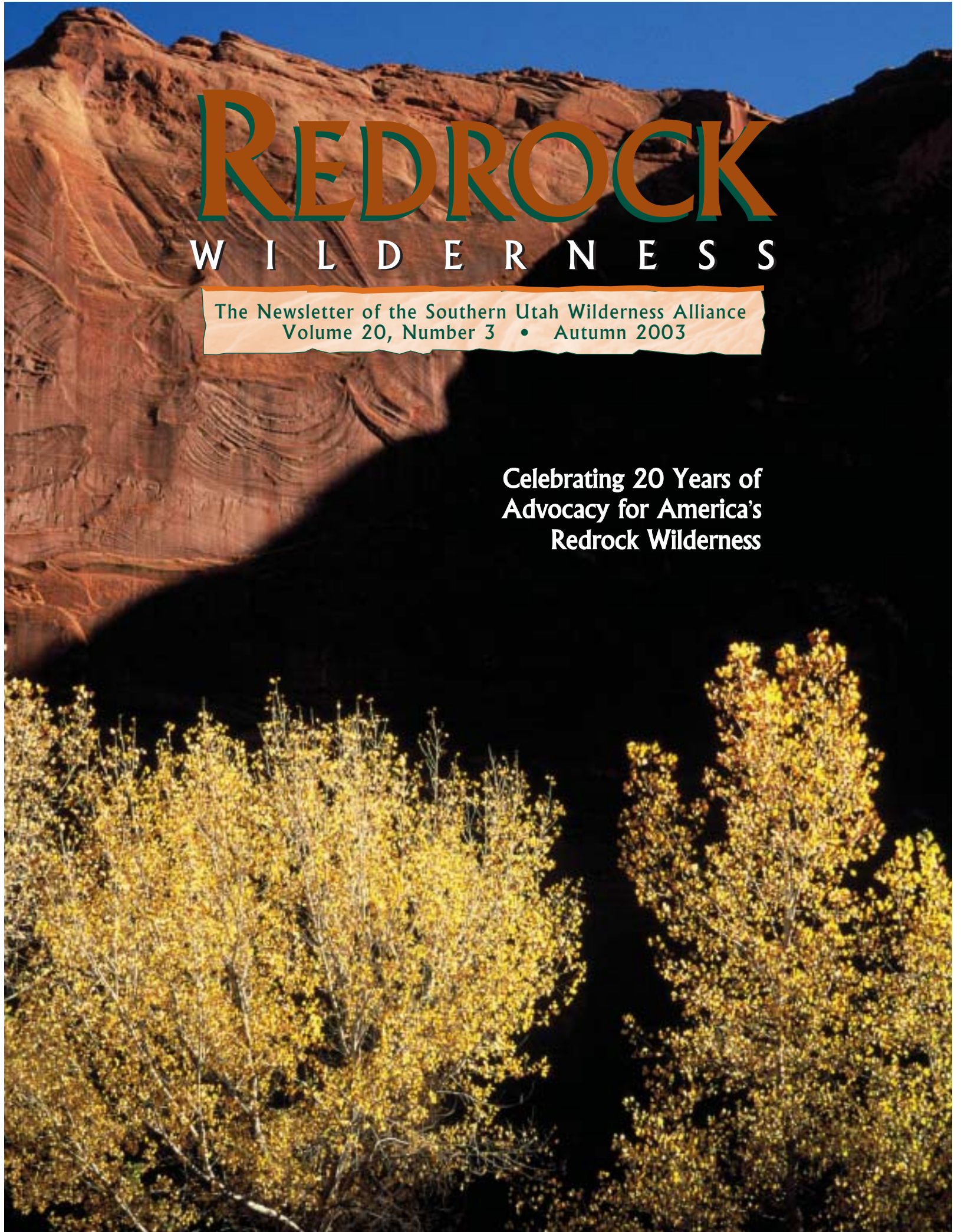


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SUWA promotes local and national recognition of the region's unique character through research and public education; supports both administrative and legislative initiatives to permanently protect Colorado Plateau wild places within the National Park and National Wilderness Preservation Systems or by other protective designations where appropriate; builds support for such initiatives on both the local and national level; and provides leadership within the conservation movement through uncompromising advocacy for wilderness preservation.

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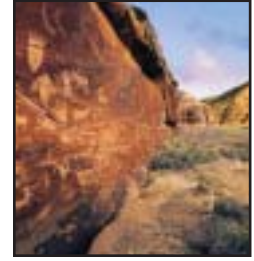
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We Couldn't Have Done it Without You!

Conservationists, including those of us at SUWA, are generally failures at celebrating—and this is especially true in the present political climate when every week seems to bring more bad news concerning environmental protection and public lands policy. That's why, as SUWA celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year, we are using this occasion to pause and celebrate all that we've accomplished over the past two decades (see center spread for a timeline of Utah wilderness milestones and victories).

Most of what SUWA has accomplished is due to the incredible support of our members nationwide. We know why we receive such generous support—it's the landscape itself. No place else in the lower 48 (and perhaps in the world) has the density of unique and breathtaking wild lands that Utah has. For so many of our members, these lands are places of recreation and refuge that inspire a commitment to stay the course with SUWA as we fight to protect America's redrock wilderness.

A good example of our membership's dedication is the response to our recent fundraising letter. We usually send out two fundraising letters a year, and the revenue generated from these letters is crucial in allowing us to take on as much as we do. In June, we sent out a fundraising appeal that included a matching grant from a generous donor who was willing to match contributions dollar-for-dollar. He wanted his money used specifically for media work to educate the public about the potentially disastrous impacts of the recent Norton/Leavitt RS 2477 agreement (see page 9 for details on this agreement)—though money raised from the letter can be used wherever resources are most needed. While contributions are still trickling in, we have already raised nearly forty percent more than ever before through a fundraising letter.

This response is indicative of the financial support we've received from SUWA members over the past three years as the U.S. economy has struggled. Though many individual SUWA members have had to tighten their belts in other areas of their personal finances, they have remained generous when it comes to providing financial support to SUWA. Fortunately, most SUWA members don't view financial support for defending Utah's redrock country as discretionary spending. Consequently, we have been able to avoid any cutbacks in our staffing and programs in recent years—a good thing given all that the Bush administration has thrown our way!

Rest assured, the financial support you give us is money well spent. Personally, I believe no other conservation group focusing on public lands protection has a smarter or harder working staff. Working day-to-day with them, I've learned that SUWA's staff members are truly inspirational and their work is one reason our opponents are convinced we have more resources than we actually do—they can't believe we accomplish so much with the budget or number of employees that we have.

As we look to the future, SUWA remains committed to our mission of promoting local and national recognition of America's redrock wilderness through research and public education, and we'll continue to support both administrative and legislative initiatives to permanently protect these wild lands under the National Wilderness Preservation System. Along the way, we'll continue to provide leadership within the environmental movement through uncompromising advocacy for wilderness preservation.

Again, our capacity to accomplish all of this flows out of the inspiration we receive from the land we seek to protect and from our members who provide grassroots energy and financial support. Thanks to you, SUWA is primed and ready for the next twenty years.

Let's Keep It Wild,

—Larry Young

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A Brief SUWA History

Established in 1983, SUWA was formed by a handful of citizens in southern Utah to scrutinize the Utah wilderness inventory conducted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and to protect wilderness-quality lands from imminent development. The agency had excised from its inventory—even though agency staff had strongly recommended them in their reports—spectacular desert lands with significant wilderness values as defined under the 1964 Wilderness Act. During those early years, SUWA also helped to form the Utah Wilderness Coalition (UWC), a consensus-building body now made up of more than 240 environmental, recreational, and educational organizations. To counter the BLM's flawed inventory, SUWA provided significant resources for the coalition's own wilderness inventory. Where the BLM found just around 3 million acres that deserved protective status, the citizens' inventory found 5.7 million acres worthy of wilderness designation. That information was mapped into a citizens' wilderness inventory, the linchpin of America's Redrock Wilderness Act.

In 1995 and 1996, SUWA successfully waged a national campaign to defeat a series of major anti-wilderness proposals pushed by pro-development interests. Our efforts culminated on September 18, 1996, with the establishment of the 1.9 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Then, in the late 1990s, the BLM re-examined the lands in its original inventory and found 5.8 million acres of lands that qualified as wilderness—an announcement that validated the results of the original citizens' wilderness inventory. Until the recent agreement between the State of Utah and the Department of Interior that disavowed the agency's wilderness inventory, those lands were protected under a "take care" status which guarded their wilderness character until Congress could consider them for adoption in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

As the BLM completed its own re-inventory, SUWA and its UWC partners finished a more comprehensive statewide wilderness inventory examining all 23 million acres of BLM land within the state. Overall, more than 9 million acres of lands were found to be worthy of wilderness designation.

Currently, those lands are all included in America's Redrock Wilderness Act.

