

MORE TIME ON THE WOPR

The BLM is planning to allow logging of some really big trees, but Oregonians just got a little more time to tell the government what they think of this plan.

The comment period on the BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) has been extended yet again, this time to Jan. 11, 2008. The BLM originally allowed 90 days for the public to read and comment on the 1,650-page Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Resource Management Plan, but with this latest extension, the comment period will last 155 days.

The WOPR covers more than two million acres of land and calls for the clearcutting of old-growth forests and could triple timber harvests on public lands. The plan offers several alternative options, with Alternative 2 as the "preferred alternative."

Alternative 2 calls for "no green tree retention," meaning that when a forest is clearcut, the loggers don't leave any trees behind.

Environmentalists say the WOPR leaves struggling endangered species (such as the northern spotted owl) who depend on old-growth forests for survival with even fewer protections than the original Northwest Forest Plan.

Go to <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr/> to read the plan and comment on the BLM's proposed logging. — Camilla Mortensen



This 9-foot diameter tree located within a mile of Alsea Falls is slated to be logged under the WOPR.

REED WILSON

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with coffee to follow in the Clark Honors College Library.

The following day, another symposium related to human rights will be held by the city of Eugene's Human Rights Commission from 9 am to noon Friday, Nov. 9, at the Knight Law Center on the UO campus. The title is "Bringing Human Rights Home: Implementing International Human Rights in the United States." For more information, visit humanrightscity.com

SOLOMON BACK IN TOWN

Media critic and activist Norman Solomon comes to Eugene to talk about his new book *Made Love, Got War: Close Encounters with America's Warfare State* at two events on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Solomon is a nationally syndicated journalist writing on media and politics in his column "Media Beat." He is also the author of 12 books, including *War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death*, which is the basis for the 2007 documentary film of the same title, narrated by Sean Penn.

Made Love, Got War combines autobiographical narrative from the perspective of the baby boom generation with historical analysis to create a critique of American politics and warfare, a critique Solomon says the mainstream media lacks. Solomon's essential question in the book becomes: "To what ends should America use its awesome political, economic, media and scientific power?"

The film version of *War Made Easy*, also a critique of war and media, will be previewed at 7 pm at the UO's Knight Law School, room 175. Solomon will give a talk in person following the film, addressing the film as well as his recent book. Admission is on a sliding scale from \$5 to \$25. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and seats are limited.

The film makes parallels between the Vietnam War and the war in Iraq and features footage of Oregon's own Wayne Morse, who lost his Senate seat after opposing funding the war in Vietnam.

Earlier on Thursday, at 1 pm, Solomon will give a free talk on *Made Love, Got War* in room 308 of the Forum Building on the LCC campus.

For those who can't make either event, KOPT 1600 AM will broadcast Thursday night's talk live. — Camilla Mortensen

Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

SUE AND JYOTI BARNHART

"My parents expected to adopt, but then they had four kids," says Sue Barnhart, who helped raise her three younger brothers. With degrees in education and counseling, Barnhart taught in a high school program for pregnant teens and young mothers in Connecticut and then followed one of her brothers to Eugene in 1985 and began a career in social work. This month she marks 19 years with Lane County Developmental Disabilities Services. "In my 30s, I wanted kids but didn't have a partner," she says. "In my 40s, I decided adoption was the way to go." In the year it took for paperwork, she found a partner in Michael Carrigan, who traveled with her to pick up 1-year-old Jyoti from an orphanage in India. Once active on social justice issues, Barnhart now devotes her spare time to volunteering at the Family School, where Jyoti is in fourth grade, and as secretary of Adoption Connections of Oregon. This Saturday, Nov. 10, ACO will hold its sixth annual Adoption Conference, free and open to the public, at Holt International Children's Services. For details, call ACO president Elise Crum at 345-4209.



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McKINNEY IN OREGON

Former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney of Georgia, an outspoken critic of the Bush administration, will be in Oregon next week testing the waters for a presidential run on the Green Party ticket.

While in Congress as a Democrat, McKinney sponsored legislation to protect old-growth forests and challenged the presidential results in Florida in 2000 and in Ohio in 2004. One of her last acts in office was introducing articles of impeachment naming George Bush, Dick Cheney and Condi Rice.

McKinney's visit to Oregon is in support of the Pacific Green Party's 2008 Peace Campaign. The Greens plan to run candidates in each of Oregon's five Congressional districts on a platform calling for an immediate end to funding for the war in Iraq.

McKinney will be in Corvallis speaking at 9 am Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Westminster House at 23rd and Monroe. Before her talk will be a pancake breakfast starting at 8 am. She will speak in Eugene at a potluck reception at noon Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Lamb Cottage in Skinner's Butte Park. The venue is subject to change. Contact Pat Driscoll at 688-1442 for information.

