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WALDO LAKE OFF LIMITS



Perhaps the last seaplane to visit Waldo, Larry Teufel.

The Princes have won. An elite group of individuals, who know what is best for everyone else, have with their God given power ordained that seaplanes are dangerous to the natural world. Using arguments that sound scientific, they have sufficiently proved to the Oregon Legislature that if seaplanes are allowed to ever land on Waldo Lake, 1) the lake will be destroyed by fuel spills, 2) the lake will be destroyed by invasive species, 3) paddlers will be commonly killed, and 4) these Princes will be unhappy. Only the last item has any truth, unless you are a member of the flat earth society.

In the year 1215 Clause 33 of the Magna Carta established that the common man could travel the rivers and lakes freely. Prior to that the King and his Princes set the rules for who could use what, and when. For those who want more historic background, go to: http://c-spa.org/v2/uploads/bullaton_08-2011_final-b.pdf . In this larger context of history Oregon

Senate Bill 602 might best be called the Magna Blanca: "let's pass a bill to save the environment that sounds good but does nothing." One Democratic House Representative told me: "The environmentalists aren't asking for much this session, so we want to give it to them."

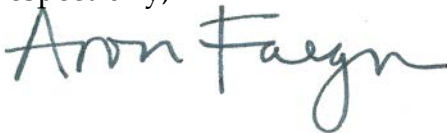
So the Princes will get to proudly have Waldo Lake for their own use, with access only by their cars and trucks and RV's that drive to the lake on the publicly funded 160 million pound asphalt road through the watershed. A "real" environmentalist would have argued for removing the road and requiring canoes to be portaged in at least four miles. The problem: Princes like their cars.

More importantly this event gives us a view into our democracy and how it works. It has surprised me the extent to which a minority opinion can be ignored. I had thought that there would be some fact checking. And I had thought that the environmentalist opponents had more integrity. The fact is that maybe the whole fight was about money. Beating up the few seaplanes that use the lake made a lot of money for the Sierra Club and Oregon Wild. Every one of their massive email appeals to oppose seaplanes had a button to make a donation to fight the cause. On the playground, the safest approach for a bully is to beat up the smallest kid. Not much risk of getting hurt. In this case they beat us up, and got paid a lot of money to do it. We could ask to be acknowledged as one of their major donors for 2013.

The navigable waters of the State of Oregon are "common highways and forever free." When Oregon was admitted to the Union in 1859, it promised this. It promised this to the federal government and it promised this forever. It promised that this freedom to use all the navigable waters of the state, was for the citizens of Oregon, and equally to all other citizens of the United States. Read the Oregon Admissions Acts, an Act of Congress approved February 14, 1859, at <http://c-spa.org/v2/uploads/OregonAdmissionsActs2-14-1859markup.PDF> . The Princes of 2013 have decided they know better.

Next step is federal court. Does the Admissions Act mean anything today? It is a beautiful document that speaks to the dream of a shared use of natural landscapes, by everyone. If there were scientific evidence of a problem from allowing seaplanes on Waldo Lake then of course seaplanes could be prohibited. But given that the only substantial reason for prohibition was personal preference of the Princes, this is a case that might be worth testing. Does this root of landscape democracy, Clause 33 of the Magna Carta, remain meaningful in 2013. My toe is in the water. Is there anyone interested in swimming?

Respectfully,

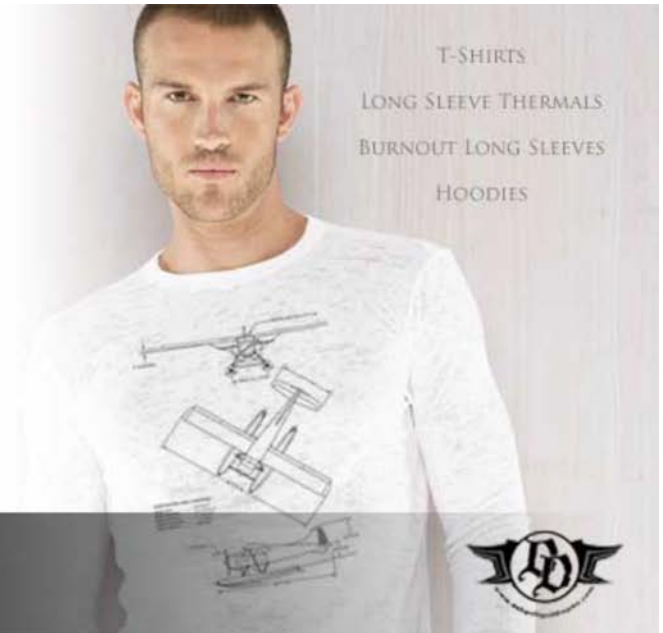


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Aquatic Hitchhikers! Partnership Campaign Announces Bold Changes

May 08, 2012 -- *Fishing and boating season is just around the corner, and new communications tools and an enhanced partnership will make it easier than ever to learn how to Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!™. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced it is passing the "red stop sign" baton of this unique aquatic resource campaign to the Minnesota-based nonprofit conservation organization Wildlife Forever.*

The Service will maintain ownership of the campaign's trademark, but under the new arrangement Wildlife Forever will run day-to-day operations of the campaign, leverage its excellent relationship with the larger conservation community, and create a plan for growing the campaign by using a host of different media channels, including television, web, radio and social media.

"I'm proud the Service's leadership is committed to expanding the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! campaign in a time of increasing threats to our resources," said Wildlife Forever President and Chief Executive

Officer Doug Grann. "The partnership campaign is successful because state, federal and private organizations invest and work together to reach millions of Americans each year."

"Wildlife Forever brings many value-added tools to the table and will help to make invasive species prevention a key part of modern-day outdoor recreation and conservation," said Mike Weimer, the Service's division chief of Fisheries and Aquatic Conservation.

Eleven years ago, the conservation community was just beginning to understand the complex ramifications of aquatic nuisance species. In April 2002, the federal government, led by the Service and under the umbrella of the national Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, stepped up efforts to address the threat by introducing a national partnership and behavior-change campaign known as Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!

Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers strategically targets specific audiences and empowers individuals to be part of the solution through best management practices. By employing a partnership-focused, grassroots-driven branding strategy and hosting a dedicated website (www.protectyourwaters.net), Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!™ is redefining how to do outreach at a national level for complex, 21st century conservation issues. The campaign has been so successful that it was written up as a case study example for branding in the "4th Edition of Social Marketing – Influencing Behaviors for Good", a social marketing text book.

The campaign unites federal, state, local and Tribal governments and interests with businesses, national conservation and environmental organizations, regional, state and local organizations. Currently, 1,146 organizations participate in the campaign. The campaign also has leveraged approximately \$1.25 million in non-federal dollars and has been promoted outside the United States in the U.K. (England, Scotland and Ireland), New Zealand and Kenya all joining the campaign. For more information about Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!™, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife Forever or the aquatic invasive species issue and what you can do to help, please contact Joe Starinchak from the Fish and Wildlife Service at 703-358-2018 or Pat Conzemius from Wildlife Forever at 763-253-0222.

The Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers web site is part of the [ANS Task Force](#) public awareness campaign and is sponsored by the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) and the [U.S. Coast Guard](#).

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And, the Department of the Interior (Fish and Wildlife Service) is seeking comments on voluntary invasive species actions. The Federal Register citation is at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-01/pdf/2013-15705.pdf>. Note that the comment period ends on July 31.