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Plan redefines feds' forest philosophy

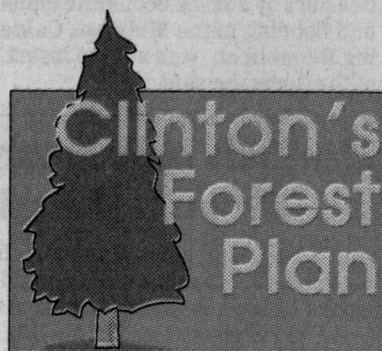
Editor's note: The following is the start of a two-day series on President Clinton's forest plan, which was unveiled July 2.

By Gordon Gregory
of the Daily Courier

Recently available maps detailing the effects of President Clinton's Northwest forest plan dramatically show an unprecedented scope of change.

The new system of federal forest reserves — 7 million acres worth, combined with almost 7 million acres of existing wilderness, visually overwhelms the roughly 6 million acres that would remain open to general logging.

Another 2.2 million acres bor-



dering all waterways, including seasonal streams, would also be protected from logging and road building.

In total, these new reserves cover 14,400 square miles of federal land in the western portions

More land off-limits to logging

of Oregon, Washington and Northern California. Here, forestry as historically practiced in the Northwest would end.

The plan is actually just one option, albeit the preferred option, contained in a draft environmental impact statement. It is the product of Clinton's April 2 forest conference in Portland.

There, he promised his administration would devise a comprehensive management plan to protect the northern spotted owl and other forest species, as well as anadromous fish.

Timber sales on 17 national forests and six Bureau of Land Management districts have been stopped because of federal court injunctions issued to protect the spotted owl, which is listed as a threatened species. The administration hopes to have a final plan in place by the end of the year.

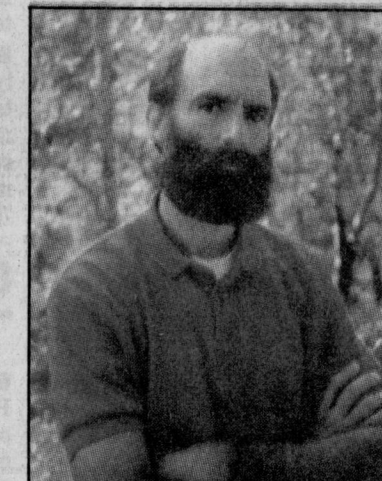
The Clinton plan, designed to meet federal laws and regulations and thus satisfy the courts, is expected to cut federal timber sales in Washington and Oregon by two-thirds.

No one knows how much timber

could be sold under the Clinton plan because some critical details of the plan are still unclear and some assessments have yet to be done. But the administration estimates that 1.2 billion board feet might be auctioned annually. That compares with the more than 4 billion board feet of timber sold yearly from these forests during much of the 1980s.

A board foot is equivalent to a 1-inch-thick block of wood one foot square. Americans consume about 60 billion board feet of lumber annually, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

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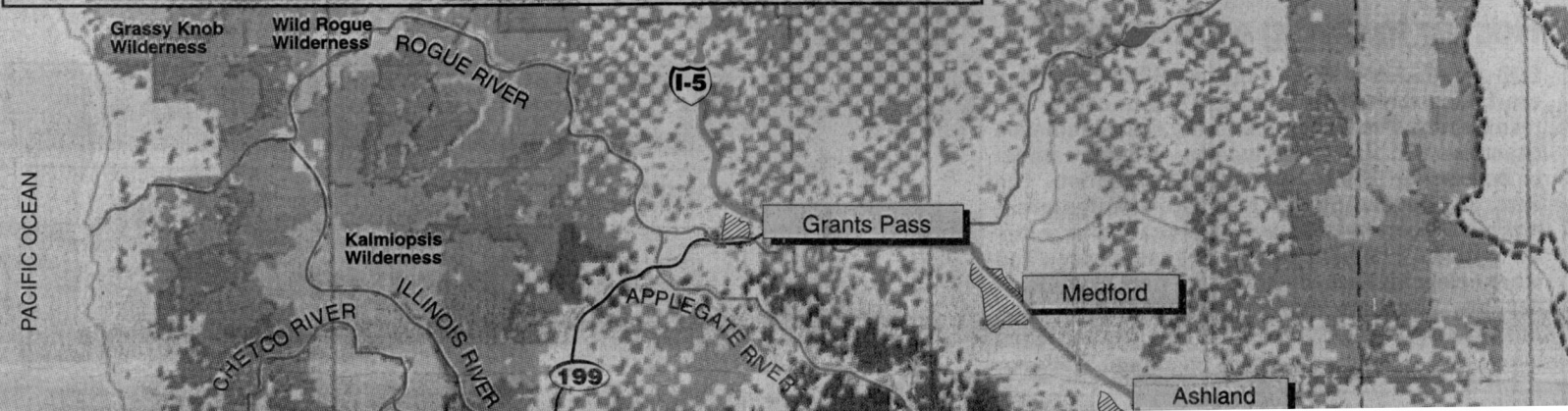


