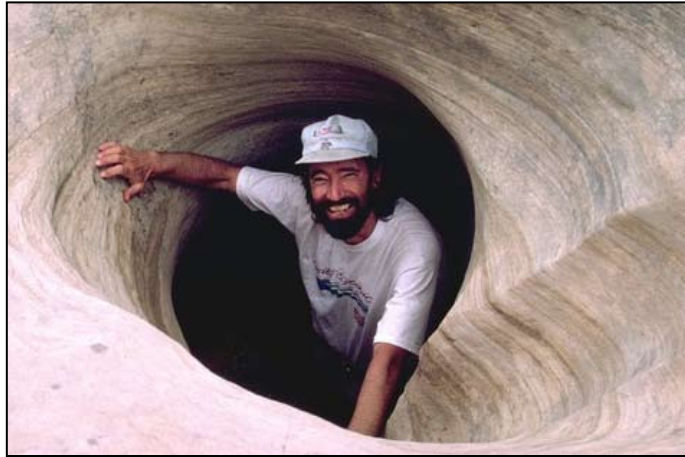


Resolution #4
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

IN MEMORY OF WALKIN' JIM STOLTZ

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee



Background: In his too short fifty-seven years, Walkin' Jim Stoltz walked more than 27,000 miles. With his guitar on his back and his camera in his hand, he traveled the Pacific Crest Trail, the Appalachian Trail, and the continental divide. Jim also traversed a route from Yellowstone to the Yukon and one across the U.S. from the Pacific to the Atlantic. He roamed the mountains of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Nevada—including many wild places without formal trails. When he was not walking, he was going from town to town singing his songs and showing pictures of his beloved earth, often to school children and gatherings of elders. With his songs and pictures and his love of the wild country Jim may have done more than anyone to advance the cause of wilderness. He reached out to everyone, particularly children, in a loving, caring way. To the generations who will never have the chance to know Jim and to all of us who remember him so well, he sent this fervent message: "Let it Stay Forever Wild."

Resolution: The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs expresses its appreciation to Walkin' Jim Stoltz for his unparalleled contribution to preserving America's wild places. The FWOC further extends its condolences to his family and many dear friends across the country.