

TENNESSEE CITIZENS FOR WILDERNESS PLANNING
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This is a somewhat abbreviated NEWSLETTER that concentrates on Tennessee issues and omits national news and publication lists. It includes some special January items, namely the summary of last year's TCWP activities, the POLITICAL GUIDE, the list of Tennessee legislators, and your dues statement.

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1. WEAKENING OF TENNESSEE'S STRIPMINE LAW MUST BE RESISTED

During the upcoming state legislative session, at least one, and possibly two, bills will be in the works that could destroy Tennessee's good stripmine law. One bill, sponsored by Sen. Ray Albright (R-Chattanooga) and Rep. Mike Robertson (R-Cumberland Gap) and supported by the stripmine industry, would turn all regulation over to the federal Office of Surface Mining (OSM). It is probable that the industry is not really expecting passage of this bill as it stands, but intends to use it as a vehicle to get weakening amendments made in the present state law, which in several respects is stronger than the federal one (see NL 132 ¶6B). The state appears to have been panicked by the Albright-Robinson bill and by criticisms of state performance (NL 132 ¶6A) into

drafting a bill of its own, claiming that what is needed is greater "ease of administration" and more "flexibility." One option that was favorably viewed by the state was "enabling legislation," namely a very broad general law that would leave all specifics to the regulations, where they could be changed without legislative action. SOCM and TCWP representatives have met with Health and Environment Commissioner Word and/or his staff on several occasions and have tried to convince them that even if their proposed bill were found to be acceptable to those of us concerned about stripmine ravages, there would be major risks involved in opening the existing law to amendments. What is needed is not a change in law but a good performance by DSM in administering it.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: If you don't want to see our mountains destroyed and left unreclaimed, write immediately to Gov. Alexander, with copy to Commissioner Word (see enclosed Political Guide), and urge them not to introduce an Administration stripmine bill, but, instead, to put their effort into good enforcement of the present law. The Administration should work against passage of the Albright-Robertson bill.

2. FROZEN HEAD "AREAS UNSUITABLE FOR STRIPMINING" HEARING JANUARY 23

An Intervenor's Petition to designate Flat Fork Watershed as unsuitable for surface mining under Sec. 522 of the federal stripmine law is being filed by TCWP in mid-January. The original petition, the work of the Frozen Head State Park Association, had to be submitted in a hurry almost a year ago, in response to the imminent application for a stripmine permit (NL 128 ¶3). The subsequent months provided more time for research and for the eliciting of expert testimonies -- activities diligently carried out by TCWP's Don Todd and Jim Doncaster, who wish to thank the many experts who freely and enthusiastically contributed their time. The public hearing on the "522" petition is on January 23, 7 pm (EST), at the Petros-Joyner School, off Highway 62.

3. OTHER STATE MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION

The regular state legislative session will soon be upon us again (presently, the General Assembly is meeting in special session), and a number of issues will be considered in which TCWP has a strong interest. Several of these legislative issues are described below, as are some administrative matters. We hope very much you will take action on several of these items.

The Environmental Action Fund (of which TCWP is a member), the state lobby arm of the environmental movement, has again retained Penny Harrington as its lobbyist and has selected the following issues for her efforts: stripmining, wetland protection, rare-plant protection, natural-areas funding.

A. Natural Areas acquisition money in budget for first time in years

Contained in the Alexander Administration's Safe Growth Initiative budget recommendations is a \$2 million item for acquisition of natural areas. As you may know, it has been virtually impossible, over the past decade or more, to get any state administration to support acquisition of any of the natural resource areas lands. As a consequence, our State Scenic Rivers, Scenic Trails, and Natural Areas Acts have become mere paper exercises. That's why it is so gratifying to learn of an Administration budget item for natural-areas acquisition. It is very important for us to back this legislative proposal in order to enhance its chance of enactment by the General Assembly.

✱ WHAT YOU CAN DO: (1) Write to Governor Alexander, with a copy to Conservation Commissioner Charles Howell (addresses in Political Guide), thanking him for the budget item and expressing your support. (2) Write to your state legislators in support (see Polit. Guide).

B. Public must ask to have a voice in decisions on whether to lease minerals from state lands

In the past, Tennessee has not allowed mining, drilling, or mineral exploration on state lands (e.g., state parks and forests). While this was not a stated policy, the state has almost regularly denied requests as they came along. Now, however, a policy is in process of being hatched, probably in response to pressure from some state officials who eye mineral leasing as a possible revenue source. Formulation of the policy is in the hands of the Safe Growth Council, DoC Commissioner Howell, and Tenn. Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) chief Gary Myers. Currently, no provisions for public input are planned, and the policy could simply be put into effect by an Executive Order.

Remember that state lands belong to all Tennesseans. Those of us who use and enjoy our state parks, forests, wildlife management areas, etc., should certainly be allowed to have a voice in decisions that would strongly affect us. You should express your feelings on state mineral leasing, or ask for public hearings. Write to Commissioner Charles Howell and TWRA Exec. Director Gary Myers. See enclosed Political Guide for addresses.