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Seeking a unified approach

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Clinton's cuts and closures



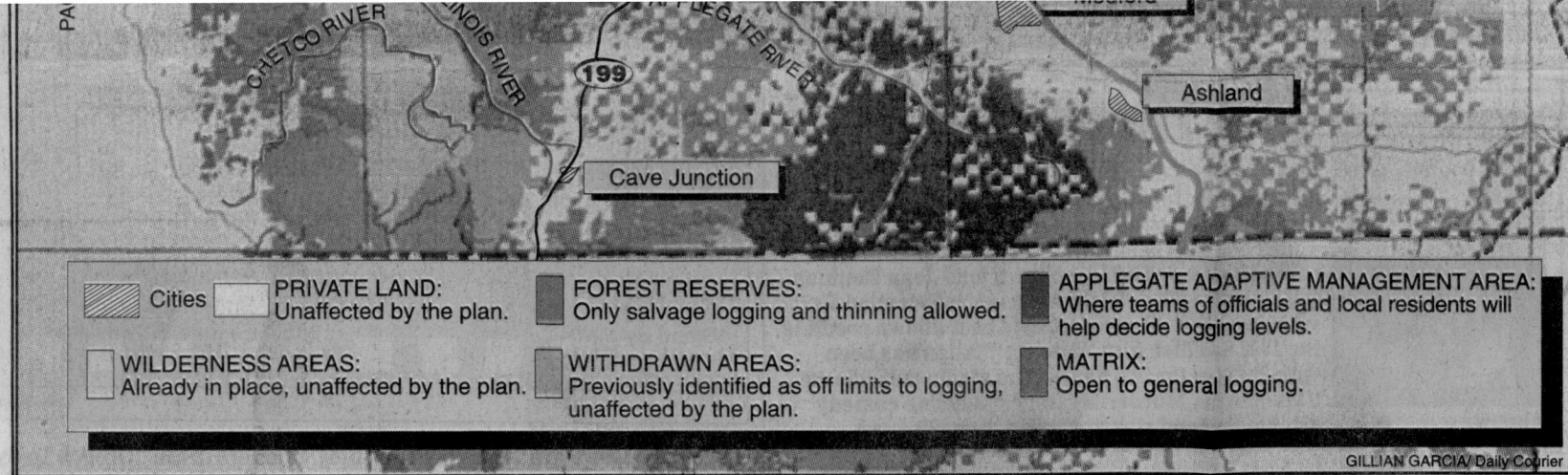
Plan creates new kinds of forests

Clinton's plan would create four new land classifications:

■ **OLD-GROWTH RESERVES:** 7,052,600 acres where logging would be severely restricted. In forests west of the Cascades, no logging would be allowed in stands older than 80 years. In the others, only the salvage of fire- and disease-killed trees and the thinning of young stands would be allowed.

■ **MATRIX LANDS:** 4,853,300 acres that would remain open to logging. Although logging is allowed, at least 15 percent of the live tree volume must be retained after logging on most U.S. Forest Service land.

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Service land. Clearcutting would essentially be banned on U.S. Bureau of Land Management property, which includes most of the checkerboard pattern on the map. Only selective cutting would be allowed, and six to 25 large trees per acre would have to be retained.

■ **RIPARIAN RESERVE AREAS:** 2,231,300 acres bordering rivers and waterways where no logging would be allowed. Logging would be banned for a minimum of 300 feet on either side of all fish-bearing streams. The buffer zones would be 150 feet wide for permanently flowing, non-fish-bearing streams. The width of buffers for seasonal streams would be at least 50 feet.

■ **ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS:** 1,487,700 acres that would be open to logging. Management of these lands is supposed to evolve partly with guidance from local residents. There are 10 of these areas in the region, ranging in size from 84,000 to 400,000 acres. Altogether, these areas cover 1,487,700 acres in three states. One of these is the so-called Applegate Partnership, a 268,000-acre area just southeast of Grants Pass.

