present job involves endangered species research. Currently, his particular interests are RARE II and the Tellico Plains-Robinsville road.

Donald Todd

SPECIAL MAILING

1. ALTERNATIVES FOR THE LITTLE-T: YOUR VALUE JUDGEMENTS CAN AFFECT DECISION MAKING

* We have a very important opportunity to influence decision-making on Tellico Dam. TVA and the Department of the Interior on August 10 released a draft study on "Alternatives for Completing the Tellico Project." Comments on this study have been invited. It is almost a certainty that the decisions that will be made -- by the Congress -- will be influenced much more by public reaction than by the factual content of the study itself. One day after release of the 113-paged document, TVA gave the group in Madisonville their media event which resulted in wide reporting of pro-dam statements. Your comments are therefore urgently needed, and it is important that they be sent not only to TVA (who will incorporate them in the final document), but, by way of a copy with a short covering note (summarizing your sentiments), also to your Representative and both Senators (note, this is important for our non-Tennessee members also).

For the first time in history, TVA has in honesty looked at alternatives to the dam. TVA deserves praise for this. The study compares two realistic alternatives: completing the project as planned; and developing the river in its natural state. The report makes the point that since the benefit/*remaining*-cost ratios (note the key word *remaining*) are generally positive enough to provide some support for either option, the "value judgements of the decision maker will be more controlling than the facts." It points out that while some benefits, such as power production and flood control can be predicted, others are "more elusive, and hence more frustrating." Among such benefits "which are of obvious -- perhaps even immense -- public worth" are "an endangered species, archeological and historical sites, and 33 miles of flowing river with exceptionally high water quality and sport fishing value... What is the value to be associated with the possible return of river otters...?... The real social and economic worth of 14,000 acres of valuable farmland, including about 7,700 acres of rich bottomland, is also difficult to judge ... Prime farmland may eventually exceed energy as a resource of national and international concern and the market pricing system simply fails to recognize the long-term value..."

You, the public, must make the value judgements when you comment on the report, and you must transmit them to the decision makers in Washington. Remind them that the benefit/cost ratio for the river alternative is positive. There are further some factual items in the report that you may wish to comment on:

- The highest discount rate used to evaluate the project was 6-7/8 percent per year. A realistic rate would be 10%, which has been proposed for evaluating water projects by the President, and is required for other federal projects. (This would favor agricultural development, which would have benefits realized almost immediately, as opposed to reservoir-generated benefits which would develop over the next 30 years).
- Flood-control benefits from the reservoir are estimated to have risen dramatically since the original cost/benefit calculation was made. There is no explanation of this (dubious) claim in the study.
- The estimate made for potential tourism income from the river alternative (about \$2 million per year) is only one-tenth of the amount realized today by the Cherokees in North Carolina. With the tremendous archeological resource in the Little-T Valley, those who go to nearby Cherokee to visit the Indian culture could also be attracted to the Little T.
- Completion of the Dam as planned is predicated on assurance of survival of the snail darter in the Hiwassee River. *Such assurance cannot be made for many years.*
- Although mention is made of the adverse effects or irreversible damages which a reservoir would cause to the aesthetic, biological, and archeological values of the area, these costs do not show up in the cost/benefit calculation. Laws such as the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, etc. make it a matter of public policy that such considerations be made.

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- In calculating the value of barge transportation, several assumptions were made about the growth of industries which could locate on the Little T and use barge traffic. The industries selected (the most likely to use barges) are, in fact, the slowest-growing industries in Tennessee!
- The recreational benefits claimed for the reservoir are in direct conflict with the heavy use of the reservoir by barges; such use would be necessary to receive the claimed barge-traffic benefits.
- If the land is preserved, former landowners should get equity.

X Where to write:

1. Comments to TVA/USDI should be addressed to Jane Parker, Tellico Coordinator, TVA, Knoxville 37902. Ask that your comment be included in the final report. Deadline is presently Sept. 10, but this may be extended slightly.
2. Send a copy of your comments, together with a brief covering note summarizing your position for the river, to your Representative (House Office Bldg., DC 20515) and both Senators (Senate Office Bldg., DC 20510). This is important for TCWP members living outside Tennessee too.
3. Copies of your comments can be submitted to the letters-to-the-editor column of your local newspaper.
4. You may request a copy of the report from the TVA Office of Info. Toll-free 1-800-362-9250.

