



# Rogue Walker

Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake and Curry Counties

## Get Outdoors!

## Rogue Group Sierra Club Outings

**June 18-20, Kalmiopsis Trail Clearing**, see p. 3 for details  
**Sat., June 19 - Mt. Ashland area hike**, either Grouse Gap or 8-mile downhill, 7-8 miles Easy/Moderate, Carol Walker 541-488-8517 and Carol Ingelson 541-245-6380

**Sat., June 19- Taylor Creek to Burned Timber Trail**, 5-6 miles Easy. We will follow the Taylor Creek trail for 1.5 miles, then head up to the 1.2 mile Burned Timber Trail Loop. This loop has two easy crossings through the Burned Timber Creek. Since the foot bridges are gone/unusable, be ready for a cool off with or without your boots on! Then head down to the Burned Timber Falls for snacks, pictures, stories and a pause before returning to the trailhead. For more questions please e-mail Joel Peterson at [joelpeterson@charter.net](mailto:joelpeterson@charter.net) or call 541-226-5249.

**Sat., July 17- Briggs Creek Trail**, 8 miles Easy/Moderate. From the Sam Brown Campground, follow the creek past Elkhorn Mine. Ford Briggs Creek and continue to our

“abandoned cabin” destination to enjoy our snacks or lunch. For more information please e-mail Joel Peterson at [joelpeterson@charter.net](mailto:joelpeterson@charter.net) or call 541-226-5249.

**Sat., July 24 - Pacific Crest Trail, Baldy Creek to Pilot Rock and back**, 8 miles Moderate, Cathy Edwards 541-210-0204

**Sat., July 31 - Fish Lake**, 6-7 miles Easy/Moderate hike, Carol Ingelson 541-245-6380

### General Ratings Definitions:

**Easy** – low elevation gain, well maintained trail, less than 5 miles

**Moderate** – low elevation gain, well maintained trail, between 5 and 10 miles

**Difficult** – moderate elevation gain, between 10 and 15 miles

**Strenuous** – greater than 4000 feet elevation gain, greater than 12 miles, some off trail possible

**Very Strenuous** – greater than 5000 feet elevation gain, greater than 15 miles, some off trail possible

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## Explore, Discover and Help Protect

### CASCADE-SISKIYOU MONUMENT EXPANSION AREA HIKES

The Soda Mountain Wilderness Council’s public hikes this year explore potential Monument additions in OR and CA. Some of these additions, Fredenburg Meadow and Porcupine Mountain, would be internal, via public acquisition of Monument in-holdings from willing sellers.

Other needed Monument expansions would be external, as in the case of the Horseshoe area, Jenny Creek Falls and Greensprings Mountain. The Greensprings Mountain area also hosts the small, southernmost unit of *Oregon Wild’s* South Cascades Wilderness proposal, where BLM has scheduled several units for cutting. All of Jenny Creek could benefit from a “scenic-class” Wild and Scenic River designation.

#### Important Details for Hikes:

Bring lunch, snacks, water, rain gear, sun protection, sturdy shoes or boots (depending on hike difficulty), a sense of humor and adventure. Most hikes involve at least a little off-trail hiking. **All hikes are free** and usually involve carpooling.

Group sizes vary and are up to each hike leader. Space may be limited. *Expect to be gone into the late afternoon or early evening on most hikes that begin in the morning.* Ask your hike leader for their best *estimate* of return time.

**Flora/fauna hazards:** poison oak on trips into CA; ticks/rattlesnakes on any trip in OR or CA. You must sign a liability waiver at trip start. *Dogs by prior permission only at the discretion of each hike leader; please call the listed phone number.*

*Even if strenuous, these outings are not intended to be “power hikes” which merely churn out the miles. Each trip includes a professional and/or experienced amateur naturalist to help give you a sense of why the Monument is called an “ecological wonder” and “biological crossroads”.*

**June 5, Sat.:** Join Susan Menanno (541-951-7467; [spiritwhym@jeffnet.org](mailto:spiritwhym@jeffnet.org)) on a 5 mile hike along **Scotch Creek** in CA’s **Horseshoe Wildlife Area** just south of the Monument. Some off-trail hiking. **Easy-moderate.** Meet at **9 AM.**

**June 12, Sat.:** Join ornithologist Pepper Trail (541-482-9594; [ptrail@ashlandnet.net](mailto:ptrail@ashlandnet.net)) on an **easy/moderate** (your choice) Pacific Crest Trail (and vicinity) hike east of Pilot Rock to **Babbitt Gap** and **Porcupine Mountain**. Less than 4 miles total. Some off-trail hiking. Meet at **8:30 AM** and finish in time for...