Throughout this process, SUWA has burgeoned from that small group in southern Utah to a staff of 20 and a national membership of over 14,000 people (with the majority of members located in the Four Corners states). We also maintain, in conjunction with the UWC, a database of over 10,000 currently engaged citizen activists. The organization's focus remains the same—to preserve Utah's qualifying public lands as wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act. And in twenty years, SUWA has lost only 2 percent of the lands it seeks to protect to fossil fuel development, RS 2477 road claims, ORV abuses, mines, and other impacts. It has accomplished this through public education, grassroots organizing, media outreach, participation in oversight and implementation processes, lobbying efforts, and litigation when necessary. (See center spread for a timeline of SUWA's 20-year history.)

Through these efforts, SUWA has defeated a number of legislative measures that threatened wilderness lands across the West. For example, SUWA won a landmark decision in federal court which invalidates RS 2477 road claims made frivolously in an effort to preclude wilderness designation on public lands. We also helped to raise the profile of off-road vehicle (ORV) abuses to a national level, which resulted in the drafting and implementation of a national ORV management policy, as well as significant emergency road closures and a court decision that holds the BLM accountable for mismanagement of ORVs. And, even in today's unfavorable political climate, SUWA has succeeded in blocking oil and gas projects on some of Utah's most scenic and unspoiled landscapes. These victories have put the energy industry on notice and have slowed their ambitious agenda.

But the effects of SUWA's work have resonated farther than the organization's founders ever imagined; like Alaska, Utah is now center stage in the debate over public lands policy and management. In many cases, what happens in Utah will have repercussions throughout the American West.



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The Right Organization at the Right Time

Adapted from a speech presented by former SUWA Executive Director Mike Matz at SUWA's 20th anniversary celebration in Salt Lake City, March 28, 2003.

Let me begin with this quote:

The most popular federal programs today are those that preserve and protect our natural heritage....

In a minute or two, I'll tell you who said it, but first I want to reminisce with you.

In 1993, after six years of lobbying for the Sierra Club, I left Washington, DC and came to SUWA. A year earlier, Bill Clinton had begun his presidency. Democrats controlled the House of Representatives and, although the U.S. Senate was run by Republicans, those were heady days for us. We conservationists believed we could accomplish a lot. The California Desert Protection Act was the first milestone of many, we thought.

Then 1994 rolled around. For the first time in 47 years, Republicans took control of the House of Representatives, leaving all of Congress in the hands of arch-conservatives and anti-federalists. In one startling election, the political landscape was upended. We conservationists now wondered whether we would be able to keep truly ugly things from happening.

Because those were the days—remember?—when men like Newt Gingrich, Don Young, and James V. Hansen rose to their thrones. They giddily pushed their agenda. They gleefully went on the attack. They set out to remake the country in their antiquated mold. They wanted to roll the clock back to the days when anybody could do anything they wanted to *our* public lands, *our* natural heritage. Our backs were up against the wall and the future of our wild lands was at stake.

But I have to tell you, from a purely personal perspective, those were times that I had some of the most fun of my life. I worked with a great bunch of people, with some of the finest folks in the conservation movement.

Cindy Shogan was SUWA's lobbyist in Washington. Ken Rait, Heidi McIntosh, and Scott Groene were pitbulls on the pantlegs of the agencies in Utah. Brant Calkin bummed around the country and presented SUWA's slideshow to anybody who would watch. Liz McCoy rallied our activists to participate in the democratic process. And so many others at SUWA and the Utah Wilderness Coalition followed their passion and made a real difference.

We never lost perspective. We never let it get to us. We always kept a positive outlook. Working together, doing whatever was necessary, we believed we could do almost anything. That attitude was contagious. The camaraderie was unbelievable.

It also helped immensely that, in their giddiness, our opponents overreached. Rep. Hansen got greedy. Not only did he put forth a puny wilderness bill for southern Utah, he tried to take down the concept of wilderness itself. He decided he was going to get this issue done once and for all. In so doing, he allowed us to take the issue of Utah's wilderness to the nation. People across the country jumped into action. It truly became *America's* redrock wilderness, with millions of Americans standing up for *their* land.

We anticipated that Rep. Hansen could get his bill—our worst nightmare—through the House of

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Longtime SUWA board member (and former chairman) Bert Fingerhut, former SUWA Issues Director Ken Rait, and former Utah congressman and SUWA board chairman Wayne Owens just moments after President Bill Clinton designated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in September of 1996.

Representatives. We assumed Senators Bennett and Hatch could get a bill through the U.S. Senate. But we figured if we worked our hardest at every stage of the process, we could demonstrate to President Clinton that our worst nightmare deserved his veto.

Do you remember what actually happened? Rep. Hansen had to pull his bill from the floor because he didn't have enough votes in December of 1995. When they turned to the Senate in March of 1996, Senators Bennett and Hatch found their bill filibustered. Our worst nightmare was stopped cold!

Not only did we stop it cold, we revealed the astounding national support for protecting southern Utah's incomparable wild lands—for protecting America's redrock wilderness. Thanks to that support, on September 18, 1996, President William Jefferson Clinton signed a proclamation to establish the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Because of Cindy Shogan, and Ken Rait, and Heidi McIntosh, and Liz McCoy, and Scott Groene, and Brant Calkin, and all the others who fought the good fight, we exceeded our wildest dreams. Because of people like Clive Kincaid and Del Smith, who held the original vision in 1983, and early SUWA funders such as Del Langbauer of the

Harder Foundation, Donald Ross of the Rockefeller Family Fund, and Ted and Jennifer Stanley of the Town Creek Foundation, we blocked a coal mine that would have ruined the wild Kaiparowits Plateau. Because of people like you—each and every one of you—we saved an area the size of Rhode Island and Delaware combined, in a natural state, as a gift to future generations!

The most popular federal programs today are those that preserve and protect our natural heritage....

You may not recognize the name of the person who said this, but every Republican in the nation's capitol knows him. He's a pollster who advises Republicans on how to make their policies palatable to the American public. His name is Frank Luntz.

Luntz recently told Republicans in Washington that they should become champions of national parks and forests. I am not making this up—the *New York Times* reported it. He told them that preserving parks and open space "is a winner because public support is both widespread and deep."

Will they listen to him? They haven't listened to the majority of Americans so why would they listen to a pollster who only affirms for them what

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millions of Americans want? They still salivate over the Arctic Refuge. They despise the 1964 Wilderness Act and the very concept of wilderness. They don't like it that Americans want to protect many more places as wilderness. They still think anybody should be able to do anything they want to *our* public lands.

Emerson once wrote, "good luck is another name for tenacity of purpose." We've won

because we work hard and we have fun. We have the passion and the long view. We're feisty and we're principled. That's what SUWA is all about.

We will succeed again. They know it. We know it. America's redrock wilderness will be protected for the next generation! Remember that!

SUWA is the right organization . . . at the right time . . . in the right place. Thank you, SUWA!

A Tribute

From Bill Meadows, President of *The Wilderness Society*

Several years ago, as The Wilderness Society prepared to launch its Wilderness Support Center, we spent several months traveling around the country talking to grassroots organizations. Our hope was to learn from them what they saw as the major obstacles to wilderness protection, what major issues they were working on, and what we might best do to help.

A question we asked as part of that process of listening to our friends was this one: "What would you like your organization to be in the years ahead?" With remarkable frequency, the answer was: "We'd like to be just like SUWA!"

What a tribute that is to this remarkable organization! As the saying goes, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." SUWA has every right to be proud of the reputation it has so well earned. It is a reputation for single-minded purpose, for tireless work and boundless energy, for unshakeable faith in the values it holds most deeply.

Since its founding, SUWA and The Wilderness Society have worked in very close partnership. We have shared board members over the years and we share three today. But what is most important is this: we have shared a vision for the matchless beauty and irreplaceable wilderness values of Utah's canyon country. I can only hope that the association has been half as valuable for SUWA as it has been for The Wilderness Society.

For the relationship has been among our strongest partnerships and it has taught us much. Our work with SUWA has given us a model for our partnerships with other organizations—including many of those I mentioned earlier, those that want to be just like SUWA, a worthy ambition, indeed. And in all of those partnerships, we daily learn anew what we have seen so clearly demonstrated in our wonderfully productive partnership with SUWA: we do nothing alone . . . any of us. But together, we are formidable and cannot fail.

Have we protected Utah's wild places on the scale that our hearts, our minds, our visions, tell us they deserve? Not yet. Have we lost them? We have not and we will not! We've awakened across the country an awareness of what is at stake in Utah for all Americans who love their public lands. In that growing knowledge lies our best hope for saving Wild Utah. For all of that, we in the community of wilderness advocacy owe SUWA much.

The Wilderness Society is delighted to be part of SUWA's 20th birthday celebration. And we wish it a future of continued success, of growing strength, influence, and effectiveness. The Wilderness Society will be part of that future. We are proud to be your partner, proud to be your friend.

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RS 2477 Takes a Licking but Keeps on Ticking

Despite the leadership of the White House, Senate, and House aligning solidly against environmental protection, the atmosphere surrounding RS 2477 has brightened a bit over the past two years. In no small part due to your efforts writing letters and making phone calls, we've gained ground on this obscure issue which threatens wilderness West-wide.