C. The Tennessee Rare Plant Protection and Conservation Act

This is a citizens' bill that deserves your support. The Alexander Administration will not oppose it, and the Environmental Action Fund will lobby for it. The bill prohibits the taking of rare plants from state-owned lands and from private lands that are registered as state natural areas. It also prohibits the sale of state-listed endangered or threatened species (e.g., certain orchids and lilies). Fines up to \$1000 for each offense are provided. A permit system is established under which plants may be taken for scientific purposes or for propagation to enhance their survival. As part of the enforcement process, the Dept. of Agriculture will inspect plant nurseries. The Dept. of Conservation is authorized to prepare a Rare Plants List and to engage in the further study of listed species. The DoC's Heritage Division may enter into cooperative agreements with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service which will allow utilization of funds available under the federal Endangered Species Act.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: You can support this bill by writing to your state legislator (see enclosed list) and to Gov. Alexander. Send copies to the Commissioners of Conservation and Agriculture (the latter is Wm. H. Walker, P. O. Box 40627, Ellington Center, Nashville, TN 37204). For other addresses, see enclosed Political Guide.

D. Dangerous proposal to remove forest management from DoC

A committee of 7 state legislators has issued a report that recommends formation of a new commission to manage the state's forests, thus preempting the Dept. of Conservation's Forestry Division. In keeping with the legislative committee's objective of greatly increasing commercial timber development, the 7-member commission would include 3 foresters and 2 representatives of forest-product industries. Such a body would undoubtedly push timber harvests (especially of hardwoods), to the detriment of other forest values (watershed protection, wildlife habitat, recreation), some of which (e.g., recreation) are actually of greater economic benefit to the state than is timber. This could be particularly harmful to State Forests that are closely associated with state parks, e.g., Pickett. Write to Comm. Howell, commending his opposition to the proposal, and send a copy to Gov. Alexander (see Political Guide).

Another proposed reorganization would combine the DoC with various other bodies and rename it (possibly to "Dept. of Cultural and Natural Resources"). Agencies that would be merged with the DoC are the state's Library and Archives, and the Arts, Historical, and Archeological Commissions.

4. CHEROKEE WILDERNESS BILL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT; STATE RECOMMENDS 8 WILDERNESS AREAS

A. Wilderness bill needs your support

As we informed you in our last issue (NL 132 #1B), there is now, at long last, a bill to designate wilderness in Tennessee's Cherokee National Forest. H.R. 4263, introduced on 11/1/83 by Rep. John Duncan, applies only to that portion of the Cherokee that lies south of the Smokies, in Polk and Monroe Counties. Its main features are as follows. (1) Four areas, totalling 24,655 acres, are designated as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System: Big Frog (4,502 acres), Big Frog Addition (553 acres, as per the RARE II study), Citico Creek (15,713 acres), and Bald River Gorge (3,887 acres). (2) Other national forest lands in Polk and Monroe Counties, except for two areas [see (3) below], shall not have another wilderness review during the next 15 years, and "need not be managed for the purpose of protecting their suitability for wilderness designation." (3) Exempted from the "release language" that is summarized in (2), above, are two areas -- Little Frog Mountain and the Big Frog addition described in the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal; Rep. Duncan is agreeable to having these designated as Wilderness Study Areas when his bill is reviewed in Committee.

It is now very important to get H.R. 4263 moved through the House in a hurry, and to have a companion measure in the Senate. All our prior efforts could go for naught if this session ends without action in both Houses. -- In addition, a bill is needed for the northern Cherokee.

* WHAT YOU CAN DO: (1) Express your appreciation for H.R. 4263 to Congressman Duncan, and urge him to expedite action on this bill. (2) Urge your own U.S. Rep to support H.R. 4263. (3) Urge Senators Baker and Sasser to introduce a companion bill (send them a copy of your letter to Duncan). (4) If you live in Rep. Quillen's district, urge him to introduce a bill for the northern portion of the Cherokee that would designate as wilderness the 6 outstanding areas recommended in the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal. Addresses in Political Guide.

B. State supports 8 wilderness areas in RARE-II "Re-evaluation"

As a result of the Reagan Administration's anti-wilderness response to a pro-wilderness Court ruling (NL 127 ¶1B, NL 130 ¶3B), areas studied pre-1979 under the RARE-II process are now being re-evaluated, with all interim protection removed from RARE-II-designated study areas. In the Cherokee National Forest, where the USFS had recommended only one small area for wilderness under RARE II (the 3887-acre Bald River Gorge -- only about 0.5% of the Forest's acreage), the re-evaluation process actually provided another chance for more adequate wilderness proposals. In the new round of public comments, most letter writers favored designation of additional wilderness areas. According to the Forest Supervisor, the letters were of high quality.