**June 12, Sat.:** **Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party** and SMWC’s annual meeting – **4:30-8:30**

*Area Hikes (Continued on page 2)*

**Get Outdoors!****CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT'S  
TENTH BIRTHDAY PARTY****Soda Mountain Wilderness Council's Annual Meeting****Calling all Monument supporters...**

In early June 2000, President Bill Clinton, by the authority of the Antiquities Act, established 52,947 acres of biologically important public land in southwestern OR as the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Ten years later, thanks to strong public support, and despite attempts to undermine the Monument, the Monument still stands. **Come celebrate the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument's first decade with us on Sat., June 12, at the beautiful Buckhorn Springs Resort southeast of Ashland.**

Because the Monument is the result of an ongoing wilderness campaign, **we'll be joined by Doug Scott**, nationally recognized wilderness campaigner, historian and policy expert. Raised in OR, Doug first worked for The Wilderness Society and then the Sierra Club for many years. Now with the Campaign for America's Wilderness, he's the author of *The Enduring Wilderness* (2009) and *Our Wilderness: America's Common Ground* (2004). Doug has shepherded and advised numerous wilderness efforts all over the US, including ours. He'll help us see how our local wilderness efforts fit in with what's going on across the country now and how our work is part of a shared conservation history of wilderness efforts over the years.

**Sat., June 12, 2010 \* 4:30-8:30 PM \* Buckhorn Springs 12 miles southeast of Ashland at 2200 Buckhorn Springs Road, 541-488-2200** From Ashland, go east on Hwy 66

**Area Hikes** (Continued from page 1)

**PM at Buckhorn Springs Resort.** See complete details elsewhere in this issue of the *Rogue Walker*. **Very, very easy.**

**June 13, Sun.:** Aquatic ecologist Brian Barr (541-621-7226; [brian@nccsp.org](mailto:brian@nccsp.org)) will lead a short, round trip hike-and-scramble from the Jenny Creek Canyon rim in OR down to **Jenny Creek Falls** in CA. **Moderately difficult**; 3+ miles, some steep scrambling. Meet at **9 AM**.

**June 19, Sat.:** Cathy Edwards (541-210-0204; [ziglerugn@aol.com](mailto:ziglerugn@aol.com)) and botanist Sean Smith will explore the

toward Klamath Falls. At "Mile 9", past Emigrant Lake, turn right on Buckhorn Rd. Two miles down this gravel road turn right at the fork. Go left at the Buckhorn Springs gate. (Map [www.buckhornsprings.org](http://www.buckhornsprings.org).) Carpooling strongly recommended.

**4:30-6:00 PM Socializing & BBQ Picnic on the Lawn Bluegrass music by The New Greensprings Mountaineers.** See them on their website without their June 12 alias: [www.eightdollarmountain.net](http://www.eightdollarmountain.net) **Please bring your own picnicware (plates/cups/utensils) for food by Chef Chris Fowler:** Free-range, grilled chicken; vegetarian entree; non-alcoholic punch, and complimentary local beer and Eagle Mill wine. **Please bring your own picnic blanket or low-to-the-ground chair.** Some tables/chairs available. We'll be under canopy cover if weather dictates.

**6:00 PM (or so) Program, then more Music & Departure by 8:30 PM "Keeping It Wild" by Doug Scott, Campaign for America's Wilderness** Plus Monument/Wilderness conservation updates by Dave Willis, SMWC Letters from US Senator Wyden, former Secretary of the Interior Babbitt, and more...