(continuation of item 11: TCWP CANDIDATES)

Donald E. Todd, Wartburg, teacher. TCWP Board 1971-73; Pres. 1974-76; stripmine committee, Obed Comm. Pres., TTA 1971, 1972. Chmn., Morgan County Court Comm. on Recreation and Tourism 1975-. Instrumental in securing passage of Tennessee Trails System Act, park status for Frozen Head. Developed major portions of Cumberland Trail. Active in achieving National Wild River status for Obed, control of stripmining. Has directed Wilderness Soc. Regional leader-training sessions. Currently strongly concerned about prison threat to Frozen Head State Park and about implementation of Obed Wild Rivers Act.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (vote for 3)

Jim Cape, Oak Ridge, Technical Asst. to the Manager, Tech. Info. Center, ERDA. Chairman of TCWP 1978 Nominating Comm. Thinks TCWP is an excellent countervailing influence to those who would destroy the landscape. Wants Tennessee's beauty preserved. Has been active in O.R. Playhouse, Mental Health Assn.

Edward E. C. Clebsch, Knoxville, Prof. of Botany, U.T., and on the staff of its Graduate Program in Ecology. TCWP charter member, Pres. 1977, 1978, V.P. 1972, member of Board 1969-74. Past member, Big S. Fork committee; past chmn., natural areas comm.

Patrick J. Doyle, Murfreesboro, Assoc. Prof. of Biology, MTSU. TCWP Board member 1978; founder of TCWP's Murfreesboro chapter. Special interests: water quality, a decent environment for everyone, recruiting new TCWP members. Teaches seminar on environmental problems.

Harold G. (Hal) Smith, Oak Ridge, physicist, Solid State Div., ORNL. TCWP Treasurer 1968; V.P. 1973; director 1969, 1977, 1978. Chairman of Big S. Fork Comm. during the period TCWP helped gather information to buck up the interagency study. Researched and organized the TCWP fund-raising effort in 1977.

Kenneth S. Warren, Oak Ridge, retired chemist. TCWP Secretary 1977, V.P. 1978. Served on stripmine committee in the early days of TCWP. 1972-74 taught school in Germany. After his return was active in several environmental battles affecting Oak Ridge, particularly the threat to the area.

SPECIAL MAILING

2. OBED: TWO TROUBLE SPOTS URGENTLY NEED HELP

Something needs to be done about counteracting two potentially harmful developments: (1) a plan for a huge coalmining development; (2) a landowners' association which is trying to make some of our politicians think there is local opposition to the National Wild River. Please make your action on these issues a priority.

- A. The newly formed Delta Development Corp. (Jack Daniel, pres.) is in the process of buying up coal leases, and has applied for prospecting permits on about 6500 acres -- some of it bordered by the lower Obed (The S. shore, down from Alley Ford) and the stretch of Emory between Nemo and the Obed confluence; some of it on the opposite side, bordered by a long stretch of Emory, starting north of the Obed confluence and all the way down to the Crooked Fork confluence. Daniel is quoted as saying that several seams will be mined and that this is a long-term operation that might go on for 30-50 years. Stripmining causes bad siltation and often acid problems, no matter how perfect the reclamation. At least a projected mountain topping, if not other parts of the operation as well, would be visible from the river and/or from the opposite bank. There are also plans to deepmine a seam below the Obed river bed. The National Park Service can buy up only a strip along the river (100 acres per river mile) -- not enough to take care of these various problems. Under the federal stripmine Act, an area can be declared unsuitable for mining (and this particular area certainly is a prime candidate), but we are presently still in the interim program (see ¶ 8, this NL) so this possible remedy is many months away. Right now, only the state is in a position to prevent this mining.

What you can do: Urge that the beautiful Obed, Tennessee's only National Wild & Scenic River, be saved from the threat of stripmining in the watershed. Address your letters to (a) Commissioner Buck Allison, Tenn. Dept. of Conservation, 2611 West End Ave., Nashville 37203. (b) Mr. Elmo Lunn, Chief, Division of Water Quality Control, 621 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville 37219.