Uncle Sam may buy back unharvested timber sales

By Gordon Gregory
of the Daily Courier

One of the big questions about the Clinton administration's forest plan is what happens to the hundreds of already-sold timber sales in the areas proposed as old-growth forest reserves. Can they be harvested, or must they be abandoned?

If abandoned, will the timber companies be compensated for their costs?

"We don't have a clue," said Steve Paulson, timber planner for the U.S. Forest Service's regional headquarters in Portland.

Paulson said sales containing nearly 2 billion board feet of timber have been sold, but are currently not being harvested.

In addition, dozens of active timber sales may be within areas proposed as reserves.

It is still unclear how many of those sales are in reserves and might be affected by the plan.

But considering that 60 percent of the land that was open to timber production would be in reserves, the number must be substantial.

Regional Forester John Lowe reportedly sent a memo to national forest supervisors last week with instructions on how to calculate the volume of the sales that could be affected if the government decides to curtail all logging in the proposed reserves.

Ralph Saperstein, vice president of the Northwest Forestry Association, said the government may not only block sales that have yet to be started, but may curtail ongoing logging operations that are in proposed reserve areas.

A major issue is whether and how to compensate companies for their losses if the sales must be abandoned or significantly redesigned.

Should the government, for example, just reimburse the companies for their actual losses, or should it take into account today's inflated prices and base the compensation on that? Prices have soared in the past couple of years because court in-

junctions tied to the spotted owl have halted the harvest of most federal timber in the Northwest.

Jim Sanders, a spokesman for the Forest Service's Washington, D.C., office, said buybacks are usually based on current market value. That could mean a huge bill because of the skyrocketing prices.

Paulson said the Forest Service recently provided the Office of Management and Budget with an estimate of how much it would cost to buy back the sales.

While he wouldn't reveal the estimate, he said, "OMB just about went nuts."

Saperstein said his organization estimates a buy-back would cost the government up to \$400 million. That, he notes, is roughly equivalent to a third of the entire \$1.2 billion economic assistance package the administration proposes spending in the region to cushion the blow of the logging reductions.

John Aegerter, timber staff officer for the Siskiyou National Forest, said that forest has about 72 million board feet of timber sold, but not harvested,

because of the injunctions.

And a number of those sales are clearly within the boundaries of the proposed owl reserves.

South Coast Lumber Co. of Brookings has several of those sales.

Company forester Virgil Frazier said timber in those sales is critical to the mill and should be available for harvest.

However, he said, he doesn't expect his company to see any of it.

"The word we get is they are going to jerk those sales," he said. "They're in for some kind of lawsuit if they do that."

While South Coast wants the timber, it might settle if the price is high enough.

That, he said, means reimbursing the company for the current value of the timber, which is double or triple what it was worth when South Coast bought the sales two and three years ago.

"We are exploring that with lawyers at this time, and we think we have a pretty good case," he said.

House panel approves boost in motoring fees

Associated Press

SALEM — An Oregon House committee has passed a measure that would increase gasoline taxes and more than double vehicle registration fees.

The proposal, HB2871, passed the House Revenue Committee on a 7-4 vote Thursday and is expected to go before the full House early next week.

Oregon's gas tax now stands at 24 cents a gallon, the third-highest in the nation after New York and Connecticut. The measure would increase that by 6 cents a gallon over two years to a total of 30 cents.

The proposed gasoline tax increase would cost Oregon motorists \$79.8 million in the 1993-95 budget cycle and \$183.6 million during 1995-97. The money would be used for highway repairs.

The measure also would increase auto registration fees from \$15 to \$35 a year, raising \$27.8 million for 1993 and \$117 million in the following two years.

The increases would kick in Jan. 1, 1994.

Supporters argued that state and local governments, which get 40 percent of the tax, desperately need the money for a growing backlog of road construction and repair projects.

Elders vows to stick up for poor

Hearings start — and stop — for surgeon general nominee

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At a confirmation hearing cut short by partisan bickering, Dr. Joycelyn Elders vowed today to be "the voice and the vision for the poor and the powerless" if approved as surgeon general.

Too many of the nation's children are afflicted by the "five h's," she told lawmakers: hungry, helpless, homeless, hugless and hopeless.

As recently resigned director of the Arkansas health department, Elders also reaffirmed her advocacy of sex education and condom distribution, and sought to answer questions raised in the past 10 days about her financial dealings.

In a reflection of the controversy over Elders' appointment, the hearing hit a procedural snag when Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., objected to the hearing being held while the Senate is in session. The rarely used procedural maneuver forced Sen. Edward Kennedy, chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Re-



ELDERS

sources Committee, to recess the proceeding until the Senate ends its business for the day.