**\*\*Reservations via Joanne Miller at [smwcaa@mind.net](mailto:smwcaa@mind.net) or 541-890-1954\*\*** Cost: \$20 per person (\$10 for kids under 12; kids under 5 eat for free)

**Greensprings Mountain** unit of the South Cascades Wilderness proposal northwest of the Greensprings Summit. Some off-trail hiking. **Moderate**, about 4 miles. Meet at **3 PM** and bring your sack supper.

**June 26, Sat.:** Join aquatic ecologist Michael Parker (541-552-6796; [parker@sou.edu](mailto:parker@sou.edu)), on a cross-country ramble through **Fredenburg Meadow** and down into the forested **Jenny Creek Canyon** in the northeastern corner of the Monument. All off-trail hiking. **Moderate**, 3 miles or less. Meet at **9 AM**.

**July 3, Saturday:** Join hike leader Cathy Edwards (541-210-0204; [ziglerugn@aol.com](mailto:ziglerugn@aol.com)) and terrestrial ecologist Evan Frost to explore the **Greensprings Mountain** unit of the SCW proposal northwest of the Greensprings Summit. Some off-trail hiking. **Moderate**, about 4 miles. Meet at **3 PM** and bring your sack supper.

**Please call hike contact person to reserve your place and Ashland meeting point.** We reserve the right to deny participation due to safety concerns or for any other reason.

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*By Dave Willis*

*Soda Mountain Wilderness Council*

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## Experience Your Kalmiopsis Wilderness! Trans-Kalmiopsis-Wilderness Trail Clearing Project

Wilderness enthusiast Gabe Howe has organized a team of volunteers to clear and rework 26 miles of trail through the heart of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness this summer. This trail was severely damaged by the Biscuit Fire and has still not been cleared. The volunteer team will work in two, ten-day sessions this summer, but extra volunteers are needed for the first three days of the first session, from June 18-20.

The Kalmiopsis Wilderness, renowned for its unique geology and genetic diversity, is Oregon's third largest wilderness area, and perhaps the least visited. While always considered remote, in the wake of the Biscuit Fire, access to the Kalmiopsis' interior became prohibitive for most wilderness users. Hikers, used to following a defined path, are confronted and discouraged by overgrown trail, lack of signage and dimming tread. By working the route, which is all part of the USFS trail system, the volunteer team will begin to create safe access for hikers and restore the opportunity for wilderness lovers to hike all the way through what is Oregon's most unique and outstanding wilderness.

Though the Kalmiopsis Wilderness is vast, the surrounding lands comprise Oregon's largest unprotected, roadless areas and represents a tremendous, and largely overlooked, recreational

resource. This small step in improving access to the Kalmiopsis wilderness will enable more hikers from all over to engage in what is Oregon's last frontier.

The volunteer team will work from June 18-28<sup>t</sup> to restore a route between Babyfoot Lake and the Chetco River via Bailey Cabin. Later, Aug. 26 – Sept. 5, the route from Vulcan Lake to the Chetco River will be re-established, opening up a trans-Kalmiopsis trail.

This is an opportunity for people to experience the Kalmiopsis for themselves and engage in a meaningful service. Volunteers are invited to join the main team for the first three days of the first session, from June 18-20. Volunteers should be adventure spirited, wilderness savvy and ready for fun. Food will be provided for volunteers. The Rogue Group Sierra Club, Curry Section of Rogue Group Sierra Club and the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society will help provide support for the volunteer trail crew. For more information on how you can help with this extraordinary project, contact: Gabe Howe at 503-545-4911 or email him at [howegabe@gmail.com](mailto:howegabe@gmail.com).