- B. Under the aegis and tutelage of a well-financed national group (the National Park Inholders Assoc.), some Obed River landowners ran a large ad to advertise an organizational meeting for which about 35 people showed up (including spouses; there are 85 landowners altogether). Subsequently, the association sent out a mailing in which they stated that the land "could be worth ... \$15,700" per acre (including coal, oil, gas, stone, and scenic rights). Morgan County Tax Assessor please note: if true, these people need to pay lots more taxes! The mailing also suggested that the owner hold out on selling: "The longer the acquisition takes, the property value greatly increases." (And here's another piece of news: according to a state official, Delta Devt. Corp. -- see A, above -- is composed of about 26 Obed landowners!) Does all this perhaps sound to you as if some people are trying to make a bit of money at the expense of the public? Unfortunately, some of our politicians are interpreting it as local opposition to the Obed Wild River. This has already had one bad effect: reluctance to add an Obed package to the Omnibus Parks and Rivers bill (see ¶ 3 this NL). The needed package would: (a) increase the authorization ceiling (even at less outlandish prices than those quoted above, the present \$2 million will be insufficient to acquire the land); (b) add the lower Emory and White's Creek as study rivers (this was part of the original 1976 bill but was then omitted through clerical error in the end-of-session rush); (c) authorize a visitor center in Wartburg.

What you can do: (a) Write to Senators Sasser and Baker (Senate Office Bldg., DC 20510) and urge them to do all they can to implement the Obed Wild & Scenic River as speedily as they can, since the rivers need protection. Ask them to add the Obed package to the Omnibus Parks & Rivers bill, which is currently pending in the Senate.

(b) Write to Rep. Marilyn Lloyd (House Office Bldg., DC 20515), thank her for what she's done for the Obed in the past, and urge her to see the job through. She can help greatly by urging our Senators to add the Obed package to the Omnibus Parks & Rivers bill.

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Please act on both parts A and B today. The Obed is too great a resource to be sacrificed to selfish interest.

3. IMPORTANT OMNIBUS PARKS BILL NEEDS SENATE SUPPORT

The most comprehensive National Parks & Rivers bill ever to come before Congress, the "Omnibus Burton bill" (HR 12536) passed the House July 12. Among the about 150 items are additions to national park system wilderness totalling about 2,000,000 acres; designation of 4 new national trails; inclusion of 7 rivers in the National System and study authorization for 19 others; increased funding authorizations for a number of previously designated items; and a large funding OK for urban and county parks that would create lots of jobs. On two key amendments Rep. Gore voted correctly both times; Reps. Ford, Lloyd, Quillen, Beard once each; Duncan, Jones wrong twice. [The only Tennessee item presently in the bill is increased funding authorization for the Andrew Jackson Historic Site.]

It is now up to the Senate, where the scenario for handling the legislation is not yet entirely clear since only very much more limited bills have gone through committee. It is likely that an approach to the House-passed bill will be made via a floor amendment package endorsed by the Subcommittee on Parks & Recreation. What you can do: (a) Read item 2B of this NEWSLETTER as it relates to this bill. (b) Write to Senators Baker and Sasser and ask them to include the Obed item if there is still time -- it would be the only meaningful component in Tennessee. (c) Regardless of whether there is time for (b), ask them to support a Senate bill that is at least as inclusive as the House bill. This package could also contain items additional to those contained in the House bill if endorsed by local senators.

4. BIG SOUTH FORK: TWO LOTS OF THANKS ARE DUE; ANOTHER HEARING COMING

A. Two good pieces of news: (1) \$20 million have been appropriated by a House-Senate Appropriations conference committee for Fiscal Year 1979 to begin land acquisition. There is a possibility the Public Works Appropriations bill, which contains this item, might get vetoed because it also has funds for several dam boondoggles and for the breeder. However, the BSF portion would probably survive any subsequent revamping of the bill because it is an Administration-backed item. (2) The authorization for this project has been increased to \$140 million by the House Public Works Committee. This is not a real increase of the previous \$103 million ceiling but merely allows for an estimated 1983 completion date with a 7% inflation rate. In view of the fact that clearcutting by Stearns Coal and Lumber Co. (with equipment in the stream bed) has recently severely damaged the water quality of Laurel Fork (a BSF tributary), both pieces of news are welcome indeed. Acquisition of this and other threatened lands can now at last get underway.