Kennedy was angry and he let everybody know it. He told his Senate colleagues, who usually leave town on Fridays, to change their plans because they could be working long into the night and into Saturday.

Kennedy said Elders had been "viciously" attacked during the last week and he was not going to allow similar attacks to go unanswered by delaying the hearing any more.

Elders was allowed to give her opening statement, in which she addressed some of the questions that had been raised about her personal finances in the last couple weeks.

She said the unpaid Social Security tax on a nurse to care for her mother-in-law has now been paid. And she revealed that she had received loans from an Arkansas bank where she had been a member of the board of directors, but she added that the loans were within the bank's limits, charged the prevailing interest rate, and have been repaid.

Elders had been criticized by conservatives for, among other things, supporting distribution of contraceptives in schools. But in her opening statement, she said that decision was left to local school boards.

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Weekend hotter.

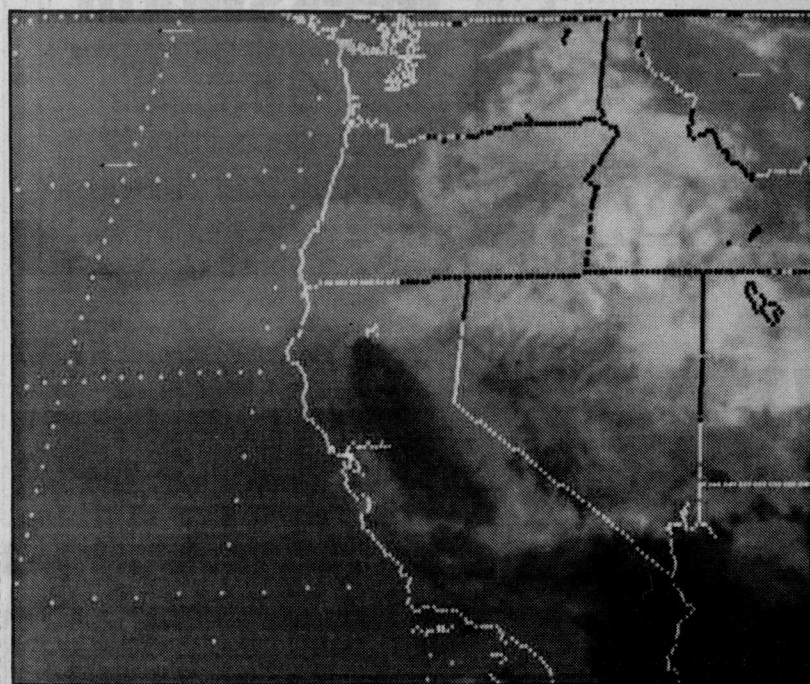
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Weather



This morning's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration satellite photo, as sent by the Associated Press.

Grants Pass

Temperatures	
High yesterday	68
Low today	60
Records for July 23	
High	114 in 1928
Low	43 in 1918
Precipitation	
24 hrs. to 7 a.m. today07
Month to date20
July average20
Dry season to date	8.54
Dry season average	4.42
Year to date	19.72

Rogue River	
Grants Pass	
Level	2.82
Flow (cfs)	2,591
Turbidity (ppm)	2
Temperature	60
At Gold Ray Dam (cfs)	3,105
At Agness (cfs)	na
At Lost Creek Dam (cfs)	2,531
Illinois River at Kerby (cfs)	180
Applegate River	
At Wilderville (cfs)	365
At Applegate Dam (cfs)	265
Almanac	
Sunrise tomorrow	5:54
Sunset tomorrow	8:42

Oregon

Warmer weather is forecast for late this weekend and early next week.

High pressure in the Pacific is causing the wind flow over Oregon to slowly dry out. Showers are expected to decrease Saturday, compared to the last few days.

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peratures near 40. Northwest wind 15-25 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny. Freezing level 13,000 feet. Afternoon pass temperatures 60s.

■ **SHASTA-SISKIYOU AREA:** Partly cloudy. Lows tonight upper 30s to lower 50s. North winds to 15 mph. Saturday mostly sunny with some afternoon clouds over the mountains. Highs Saturday mid-70s to mid-80s.

Extended

Sunday through Tuesday

■ **WESTERN OREGON:** Sunday: Partly sunny after morning clouds or fog north. Slight chance showers north Cascades. Lows 45 to 55. Highs coast 65 to 75, inland near 80 north to lower 90s far south. Monday and Tuesday: Sunny and warmer. Fog or low clouds forming coast Monday night and Tuesday. Lows upper 40s and 50s. Highs coast 65 to 75, inland near 80 north to lower 90s south.