*By Al Collinet*

### Hike Pine Flat in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness! Sat., July 31 – Sun., August 1

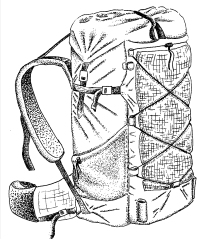
Hike the Illinois River trail into Pine Flat from Soldier Creek, eight miles with about 2500 ft. of total elevation gain. The trail traverses the Illinois River canyon, winds its way through pristine riparian zones, then drops back down to the Pine Flat bar, complete with meadows, campsites, historic relicts and great swimming! We'll catch some great views of the Kalmiopsis wilderness and see what post-fire forest succession is really all about. Al Collinet will be assisting Gabe Howe on this overnight hike, group size is limited to 12. To sign up or for more information, email

[howegabe@gmail.com](mailto:howegabe@gmail.com)

About Gabe Howe- *This started for me as a childhood obsession with Rainie Falls at age seven after my first trip down the wild & scenic Rogue. I grew up in Portland backpacking around Mt. Hood with friends and [taking] annual family trips down the Rogue. As adults, my (now) wife and I began exploring the Siskiyou backcountry on foot, constantly amazed by the variation in landscape and unique natural features. In 2007 I worked for the Appalachian Mtn. Club in the White Mountain NF of New Hampshire, where I saw a successful ser-*

*vice-based model for trail maintenance. I decided then I want to bring a similar model to the Siskiyou. Jill and I married in 2009. I have an Associate of Arts degree from Mt. Hood Community College and am an English/writing major and outdoor adventure leadership minor at SOU, set to graduate Summer, 2011. I have WFA/CPR and crosscut saw certification from the USFS. I'm an active volunteer for Oregon Wild, leading hikes, ground-truthing, photography.*

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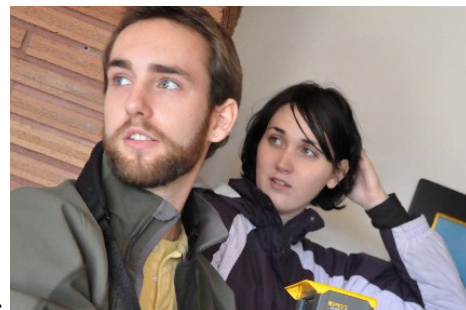
The Rogue Group Sierra Club voted to award the first Tom Rose Sustainability Scholarship to Oregon Institute of Technology students Dereck Ruf and Whitney Medina. Both are juniors majoring in Renewable Energy Engineering.

Their winning proposal aims to use the \$500 scholarship to purchase energy auditing equipment and to provide auditing training for OIT students and community members to create a low cost or free home energy auditing program.

Tom Dimitre, RGSC Chair, said, "We are very proud of these students and how they are doing their part to make homes more sustainable. The equipment that these students purchase will perform home energy audits so that homeowners can see where their homes are leaking energy. It is the first step towards making homes more sustainable."

Medina explained her motivation for the project, "I believe that if people in the Klamath Basin had an easily accessible way to make their lives and homes more sustainable, they wouldn't hesitate, and that is what makes this project so exciting. I am grateful to the Rogue Group Sierra Club for helping us make this dream a reality."

"I'd like to thank the RGSC for the opportunity to gain field experience and see first hand how energy auditing impacts sustainability", said Ruf. "The diagnostic equipment necessary to perform an energy audit is the bridge between theoretical and real-world energy conservation/efficiency. I feel this internship has given me the guidance, tools and passion for a future career."



The Tom Rose Sustainability Scholarship was established in memory of Tom Rose, who was a long time activist with the Rogue Group Sierra Club and a lifetime member. Tom Rose fought for many years to protect the City's water supply from ski expansion.

*By Tom Dimitre*

## Illinois Valley Activity Section Report

Chairman Gordon Lyford called the IV Activity Section to order at 7 PM in the Selma Community Center on Wed., May 10, 2010.

Members unanimously approved minutes to the previous meeting and the treasurer's report and welcomed guest, Barbara Ullian.

Elaine gave the Rogue Group's Executive committee report. Mary gave a report on the Grants Pass presentation by Oregon Toxic Alliance and commented on its excellence and the audience's involvement in developing future plans for the organization. Attending members asked that the Rogue Group include an in-depth article on the use of pesticides.