Of particular importance is a communication from the Tennessee Department of Conservation in which 8 areas are recommended for wilderness status, and 5 for additional study. Proposed for wilderness are 3 areas in the southern Cherokee [Citico Creek, Big Frog Mtn. (including Big Frog Addition A), Bald River Gorge], and 5 areas in the northern Cherokee (Pond Mountain, Pond Mtn. Addition, Unaka Mountain, Jennings Creek, and Big Laurel Branch). Further planning is recommended for Upper Bald River and Little Frog Mtn. in the southern part, and Roger's Ridge, Flint Mill, and Nolichucky in the northern.

The Dept. of Conservation is "very disappointed" with the USFS's RARE-II recommendation for the Cherokee (a single area -- the 3,887-acre Bald River Gorge -- in contrast to 15 areas in N.C. and 6 in Georgia), and suggests that deserving areas were dropped from consideration because of perceived anti-wilderness sentiment. DoC then goes on to show that, except for form letter sentiment was (and is), in fact, highly pro-wilderness. The letter also points out that the potential saw-timber volume of 20 of the possible wilderness areas is less than 1% of the volume available for the Cherokee as a whole, which, in turn, represents less than 5% of Tennessee's commercial forest land. By contrast, the attractiveness of wilderness might enhance tourism, which accounted for 27% of the taxes collected by the state.

* WHAT YOU CAN DO: Write to Commissioner Charles Howell (Tenn. Dept. of Conservation, 701 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203) and express your appreciation for the Department's wilderness recommendations and for the tremendous amount of research and study on which they are based.

5. SMOKIES WILDERNESS: OUR STRONG SUPPORT OF GOOD BILL NEEDED NOW

1984 is the 50th Anniversary for the Gt. Smoky Mtns. National Park. Let's also make it the year in which a good Smokies Wilderness Act is passed. In our last issue, we summarized the history of the 18-year-long efforts to get such legislation, and brought you the good news that identical wilderness bills have now at last been introduced in both Houses of Congress, S.1947 (Sasser, Baker)/HR.4262 (Duncan/[TN], Clark [NC]). These bills would designate 467,000 acres as wilderness, being based primarily on areas designated "Natural Environment-Type 1" in the Park's General Management Plan. In size, the proposed area approaches the 476,000 acres recommended in the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal, and thus provides an excellent vehicle for further Congressional action. We shall have to work for addition of certain small but important acreages -- in particular the Parsons Branch Road corridor (designating it as an administrative road within the wilderness), which might otherwise be proposed as another trans-mountain road in the future. The first step, however, is to work for committee action on S.1947/HR.4262.

Subsequent to the introduction of these companion bills, Senators Helms and East of North Carolina introduced S.2183, for 400,000 acres of wilderness, omitting, among other areas, 44,000 acres north of Fontana Reservoir from the wilderness. S.2183 also requires that motor-vehicle access be provided from the western terminus of the North Shore Road to the cemeteries in the Hazel Creek area and makes wilderness designation contingent on construction of such access.

X WHAT YOU CAN DO: Write to Senators Sasser and Baker, Rep. Duncan (and Clark, if you live in NC), and to Gov. Alexander (see Political Guide) to make the following points: (1) thank them for their interest in the Smokies wilderness and for S.1947/HR.4262; (2) urge them to ask the appropriate committees to schedule hearings at the earliest possible date; (3) urge their strenuous opposition to the Helms-East bill, S.2183; (4) ask them to include the Parsons Branch Road and other administrative road corridors in the wilderness area.

6. BIG SOUTH FORK: NAME-CHANGE PROPOSAL EVAPORATES; OIL LEASING SECRECY PERSISTS

A. What's in a name? A story to be told in the past tense (we hope)

Our last NEWSLETTER was barely in the mail when there arose a big storm over legislation affecting the BSFNRA. The problem kept some of us busy during the Holiday season, but appears now to have evaporated.

In the wild confusion of the last day of the 1983 legislative session, November 18, a bill (S.2106) passed the U.S. Senate, having been introduced only the day before (thus, no committee consideration). We found out about it only the morning of the 18th and so did the Park Service. (Some Corps personnel had heard it was cooking, but thought it was a joke.) We made at least a dozen calls that day to alert House Members and to find out the complete content of the bill (everybody had heard that it would change the name of the Area, but no one knew what else it might contain). Dave Conrad of Friends of the Earth was our most helpful Washington contact and deserves our gratitude.

It finally turned out that (a) the legislation was a name change only, and (b) this name change appeared in two bills, namely S.2106 (sponsored by Sen. Baker, with 30 co-sponsors, it^{was} passed by the Senate 11/18/83), and Sec. 328 of S.1739, the Omnibus Water Resource Development Act (which had cleared the Senate Public Works Committee on 11/17/83). The name of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area would be changed to John Sherman Cooper National Recreation Area. John S. Cooper is a former Kentucky Senator who for years supported the Devils Jumps Dam (which would have inundated the BSF gorge), but eventually became very helpful to the environmental coalition that was pushing the National River and NRA proposal.