■ **EASTERN OREGON:** Sunday: Partly sunny. Isolated afternoon showers or thunderstorms extreme east. Lows 30s and 40s. Highs 70s to lower 80s. Monday and Tuesday: Mostly sunny and warmer. Lows mid-30s and 40s, near 50 to 55 Columbia River area. Highs upper 70s and 80s.

Nation

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EDT.				
	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	93	62		cdy
Anchorage	65	56	.01	cdy
Atlanta	102	74		clr
Atlantic City	83	56		clr

The nation

President says adieu to friend

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Family and friends paid their final respects today to Vincent W. Foster, Jr., the deputy White House counsel mourned by President Clinton as a great protector, leaned on by friends and colleagues alike. Clinton, in a voice husky with emotion, delivered the eulogy at the close of an hour-long ecumenical service in St. Andrew's Cathedral attended by Foster's wife, three children and hundreds of friends and dignitaries he worked alongside in Washington and here in Arkansas' capital. Foster, 48, who grew up with Clinton in Hope, Ark., and later worked as a law partner with Hillary Rodham Clinton, died Tuesday, an apparent suicide, in a suburban Virginia park. Clinton recalled how as boys they tried to make pocket knives stick into the ground in their back yards in Hope. "The knives didn't stick, but the friendship did," he said. "Go well, friend, and godspeed," he said in closing. Later, the president and his family were joining the Fosters and other mourners on the 105-mile journey to a cemetery outside Hope.



CLINTON

Terror suspect nabbed in New Jersey motel

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, N.J. — The FBI tracked down a man wanted in an alleged plot to blow up the United Nations building and busy New York City commuter tunnels. Agents arrested the Egyptian man at a seaside motel Thursday night in southern New Jersey. Another Egyptian was jailed for allegedly harboring the wanted man. The arrest brought the number of alleged bombing plot conspirators in custody to 11. Prosecutors say they have hours of surveillance tapes with plotters discussing bombing targets and explosives-making efforts. A longtime informant helped authorities break up what they called a ring of fundamentalist Muslim terrorists with international connections. Matarawi Mohammed Saleh, 44, also known as Wahid, was arrested at a motel in North Wildwood, FBI agent James C. Esposito said today. Ashraf Mohammed, 31, was arrested for allegedly harboring Saleh.

Non-union worker murdered near mine

LUNDALE, W. Va. — A non-union subcontractor working at a strike-bound coal mine was shot to death as he drove past a picket line. Eddie York, 35, was shot in the back of the head Thursday outside an Arch of West Virginia mine near Slab Fork Hollow, state Trooper Ric Robinson said. Authorities said it was the first strike-related death since the United Mine Workers began a walkout May 10 against some of the nation's biggest coal companies. According to the UMW, 16,000 miners are on strike in seven states. "Up to this point there has been rock-throwing, name-calling, but now we have somebody killed," Robinson said. York, an employee of a company that was cleaning a sludge pond at the mine, was in a convoy of vehicles leaving the mine, Robinson said. As the convoy passed the picket line, about 15 miners began throwing rocks. and shots were fired shortly afterward, possibly from woods nearby.

People

Rocker to swing against AIDS

LOS ANGELES — Elton John and Billie Jean King are taking their fight against AIDS to court. The tennis court. The singer and the former Wimbledon champion will play tennis together in a tournament to benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation. The Sept. 22-23 event, Smash Hits, will also feature a private concert by John and an invitation-only dinner with Lily Tomlin. Among the tennis pros and other celebrities scheduled to take part in the tourney are Elizabeth Taylor, John McEnroe, Don Henley and Chris Evert. John said he and King intend to make the tournament an annual event.



JOHN

The world

Land ownership is authorized in Russia

MOSCOW — Under the Communist regime, only the state had the right to own land. Those days are gone in Russia. Russian lawmakers on Wednesday authorized land ownership, but did not spell out details of buying and selling private property. The new law says only that Russians can sell and mortgage plots of land, the Russian Information Agency reported Thursday. President Boris Yeltsin, an avid proponent of privatization, has two weeks to amend, approve or revoke the legislation. The move came only days after the same lawmakers undermined Yeltsin's privatization efforts. The legislature, dominated by former Communists, stripped powers from the official in charge of privatization and suspended an earlier order meant to speed up the sale of state property.

