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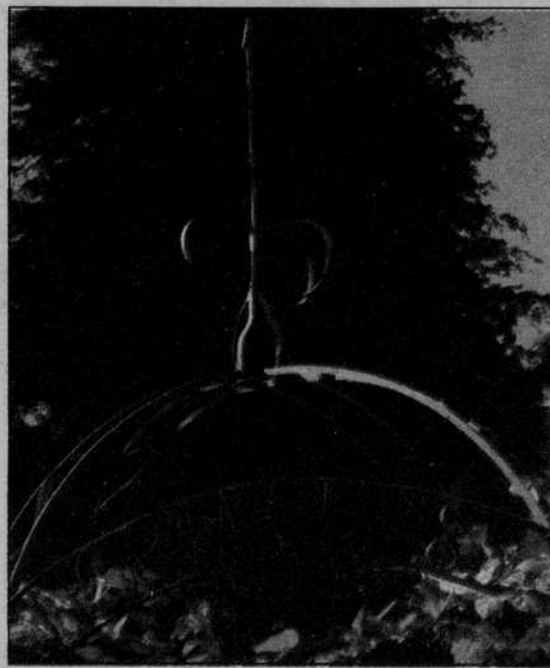


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Daily scavenger hunt: Metal mystery



What the heck is this? As part of the local celebration for National Historic Preservation Week, University graduate student Christopher Bell is sponsoring a week-long photo scavenger hunt, with prizes to be announced.

The contest: Correctly identify the location of the photographed object on campus and provide a bit of history about the object. The Emerald will print a different photo each day this week — to enter, simply send an e-mail to hpweek2003@yahoo.com with your guess. Today's photo: Where is this located on campus? What is it made out of? (Be specific!)

For a full listing of events planned as a part of National Historic Preservation Week, visit <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~ashp/>.

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environmental laws by the Bush administration," activist Andrea Dorkin said. "It's about addressing the one group of people who have gained all the power and showing them not everyone agrees with what they are doing."

According to organizers of the movement, the groups will use a variety of educational, political and direct action tactics to achieve their goals.

Dorkin said it takes all types of resistance to protect forests. She said the level of involvement is not as important as the involvement itself.

"If you're not comfortable going out and participating in a tree-sit or employing cat-and-mouse tactics with loggers on public ground, then write letters to your representatives," she said. "It doesn't matter what you do, just do something."

Several "forest defenders" who will participate in Cascadia Summer have been practicing direct action measures in public forests slated for logging or fire prevention.

In 1999, the National Forest Service approved a tree sale in the Winberry Creek watershed, located about 50 miles southeast of Eugene on Highway 58. The sale was intended to replace another sale that had been canceled because endangered species were found on the acreage.

The Winberry site is in the midst of an older forest structure, which includes trees older than 300 years. This replacement sale spurred forest defenders to construct a tree-sit village in the logging area. The tree-sit has been in operation for four years, and according to forest defenders, it will not be taken down in the foreseeable future.