One thing that greatly concerned us was that the proposed new name dropped the phrase "National River," thus potentially doing away with the connotation of dual management (de facto wilderness in the "Gorge Area" and outdoor recreation development in the "Adjacent Area"). In addition, naming the Area (the major portion of which lies in Tennessee) after a Kentuckian would re-fuel interstate rivalries which are finally beginning to die down.

TCWP sent a mailing to 30 environmental groups and key individuals, urging action against the proposed legislation. Somewhat surprisingly, there was also tremendous local opposition to the name change. Newspapers in virtually the entire 5-county area came out editorially against it, and published coupons that people could clip and mail to express their opinion. The BSF Development Association and other local groups passed resolutions against the name change. Congressman Jim Cooper (no relation to John Sherman) published a column in papers of the three Tennessee counties he represents in the area, explaining why he would oppose the change.

Just before the end of the old year, former Senator John S. Cooper wrote to Kentucky's Sen. Huddleston indicating that he'd like to see the move for a name change abandoned because of the controversy it sparked. Huddleston said he'd meet with Sen. Baker to "examine the possibilities" of withdrawing the bill and of finding some other way in which to pay tribute to Cooper.

Though the name-change episode messed up the holidays for some of us, it may have had beneficial long-term effects. It stimulated local support for the BSFNRRA, it proved to the politicians that people felt strongly about the river and its natural, wild attributes, it unified local groups, and it gave people the stimulus to work in positive ways for an enhancement of the project. One such enhancement that is badly needed is an increase in the spending ceiling which would make it possible to acquire all of the ~125,000 acres that are authorized, instead of the ~104,000 acres projected under the current ceiling.

* WHAT YOU CAN DO: Write to Senator Baker (see enclosed Political Guide) and urge him to increase the authorized spending limit for the BSFNRRA so that the full acreage that Sen. John Sherman Cooper envisioned may be acquired. That would be a more fitting memorial for Cooper than a name change would have been. A plaque to Cooper could acknowledge his contribution.

B. Our Freedom-of-Information request is partly answered.

Because deliberations and actions concerning possible leasing of federally owned oil and gas rights in the BSFNRRA have been shrouded in secrecy, TCWP made Freedom-of-Information requests for pertinent documents to the U.S. Dept. of the Interior and the Corps of Engineers. Our requests were made 7/25/83, and we sent follow-up reminders on 10/21/83. The Corps mailed us one package of papers on 10/27/83, and the balance of the material on 12/7/83. The second package had many passages blocked out that were said to refer to the USDI. The USDI, which holds the key to the whole problem, has totally ignored us.

7. OBED: LAND ACQUISITION PROSPECTS

Prospects for completion of land-acquisition activities look a whole lot brighter than they did a few months ago. First, we managed to get a new \$1 million appropriation for this purpose (NL 132 ¶2), which gives the National Park Service almost \$2 million to acquire the remaining tracts, totalling less than 4000 acres. Secondly, the Obed Land Protection Plan -- which follows a prescription invented by former Sec. Watt's henchmen to stall the parklands acquisition process nationwide (NL 129 ¶2B; NL 130 ¶7D) -- is nearing finalization, having now been reviewed in Washington. Rumors have it that the Obed LPP will bear quite a resemblance to the Obed Acquisition Plan of three years ago; so the whole exercise was a waste of taxpayers' money in terms of lost staff time and in terms of escalation of land costs that has occurred in the interim. It may be recalled that the main objective of the LPPs was to come up with alternatives to fee-simple and easement acquisition, such as zoning and cooperative landowner agreements. It appears that Washington has finally realized that neither of the latter options will work on the Obed.

In the meantime, USDI has sent a letter concerning the upstream 55 miles of the Obed system that were not included in the 1976 authorizing legislation, although found highly eligible for inclusion in the National Wild Scenic Rivers System. While admitting that the upstream 55 miles have "significant resource values" and that their designation "would facilitate management of the already designated segment," the USDI letter goes on to say that acquisition from private owners would be required, and that "current budget constraints" make it "imprudent to propose Federal administration." This Administration view does not, of course, impose any constraints on Congress, should there be enough public support for inclusion of the upstream 55 miles in the future.

8. TVA: DAVID FREEMAN'S REPLACEMENT

The TVA Board Appointment Coalition, of which TCWP is a member, has arranged for a delegation to meet with Sen. Baker, who will undoubtedly have a strong voice in selecting the nominee to replace David Freeman. The Coalition (which now consists of 41 member organizations, representing over 200,000 citizens) is, in the meantime, interviewing candidates.

* WHAT YOU CAN DO: (a) Contact Sen. Baker (see Political Guide, enclosed) to thank him for his willingness to meet with the Coalition delegation, and expressing your own reasons why the appointment is so important. (b) Contact Sen. Sasser (or your own senators, if you live in another state) asking him/them for any help they can give in the coalition's planned meetings with Sen. Baker, with the White House, and with members of the Senate Environment Committee.