First, as a result of our legal challenge to San Juan, Kane and Garfield counties' illegal road grading vandalism, we now have a court decision which controls RS 2477 claims—one which rebuts the whacked-out assertions that cow paths are really "public highways." The counties have appealed the case to the Tenth Circuit Court.

Then, on July 17, 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives amended legislation funding the Department of Interior for 2004 so as to limit the potential effect of RS 2477. Colorado Representative Mark Udall championed an amendment which would have blocked all RS 2477 claims from being filed for a year, and in a House that grows ever worse on environmental issues as Republican leadership threatens green-leaning moderates, it appeared that Mr. Udall would actually succeed. This forced Republican Interior Appropriations Committee Chairman Charlie Taylor (R-NC) to offer a substitute to stop the Udall amendment.

To pull enough support, Taylor was forced to exempt national parks, monuments, WSAs, wilderness, and wildlife refuges from RS 2477 claims for one year. In other words, to stop the Udall amendment, the House Republican leadership had to blunt the Bush administration's disclaimer rule by exempting 200 million acres of public lands from its effect. Unfortunately, 400 million acres of public lands remain vulnerable to RS 2477 claims under the Taylor language.

On the Senate side, no RS 2477 amendments were offered to the 2004 Interior Appropriations bill, so the fate of the Taylor amendment now rests with the House-Senate Conference Committee. Regardless of what happens, the Udall amendment



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served us well as a vehicle to educate Congress on the RS 2477 issue, and for the first time we convinced legislators that RS 2477 also threatens private property rights.

In the meantime, the recent backroom deal between Utah Governor Mike Leavitt and Interior Secretary Gale Norton provides a national model for RS 2477 that will receive heavy media attention (see Summer 2003 issue, pp. 6-13). As a result of the scrutiny, the Governor initially will be forced to limit right-of-way claims to legitimate roads. However, he has explicitly refused to disavow the thousands of bogus claims asserted by Utah counties, so we'll likely have to fight these claims in court.

Thanks to everyone who helped on the House Interior Appropriations bill, including SUWA's organizers in New York, Florida, DC, and Utah who got the word out. SUWA worked the issue on Capitol Hill with a coalition of great partners, including the Alaska Wilderness League, the Campaign for America's Wilderness, EarthJustice, National Parks Conservation Association, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society.

DC news**Bishop Introduces New UTTR Bill but Questions Remain**

On July 25th of this year, freshman Representative Rob Bishop (R-UT) introduced H.R. 2909—a bill to ensure the continued availability of the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) in Utah's West Desert to support the readiness and training needs of the Armed Forces.

A quick glance at the title of this bill could make one think Representative Jim Hansen's nasty Title XIV provision from last year has returned (see Winter 2002-2003 issue, p. 18). Title XIV would have established "wilderness" with a lower level of protection than the adjacent BLM lands and would have turned over management of the lands underlying the UTTR airspace to the Department of Defense. So far, Mr. Bishop has taken a somewhat different tack than his predecessor by initiating conversations with the conservation community in an effort to find common ground.

Though an improvement on Hansen's UTTR legislation, Bishop's bill contains several problems we hope can be resolved before the bill goes to the House floor. Of particular concern to SUWA and other conservation groups is the management language included in the bill for wilderness study areas falling beneath UTTR airspace. Also, while Bishop's legislation would designate the Cedar Mountains as federal wilderness—potentially blocking a rail spur needed to store nuclear waste in the Skull Valley area—it remains to be seen if the legislation will include acceptable wilderness management language and boundaries for the Cedar Mountains. If these matters are not resolved, or if the bill moves in an anti-wilderness direction, then you can be sure we'll use our grassroots power to block it.

Energy Policy Update

The House of Representatives passed its version of comprehensive energy legislation on April 11, 2003. The first paragraph defines the bill as "An act to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes." Though the intro-

duction may sound innocuous, the remainder of the bill is a profound disappointment. This 780-page piece of legislation is long on subsidizing traditional oil and gas energy exploration, development, and infrastructure, while falling far short on conservation measures.

Across Capitol Hill on the Senate side, work on energy legislation was going very slowly. With pressure from the White House increasing and the August recess fast approaching, the Senate was still deadlocked on the energy bill with dozens of amendments pending and not enough time remaining to hear them. In a surprising turn of events, the Senate then agreed to pass an old version of the Energy bill written by Senator Daschle when he was majority leader in the 107th Congress. The Senate subsequently returned H.R. 6 to the House of Representatives, leaving only the introductory paragraph and replacing the rest with Daschle's more conservation-minded provisions.

Where does that leave the Energy bill? Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM), a seasoned, savvy, and tough politician, will lead the House-Senate conference committee which will resolve differences in the two versions of the legislation. Mr. Domenici stated that he would rewrite the legislation in conference, increasing the likelihood of a very contentious conference that could again result in no comprehensive energy legislation reaching the President's desk. Sadly, that could be the best possible outcome given that any compromise reached between the House-Senate conference is likely to retain many elements of the bad House version of the bill.

Bush Nominates Utah Governor Mike Leavitt to Head EPA

On August 12th, President Bush announced that he had nominated Utah Governor Mike Leavitt to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Unfortunately, it appears to be a match well made. While Bush has amassed the worst record on public lands of any modern president, Leavitt has emulated his performance with numerous actions that threaten Utah's quality of life.

In anticipation of a confirmation battle before the U.S. Senate, Leavitt's record has been recast

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with a truckload of environmental Botox into that of a consensus-seeking moderate barely recognizable to those of us in Utah. The Governor is now declaring that Utah's land is "better protected" than ever before, glossing over the detail that nearly two million acres of public land were protected when the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was established over his loud objections.

Leavitt also asserts that Utah's air is cleaner than ever while at the same time seeking to cut back air quality monitoring stations in the state and ignoring the fact that Salt Lake City air is at times still poisonous to children. While it is unclear whether any efforts by the Governor have measurably improved air quality in Utah (the closure of the Geneva Steel plant and new gasoline standards have undoubtedly made a difference, but the market and federal government deserve the credit), we do know that the Governor's chief transportation initiative has been the disastrous Legacy Highway project. Leavitt wants this speedway paved through critical wetlands along the shores of the Great Salt Lake—a move that would increase sprawl and commuter traffic into Salt Lake City and worsen the air quality. His efforts have been foiled so far by the objec-

tions of the Salt Lake City mayor, a coalition of conservation groups, and a federal judge.

Mike Leavitt's newly refashioned public image is cosmetically enhanced by his concept of "Enlibra," presented to the public as an innovative management style guaranteed to resolve conflicts through peace and consensus. In his decade as governor, Leavitt has not resolved a single environmental controversy through "Enlibra." To the contrary, he's recently made a practice of demonizing those who disagree with him as "extremists."

The Governor's real environmental legacy has not been "Enlibra" but rather his secret deal with Secretary of Interior Gale Norton that placed some six million acres of Utah's redrock wilderness on the chopping block. Without a shred of public discussion or notice, Leavitt settled a moribund lawsuit to block the Bureau of Land Management from inventorying and protecting any more wilderness. Making matters worse, the deal also prohibits the BLM from protecting tens of millions of acres of potential wilderness outside of Utah and across the West.

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Leavitt in the National News

The Washington Post

Surely the number of Environmental Protection Agency administrators who describe their environmental philosophy with a favorite Latin word must be very small indeed. But Gov. Mike Leavitt (R-Utah), whom President Bush has nominated to lead the EPA, does precisely that, using *enlibra* to describe his goal: "in balance." According to Gov. Leavitt, the idea of his "Enlibra Principles" is to end the polarization of the environmental debate, which has left activists and business interests glowering at one another across courtrooms nationwide.

Pulling industry, environmentalists and regulators together in order to achieve compromise certainly sounds like a good way to run environmental policy. The trouble is, it also sounds a lot like what the Bush administration claims it has been doing for the past 2 1/2 years, without any noticeable success.

Getting everybody to sit at the same table to negotiate is a pointless exercise if the most powerful negotiator at that table is constantly looking for ways to avoid an honest discussion of the issues and of its record.

The Baltimore Sun

Just when summer's news of smoggy air, polluted waterways and degraded parks seemed it couldn't get much worse comes word that President Bush chose a candidate to protect the national environment who doesn't seem to believe in the job.

Three-term Utah Gov. Michael O. Leavitt, who shares with Mr. Bush a Westerner's aversion to federal regulations, favors giving more latitude to state and local governments to shape the environmental policies that directly affect their citizens.

This philosophy sets off alarm bells.

Environmental policy can't be a states' rights issue. We're all in this together. Run-off from Pennsylvania fields pollutes Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay; medical waste dumped into the Atlantic off the Jersey coast winds up on Maryland beaches. Junk spewed from the smokestacks of Midwestern coal-burning utility plants finds its way into Marylanders' lungs.

And those federal wildlands out west that the locals, including Mr. Leavitt, are so keen to pave over belong to all of us.