What you can do: Thank the following: (a) Sens. Jim Sasser and Walter Huddleston for their excellent efforts in securing the appropriation; (b) Rep. Marilyn Lloyd for raising the authorization limit; (c) Sen. H. Baker, and particularly Rick Herod on his staff, who have kept a watchful eye over implementing the project which they had such a big hand in getting underway (Sen. and House Office Bldgs., DC 20510 and 20515, respectively).

B. Meetings on the BSF Master Plan that is in preparation will be held Sept. 5 and 7 (see Calendar). The Corps will present the objectives, and the public is asked to provide ideas and comments. Please attend if you can. We must be on the alert for any signs of overdevelopment. Furthermore the National Parks Inholders Assoc. (see ¶2B) is now stirring up the BSF as well as the Obed landowners, so there may be some anti-BSF noise made at the meetings.

5. THE PRISON AND FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK

For some reason, which they refuse to make clear to the public, top members of the Blanton administration are hell-bent on marring the lovely Flat Fork Valley approach to Frozen Head

State Park with a 75-acre regional prison. The Frozen Head State Park Association, FHSPA (mostly Morgan Countians opposed to this prison site), finally was granted an audience with Corrections Commissioner Henderson -- but not until about the time the state was sending out invitations to bid on the Flat Fork site construction. FHSPA also showed a suggested alternative site (at the foot of Lone Mtn.) to a group of state officials who said they would write a report on it. FHSPA has not been shown the report; nor have they been allowed to see an allegedly long list of signatures on a petition in favor of the Frozen Head site. What you can do: Ask each gubernatorial candidate how he stands on this matter (Lamar Alexander, 2322 Golf Club Lane, Nashville 37215; Jake Butcher, Rt. 4, Valley Drive, Clinton 37716). *Is there any truth to the rumor that the state also intends to move the Maximum Security Prison (now at Petros) to The Flat Fork Valley?*

6. RARE-II: CONGRESS MUST HEAR FROM US

President Carter's initiative has opened avenues never available before for designating wilderness in eastern national forests through the RARE II process. During the past several Administrations, the U. S. Forest Service has developed an anti-wilderness tradition which some observers still find^{ling}linger in some regional offices. The USFS's "Public Involvement Plan" has served to recruit virtually every special interest that could conceivably be anti-wilderness: motorcycle clubs, mining industries, and lumber companies. Remember that regardless of how many inventories are made and reports written, wilderness cannot be designated without Congressional approval. The anti-wilderness interests are already beating on Congressional doors. It'll take every one of us to counteract them. Please try to attend the TCWP public meeting/letter workshop (see p. 1) designed to generate mail. If you can't come, one important item of business is to comment on the RARE-II draft environmental statement, specifically with respect to the Cherokee National Forest, and send a copy to your Representative and Senators. Deadline is Oct. 1. For more information, see the brochure enclosed with our last NEWSLETTER; or contact Will Skelton, 4522 Alta Vista Way, Knoxville, TN 37919, ph. 584-5653 or 546-2800 (office). -- TCWP has joined the Cherokee National Forest Wilderness Coalition. -- Marvin Loretson has replaced Robert Lusk as supervisor of the Cherokee National Forest.

7. ALASKA: IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE SENATE

Alaska's virgin lands and magnificent wildlife don't "belong to" Alaska any more than the Grand Canyon "belongs to" Arizona. Therefore, the Senate does not owe any special "senatorial courtesy" to Alaska's Senators Gravel and Stevens, who are intent on killing the bill (HR 39) which passed the House overwhelmingly in May. What you can do: (a) Write to both your Senators (Senate Office Bldg., DC 20510) and tell them why Alaska's wilderness is important to all Americans. Ask them to co-sponsor the Metcalf-Durkin bill -- a good balance between lands preserved and lands left for development; to press for scheduling action this year; and to resist all moves to weaken the bill. (b) Thank your Representative. All members of the Tennessee delegation said "yes" on the final vote on HR 39; but Beard, Ford, Jones, and Lloyd had earlier voted for weakening amendments (Beard, for two of them). TCWP has joined the Tennessee chapter of the Alaska Coalition.

If you need more info, call Andy Butler, Oak Ridge 482-1336, or 483-8611 ext. 3-5759.

