

# R E S O L U T I O N S

OF THE

## FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

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Third, under the heading of serving our Members in a more timely fashion, we have approved a new, trial, procedure for *Outdoors West* for Fiscal Year 1999. (January/February) issue of the 24-page publication, we are going to eliminate the "Newsletters" scheduled for mailing in December 1998, and March 1999. We will continue, in equal parts, news about Member Clubs—so that you will all know what is "going on" and "political" (this is, conservation) issues of the moment for your area. We very much want your feedback on this new procedure. Please let us know if you prefer to go back to the twice a year issues of *Outdoors West*.

And, if you or your members have news about your Club that you want to share, please contact Ms. Shirley Cameron (31470 Ross Lane, Cottage Grove, OR 97110) or make sure it gets in the Newsletter. Likewise, I am the designated contact person for those who want to share their news with the FWOC. If you may desire to contact either, please write to: Washington, 98102.

Finally, the Executive Committee has approved a new and exciting way to address important conservation issues. The rescue, and final protection, of our remaining great old-growth forests in California. Many will be startled to learn that about one-half of all the old-growth forests are not inside any National Park—but are rather located within the adjacent National Forests, meaning that they have no statutory protection. FWOC members may be further surprised to learn that the Forest Service has followed a practice cynically termed "grove management"—using an active logging program of huge tracts of other species which also are an integral part of these same groves. The result has been a scarred wasteland of mud and erosion, and the loss of many old-growth trees.

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