In the whitewashing of his environmental record, Leavitt has carefully avoided mention of the fact that his secret deal with Secretary Norton conveniently halted an important statewide BLM wilderness inventory commissioned under the Babbitt Interior Department. To the dismay of anti-wilderness factions, this inventory was gradually confirming the Utah Wilderness Coalition's (UWC) findings that six million acres of BLM land throughout the state (in addition to the existing 3.2 million acres of wilderness study areas) remained eligible for federal wilderness designation. Leavitt also fails to acknowledge that he was caught twice this summer spreading false information in an effort to discredit the UWC proposal, first through a PowerPoint presentation he hauled around the state and second on national television.

Leavitt has maintained a high popularity rating in part through carefully matching his message to the audience. For example, in an August 6, 2003 speech, he told a collection of rural county leaders, "I do know that most of the 6 million acres that SUWA wants as wilderness has roads. It doesn't even come close to meeting wilderness protection. We cannot, must not, and I will not, concede six million acres to wilderness." But four days later, when the target audience was Utah's outdoor industry that was threatening to pull business from Utah in response to Leavitt's anti-wilderness actions, the Governor said "If it is true that there is wilderness quality land in that 6 million acres, we want to make sure it is protected." He added "[t]here may be lands in that 6 million acres that may qualify. We can protect it until resource management plans are done."

With our criticism of the Governor, SUWA should in turn admit our own transgressions. Leavitt's nomination came in the midst of our statewide media campaign to expose his anti-wilderness actions to the Utah public. Through TV, radio, print, internet and direct mail, we spread the word to Utah citizens about how Leavitt's secret deals were undermining our state's wilderness heritage. We owe an apology to the rest of the nation to the extent that we helped convince the Governor to take a new job. Unfortunately, what was once Utah's problem is now the nation's problem.



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Oil and Gas Attacks Continue Unabated

Over this past summer we witnessed a concerted push to expand oil and gas exploration and development in eastern Utah, and particularly in Utah's wild Book Cliffs region. Below is an update and summary of recent efforts by SUWA and others (some successful and some not) to divert this tidal wave of activity away from wilderness study areas, important wildlife habitat, and sensitive cultural sites.

Bill Barrett Corporation Stone Cabin Seismic Project

The BLM's Price field office is set to approve a proposal by Bill Barrett Corporation (BBC), a private Denver-based company, to conduct an intensive seismic exploration project in the Nine Mile Canyon area. The so-called "Stone Cabin" project would cover many culturally rich tributaries of Nine Mile Canyon, an area the BLM recognizes as having "the greatest concentration of rock art sites in the U.S.A." In addition, the vast majority of the Stone Cabin project is located in crucial Rocky Mountain elk winter range and both crucial and high value mule deer winter range. It also includes designated critical habitat for the Mexican spotted owl, a "threatened" species protected under the Endangered Species Act.

It gets worse. The BLM is also proposing to allow BBC to conduct seismic operations in the Jack's Canyon and Desolation Canyon Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), both of which were also included in the BLM's latest Utah wilderness

inventory. As most of you know, Congress has directed the BLM to manage WSAs so as to prevent the "impairment" of their wilderness values; allowing seismic operations is a far cry from fulfilling this mandate. As a result of the recent settlement between the Interior Department and the State of Utah, even areas identified as wilderness-quality by the BLM are now left open to devastating projects such as this (See Summer 2003 issue, pp. 8-10 for more information on the settlement).

So what are we doing to fight back? SUWA, The Wilderness Society, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and other local, regional, and national conservation and historic preservation organizations have been spreading the word about the Stone Cabin project and asking their members to submit comments opposing BBC's plan to despoil this magnificent area. Unfortunately, the BLM denied several requests by SUWA and others to extend the public comment period, which expired on October 2nd. Look for an update on this project in the winter newsletter or stay in touch through SUWA's website (www.suwa.org) and email alerts.

Natural Gas Consortium Seeks BLM Approval to Drill Up to 450 Wells

Several years ago, SUWA, the Utah Rivers Council, and others were successful in blocking an effort by a consortium of companies to drill close to 1,000 natural gas wells south of the White River. Down but not out, the companies (known as the



Owl Panel, Nine Mile Canyon.

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Resource Development Group or RDG) came back to the BLM with a scaled-back proposal to drill roughly 450 wells in the same area, which encompasses the White River and Lower Bitter Creek proposed wilderness areas and two recently proposed areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs).

SUWA and The Wilderness Society commented on the RDG Draft Environmental Impact Statement and asked the BLM's Vernal field office not to approve any wells in proposed wilderness areas and proposed ACECs until the agency has completed its ongoing land use planning process. We also pointed out that the level of development proposed by RDG exceeds the level analyzed in the BLM's current land management documents and requested that the BLM prepare a land use plan amendment (allowing additional public comment) before it proceeds with its new analysis.

The BLM predicts that it will issue a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by the end of 2003. We will keep you posted on the EIS and on our efforts to protect wilderness-quality lands and other sensitive areas from development.

Wolf Point Pipeline, Part II

Last fall, the BLM released an Environmental Assessment analyzing Carbon Energy Corporation's request for a right-of-way to construct, operate, and maintain a 22-mile natural gas pipeline that would connect five existing wells to a larger Questar transmission pipeline in the Book Cliffs. As originally proposed, the pipeline would have intruded into the Winter Ridge WSA, across the Wolf Point BLM wilderness inventory area, and through Willow Creek—a perennial stream important to wildlife. Several species of concern including sage grouse, the endangered Colorado pikeminnow, and endangered razorback sucker, along with fourteen threatened, endangered, or sensitive plant species stood to be impacted by the original proposal.

Thanks to the comments submitted by SUWA activists and concerned government agencies, Carbon Energy and the BLM accepted SUWA's suggested alternative to route the pipeline along the existing graveled county roads, rather than create a new disturbance through sensitive, wilderness-quality lands. SUWA compliments the agency and the company for taking this step. Unfortunately, it is only a baby-step, as many other concerns raised by SUWA and suggested in our alternative—



Ray Bloxham

If current trends continue, Utah's wild Book Cliffs could be riddled with well pads like this one.

including a reduction in the size of the pipeline—were not addressed or adopted. Worst of all, the company still wants to drill in the Winter Ridge WSA, and the BLM appears to be waving them in at the risk of violating the agency's own non-impairment policy for WSA management.

Judge Rejects SUWA Challenge to Utah's Largest Seismic Project

On August 25th, a district court judge rejected our challenge to the BLM's Environmental Assessment and decision record approving the Veritas seismic project—the largest in Utah BLM history. We will be appealing the judge's ruling to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. There are no surface operations currently underway or planned for the fall of 2003 through the fall of 2004.

SITLA Board Rejects SUWA Challenge to Leasing Policies

Also on August 25th, the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) Board of Trustees upheld the SITLA's decision to sell more than twenty oil and gas leases in wilderness study areas, BLM wilderness inventory areas, and other wilderness-quality lands—primarily in the Book Cliffs. SUWA had challenged SITLA's sale of these leases and asked the board to consider a land exchange with other state and federal agencies. The board held that SITLA's decision to sell these leases was not subject to challenge by SUWA or any other members of the public.

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Moab and Monticello BLM Offices Kick Off Important Planning Process

Here in Utah, 'tis the season for Resource Management Plans (hereafter referred to as "RMPs"). Required by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), these are the documents that dictate how the BLM manages our public lands for a variety of resource values, such as livestock grazing, oil and gas development, archaeology, recreation, wildlife, and wilderness. In addition to the three RMPs currently in process for Vernal, Richfield, and Price, the Moab and Monticello field offices jointly announced in June the beginning of their scoping period, which is scheduled to run through December 31, 2003. Scoping is part of the public involvement process, required by the National Environmental Policy Act, in which the agency asks for your assistance in determining what issues should be addressed in the RMPs.

As previously reported, the Bush administration leveled an all-out attack on Utah wilderness in April of this year when Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Utah Governor Mike Leavitt agreed to "settle" a 1996 lawsuit brought against the BLM by the State of Utah and its counties (see Summer

2003 issue, pp. 6-12). The net result was the loss of interim protection for approximately 6 million acres of Utah public lands—including areas which the BLM found to have wilderness character and areas proposed for wilderness in America's Redrock Wilderness Act. Under the rules of FLPMA, these 6 million acres of potential wilderness were to be considered in the RMPs for possible wilderness study area (WSA) designation. Now, as a result of the Leavitt/Norton agreement, the BLM will not discuss past wilderness inventories or potential wilderness study areas in any of its RMPs. In fact, wilderness is singled out as the only resource the BLM cannot consider. So much for the agency's "multiple use" mandate.

It's easy to see how Utah's RMP process has been hamstrung by the calculated strategy of a President and governor who favor short-term profits over long-term land protection. These are indeed difficult times for Utah wilderness advocates, but SUWA members have proven time and time again that they will come through when things get tough. So once again we are asking you to raise your voices above the drone of gas line compressors, drill rigs, ATVs, and dirt bikes. If the BLM doesn't hear from wilderness advocates during this critical planning process (and believe us when we say that most BLM planning staff really do want to hear from you), then the Bush/Norton/Leavitt team will have won.

