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Friends of the Three Sisters Wilderness,
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Desertwest Club, Los Angeles, Ca.
Goats Harbor Audubon Society, Aberdeen, Wa.
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Mt. St. Helens Club, Longview, Wa.
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Olivians, Eugene, Or.
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Rainforest Conservation Society,
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Los Angeles, Ca.
Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter,
Sacramento, Ca.
Sierra Club of British Columbia, Vernon, B.C.
Sierra Club Teiyah Chapter, Reno, Nv.
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Dear FWOC Member Club:

Enclosed you will find the final text of the 35 Resolutions, adopted by the delegates at our 1999 Annual Convention, held August 27-29, 1999 near Cle Elum, Washington.

As you know, the annual Resolutions are one of the longest of all our FWOC traditions. Originating from our member clubs, each of them are considered, debated, and set in final form at the Convention. Sometimes a resolution fails for lack of a sufficient consensus; sometimes they are amended, and sometimes approvals are routine. But always the give-and-take during the debate is spirited and intense-and hugely educational—for all participants.

Most important to me, the Resolutions represent the annual collective will of all our participating member clubs. Equally important is the way the debates serve to inform members from one state or region about the issues faced by the others. Speaking for your Federation officers and State Vice Presidents, I hope that your club finds the Resolutions useful over the coming year as a good assessment of some of the major concerns, national and local, of our entire membership*.

This Convention was our 68th such event. I continue to marvel at the continuity of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs...founded in 1932, we are, today, still the only such institution in the West, bringing together, under one banner, both large and small outdoor-oriented activity clubs who share a common purpose: maintaining and protecting the beautiful natural settings that our members have enjoyed, some for nearly a century.

As I said in my opening remarks, I always have a deep sense of history whenever I speak or write about the FWOC. Our collective story is really a history—a conservation history—of the American West since the 1930s, isn't it? Every wild place now safe-from Olympic National Park to the Three Sisters Wilderness to the River of No Return to the High Sierra (and hundreds in between) has a story, and a struggle behind it...and at every point in those struggles, the FWOC was there, bringing its members together, hammering out a common policy, speaking with a united voice for the places we love.

I am very proud to be a part of this little organization, because I believe in it and its mission:

- *To provide a "home" for our members and member clubs...a place where they can find like-minded companions from other places, who share the same values, and have the same experiences;*
- *To provide a forum for our members-a place to share their urgent concerns and to seek the powerful assistance and expertise of their peers. To quote from a recent letter from the President of a member club, "We have always*