8. STRIPMINE CAPSULES

- For our biggest stripmine story, please read (and act on!) the Obed item (¶2, this NL).
- The state's Division of Surface Mining appears to have gone into a state of collapse. Recommendations to Gov. Blanton for improving DSM, based on the SOCM-ETRC study on enforcement during the 1972-1977 period (see NL 86, ¶10B), have been ignored. Since publication of the study, 7 key DSM personnel have quit. Not only SOCM, but the Tennessee Conservation League as well has found a sad lack of enforcement of state laws.
- The district office of the federal Office of Surface Mining has imposed \$77,000 in fines against 21 operators (the bulk of this against 13) for violations of reclamation provisions or for wildcatting. OSM has upheld the Cook violation (action based on Bill Chandler's citizen complaint (see NL 87 ¶4B)).

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- Under federal law, any citizen may make a complaint if he/she feels there is a law violation. You may call in the report (Knoxville 588-5396), but follow it in writing (OSM, 1111 North Shore Drive, Knoxville 37902), stating location, any other facts known to you, and your name and address. If you wish to remain anonymous, say so. OSM must conduct an inspection within 15 days of receiving a citizen complaint.
- Comments on OSM's proposed draft regulations for the permanent regulatory program were provided for TCWP by Louise Gorenflo. The proposed regs and a draft EIS will be published about Sept. 15. This will be followed by hearings and further opportunity for written comments before final regs are adopted.
- David C. Short is the new OSM director of Region II, headquartered in Knoxville. Short, formerly Kentucky assistant attorney general and director of the Ky. Div. of Natural Resources, was also a founder of the first rural legal services program in the state of Kentucky. He grew up in a mining family in Harlan County.
- OSM has vacancies for: Biologist GS-14, Agric. Engineer GS-14, Tech. Info Officer GS-14, 6 Soil Scientists GS-13, 14, 14/15, Agronomist GS-14, Botanist (Forester) GS-14, Hydrologist GS-14, Applied Research Program Manager GS-15, 5 Program Management Officers GS-13, Training Program Specialist GS 12/13. Contact editor for application forms.
- Jenny Freeman, testifying for TCWP at a July 18 hearing, asked that Shu-Ter Mining Co. be denied an NPDES permit for an operation that would affect a stream draining into Savage Gulf, a State Natural Area.
- A recent USGS study on siltation of lakes finds erosion from stripmining to be 4 to 7 times as bad as that from deepmining: 2890-22,000 tons per sq. mile versus 732-3470 tons per square mile.

9. TVA AIR-QUALITY SETTLEMENT

TVA announced at the end of July that they had reached a tentative out-of-court settlement with the 10 citizens' groups (of which TCWP is one) in the air-quality law suit. The settlement had originally been recommended by former General Manager Lynn Seeber and other key staff members. Most of the new purchases of compliance coal and pollution equipment were actually authorized while Wagner and Jenkins were still on the Board. Final approval of the settlement cannot take place until there is a quorum on the TVA Board. -- TVA Chairman Dave Freeman points out that the earlier debate had focused on the costs and ignored the benefits, namely, cleaner air that will save on medical bills and on damage to crops. The out-of-court agreement will, further, save TVA \$10-15 million a year in legal expenses. Any impact on the cost of electricity to consumers will occur gradually and is estimated to amount to \$2 to \$4 per month for the average household. -- In spite of all these facts, Sen. Baker says he's disturbed about the cost of the settlement, and has asked for a hearing by the Senate Public Works Committee. Evidently, those opposed to clean air will be able to make news again.

10. CALENDAR

TODAY Write about Tellico report (see ¶1), Obed (see ¶2).
TOMORROW Act on Omnibus Parks bill, Big S. Fork, Frozen Head, RARE II. Alaska (¶3-7).
Sept. 5 - Big S. Fork public meeting, 7:00 p.m. EDT, Scott County High School, Huntsville (see ¶4)
Sept. 7 - Big S. Fork public meeting, 7:00 p.m. CDT, Fentress County Courthouse, Jamestown (see ¶4)
Sept. 19 - Hearing on Center Hill Lakeshore Management Plan, DeKalb Cy. Courthouse, Smithville (Call Bill Colvin, Nashville 251-5115)
Sept. 21 - TCWP meeting on Cherokee Wilderness, 7:30 p.m. Oak Ridge Unitarian Church Social Room, 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike (see p. 1)
Oct. 1 - Deadline for comments on RARE-II draft EIS (see ¶7)
Oct. 13-15 - TCWP Annual Meeting (see enclosure)