The Moab BLM office is responsible for administering 1.85 million acres of public lands in Grand County and the northern portion of San Juan County. This area is bound by the Book Cliffs to the North, the Colorado state line to the east, Harts Point and Lisbon Valley to the south, and the Green River to the west. The Monticello office oversees management on 1.78 million acres located in southern San Juan County. This area is bound by the state of Colorado to the east, the Navajo Indian Reservation to the south, the Colorado River to the west, and Canyonlands National Park to the north. We're talking about some of the real jewels of America's redrock wilderness—including Arch Canyon, Comb Wash, and Fisher Towers—places that have etched themselves in the hearts and souls



Stephen Trimble

The Book Cliffs region—famous for its abundant wildlife—is just one of many spectacular areas affected by the BLM's current resource management planning process. Make sure your voice is heard!

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of many a desert rat over the years. These special places need your voice now more than ever. So crank up that computer or get out that pen. Below are some points to consider when writing your comments.

- Tell BLM planners that, despite the recent Leavitt/Norton wilderness settlement, they are still required to consider past wilderness inventories and include such information in the RMP. All areas previously found to have wilderness character, including the BLM's own 1999 wilderness inventory and additional lands included in America's Redrock Wilderness Act, should still be analyzed on their own merits and should be considered for WSA designation. Disallowing an area with wilderness qualities for the sake of future oil and gas development or potential ORV use is unacceptable.

- All lands in America's redrock wilderness should be designated as "No Surface Occupancy" for oil and gas development (this allows the BLM to protect an area from such threats, with discretion to make site-specific exceptions at the leasing and permit stage after appropriate environmental review).

- The Book Cliffs in Grand County should be protected from all oil and gas development, including coalbed methane.

- The biologically-rich White Wash Sand Dunes and associated riparian areas should be closed to motorized recreation.

- The BLM should preclude domestic livestock grazing in riparian and other sensitive areas and prohibit artificial water developments (a.k.a. "guzzlers") for non-native wildlife.

- The RMP should include a comprehensive travel plan that evaluates all forms of travel, including hiking, horseback riding, biking, and ORV use. The plan should designate motorized and non-motorized trails, minimize damage to natural resources and wildlife, and prevent impairment to wilderness suitability; eliminate all cross-country motorized travel; minimize conflicts and promote safety with all users; and provide adequate and consistent law enforcement. Some areas that should be closed to motorized recreation include: Arch Canyon, John's Canyon by Grand Gulch, Jacob's chair (near White Canyon and Natural Bridges), Piute Pass (near White Canyon and

Natural Bridges), Falls Missile and Bridger Jack by Needles District of Canyonlands National Park, Moqui Canyon, Butler Wash, Hart's Draw, San Juan River corridor, Recapture Wash, Cottonwood Wash, Davis Wash, Lavender Wash, Grand Gulch Recreation Area, Moab Rim, Green River Corridor, and Mill Creek.

In any communication you have with the BLM, whether it pertains to an RMP or not, it is always important to mention those special places that you have visited or are familiar with. Perhaps nothing can have more influence on BLM managers than when they hear why you think a certain place is special or, better yet, when you submit documentation about ongoing resource damage from ATVs or industrial activity. These kinds of comments can have immediate and lasting results.

And finally, both the Moab and Monticello field offices will be holding public scoping meetings throughout October and November in Salt Lake City, Green River (UT), Moab, Monticello, Grand Junction (CO), and Blanding. It is critical that we get as many wilderness advocates as possible to attend these meetings. Look for details on these upcoming meetings in future email alerts or visit our website at www.suwa.org for the latest information. You can also visit the BLM's RMP-specific web pages at www.moabrmp.com and www.monticellormp.com.

Have a Say in the Future of Your Public Lands!

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Kane Kounty Kapers

It had all the makings of a Wild West showdown: a sheriff, a county official, a pair of vigilantes, a federal government office, a dispute over who owns property, and dramatic scenery as a backdrop. But in this case, there was a peculiar twist to the facts—the sheriff and county official were the vigilantes.

One day in August, as the late summer sun set over the Kaiparowits Plateau, the Kane County sheriff and a county commissioner formed a posse of two and drove around the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, ripping 31 route signs from the ground and piling them into their county vehicle. These signs (actually small blue posts) let visitors know on which routes all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are prohibited in accordance with the monument's travel plan.

Playing out their Wild West scenario, the county officials swaggered into the local monument office in Kanab and delivered the 31 signs to the monument manager. Drawing the proverbial line in the sand, they claimed they had the right to remove the signs because they were "obstructing public access upon county roads . . ." Perhaps the sheriff had been too busy polishing his badge for the past few years to remember that the county sent an official letter to the monument manager in 1998 agreeing to the ATV route designations. (We should

note that this is the same sheriff who submitted a letter to the local paper in 2002 declaring that his "authority in the area of law enforcement within Kane County is equal to that of the President of the United States.")

These illegal acts are part of the county's ongoing strategy to assert control over public lands in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Although the lands included in the monument have been federal lands for longer than Utah has been a state, county officials labor under a misguided and bizarre notion that they should have ultimate control over these extraordinary public lands. It's not unlike Coconino County officials in Arizona deciding to take over the Grand Canyon.

It sure isn't easy figuring out what would make Utah's rural counties happy. Following the above-mentioned acts of vandalism, both Kane and Garfield Counties sent a long letter to Utah's state BLM director that continued their seven-year tirade against the monument. Most of the allegations were reruns of past tantrums. However, this time they incorporated a new and baffling complaint about the increased jobs and revenue brought to the counties by virtue of the monument's existence. Exactly why this is a bad thing is anyone's guess. Something tells us this won't be the last installment of Kane Kounty's Krazy Kapers.

BLM Opens the Floodgates to Commercial ORV Abuse in San Juan County

Breaking News: On September 23, the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) rejected SUWA's request that the IBLA prohibit ATV use on approximately 85 miles out of a total 500 that were approved by the BLM for use in the San Juan ATV Safari. In the face of warnings from cultural resource and riparian experts about resource damage, and despite a lack of evidence that the BLM had performed adequate study, the IBLA concluded that the agency had taken a "hard look" at the environmental consequences. Members of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Redrock Forests, and SUWA monitored the damage caused by this



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event and will use this information to fight future motorized abuse of these areas. Special thanks to Kathy Weinberg and David Churchill of Jenner & Block for their vigilant legal advocacy on this issue!

Conservationists got a firm slap in the face when BLM Manager Patrick Madigan approved all of the sixteen trails requested by proponents of the San Juan ATV Safari with only a few minor modifications. Except for removing a 2.3-mile spur up John's Canyon in the Grand Gulch Area, the BLM ignored nearly all of the concerns raised by SUWA, Redrock Forests, and other national and regional conservation groups in a detailed comment letter. These comments contained over a hundred pages of exhibits, including hundreds of photographs (with GPS coordinates) shot and organized by the Great Old Broads' tireless troops.

In addition to extensive comments from conservation organizations, business owners in San Juan County expressed concern that an ATV event would harm their interests. In a letter to the Salt Lake Tribune, one such business owner from Bluff wrote: "Most of the tourists I repeatedly deal with come to this area for low impact, peaceful enjoyment of the natural and cultural resources. Do we really want to alienate the people who already come to this area in exchange for a new type of visitor whose impact will be more consumptive?" With equal concern, individuals across the nation wrote passionate letters about the places they know and love, urging the BLM to manage these lands for their wilderness values instead of sacrificing them to ORV abuse. Unfortunately, the voice of a relatively small group of event supporters carried more weight with the BLM.

The San Juan ATV Safari allowed motorized use through many sensitive lands including BLM wilderness inventory units, proposed wilderness areas, designated areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs), ecologically fragile streambeds, and other lands rich in archaeological sites and wildlife habitat (see Summer 2003 issue, pp. 18-19). SUWA offered to work with the BLM and event proponents in developing a less harmful alternative that would exclude the most environmentally damaging trails. Conservation groups documented major environmental conflicts with approximately one-fifth of the 500 miles proposed for the event and asked the BLM to drop these conflicting segments. The BLM, however, refused to consider this

Outdoor Industry Threatens to Leave Utah over Leavitt's Actions

This summer, the Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) threatened to take its \$24 million trade show out of Utah after Governor Mike Leavitt put 6 million acres of redrock wilderness on the chopping block in a secret deal with the Interior Department (see Summer 2003 issue, p. 6). Led by Peter Metcalf, CEO of Black Diamond Equipment (a Utah-based climbing and skiing equipment manufacturer), the group publicly declared that wilderness is key to the industry's economic welfare and that a state unfriendly to wilderness protection is the wrong place for them to do business.

In response, Leavitt first tried to divide the OIA and environmental community by offering industry leaders a paltry 3.2 million-acre Utah wilderness bill—an offer they wisely refused. The OIA understood that those 3.2 million acres are already protected as wilderness study areas (WSAs) and that citizen activists have won additional land protection through appeals, litigation, land management plans, and monument designation. While attempting to appear magnanimous, Leavitt was actually offering the outdoor industry nothing more than the status quo.

