

# DeFazio unveils new timber plan

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Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Springfield, announced Wednesday that he is preparing legislation to seek alternative forest management practices and provide assistance to timber workers and communities.

The proposal would create a scientific panel on forest ecosystems, which would be given three years to recommend a long-term forestry management strategy for federal forest lands in Western Oregon and Washington. The bill would also use timber sale receipts to aid communities hurt by logging restrictions.

"This will revolutionize forest practices," DeFazio said during a press conference. "It will sustain old-growth timber and the spotted owl and will sustain the timber supply from public lands."

An interim system of old-growth reserves, biological management diversity areas and critical

watershed management areas would be established while the scientific panel develops a long-term management strategy.

The interim system would supersede environmental laws such as the Endangered Species Act.

That element of the bill has drawn strong reactions from environmental groups. DeFazio said any criticism of the uncompleted bill is premature.

"There have been attempts to poison the well before it is produced," DeFazio said. "This bill has been mis-characterized."

DeFazio said the biological diversity management areas established by the bill would provide adequate protection for old-growth and endangered species. During the interim period, the areas would be testing grounds for new forestry management practices.

Once new management plans are in place, the appeals process would be streamlined. Court cases over forestry practices would be brought directly to the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

# Petition urges higher tax on commercial lands

By Gerrit Koepping  
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Taxpayers on Wednesday witnessed a rally on tax fairness as they walked into the Eugene main post office to mail their tax returns before the midnight deadline.

The afternoon rally was put on by Oregon Fair Share, a group that is organizing a statewide initiative petition that would ask voters in November to limit the damage of Measure 5 by shifting a heavier tax burden on commercial property owners.

David Brockett, president of Lane County Fair Share, said 60 percent of tax relief under Measure 5 goes to people who own income-producing properties — not homeowners.

After Measure 5 takes full effect, there will be over \$900 million in relief that goes to commercial property owners, Brockett said. Of that, Brockett said that \$450 million will go to out-of-state commercial property owners.

Under the initiative petition, which Fair Share is supporting, property taxes would still be reduced but not as severely as under Measure 5. If the initiative passed, increased funds

would be raised by higher taxes on commercial property, and at the same time, the initiative would lessen the tax rate on residential property that the owner lives on.

On a national level, the organization opposes Bush's attempt at cutting the capital gains tax that helps the wealthy, Brockett said.

"We are opposed to President Bush's attempt to give more tax breaks to the rich," he said.

"The bottom line is after 12 years of the Reagan-Bush revolution, there is only one group of Americans paying more taxes than in 1980, and that is the middle-class, working family," Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Springfield, said at the rally.

Brockett said it is hypocritical of Bush to ask the middle class to shoulder more of a tax burden, while he claims Texas residency as a way to dodge state income tax.

Bush claims residency in an apartment in Texas, which has no state income tax, instead of claiming residency in his vacation home in Maine that has a state income tax. Over the last decade Bush has avoided paying \$165,000 in Maine taxes, Brockett said.

# Wheelchair Ducks roll to raise awareness

By Hope Neelson  
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The Oregon basketball teams will take the court tonight at 7 p.m. in McArthur Court for the third annual Ducks on a Roll wheelchair basketball contest.

Members of both the men's and women's basketball teams will play against Sacred Heart's women's Rolling Thunder and men's Oregon Rehabilitation Center Low Riders.

John Smith, co-organizer of the event, said the games are patterned after a similar activity at the University of Arizona. Smith said the games are a demonstration of ability.

The purpose is to focus on the abilities of wheelchair users, increase awareness about wheelchair sports and raise money to support the University Disabled Students Association and the ORC Sports Program, he said.

Last year, over 1,600 people attended the event, which raised \$2000 for the University Services for Students with Disabilities.

Duck sophomore guard Orlando Williams participated in the event last year and will be one of the players in the event tomorrow. Williams said playing basketball in a wheelchair gave him a different perspective.

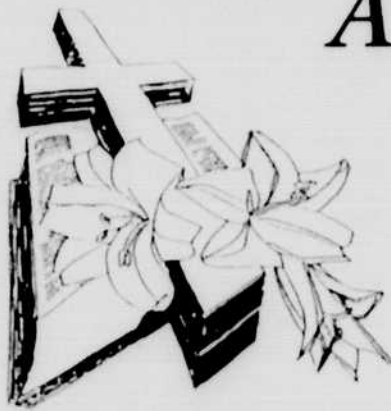
"We're used to walking around, and this gives us a chance to appreciate what we have," he said.

The event will start with a match between the Rolling Thunder and the women's basketball team, followed by a quad rugby exhibition and door prizes.

Ducks on a Roll provides funds for the ORC sports program and University Services to Students with Disabilities, which helps to meet the special needs of over 200 students with mobility, visual, hearing and learning disabilities who attend the University.

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