

Bush's presidency than during Clinton's second term, and fewer sites make it onto the Superfund list. "Those toxins are just left in our soil and they will threaten our water and poison our communities for even longer," says Christiensen.

Oregon contains 10 Superfund sites, but only one — the dump for McCormick and Baxter Creosoting Company — is receiving funding for cleanup in 2004. And taxpayers

are financing most of it. A U.S. PIRG analysis shows that in 1995, Superfund cleanups cost Oregon taxpayers about \$3 million; in 2004, they will cost an estimated \$10 to \$12 million. The negligence of Oregon's Superfund sites has led the state to sue the federal government.

According to a 2004 EPA Inspector General report, one in four Americans now lives within four miles of a toxic waste site.

They may be exposed to chemicals that can cause a spectrum of ailments including cancer, neurological damage and birth defects.

Ann Lewis, director of the Democratic National Committee's Women's Vote Center, says that hazardous waste disproportionately affects women and children. "Women take environmental issues very seriously and make the 'environment is about my family's health' connection," says

Lewis. "Women's bodies are more vulnerable to pollution."

But until Superfund receives the financing it needs to complete its priority projects, there is nothing much that Americans can do to shield their families from hazardous wastes. "I'm a pretty good mom," says Lewis, "but I can't protect my children if there is a toxic waste site a block from our house."

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TIMBER BARONS AND LAND SPECULATORS
SPEND BIG TO BUY ELECTION.

By Alan Pittman

Timber barons and land speculators have spent big money this election to pursue their anti-environmental agenda. Here's a look at their purchases at the local, state and federal levels.

LOCAL

Timber barons and developers have opened their wallets to buy a key swing seat on the Lane County Commission so they can cash in on natural destruction and urban sprawl.

Big timber and developer contributions filled two-thirds of Republican **Faye Stewart's** campaign war chest, according to a look at reported contributions of \$500 or more by Oct. 17.

Timber barons have pumped \$37,300 into Stewart's campaign for the East Lane seat in 17 contributions of \$500 or more. That's 37 percent of the \$101,823 total Stewart reported raising.

Stewart, himself a member of a rich timber baron family, personally contributed \$18,300 of that money in loans and cash. Other members of his timber family contributed another \$2,500.

Fourteen other timber barons kicked in another \$19,500 in donations of \$500 or more. Siuslaw Forest Properties of Mapleton and Swanson forest products gave \$2,500 each. Starfire Lumber President Robbie Robinson and the Murphy Plywood mill gave \$2,000 each. The Zip-O-Log mill and Pleasant Hill logging executive Darrin Kronberger gave \$1,500 each. Rosboro Lumber, Roseburg Forest Products and Seneca Jones Timber gave \$1,000 each.

Big donations from 20 development interests have funded 30 percent of Stewart's campaign with \$30,950 in contributions of \$500 or more. Arlie and Company gave \$6,700, the Giustina family of land and real estate speculators gave \$3,250, and Wildish (sand, gravel, construction and land) gave \$2,800. Arlie is headed by John Musumeci, the land speculator who made \$20 million by facilitating the effort to move PeaceHealth from downtown to far north Springfield.

McDougal Brothers, who speculate on land around Eugene's urban growth boundary, and Greg Demers, who has speculated on land at the western end of the proposed West Eugene Parkway, each gave \$2,000. Land and real estate speculator Donna Woolley gave \$1,500; the Gonyea land speculation family gave \$1,500; the pro-sprawl Oregon Realtors PAC gave \$1,450; and gravel magnate Mike Altucker, who wants a huge new pit off River Road, gave \$1,250. Construction and rock

company owner Bob Mullins, real estate speculator Hult and Associates, Cottage Grove developer Tod Woodward and media, construction and land tycoon Carolyn Chambers gave \$1,000 each. The Eugene Chamber of Commerce, which lobbies for urban sprawl and developer subsidies, contributed \$1,250.

STATE

Measure 37 would require taxpayers to either pay developers and land speculators hundreds of millions of dollars or allow them to destroy Oregon's environment and livability for profit.