But Leavitt's offer should also be recognized as an indicator of the great strides we've made in the wilderness debate. The rallying cry for Utah politicians a few years ago was "No more wilderness!" (notwithstanding the fact that designated BLM wilderness in Utah constitutes a minuscule 0.05 percent of the state). Since then, various politicians have upped the ante to 1.8 million acres of BLM wilderness, then into the 2 million-acre range, and now over 3 million acres. This steady evolution justifies SUWA's refusal to cut a deal back when we were urged that 2 million acres was the best we could ever hope for in a state dominated by anti-wilderness politicians. We've still got a long and rocky path ahead, but it's important to recognize that as we've successfully nationalized Utah wilderness, gathered support within the state, and gained additional administrative protection, anti-wilderness politicians have been forced to keep adjusting their bottom line. In the meantime, SUWA will continue to fight for every precious acre in America's Redrock Wilderness Act.

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SUWA Grassroots Rock the House on RS 2477!

Earlier this year, Interior Secretary Gale Norton adopted a rule allowing the Interior Department to give away its interest in tens of thousands of miles of foot trails, cow paths, and even dry washes claimed by some western states and counties as "highways" under the Civil War era statute known as RS 2477. The need to organize was clear: we had to educate members of Congress about the threat of this new rule and ask them to take action against the RS 2477 land giveaway.

As events unfolded, Representative Mark Udall (D-CO) introduced an amendment to the House Interior Appropriations bill that would ban funding for processing any RS 2477 claims under the Bush administration's new "disclaimer of interest" regulation. We needed 218 votes for the amendment to pass, so we got straight down to it. SUWA field organizers Bill Raleigh (northeast), Sean Saville (mid-Atlantic), and Tom Wheatley (southeast), along with Salt Lake City-based Bob Brister and Margi Hoffmann (Utah and the West) took to the telephone and email lines. We sent out targeted email alerts asking you to call or write your representatives, write letters to the editor of your local newspaper, and attend town hall meetings. To stop the RS 2477 land giveaway, we relied on your perseverance, dedication, and passion for protecting America's redrock wilderness.

As whispers of RS 2477 and Udall's amendment spread through the halls of Congress, congressional staff and representatives began to take notice and ask questions, in part because of your persistent letters and phone calls. As the day of the vote drew near, anti-environmental leadership could no longer ignore us. We had friends on both sides of the aisle, Republicans and Democrats alike, supporting the Udall amendment. This forced Committee Chairman Charlie Taylor (R-NC) to substitute his own amendment as a compromise.

Thanks to every single one of your letters and phone calls, we were able to pass an amendment to the House Interior Appropriations bill that bans funding for processing RS 2477 claims in America's national monuments, national parks, national wildlife refuges, wilderness, and wilder-

ness study areas for one year (see page 9 for more details). You are the grassroots powerhouse that gives Utah wilderness a voice in Washington, DC!

Please contact your representative and senators today and ask them to protect America's redrock wilderness from RS 2477 and other anti-wilderness policies by cosponsoring America's Redrock Wilderness Act (see page 13 for a list of current cosponsors).

Help Us Build Congressional Support for America's Redrock Wilderness Act!

Write to:

The Honorable [Representative's name]
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable [Senator's name]
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

To find out who your elected officials are, got to www.congress.org

Updates from the Field

There are people all over the country—from Florida to Hawaii—who support protecting America's redrock wilderness, and SUWA's grassroots organizers are proving it!

Mid-Atlantic

In the wilds of the mid-Atlantic, our DC-based organizer Sean Saville is busy educating the public about America's redrock wilderness. He'll be presenting SUWA's informative slideshow, *Wild Utah: America's redrock wilderness*, in cities throughout his region this fall, including stops at St. Mary's College, UNC Wilmington, University of Maryland in College Park, and James Madison University.

To request a slideshow presentation or to learn more about SUWA events in the mid-Atlantic region, contact Sean at sean@suwa.org or (202) 546-2215.

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Northeast

In June, Northeast Field Organizer Bill Raleigh joined Paul Malides and Gary Warren of New Yorkers for Utah Wilderness to staff a Utah wilderness information table at the Hudson Clearwater Festival in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. The festival is one of the largest environmental and musical events in the northeast, supplying hundreds of visitors to the Wild Utah tent.

Since the event was held in the district of Representative Sue Kelly, visitors to the display were asked to contact her office to ask for her support for America's Redrock Wilderness Act and to urge her vote in favor of the Udall amendment. When Udall's amendment came to a vote several weeks later, Kelly was one of 14 Republicans to vote in favor of keeping provisions that would protect Utah wilderness. Constituent calls and postcards to her office likely helped solidify her support on this important vote.

During the fall, Bill will be working with state activist groups and conservation organizations in Maine, Vermont, Connecticut and other parts of the northeast to develop further public support for Utah wilderness.

To request a slideshow presentation or to learn more about SUWA events in the northeast, contact Bill at bill@suwa.org or (315) 559-7280.

Southeast

Down in gator country, Southeast Field Organizer Tom Wheatley has been hard at work drumming up support for America's redrock wilderness. For example, in the past nine months, Tom has generated over 700 letters, postcards, emails, and phone calls to Florida's members of Congress in favor of protecting more than 9 million acres of Utah as wilderness!

In late August and early September, Tom took SUWA's *Wild Utah* slideshow on the road to Georgia, where he gave a total of seven presentations. Tom would like to thank all who hosted the slideshows for their wonderful southern hospitality and their interest in protecting wild Utah. In November, Tom will be traveling to South Carolina to present the *Wild Utah* slideshow to community groups in the state for the first time.

To request a slideshow presentation or to learn



SUWA Northeast Field Organizer Bill Raleigh (left) with Paul Malides of New Yorkers for Utah Wilderness at the Hudson Clearwater Festival.

more about SUWA events in the southeast, contact Tom at tomw@suwa.org or (813) 874-0711.

Utah

Margi Hoffmann continues to lead our campaign to fight the RS 2477 land giveaway in Utah and across the West. She spends much of her time generating letters and phone calls to key decision-makers, making sure SUWA members have all the information they need to make the calls and write the letters, and seeing that letters to the editor are published in newspapers all across the country. Periodically, local counties and the State of Utah threaten to use RS 2477 to open up wilderness-quality lands in America's redrock wilderness to off-road vehicles, at which point Margi steps in to literally stop them in their tracks.

To find out how to get involved in Utah or across the West, contact Margi at margi@suwa.org or (801) 486-7639, ext. 20.

Slideshows

To check out the latest slideshow tour dates, and to see if *Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness* will be coming to a town near you, go to www.suwa.org and click on *Events* and then *Slideshow Tour*.

grassroots network**SUWA Kicks Off
In-House Canvass**

SUWA's in-house canvass operation is now up and running full speed ahead! Our own Dave Pacheco has taken on full-time duties as Canvass Director and has hired a crack crew of dedicated activists to educate concerned citizens along the Wasatch Front and help them make their voices heard on Utah wilderness issues.

So far, we've covered some areas we didn't even get to last year, like Cottonwood Heights, Sandy, and the entire Ogden region. Special thanks to those of you who have become new SUWA members through the canvass, and to those who have renewed at your doorstep.

The primary purpose of SUWA's canvass is, and always has been, to educate the general public

about Utah wilderness issues and to motivate citizens to take action of behalf of the lands at risk. Through the canvass, we generated over 1,300 petition signatures to Rep. Jim Matheson's office during the crucial RS 2477 debate in the U.S. House of Representatives this year. Of course, the door-to-door canvass is also an important means for us to identify new members and bring them into the SUWA fold.

For those of you in the Sugarhouse, East Millcreek, University, and Avenues areas, you will notice that we've shifted our canvassing schedule from the summer to the winter season. Expect a bundled-up SUWA canvasser in the October to March timeframe—and don't forget, a nice warm drink is always welcome!

For any questions or concerns regarding the canvassing activity, contact Dave Pacheco at dave@suwa.org or (801) 486-7639, ext. 10.



John Nutting

Wilderness Warrior Walking Week, August 2003. Every year the Utah Wilderness Coalition brings wilderness activists from across the nation out to southern Utah, where they explore the canyon country and learn how to better advocate for the protection of Utah's wild places. This year's group of dedicated wilderness enthusiasts set out on the Boulder Mail Trail near Sand Creek to find out what slickrock hiking is all about. Now they're back home fighting that much harder for America's redrock wilderness!

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Ed Abbey's Cadillac to be Auctioned on eBay

Buy a Piece of Literary History and Help Support SUWA's Work!

Edward Abbey fans and longtime SUWA supporters may remember back to 1997, when SUWA auctioned Ed Abbey's 1973 Ford truck at a fundraising event in Salt Lake City. After an exciting evening of bidding, a redrock wilderness enthusiast drove the truck home for \$26,500! The money was immediately put to use to fund SUWA's efforts to protect the Colorado Plateau wildlands that Abbey loved and defended so fiercely.