9. OCOEE CONFLICT ABOUT TO BE RESOLVED

The Continuing Appropriations Resolution passed by the U.S. Congress in November includes \$6.4 million for TVA to compensate for losses in power revenues when water is allowed to run in the Ocoee River instead of through the flume, and \$1 million for the state for river maintenance. (NL 132 ¶9A). The bill also requires that TVA eventually repay the appropriation, but is silent on the subject of user fees. Such fees have now been worked out in a 35-year contract that is expected to be signed by the TVA Board on January 18 and by Gov. Alexander shortly thereafter. In successive 8-year periods, the fee per user will be \$2, 3, and 4, and then \$5 for the remaining 11 years of the contract. TVA will keep the river open 116 days per year, namely, for all regular weekends and all holidays from the last in March through the first in November, and for long weekends -- Thursday through Monday -- during June, July, and August. The Ocoee River Council is pleased with the negotiated contract, and the controversy may be over.

10. SUMMARY OF TCWP's 1983 ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1983 was such a busy and successful year for TCWP that we can summarize it in only the briefest terms, and with many omissions.

- (1) Obed. Against great odds, we managed to get a \$1 million appropriation for land acquisition. This is money in excess of the previously authorized ceiling.-- We submitted detailed comments on the Land Protection Plan, opposing the "zoning" and "agreement" options.
- (2) Big South Fork. We opposed leasing of federally owned oil and gas, and, when the government became secretive on the issue, filed Freedom-of-Information requests. We mobilized other groups in opposition to the proposed name change.
- (3) Frozen Head. We worked on an extensive Intervenor's Petition to have the Flat Fork Watershed declared unsuitable for surface mining.
- (4) TVA. We succeeded in having TVA designate a new Small Wild Area (Whites Creek), and we agreed to maintain trails in that area. We participated in the TVA Board Appointment Coalition, which seeks to have an input in the David Freeman replacement.
- (5) Smokies. We met with Congressmen Duncan and Gore to urge introduction of a Smokies Wilderness bill in the House. We are a member organization of the Gt. Smokies Park Wilderness Advocates.
- (6) Cherokee Wilderness. We successfully urged introduction of a wilderness bill in meetings with Rep. Duncan and Gore and in mail contacts with others. We sent written comments on the RARE-II re-evaluation.
- (7) Stripmining. We met with Dr. Bruner prior to transfer of DSM from the Dept. of Conservation to the Dept. of Health. Subsequently, we participated in several meetings with DSM and OSM officials about corrective action on enforcement. We successfully opposed issuance by the Corps of a blanket "404" permit for discharge from coalmine operations. We opposed a change in OSM regs that would allow stripmining on private lands within park units.
- (8) State issues. We successfully opposed coal exploration in Pickett State Forest. We participated in meetings to develop a State Recreation Plan. We opposed sale of the Eastern State Wildlife Management Area on the outskirts of Knoxville. TCWP is a member of the Environmental Action Fund, the state lobby arm of the environmental movement.
- (9) Federal issues. Among the many issues on which we sent written comments to key legislators were privatization, coal and oil sales on public lands, the Parks Protection bill, the Alaska anti-parks bill, wetlands protection, acid rain, and the American Conservation Corps.
- (10) Political. We organized a meeting of representatives of seven groups with Rep. Gore. We met with Rep. Duncan (about Smokies and Cherokee), with Rep. Jim Cooper (about Obed appropriation), and with Sen. Sasser's local representative. We prepared and circulated to our members a Political Guide and a list of state legislators.
- (11) Organizational. We employed Jim Doncaster as exec. director and rented office space. A questionnaire was circulated to identify volunteers and members' interests. An internship was established under the Peter Cole Memorial Fund. We organized a public meeting (on Frozen Head and the mine threat), three hikes (North Ridge Trail, Frozen Head, Hemlock Bluff), a letter-writing social, and a most successful weekend-long annual meeting.

We hope that these activities and achievements make you proud of being a TCWP member, and that you will invite others to join us.