Timber barons and land speculators have pumped big bucks into the pro-Measure 37 campaign. The pro-37 PAC reported \$835,000 in contributions by Oct. 22—the vast majority in big piles of cash from timber and development interests from the Eugene area. Local timber baron Aaron Jones gave \$113,000, the single largest contribution. Musumeci's land speculation company gave \$25,000. Timber baron and land speculator Donna Woolley gave \$25,000. Veneta land speculator Demers gave \$15,000. The Gonyea and Giustina families, speculators and developers, gave \$10,000 and \$20,000 respectively.

Jeld-Wen, a Klamath Falls door and window mill diversified into land speculation and developing resorts, gave \$90,000. Wes Lematta, a helicopter logging tycoon from Vancouver, Wash., gave \$37,500.

Measure 34 would save half of the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests from clearcuts but cost the timber industry millions in logging profits. Timber barons have slammed Measure 34 with a \$2.7 million campaign, outspending supporters seven to one.

Four big timber corporations put up almost half the money — Hampton Lumber (\$397,429), RSG Forest Products (\$283,716), Stimson Lumber (\$279,939) and Boise Cascade (\$180,557). Other large donors are a laundry list of the state's biggest timber corporations: Roseburg Forest Products (\$82,242), Freres Lumber (\$72,675), Swanson Group Lumber (\$41,095), Cascade Timber Consulting (\$35,311), Rosboro Lumber (\$32,057), Menasha Log Co. (\$31,743), Green Diamond logging (\$29,711), South Coast Lumber (\$27,555), Banks Lumber (\$23,699), Starker Forests, Inc. (\$16,736) and Future Logging Co. (\$16,487).

The Timber industry is also deploying big bucks to battle for control of the state Legislature. In local House District 14,

for example, timber lobbyists from the Oregon Forest Industries Council gave \$4,000 to Republican **Debi Farr** in her race against Democrat Bev Fickel. The Boise Cascade and Georgia-Pacific lumber companies and Murphy Plywood have also given Farr \$500 each.

FEDERAL

George Bush backers from Eugene gave \$318,914 to support their candidate compared to \$225,059 in local money for Kerry, according to presidential and party donations through the end of August.

The biggest source of Bush bucks in Eugene is the local Giustina family of loggers and land speculators who gave \$62,000. The Aaron Jones timber baron family came in second with \$31,250 in contributions. The Egge family, owners of a local gravel mining and land company, gave \$25,850 to back Bush.

Randy Papé of the Papé heavy construction and logging equipment company gave \$10,000. The Gonyea family, logging and land speculation, gave another \$8,000. The Woolley family, logging and real estate speculation, gave \$8,450. Other big donors include the Tykeson (real estate speculation) \$8,250, Murphy (lumber mill) \$6,500, Lee \$4,500 (developers), and Stewart (logging) \$4,250 families.

Just outside Eugene, the Demers land speculation family of Veneta contributed a total of \$27,000 to re-electing Bush. The Chambers family of Pleasant Hill (construction, media and land speculation) contributed a total of \$7,000 to the Bush campaign.

Statewide, the Bush campaign has been given a huge boost by the Oregon timber industry, which stands to cash in on Bush policies for repealing environmental protections and logging green old growth in burned and roadless areas. According to a recent report by the public interest group Common Cause, 14 Oregon timber companies donated more than \$670,000 to Bush and the Republican Party during the 2000, 2002 and 2004 election cycles.

The Timber barons are also backing Republican **Jim Feldkamp's** attack against local Democratic Congressman Peter DeFazio. Timber barons Rob Freres, John Hampton, Don Johnson, Foster Robinson, BB Starker, Steven Swanson and Donna Woolley gave Feldkamp \$4,000 each. Timber barons Richard Sohn (\$2,700), Aaron Jones (\$2,000), BC McFarland (\$2,000), Everett Johnson (\$1,500) and the Giustina family (\$1,000) also wrote big checks. Feldkamp has attacked DeFazio for not doing enough in Congress to get out the cut. **EW**

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