TCWP ANNUAL MEETING

Oct. 13-15, Pickett State Park

For the second year in a row, we are meeting in one of Tennessee's most scenic state parks at its most beautiful season for a weekend that combines fun, learning, policy setting, companionship, and fun. Those of us who attended last year can recommend it without reservation. Let's have a good turnout! We should appreciate getting your registration soon, because this year we're again cooking communally, and food must be bought: so be sure to tear off and send in the form below.

PROGRAM: It's a good one: turn the page.

COST: \$15 is the total cost per person per weekend (\$7.50 for children under 10). This covers 2 nights' lodging; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast and a lunch-snack; all entertainment, speakers, etc.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS: The Pickett group camp has 6 dormitories: two groups of three, with each group clustered around a bathhouse. Each dorm has two 12-bunk rooms (with wash basins) connected by an entry hall and sitting room with fireplaces. You must bring your own bed linens, blankets (or sleeping bag), towels, and toilet articles (incl. soap). It will be possible for families to stay together in the same cottage. Please check registration desk for bunk-room assignment.

EATING ARRANGEMENTS: The dining hall and well-equipped kitchen (complete with dishwasher) are in a separate building at the top of the compound. You will not need to bring any utensils or food, other than your favorite midnight snack. [However, if you plan to come early Friday night, make your own dinner arrangements: there will be no communal cooking then, and the park has no restaurant.] If you can help with meal preparation, planning, or shopping, please note on the blank below.

REGISTRATION: The registration desk will open 6 p.m. Friday in the dining hall. As you arrive, you will be assigned to sleeping space and kitchen duty. We must, however, have your form, below, ahead of time so that we can complete the menu planning and food purchases. If you have any questions, call Dee Jared, 483-6789.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT PICKETT

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

Name.

Address.

. Zip.

Phone: Home. Work.

Number in party: adult males. adult females.
children (age and sex).

Total amount enclosed: \$

I can help with:.

PROGRAM, TCWP 1978 ANNUAL MEETING

October 13 (Friday)*

5:00-9:00 p.m. Registration in the group-camp dining hall
8:00 p.m. Welcome: Executive Director
8:15 p.m. Introduction of candidates
8:30 p.m. Film and slide shows. Folk dancing on demand.

October 14 (Saturday)

7:00 a.m. Breakfast in the dining hall
8:30 a.m. Mike Countess, Planning Division, Tennessee Department of Conservation:
"State Conservation Programs -- 1979"
What is the state authorized to do? What is it likely to do?
How can we help?
9:30 a.m. Tea and coffee break
9:45 a.m. Neil McBride, Rural Legal Services: "TVA: New Directions?"
Neil was instrumental in bringing about open TVA Board meetings
a couple of years ago. He is one of the 6 people recently
appointed by Chairman Dave Freeman to advise TVA on how it
can be more responsive to Valley citizens.
10:45 a.m. TCWP business meeting. Election of 1979 officers, board, nominating
committee. Financial report, etc.
11:30 a.m. Buffet lunch
1:00-5:00 p.m. Hikes (several alternatives)
6:00-7:00 p.m. Board meeting (old and new board members)
7:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Keynote speaker: Dean Rivkin, Legal Clinic, University of Tennessee.
Dean is one of the attorneys handling the TVA air-quality suit.
8:45 p.m. Short business meeting: formation of volunteer committees
9:15 p.m. Folk dancing for novices as well as experts

October 15 (Sunday)

7:00 a.m. Breakfast in the dining hall
8:30 a.m. Camp clean up
9:00 a.m. Hikes

* Make your own dinner arrangements for Friday (see over for eating arrangements).

TVA toll-free line { 1-800-362-9250 from Tennessee
 1-800-251-9242 from out of state

→ Only 0.6% of the U.S. land area is part of the National Wilderness Preservation System;
but 2.6% of the U.S. land area is covered by pavement

Please take action on the two Special Mailings!
(also the other items, if you can)