11. TCWP BUSINESS

- Jim Doncaster has accepted a full-time job with the Tennessee School for the Deaf and will be ending his job as TCWP Exec. Director at the close of January. He has, however, assured us that he will continue a heavy volunteer involvement in several of the issues on which he has already worked so hard (the 522 petition for Frozen Head, the state stripmine law, the Smokies, etc.).
- We are fortunate in having Jenny Freeman agree to resume her former job as TCWP Exec. Director. Like Jim, she'll be working on a half-time basis (all we can afford, alas).
- As an annual service, we are again providing an updated Political Guide: on one side Federal information, on the other side State. (We are most appreciative of Paul Somer's help on the latter.) Please keep this in an accessible place and use it frequently all year in contacting members of the legislative and executive branches. In addition, we are again sending you a list of members of the Tennessee General Assembly, in case you no longer have last year's mailing or are a new member.
- After consultation with Jeanie and Tom Cole, TCWP has decided to use the interest and some of the principal of the Peter Cole Memorial Fund to pay for services of an interne. Our interne this year is Barbara E. Crump of Norris, who was a friend of Peter Cole's. She is executive director of the Anderson County Conservation Board, a partly seasonal job. Barbara has already worked on a TCWP membership drive and has helped get information for the Political Guide. We hope she will get a chance to visit the state legislature in connection with issues in which TCWP is concerned.
- Almost 40 single or family members responded generously to our year-end request for contributions which brought a total of \$975 in unrestricted funds, \$335 for the Peter Cole Memorial Fund, and \$75 for gift memberships. Our deepfelt thanks to each of you who contributed.
- Your 1984 dues statement is enclosed (unless you have already paid or have received a gift subscription). Please pay up before you forget -- reminding you later in the year requires time and money on our part, and we are short of both commodities. (We realize that this request for dues comes only a short time after some of you sent us a special year-end contribution. We assure you that we need both in order to continue operating.)

12. ACTION SUMMARY

¶ No.	Issue	Contact	"Message!" or Action
1	Stripmine law	Gov. Alexander	"Don't change the law!"
3A	Natural Areas	Gov. Alexander, etc.	"Support acquisition funds!"
3B	Leasing of state lands	Howell; Myers	"Do not lease minerals!"
3C	Rare plants	State legislators, etc.	"Support protection bill!"
3D	State forests	Comm. Howell, etc.	"Keep Forestry Div. in DoC!"
4A	Cherokee Wilderness	Rep. Duncan; Sens. Baker, Sasser, etc.	"Support HR.4263!" "Introduce companion bill!"
4B	Cherokee Wilderness	Comm. Howell	"Thanks for comments!"
5	Smokies Wilderness	Sens. Sasser, Baker; Rep. Duncan, etc.	"Speed action on S.1947/HR.4262; oppose Helms bill!"
6	Big South Fork	Sen. Baker	"Raise spending limit!"
8	TVA Board	Sen. Baker, etc.	Support Coalition input

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**Incumbent elected in 1980 for 4-year term (in even-numbered districts) and not subject to election in 1982
#House member, 92nd General Assembly
+Former member of the General Assembly (prior to 1981)

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4924 Sagewood Dr. (38116)..... Memphis

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4625 Cedar Rose Dr. (38053)..... Millington

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107 Lakeview Lane (37116)..... Clinton

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Box 187 (37743)..... Greeneville

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2820 Windemere Dr. (37214)..... Nashville

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W. Main St. (37087)..... Lebanon

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922 Westview Ave. (37205)..... Nashville

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45th Representative District
224 Lake Terrace Drive (37075)..... Hendersonville

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59th Representative District
624 Brook Dr. (37013)..... Antioch

*COBB, STEVE (D)
56th Representative District
1929 Castleman (37215)..... Nashville

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52nd Representative District
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*DILLS, DON E. (D)
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*FRENSLEY, CLIFF (R)
61st Representative District
P.O. Box 825 (37064)..... Franklin

GAFFORD, ROBERT V. (BOB) (D)
70th Representative District
604 Oakdale Ave. (38462)..... Hohenwald

*GAIA, PAMELA (D)
89th Representative District
P.O. Box 2321 (38101)..... Memphis

GILL, ELBERT T. (D)
88th Representative District
3093 N. Watkins (38127)..... Memphis

*HARRILL, BOB E. (R)
22nd Representative District
633 Crestview Dr. (37354)..... Madisonville

HASSELL, JOYCE B. (R)
96th Representative District
864 Creekside Dr. (38117)..... Memphis

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32nd Representative District
P.O. Box 867 (37763)..... Kingston

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150 Woodland Dr. (38320)..... Camden

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Rt. 10, Box 107 (38583)..... Sparta

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P.O. Box 983 (37901)..... Knoxville

*HURLEY, BRUCE (R)
9th Representative District
Rt. 1, Johnson Estates (37873)..... Surgoinsville

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12th Representative District
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42nd Representative District
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1226 Hillcrest Dr. (37355)..... Manchester

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86th Representative District
569 Moline Rd. (38109)..... Memphis

*KELLEY, DALE (R)
75th Representative District
Box 608 (38344)..... Huntingdon

*KENT, JOE (R)
83rd Representative District
5111 Flamingo (38117)..... Memphis

*KERNELL, MIKE (D)
93rd Representative District
1052 Ralton (38111)..... Memphis

*KING, ALVIN M. (D)
92nd Representative District
1215 Tanglewood (38114)..... Memphis

B. FEDERAL

1. The Congress

- a. Your U.S. Senators are: Howard H. Baker, Jr. 202, 224-4944
Jim Sasser 202, 224-3344
Letters may be addressed as follows: Senator John Doe
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

