

'southern comfort' is a bit swampy

By GORDON BROWN
Of the Emerald

Put "Deliverance" and Vietnam in a blender and you come up with Walter Hill's latest effort, "Southern Comfort."

Set in the wintry Louisiana swampland, a National Guard unit begins what is supposed to be a routine overnight reconnaissance maneuver. Unlike the army squads Hollywood has conditioned us to believe protect our home turf, "Bravo Team" isn't a tight-knit or happy group. It's all these nine men can do to avoid fighting among themselves, and in fact, on several occasions they don't avoid it.

This is 1973, and there is no vicious enemy, no Hitler to unite against. At least not until they enter the swamp.

Cinematographer Andrew Laslo's scenery of the Louisiana Bayou is forboding. The swamp is dark greys and greens. Huge stark trees hang and droop, cutting out all but tiny patches of sky.

Fog hugs the ground and hovers just above in the leafless trees. It is a jungle without the lushness. All these reluctant weekend-soldiers want is to get out fast, and with as little discomfort as possible.

"Southern Comfort" is a metaphor for everything that went wrong in Vietnam—the mastery of terrain over technology; one side fighting for their homeland, while the

other is just trying to stay alive and get home.

It's hard to identify or sympathize with either side. Director Hill has created a realistic and uncompromising ambiguity. On one hand there are the Cajuns, whose lifestyle and culture are so foreign that it is impossible to relate to them. They slaughter hogs in the middle of a village feast then skin and hang them on nooses for display.

The entire culture is abhorrent to what is considered civilized and decent. Indeed, just watching the Cajun festival gives the more delicate viewer nausea.

On the other hand, there is the National Guard unit composed of ignorant, insensitive rednecks, cry babies and macho psychotic-maniacs.

While Hill is to be congratulated for not succumbing to the commercial-Hollywood formula of making this a simple-minded good-guys versus bad-guys movie, it is precisely here, with the characters and dialogue, where the movie fails. The characters are sketchy and shallow, making the nine men of "Bravo Team" universal idiots, each in his own cliched role (street-wise redneck, macho, insane, etc...) he's made them one-dimensional and unbelievable.

Except for Ry Cooder's soundtrack and some excellent photography, all that really happens is a bunch of half-wits spend two hours plodding through a swamp getting liquidated by a bunch of backwoods swamprats.



Powers Boothe stars as a civilian on weekend maneuvers with a National Guard unit who must face real combat in a foreboding Louisiana bayou.

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TOM BAUMAN will present a slide show on the Menagerie, covering the Forest Service Management Plan, status of Old Cascades Wilderness Bill, and Rock Climbing.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7 pm, in the EMU Dad's Room. Sponsored by The Outdoor Program.

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Entertainment

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Dominique Sanda - Geraldine Chaplin

VOYAGE en DOUCE

Geraldine Chaplin plays Lucy, fed up with her husband, who seeks consolation from an old friend, Helene (Dominique Sanda). The two women take a car trip and interweave in the tale of their changing relationship, the plot is punctuated with different sexual digressions, the director Michel Deville brilliantly incorporating 15 lusty stories from various French writers.

7:30 & 9:30 PM
Red Adm Mat Sun 2 pm

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THIS WEEK

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If you're gonna "hunt," you've got to get past Duffy's! Isaac, Beetle, Kermit.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY PERMIT (November 10, 1981)

Take notice that J.R. Ferguson and Associates Incorporated (Applicant) filed on September 3, 1981, an application for preliminary permit (pursuant to the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. ss791(a)-825(r)) for Project No. 5312 to be known as the Westfir Water Power Project located at an existing dam owned by Westfir Energy Company Inc. on North Fork of Middle Fork Willamette River in Lane County, Oregon. The application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. Correspondence with the Applicant should be directed to: Mr. John Bogardus, J.R. Ferguson and Associates, Inc., 35 G Street S. Lakeview, Oregon 97630. Project Description - The proposed project, to be located at one of the two potential sites, would consist of (1) a 10-foot diameter penstock, (2) a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 2,250 kW, and (3) a 5-mile long, 12-kV transmission line from the powerhouse to an existing Lane County Electric Cooperative transmission line. The Applicant estimates that the average energy production would be 10,500 kWh. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit - A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The Applicant seeks issuance of a preliminary permit for a period of 18 months during which it would conduct technical, environmental and economic studies, and also prepare an FERC license application. No new roads would be needed for conducting these studies. The Applicant estimates that the cost of undertaking these studies would be \$100,000. Competing Applications - Anyone desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before Jan. 7, 1982, either the competing application itself (See 18 C.F.R. s4.22(a) and (d)(1980)) or a notice of intent (See 18 C.F.R. s4.22(b) and (c)(1980)) to file a competing application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file an acceptable competing application no later than the time specified in s4.22(c). Agency Comments - Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to submit comments on the described application. (A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant). If an agency does not file comments within the time set below, it will be presumed to have no comments. Comments, Protests, or Petitions to Intervene - Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a petition to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. s1.8 or s1.10 (1980). In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or petition to intervene must be received on or before Jan. 7, 1982. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents - Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE A COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "PROTEST," or "PETITION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number of this notice. Any of the above named documents must be filed by providing the original and those copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Kenneth F. Plumb, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to: Fred E. Springer, Chief, Applications Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Room 208 RB at the above address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application, or petition to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the first paragraph of this notice. Kenneth F. Plumb, Secretary

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KERRY - your running was so true there is no reason to be blue and with our training me and you you will obtain a win that's due Good race! Coach K.B.

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Phi Psis: Getting the roses was great, but being a lil' sis is the best. Thanks Flo

Ding Ding! Thanksgiving will be a MEGGA blast to the MAX! They'll miss us at the L.S. But wait until our next T.C. We haven't forgotten Carrie The President. Alpha O's - have a happy Turkey Day!!! C.R.

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YOUNG are you and the devil up for typing at the club? YOUNGS

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John Dodson, you're probably the first lion hunter to give pool lessons while on a safari. Thanks for the "shooting" tips and fun Friday night. Vicki

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Escargo,

I only wish to simply say Happy 22nd Birthday today.

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Mike B.
Happy Belated Birthday
Hope it was super!

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JANET MCNIE

HAPPY B-day AND T-day on 11-26! HAVE THE BEST IN S.F.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SPEBD YOUR 21st! P.S. THANK FOR THE CANDY PANTS! LOVE SUZANNE

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Paul Kitridge

Thanks guys for the road trip it was super, it left us in a drunken stupor. Kit, where'd you learn to be so sly, you talked us out of a DWI. Paul, your visit with RALPH wasn't all that great, but after that tumble, it must have been fate! Thanks again, Love the Ex-Fall River gals

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AOPi Carrie - Thanks for a great Safari. Let's do it again sometime. Dennis

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Wanted: Banana Dacquiri Toster at El Torito's. Denise Sharp need only apply

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TINA,
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