Beginning October 31st, Abbey admirers will have another chance to buy a piece of literary history. Ed Abbey's 1975 Eldorado Convertible Cadillac will be auctioned on eBay, and SUWA will receive a portion of the proceeds.

The Story of Ed's Caddie

The fire engine red '75 Eldorado has a colorful history. Abbey, who had always driven Volkswagen Beetles and old pick-ups, bought the gas-guzzling Cadillac as a 60th birthday present to himself. He had been diagnosed (incorrectly, as it turns out) with stomach cancer, so he allowed himself to splurge on what his wife Clarke described as the "stupidest thing" he ever bought.

After her husband's death in 1989, Clarke immediately sold the car to Ernie Bulow, a family friend who owned Buffalo Medicine Books in Gallup, New Mexico. The current owner of the car, book collector Tony Delcavo, first laid eyes on the car in 1995, when he visited Ernie to look at a collection of Abbey books. An avid Abbey fan, Tony offered to buy the car, but Ernie replied that he'd never sell it. Several years later, in need of some quick cash, Ernie reluctantly sold the Cadillac to Tony.

The car was covered in dust, lacked an exhaust system, had a shredded canvass top, and wouldn't start. After some minor repairs, however, Tony and his friend, author Luis Urrea, managed to drive it from Tucson to Denver—a journey that Urrea recounts in an essay that appeared in the *Tucson*



Abbey's Caddie could be yours! To place a bid, go to www.ebay.com between October 31st and November 9th, 2003 and type in the keywords: Ed Abbey.

Weekly, as well as in the latest edition of Resist Much Obey Little.

Tony recounts one of his favorite stories about the car: "I saw author Rudy Anaya at a book show in San Antonio when I was on my way to Tucson to pick up the car and drive to Denver with Luis. Rudy, who hadn't read any of Abbey's books but was not fond of him by reputation, told me, 'I hope the car gets four flat tires, catches fire, and melts into the desert.' Shortly after I replaced the canvass top and leather interior, the car was struck by lightning, which resulted in a small burn hole in the canvass!"

Since Tony bought the car, he's replaced a lot of parts and put a lot of money into it. It has been stored in a garage and "only driven occasionally by a little old environmentalist going to bars." "The car is in great mechanical condition," says Tony. "If someone wants it to look mint, it will need some minor body work and a paint job—I've been reluctant to do that because it might erase some of the history. The scratches in the side were put there by Abbey's kids so I hate to cover them over."

For Tony, the best part of owning the car has been driving it around with other authors and seeing people's reactions when they learn that it belonged to the legendary Ed Abbey. "They think it's pretty

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special," he says. Nonetheless, he's decided that it's time to part with the old Cadillac. "I never felt worthy of driving it . . . plus, it's haunted by Ed." Tony sites several examples, including a time when the headlights inexplicably shut off while he was driving late at night, and another time when the horn "beeped" on its own for no apparent reason.

We will auction the Cadillac on eBay from **October 31st through November 9th, 2003**. SUWA will receive 20% of the proceeds from the sale of the car. To see additional photos of the car, go to the *Join or Give* section of SUWA's website at www.suwa.org.

Please direct specific questions about the car to abbeycar@direpc.com or (303) 663-2202. To place a bid, go to www.ebay.com (between October 31st and November 9th, 2003) and type in the keywords: Ed Abbey.

DC Interns Change with the Seasons

SUWA bids a fond farewell to our DC summer intern, James Williams. James is currently a senior at the University of Texas (at Austin) McCombs School of Business, majoring in Marketing.

James has been an outdoor enthusiast his entire life and spent the previous two summers camping, backpacking, and fly-fishing in Wyoming and Montana. An Eagle Scout with three palms, James is an assistant crew advisor to high school seniors with the Scouts, guiding them in different types of backpacking trips throughout the year and instructing them in Leave No Trace ethics.

In addition to monitoring and distributing Utah wilderness related news each day and helping with

myriad tasks in the DC office, James pulled yeoman's duty throughout our campaign to restrict funding for processing of RS 2477 disclaimers during House Interior Appropriations. Every morning for eight straight days, information from numerous environmental groups needed to be carefully collated and delivered to over 250 congressional offices. James burned a lot of shoe leather during the Interior Appropriations process but never lost his smile or pleasant demeanor. Eager to do even more, he scheduled visits with members of his congressional delegation and urged them to become cosponsors of America's Redrock Wilderness Act.

James came to the SUWA DC internship wanting to know more about the activities of the Department of Interior. By the end of his internship, working for the Bureau of Land Management had become a new goal. Many thanks to James for all of his help this summer and an enormous thank you to star activist Susan Lefler of Texas for recommending the SUWA DC internship to James.

As James departs, SUWA welcomes new intern Tom Holt to our DC office. Born and bred in Utah, Tom has been visiting the desert backcountry since he was a young boy, developing a great appreciation for Utah's wild beauty and the growing threats to its existence. Tom recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Utah with a double major in Political Science and Economics. He volunteered with SUWA in Salt Lake City before moving out to DC and has been following many of the issues we work on for quite some time. We are thrilled to have Tom working with us this fall and look forward to great things from him in his career future, which may include environmental law.

Get Active by Joining SUWA's Email Alert List!

You can't be part of the solution if you don't know what's going on, and the best way to stay informed on breaking issues affecting Utah wilderness is to add your name to SUWA's electronic listserve. If you have an email address and would like to be part of our "first-responder" activist network, just send an email message from your computer to SubscribeMe@suwa.org. This is absolutely the easiest way to stay in the loop on Utah wilderness and learn how to get involved.

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Rights of Passage

The five of us stood at the foot of Mexican Mountain, having just crossed the San Rafael River, our wet feet evidence of the first rite of passage, a ritual cleansing. We came as supplicants, hoping to soothe our minds and refresh our souls in the wilds of the San Rafael Swell. The butte looked primeval, like a ziggurat layered in alternately sloping and vertical stone strata of varying colors: ochre, dull red, black, and off-white. The river is the most obvious agent of the butte's shaping, its oversized oxbow tracing around the mountain's base in a giant Omega-shaped bend.

I had come to see the mountain a few years before, and had wanted to climb it ever since. For this trip I recruited a few people from work, recent arrivals in the state who were eager to see the wilds of Utah. My thirteen-year old son Max came along, imprinted with deserts from infancy, and always ready for a walkabout in the red rocks. The sky was mercifully overcast, making the late spring temperatures agreeable for our hike.

We chose our path through a yellowish gully and wound our way up, around stands of grass, blackbrush, and dark patches of cryptobiotic soil. As we neared the top of the gully, the soil changed from yellow to red and soon we were standing on a ledge at the foot of the mountain.

The most sensible route was a steep, boulder-strewn ridge that led to a thin band of cliffs. Above those was a narrow slope of rocks and junipers, followed by a smooth, high wall of Wingate sandstone cliffs, dull red with streaks of black desert varnish. From this side the mountain presented a face accessible to only the most determined and expert of climbers, but the guide text promised a more accessible route from the other side. We picked our way up the ridge through the jumble of pale, fat Triassic boulders, the views broadening with each step.

We came to the next rite of passage: a thirty-foot cliff of pinkish, splotchy Chinle sandstone. It didn't look like a hard climb, but it would be unsafe without protection. We sent Carl up first to anchor the rope and belay the rest of us from the top. He worked his way up the cliff, setting temporary anchors in the cracks. When he was ready I clipped in and climbed the wall, removing his

anchors as I went. At the lip of the cliff, the mountain presented one of its more intimate charms: a solitary, brilliant red penstemon blooming among a jumble of rocks. I found Carl sitting on top of a boulder, legs crossed, in peaceful communion with his surroundings, relaxed among the berry-laden junipers and loose boulders.

Our path led along a ledge under the massive red cliff's overhang, mimicking the river's course below. A sharp bend led us around to the other side of the mountain, opening new vistas. Far below, the river doubled back and traced its way around the mountain before making a sharp left to head out through the cliffs. On the opposite side of the oxbow, a curved wall of sandstone layers stood as a negative to the mountain's contours. I harbor an unrelenting passion for the austere beauty of this bare-rock countryside; I'm continually delighted by the existence of such exotic terrain, surprised at my good fortune of having it within a few hours from home.

The mountain revealed a more open approach from its other side, a pale pink dome in place of the dark red cliff. As we wound our way up through pock-marked rocks, sucking on our water tubes, Rob called our attention to an arrangement of fist-sized holes in a cliff and pointed out a caricature of



Paul Feldman (left) pretends to keep Carl Ledbetter from falling off a steeply sloping section of the Mexican Mountain trail.

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a grimacing visage: gaping eyes, flaring sunken nostrils and a palsied rictus (represented as a series of successively smaller holes). Rob called it “The Face of Mexican Mountain.”

We kept going up. Lizards scampered out of our way. Ravens wheeled above us, buoyed by the mountain’s updrafts. On our way into the Swell the day before we had seen some pronghorns, but no large animals were visible up here—not today at least.

