

recreation.

This is not to suggest that there are not stable, well-paying jobs to be had. As Mr. Vranizan notes, issues such as "how to manage NW forests in an ecologically sound, socially acceptable, politically sustainable way" have not been resolved. The rekindled controversy about logging old growth forests, however, shifts resources away from where nearly everyone agrees they should be spent on restoring complexity and resiliency to our public forests.

We must reduce fuels near homes and communities. We must replace culverts that impair fish passage. We must thin hundreds of thousands of acres of young, dense stands that were clearcut and planted decades ago. These projects will produce wood fiber and jobs, as well as promote the development of forests that support wildlife and clean water.

ONRC actively promotes these alternatives to logging ancient forests and wildlands. We recognize that a healthy economy and a healthy ecosystem must be diverse. Instead of fighting over the last scraps of wildlands and ancient forests, we believe we should throw our collective weight behind getting common sense work done.

*Jeremy Hall
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BOXING IS POPULAR

I enjoyed Bobbie Willis's article on boxing and Paul Mpendo (3/25). I also enjoyed Mr. Saxton's snit of a letter and feel compelled to reply. Boxing is perhaps the most international of sports, even ahead of soccer. Boxing was the most popular event in the ancient Olympics and the second most popular in the

modern Olympics. It is second only to track and field competition, but the tickets to the championship finals are the most expensive of all Olympic events. Women's boxing is the fastest growing sport in the world. Boxing is one of the oldest sports on the planet and was practiced and perfected by the Armies of ancient Egypt. Protective training equipment is not something new. Headgear, groin protectors and leather mouthpieces were used in ancient Greece and Crete.

No, boxing is not entirely a safe sport but there are other things to consider. On average, 10 kids per year get killed playing Little League baseball and that is perhaps more than are killed in all the boxing rings worldwide for an entire year. More people are killed skiing in the state of Colorado alone, in one season, than are killed worldwide in boxing for the entire year. For real carnage and traumatic injury we would have to examine football, rodeo competition and auto racing.

In my 50 years' involvement with boxing and as a near full-time coach, I have come to know the sport as an absolute life saver to countless youth, who are often not privileged enough to be out on the slopes.

I count among my former pupils a city councilman, a student at the U.S. Naval Academy and more than a few police and firemen.

Archbishop Bernard Schiel of Chicago, who was criticized for his involvement with boxing, said, "It would be nice if young people who are prime candidates for death or a prison cell would be interested in a gentler recreation such as chess or checkers, but they are not."

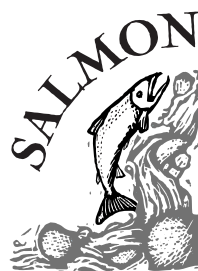
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Meeting #1: Tuesday, April 27, 4:30 to 7 p.m.,
Campbell Senior Center, 155 High Street, Eugene

Meeting #2: Wednesday, May 12, 4:30 to 7 p.m.,
Madison Middle School, 875 Wilkes Drive, Eugene

Meeting #3: Thursday, May 20, 4:30 to 7 p.m.,
Cal Young Middle School, 2555 Gilham Road, Eugene



Staff will be on hand to answer questions and record your comments. For more information about the workshops, contact Neil Bjorklund, 682-5507.

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