- b. Your U.S. Representative is one of the following:
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| 1st Dist. James H. Quillen, 225-6356 | 6th Dist. Albert Gore, Jr., 225-4231 |
| 2nd Dist. John J. Duncan, 225-5435 | 7th Dist. Don Sundquist, 225-2811 |
| 3rd Dist. Marilyn Lloyd, 225-3271 | 8th Dist. Ed Jones, 225-4714 |
| 4th Dist. Jim Cooper, 225-6831 | 9th Dist. Harold E. Ford, 225-3265 |
| 5th Dist. Wm. H. Boner, 225-4311 | |
- Letters may be addressed as follows: To phone any other Congressperson
Hon. John Doe or Senator,
U.S. House of Representatives Call the Congressional Switchboard
Washington, D.C. 20515 202, 224-3121

- c. Senators have offices in the major cities of the state; and Reps. have at least one office in their home district. These are listed by the person's name in the local phone book. Home offices can arrange meetings with your Congressperson, can answer some of your questions, and will transmit your opinion. If time is short, call the D.C. office.

2. The Executive

- a. President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500 (202, 456-7639)
- b. Council on Envtl. Quality, 722 Jackson Pl., NW, Wash. D.C. 20006 (202, 395-5700)
A. Alan Hill, Chairman
- c. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Wash. D.C. 20240 (202, 343-1100). Secretary: William Clark (343-7351). Asst. Sec. for Fish & Wildlife & Parks: G. Ray Arnett (343-4416)
- i. National Park Service: Russell E. Dickenson, Director (343-4621)
S.E. Region (ours): Robert Baker, Dir., 75 Spring St., SW, Atlanta, GA 30303 (404, 221-5185). Obed W&ScR and Big S. Fork NRRRA: Doyle Kline, Supt., P.O. Box 630, Oneida, TN 37841 (615, 569-6389)
- ii. Office of Surface Mining: James R. Harris, Director (202, 343-4006)
TN Field Off.: J. A. Curry, Dir., Suite 400, 530 Gay St. SW, Knoxville 37902 (673-4242)
- iii. US Fish & Wildlife Service, Robert A. Jantzen, Dir. (202, 343-4717). Off. of Endangered Species, John L. Spinks, Jr., Dir., (703, 235-2771).
- d. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 14th St. & Jefferson Dr., SW, Wash. DC 20250 (202, 447-2101). John R. Block, Secretary; J. B. Crowell, Asst. Sec. for Natural Resources & Envt (202, 447-7173); Max Peterson, Chief of Forest Service (202, 447-6661).
- i. Cherokee Natl. Forest: D. L. Rollens, Supervisor, P. O. Box 2010, Cleveland, TN 37311, (615, 476-9700)
- e. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Wash. DC 20460 (202, 382-2090), William Ruckelshaus, Administrator
Region IV (ours): 345 Courtland St., NE, Atlanta, GA 30365 (404, 881-4727), Charles R. Jeter, Administrator. Toll-free hotline: 1-800-241-1754.
- f. Army Corps of Engineers: Col. William Kirkpatrick, District Engineer, Nashville, Distr., P. O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202 (615, 749-5626).
- g. TVA, 400 W. Summitt Hill, Knoxville, TN 37902 (615, 632-4100), C. H. Dean, Jr., Chmn. Toll-free hotlines: 1-800-362-9250 (within TN), 1-800-251-9242 (other Valley states).
- h. Information, to obtain phone numbers within federal agencies: 202, 655-4000.

C. COMMUNICATION HOW-TO's

- Dear Mr. President: Very respectfully yours,
Dear Senator _____ Sincerely yours,
Dear Mr. or Mrs. (or Congressman/woman) _____ Sincerely yours,
Dear Mr. Secretary. Sincerely yours,
- Your letter need not be typed, but should be legible.
Print your name and address below your signature, unless using letterhead stationary.
Be brief, courteous, specific: refer to bill by name or number, or clearly identify issue.
Give at least one reason for your request. Relating the issue to your personal experience, or to your state or region is effective.
Don't hesitate to ask your member to state his/her position on an issue. Follow up if answer is equivocal.
When there's no time to write, phone or wire (check with Western Union about Public-Opinion and other cheap rates: some types of W.U. messages are also delivered on paper).
When writing to committee chairmen or others not from your district, send copies to your own legislator(s); ditto for certain letters to exec. agencies. Add brief covering note.
Consider sending a copy of your letter to the letters-to-the editor column of your paper, with a cover note stating that you thought readers might like to be aware of this issue.

