Notice ... Forest management group to meet July 27 in Cave Junction

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ment in one of the most controversial public lands logging projects in U.S. history."

Skar added that the project "would like to know (by Tuesday, July 13) if your company will make a commitment to not log the proposed Siskiyou Wild Rivers National Conservation Area, including any timber sales as part of the Biscuit Post-Fire Recovery Project."

Subsequently, an attorney engaged by American Forest Resource Council (AFCR) responded on July 13 in a letter to Western Environmental Law Center (WELC) representatives in Boise, Idaho and Eugene, Ore.

"AFRC and its members wanted to see the Biscuit Project Area ecosystem restored, forests replanted and dying timber salvaged," wrote Scott W. Horngren, of Haglund Kelley Horngren Jones LLP in Portland. He wrote in part:

"The letter (from Siskiyou Project) questions whether the companies (mills) are committed to environmental responsibility in Southern Oregon.

"The members have participated in cooperative fish habitat restoration projects and have rapidly reforested other private lands burned by wildfire.

"AFRC believes the forest service must do more to restore the forest in the Biscuit area and has filed a lawsuit to that end.

"The content of the complaint can be used by your clients in their 'education' effort so the public is aware of the complete story, including the fact that reforestation is not occurring on any wilderness land and most of the forestland that has burned outside wilderness.

"While your clients certainly have 1st Amendment rights to 'educate' the public about restoration and salvage of the Biscuit Fire, we trust that this does not extend to vandalizing logging equipment or obstructing lawful operations of member companies activities in implementing the Biscuit Recovery Project." Horngren concluded by asking WELC to forward the letter to Skar. He also asked that WELC's clients "not contact AFRC or its members directly" because of current litigation.

The Southwest Oregon Provincial Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, July 27 at the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest's I.V. Ranger District in Cave Junction.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and will include updates from working groups, a report on a May monitoring field review, and a presentation from Oregon Caves National Monument.

There also will be an update on interagency fire management plans.

The open public forum will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a four-minute limitation per individual presentation. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting.

Provincial advisory committees were established under the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP) to provide advice and recommendations to provincial interagency executive committees on implementation of forest management activities under NFP. The executive commit-

Lovejoy training available

Lovejoy Hospice, "looking for caring people to be part of its team," offers training for new volunteers Aug. 7 - 24.

"Your talents and willingness to serve others may help continue the high quality of care Lovejoy has insisted on for more than two decades," the organization said.

Some Lovejoy Hospice volunteer team members provide respite and support for patients and their families. Some help with adult and children's bereavement programs.

Others help in the office. Some are spiritual support volunteers, some are pet therapy volunteers, some are massage volunteers, and some serve on the board of directors.

To find out more about the requirements for volunteering, contact Jean Semrau, volunteer coordinator, at (888) 758-7569. Space in Lovejoy's "basic training" is limited.

tees are composed of representatives of federal agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine

Fisheries, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, and Environmental Protection Agency.

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor Scott Conroy is the designated federal official overseeing the S.W. Oregon Provincial Advisory Committee.

For more information, contact Mary Marrs at (541) 858-2211.



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State may go to measure for more pot

A measure that would allow expansion of the medical marijuana allowance from 3 ounces to a pound likely will be on the fall ballot.

More than enough signatures were submitted.

Currently, qualified Oregonians can legally use and grow small amounts of marijuana. A physician has to verify that it might aid their condition.

Besides increasing the legal amount from 3 ounces to 1 pound at any one time, the measure seeks to establish stateregulated dispensaries. They would be authorized to provide up to 6 pounds of marijuana to qualified patients per year.

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