We puffed up a red gully and came to a precipitous slope of pale bare rock. We followed a dark band across the middle, placing each step carefully on the exposed path. A slip-up here could easily lead to a fatal embrace with the desert floor far below. Above us the pale stone gave way to a layer of red, warped rock. We bumped around, trying to match the topology to our instructions. Paul worked his way up some of the bare rock, but it soon became too steep and risky. As he worked his way back down, he slipped and skidded down about fifteen feet of the bare surface, earning some rock burns. Max and I decided to follow the middle band all the way across the exposed patch to see what we could find.

At the end of the slickrock, the path opened up to a spacious pink ledge, its undulated surface like small waves in a pond. Three white boulders perched on the edge—a stunning focal point to the scene. We savored the expansive view of the cliffs and mesas of the San Rafael. The only artifice to mar our view was Interstate 70, bisecting the Swell.

We backtracked a bit and found a workable path up. I called the rest of the group and convinced them that I had the way. We followed the crack up the smooth stone to the band of contorted rocks and scrambled our way back and forth, up through the steep, bulging, twisted and pocked stones, savoring the pleasure of route finding. This was an intimate encounter with the mountain, our hands and feet caressing its lines in a lengthy embrace. Max, imbued with teenage confidence, scampered up the rocks and disappeared from view.

We got to the top of the rough stratum and found Max sitting on a rock, waiting for us. We were nearing the top of the mesa itself and the butte flattened out here. Junipers, blackbrush and other plants thrived on the flatter terrain. Flowers

were in bloom. We walked around a hoodoo and up a thin layer of stone. A smaller mesa stood ahead of us, on top of the larger base. The summit.

We had traced a spiral up the mountain and found the final challenge almost in line with the first two: a crack in some grey-white rock that led to the top, steep enough to require protection. We stopped for a snack. After our brief repast we sent Carl to set the rope. We all followed, making our way around a large, round Mountain Mahogany and then up the crack. We walked up a small slope from there and found the top.

The summit rewarded us with a spectacular view of the Swell and beyond. The overcast sky didn’t keep us from drinking in the panorama of eroded splendor and barren beauty. Far below I could see the sinuous turns of the Upper Black Box gorge. A line of red cliffs ran to the west, spires poking from their tops. To the north and east we could see the Book Cliffs, and far to the southeast we could see the La Sal Mountains. Marvelous.

We made our way carefully back down the mountain, going back mostly the same way we came. On the final ledge we decided to take a different yellow gully down, scanning ahead for any sudden drops in the descent. At the bottom we were rewarded with a brilliant display of desert blooms: fluorescent pink flowers on prickly pears, crimson ones on little barrel cacti, orange globe mallows and bright white flowers that looked like primroses.

We peeled off our shoes, crossed the muddy river, and fought our way through choking thickets of tamarisks. Then we re-shod and strolled back to our cars. A few hours later we would be back in the urban sprawl along the Wasatch, back to the comforts and frustrations of city life.

At least today we had enjoyed a brief escape. The mountain had given us what we sought: wild beauty, relaxed minds, and refreshed souls.

SUWA member **Phillip Karren** has worked for 19 years in software marketing, research and development. He loves to spend his free time in the deserts and mountains, and admits to being obsessive-compulsive about topology.



*Self-portrait block print of
Everett Ruess with his mules.*

Leave a Lasting Legacy for Utah Wilderness

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To learn more about the Everett Ruess Society, named after the infamous wanderer, artist, and free spirit who roamed the wild places of the Colorado Plateau, please contact Christy Calvin, Membership Coordinator, at (801) 486-7639, ext. 17 or christy@suwa.org.

Join the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance!

SUWA's overarching goal is to protect Utah's remaining nine million acres of wild desert lands—lands owned by the American public and administered on our behalf by the Bureau of Land Management. To this end, activists from Utah and across the country have compiled their own exhaustive fieldwork into a citizens' proposal now pending in Congress. The proposal will preserve one of the world's most unique landscapes—where towering buttes, sweeping plateaus, and intimate canyons are enveloped by a rare and breathtaking silence. This is the land of the Old West outlaws and the ancient Anasazi. It is wilderness at its best, and we need your help to keep it that way.

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Plan Ahead for a San Juan River Float Trip this Spring!

Join SUWA and Arizona Raft Adventures (AzRA) for a four-day raft trip on the San Juan River, from Bluff to Mexican Hat, from **April 27-30, 2004**. Highlights of the trip will include abundant prehistoric rock art, ancient Anasazi ruins, and numerous side canyons to explore. The AzRA guides, who have made countless trips along this stretch of river, are knowledgeable about the area's archaeology, geology, history, and current threats, and, like all of us at SUWA, they are passionate about protecting its unique resources.

The \$800 trip cost (a portion of which will be donated to SUWA) includes all meals and transportation from Bluff. For more information, or to reserve a spot, please call Alex or Starla at Arizona Raft Adventures at (800) 786-7238. Learn more about AzRA online at www.azraft.com. **Sign-up deadline is March 26, 2004.**



Last year's San Juan boaters and guides, relaxed and smiling at the take-out.

Wilderness Volunteers: Utah Service Trips for 2004

Wilderness Volunteers, a non-profit organization that promotes volunteer service in backcountry

April 18-24: Coyote Gulch and 24-Mile Canyon (Glen Canyon NRA)

Service Project: Invasive tree removal (with free days to explore the canyons)

Grade: Strenuous (backpacking between work sites)

Accommodations: Backpack camping

Leaders: Peyton Hutton & Don Meaders

Trip Fee: \$219

May 2-8: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah

Service Project: Various wilderness restoration projects (and spectacular hiking opportunities on free days)

Grade: Strenuous

Accommodations: Tent camping near cars

Leaders: Dave Pacheco & Bill Olmstead

Trip Fee: \$219

May 9-15: Canyonlands National Park

Service Project: Invasive plant removal (with hiking and mountain biking opportunities on free days)

Grade: Active (digging, bending, shoveling, hiking)

Accommodations: Tent camping near cars

Leaders: Eric Anderson & Tom Laabs-Johnson

Trip Fee: \$219

May 9-15: Escalante River (Glen Canyon NRA)

Service Project: Russian olive eradication (and hiking opportunities on free days)

Grade: Challenging (backpacking 6-7 miles)

Accommodations: Backpack camping

Leaders: Bill Sheppard

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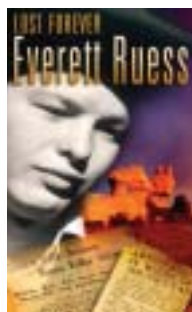
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For SUWA members, the image of Everett Ruess and his burros has long symbolized the spirit and intrigue of Utah's canyon country. The young artist, poet, and adventurer left his Los Angeles home in the late 1920s to explore the wild and remote lands of the Colorado Plateau.

For several years he wandered through the redrock of southern Utah, using the country's magnificent vistas as inspiration for his own artistic creations. But at the age of twenty, young Ruess vanished in the Escalante canyons, creating an enduring mystery that has yet to be solved.

In *Lost Forever: Everett Ruess*, filmmaker Diane Orr explores the spirit and passion of Ruess' legacy. Combining documentary and fiction, Orr's stirring film will offer new evidence and insights to even the most fervent Ruess enthusiasts. Thanks to the generosity of Diane

Orr, proceeds from SUWA's video sales will benefit our work to protect Utah wilderness. Order your video today and help preserve the lands that captured the soul and imagination of Everett Ruess.

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Wild Utah On Video **Get Your Own Copy of SUWA's Famous Travelling Slideshow!**

If you've been hankering for a hit of redrock but can't visit southern Utah this year, SUWA can offer you the next best thing. Our travelling slideshow, *Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness*, is available in videotape format. Produced by Moab photographer Bruce Hucko and narrated by former Salt Lake City Mayor, Ted Wilson, *Wild Utah* features stunning images by noted wilderness photographers, including Tom Till, Jack Dykinga, Jeff Garton, and James Kay. Whether you use it as a grassroots organizing tool or simply enjoy it in your own living room—it's the next best thing to being there.

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T-shirts are 100% organic cotton "Beneficial Ts" from Patagonia. Choose from several colors and styles, including a new women's cut! **Hats** include a baseball cap with SUWA logo (in two colors), plus a floppy hat and sun visor printed with the slogan "Protect Wild Utah." Check out www.suwa.org for more details.

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White Canyon



Cedar Mesa

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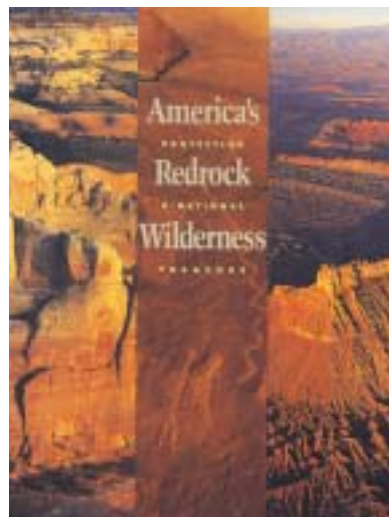
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SUWA staff pose for a fashion shoot after serving up breakfast in drag at the 2003 Roundup in Utah's San Rafael Swell. Could this become a tradition?

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