A. STATE

1. General Assembly

- a. Another enclosure with this NL is a list of state legislators and their home addresses. Mark your senator and representative in red and contact them often when they are at home. On weekdays during the regular legislative session, their address is Legislative Plaza/War Memorial Bldg., Nashville, Tenn. 37219. To find out your own legislators' office phone and room number, ask them when they are at home; or call Legislative Services 741-3511, the Speaker of the Senate at 741-2368, or the Speaker of the House at 741-3937. While legislative business is being enacted on the floor, you can also reach your legislator through the Capitol Switchboard, 256-1022. Regardless of whether you call this switchboard or his office, leave a message for him to call you back: they're generally very good about this.
- b. To check on the progress of bills during the regular legislative session, call Legislative Services in the state capitol, 741-3511, or, Envtl. Action Fund, Nashville, 896-0366 (Betsy Loyless), 385-3482 (Paul Somers). In Knoxville, the Knox Cy. Legislative Delegation office, 673-6068, will provide similar information.
- c. Most of the business with which TCWP is concerned will be handled by the following committees:

Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources: Joe Crockett, chmn; Ed Davis, vice chmn; Ray Albright, Sec'y; Victor Ashe, Ben Atchley, Tommy Burks, Lewis, C. Moore, Anna Belle O'Brien.

House Committee on Conservation & Environment: I. V. Hillis, chmn (741-3876); R. Johnson, vice chmn; Owen, sec'y; Bill Atchley, Bewley, Crain, Dills, Disspayne, Duer, Ellis, Gill, Huskey, Jared, McAfee, McNally, Miller, U. A. Moore, Percy, R. Robinson, Severance, Shockley, Sir, Stallings, Turner, Wolfe
- d. The legislative delegations of several of the larger population centers in the state hold regular listening sessions once a week (usually Saturday a.m.) at which citizens present views and proposals. Call your legislator to find out particulars.
- e. South Central Bell Telephone has published a small directory entitled "The 93rd General Assembly." Ask for a copy.

2. Administration

- a. Gov. Lamar Alexander, State Capitol, Nashville, TN 37219; Ph. 741-2001. Keel Hunt, Asst. to the Gov. (741-4132); Granville Hinton, Legisl. Liaison (741-5098).
- b. Tenn. Dept. of Conservation, 701 Broadway Ave., Nashville, TN 37203; Ph. 742-6749. Commissioner: C. A. Howell, III (742-6749). Asst. Comm: Paul Schrag (742-6758). Conserv. Coord.: Mack Prichard (742-6739). Policy Analysis/Planning: Walt Criley (742-6558).
 - i. Asst. Comm. for Parks and Recreation: Don Charpio (742-6658). Central Off. Staff Chief: Joe Gaines (742-6659). Cultural and Natural Resources Sect.: Terry Bonham, chief (742-6681). Staff Planner: Allen Coggins (742-6565).
 - ii. Asst. Comm. for Natural Resources: Dr. Tom Ripley (742-6636). Natural Heritage Division (742-6545): Sam Pearsall (coordinator), Dan Eagar, Paul Somers, Larry Smith, Dave Shupe. Forestry Division (742-6615): Roy Ashley, chief; John Connelly; Bob Rochelle; Mike Countess.
- c. Tenn. Dept. of Health and Environment, 344 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville, TN 37219, Ph. 615, 741-3111. Commissioner: James E. Word. Special Asst.: Mike Huggins. Environmental Management and Quality Assurance Administration, headed by Asst. Commissioner, Dr. Michael Bruner, 150-9th Ave N, Nashville, 37203 (741-3657)
 - i. Director of Environmental Mngt: Wayne K. Scharber (741-3657)
 - ii. Div. of Air Pollution Control: Harold E. Hodges (741-3931).
 - iii. Div. of Water Management: D. Elmo Lunn (741-6610, 741-2275).
 - iv. Div. of Solid Waste Management: J. Tom Tiesler (741-3424)
 - v. Div. of Surface Mining: Joe Covington, chief (742-6594). Earl Lemming (673-6035) ^{Knoxville}
- d. Tenn. Wildlife Resources Agency, P. O. Box 40747, Nashville, TN 37204, Gary Myers, Executive Director (741-1431); Non-game and Endangered Sp. Program, R. Hatcher (741-1517); Environmental Planning, Dan Sherry (741-1517).
- e. Safe Growth Committee, James K. Polk State Office Bldg., 16th Floor, Nashville 37219, Ph. 741-5782. Dir.: Ben Smith, Asst. Dir.: Day Lohmann.
- f. Tenn. Energy Division, 707 Capital Blvd., Nashville 37219; Ph 1, 800-342-1340. Energy Conservation: Cynthia Oliphant (741-6671).
- g. State Planning Office, 1800 James K. Polk State Office Bldg., 505 Deaderick St., Nashville 37219; Ph. 741-1676. Dir.: Randy Griggs. Mngr. of Env. Serv.: T. Michael Webb. Principal Planner: Saralee Terry.
- h. Tenn. Dept. of Education, 104 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville 37219. Dir. of Conservation and Energy Education: Padgett Kelly (741-2963)
- i. Information Service (to obtain phone numbers of government offices and state employees): 615, 741-2065.