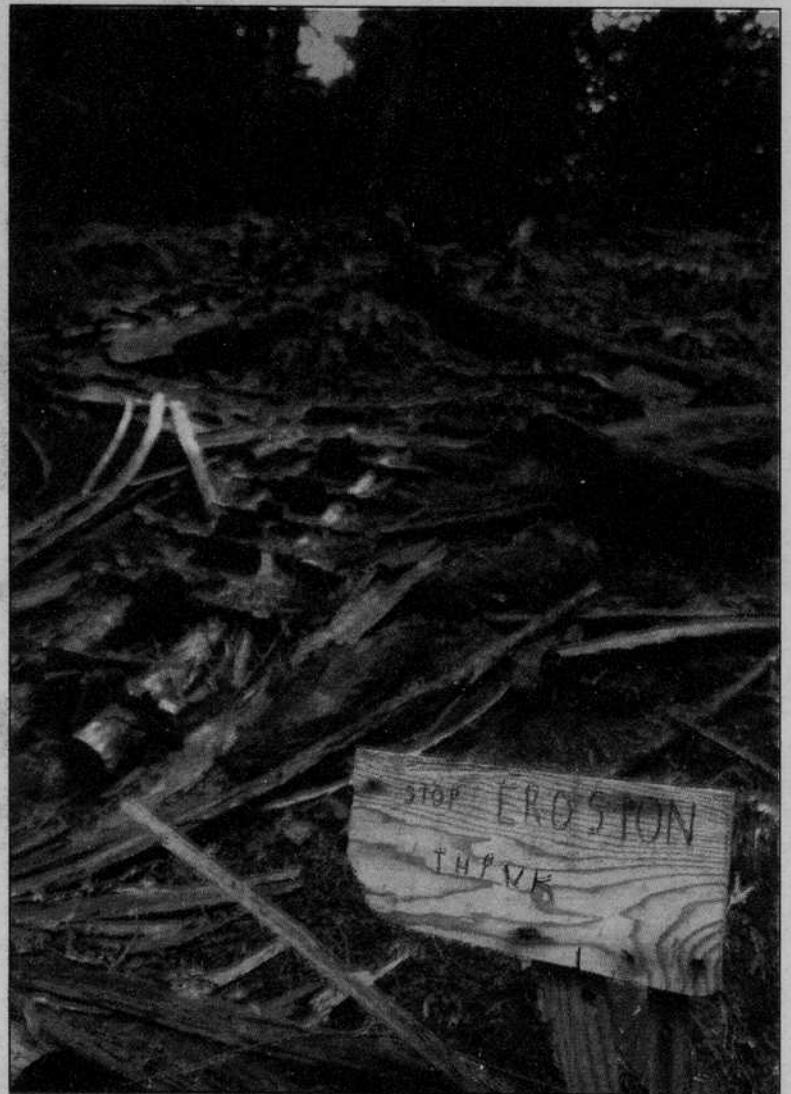
Perched in a fir tree, 150 feet off the forest floor, a tree-sitter calling himself Wiley Coyote said the site had been quiet recently — noticeably absent of the sounds of chainsaws and logging outfits.

"It's really peaceful here," Coyote said. "We're just trying to keep it that way. These trees are valuable for more than lumber."

Coyote said the fire reduction plans proposed by the Bush administration are nothing more than further attempts to open public lands to logging. He said the tree-sit at Winberry Creek will continue throughout the summer and for as long as forests continue to be threatened.

A recent report by the American Lands Alliance said the HFI was just a smokescreen for industrial logging. The report states HFI would create a permanent "Goods for Services" policy where logging agencies would be paid with large trees to remove small-diameter trees and brush that creates a fire risk.

ALA officials said a "Goods for



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Protesters have set up networks of walkways to save forests from clear-cut logging.

Services" relationship creates a "situation where the economic value of timber removed drives both the type and location of the projects toward the backcountry, where the larger trees are found."

This situation would contradict what the plan was intended for — protecting communities on the border of forest land.

HFI also would repeal large parts of the National Environmental Policy Act, the major piece of legislation requiring that all federal agencies "look before they leap, or cut, by gathering information and analyzing the potential impacts of their decisions and actions on wildlife, water quality and the environment," according to the nonprofit public interest law firm Earthjustice.

The removal of NEPA requirements would allow logging operations access to the forest before areas could be widely studied. Members of the Bush administration said the change is necessary because in the past, environmentalists seeking to count every species present in the forest were responsible for a delay in the implementation of fire prevention projects.

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But lawyers from Earthjustice disagree.

"It is telling that the only piece of the HFI agenda to have become law is the one most desired by the timber industry," Earthjustice legislative director Marty Hayden said, adding that the quicker agencies were allowed into forests, the quicker they could begin realizing profits.

According to a federal analysis, the forest and forest product industry donated \$3.4 million dollars to the GOP during the 2000 elections.

"This is about man and his greed," said Rick Gorman, a member of the Native Forest Council, a nonprofit environmental protection group. "The administration is trying to use fire protection as a guise to access more public timber."

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