Members voted unanimously to sign on to a letter prepared by

Ms. Ullian, thanking Senators Wyden and Merkly and Congressman DeFazio for the efforts to convince Interior Secretary Salazar to withdraw the 1872 Mining Law from local environmentally sensitive areas. Further discussion about mining issues and possible legal actions followed Ms. Ullian's presentation. A forum/town hall meeting on mining is being planned for Grants Pass by one member. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM. The IV Activity Section meets the second Wednesday of every month, alternating between Cave Junction and Selma. Call Elaine at 541-597-2880 for details. Social is at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7 PM.

*By Mort Mondale and Elaine Wood*

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## The Rogue Group Sierra Club

The Rogue Group Sierra Club is one of 6 regional groups of the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club, originally formed by John Muir in 1892, now contains 52 Chapters nationwide. Its purpose: To restore the quality of the natural environment and to maintain the integrity of ecosystems; to educate the public to the need to understand and support the objectives, and to study, explore and enjoy the wildlands.

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*"Our crude civilization engenders a multitude of wants, and law-givers are ever at their wit's end devising. The hall and the theater and the church have been invented, and compulsory education. Why not add compulsory recreation? Our forefathers forged chains of duty and habit, which bind us notwithstanding our boasted freedom, and we ourselves in desperation add link to link, groaning and making medicinal laws for relief. Yet few think of pure rest or of the healing power of Nature."*  
 —John Muir

## Get Outdoors!

### KS Wild

**Thurs., June 3 - 7 PM at the CultureWorks in Ashland - Klamath-Siskiyou Revue: Opportunity, Conflict and Conservation.** A snap-shot presentation highlighting the greatest current threats to the KS bioregion and KS Wild's efforts to address them. Join the KS Wild staff and community for an evening of education and organic food at CultureWorks, 310 Oak St.

**Sat., June 19 - Bigelow Lake and Mt Elijah.** A walk along the eastern edge of the Siskiyou Crest above the Illinois Valley and Oregon Caves, this beautiful trail will gain expansive vistas towards the Kalmiopsis Wilderness and pass through stands of nearly pristine native forest. Meet at 9 AM at Coffee Heaven in Cave Junction, at the intersection of Hwy. 199 and the road to the Oregon Caves.

**Sat., July 17 - Wagner Butte.** This difficult hike will take us to the top of Wagner Butte. Hike through second and old growth forests, wildflower filled meadows, sagebrush and mountain mahogany. This hike is slightly over 10 miles in length, so please arrive prepared for a solid day of hiking! Meet at 9 AM at Evo's Cafe in Ashland to carpool to the trailhead.

Contact [laurel@kswild.org](mailto:laurel@kswild.org) or 541-488-5789 for more info.

## Other Events/Outings

### Ashland Parks & Recreation

541-488-5340

[www.AshlandParksandRec.org](http://www.AshlandParksandRec.org)

**Sat., June 19, 9 -11 AM, Weed Day— "Let's Pull Together!"**

The Jackson Cooperative Weed Management Area Group is sponsoring a valley-wide effort to control invasive weeds that disrupt our native ecosystems. Gloves and tools will be provided for volunteers to engage in 2-3 hours of manual weed removal. For more information call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606. All ages welcome. Free.

**Sat., June 12 | July 10 | August 14, 8-9 AM, Summer Saturday Morning Bird Walks** Stroll through North Mountain Park with local birding experts from the Rogue Valley. Binoculars and field guides will be available for check-out. Please register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com> or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606. All ages welcome. Free.

**Mon. -Thurs., June 14-17, 9 AM-Noon, Earth Kamp for Kids**

Discover how you can help the planet while exploring the wet and wild places of North Mountain Park's natural area. Learn nature crafts such as weaving and tie dye; search for critters in the creeks, ponds and nest boxes. Please register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com> or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606. (**Registration deadline is June 10.**) Cost \$50.

**Sat., July 31 - Sun., August 1, Hike Pine Flat in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness,** see p. 3 for details



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**DEADLINE**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WALKER**

Volunteers needed to print and assemble the Walker. Mark your calendars now and come have fun, 1-3 hours each month. Everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike.

Assembly begins at 1 pm at the Sierra Club Office, 84 4th St. Ashland. Questions- contact Kris Biechler, 541-899-7699 or cell 541-840-7236

Next assembly date—June 30

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