The West

Loggers may get cash meant for disasters

WASHINGTON — Sen. Mark Hatfield has succeeded in adding unemployed timber workers to a Senate spending bill designed to help victims of flooding and hurricanes. If approved by the full House and Senate, it would mean Western loggers affected by reductions in federal timber sales would be eligible for part of a \$45.5 million disaster aid package, said Bill Calder, Hatfield's spokesman. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the money Thursday and sent it to the Senate floor as part of its annual appropriation for the Economic Development Administration. The EDA's grant program provides money to communities hurt by severe economic dislocations, such as Hurricane Andrew and flooding in the Midwest, Calder said. But Hatfield, the panel's ranking Republican, was able to insert language expanding the potential use of the funds, he said.

Man finds body in van but still makes the sale

SALEM — A man trying to sell his van opened the back door for a prospective buyer Thursday night and found a body inside. Police said it appeared a transient had climbed into the van and died. Robert Mattson, 66, of Salem said he had left the door unlocked when he last looked inside his van the previous night. The dead man was about 5-foot-6, stocky, Hispanic, and in his late 30s. Mattson said the body was cold and stiff, but there was no sign of injury. Despite the body, Mattson sold his van. The buyer put down a deposit.

Llamas lug the lunkers to two mountain lakes

BEND — A caravan of llamas carried 14,000 brook trout up mountain paths this week as state wildlife officials experimented with ways to stock two lakes near Mount Bachelor. The llamas were volunteered for the job by their owners and it was "pretty obvious that they like it," said Ron Delzer of the Central Oregon Llama Association. "They enjoy being in a group." Each llama carried 500 to 1,200 trout, and most of the fish survived the trip, said Dave Doran of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. "A few fish died, but not many compared to the amount we brought in," he said. Doran said the experimental caravan was a success. "No problems with the llamas," he said. "I would guess we're going to see more of this."

Also ...

FAST FACTS

Reel Oregon

Some of the better known films shot in Oregon:

"Call of the Wild"

1935 Mount Baker Lodge

Rainfall amounts overnight reached a third of an inch on the south and central coasts.

Temperature extremes and measurable precipitation for the 24 hours ended at 4 a.m. PDT today:

	High	Low	Pcp.
Astoria	65	57	.18
Baker City	75	52	.43
Bend	64	47	.30
Brookings	61	58	1.33
Burns	66	50	.17
Eugene	66	58	.08
Klamath Falls	64	52	.04
Lakeview	63	51	.17
Madras	70	49	.04
Medford	62	55	.28
Newport	60	57	.21
North Bend	64	59	1.02
Pendleton	79	57	.15
Portland	72	61	
Prineville	69	45	.03
Redmond	67	51	.05
Roseburg	66	58	.39
Salem	69	57	
The Dalles	79	62	

Region

■ **PORTLAND-VANCOUVER:** Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a few showers mainly evening. Lows near 55. West wind 10 mph. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. A few sun breaks late afternoon. Highs 70-75.

■ **SOUTH OREGON COAST:** Tonight: Fair. Lows near 50. Northwest wind 15-25 mph. Saturday: Sunny after patchy morning low clouds or fog. Highs in upper 60s and 70s.

■ **WILLAMETTE VALLEY:** Tonight: Mostly cloudy north. Partly cloudy south. A few evening showers. Lows 50-55. West wind 5-15 mph. Saturday: Partly sunny after morning clouds. Slight chance of a shower north. High in the mid-70s.

■ **SOUTHWEST INTERIOR:** Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows upper 40s to mid-50s. Northwest wind 5-15 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny after morning clouds north. Warmer. Highs in the upper 70s and 80s.

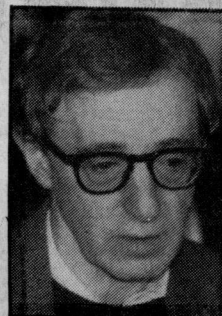
■ **SOUTH OREGON CASCADES:** Tonight: Clearing. Freezing level 12,000 feet. Minimum pass tem-

peratures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	93	62		cdy
Anchorage	65	56	.01	cdy
Atlanta	102	74		clr
Atlantic City	83	56		clr
Austin	96	75		cdy
Baltimore	85	59		clr
Billings	77	53		cdy
Bismarck	76	55	1.19	rn
Boise	74	57	.35	cdy
Boston	82	64		cdy
Buffalo	79	57		clr
Burlington, Vt.	66	59	.29	cdy
Casper	83	52		rn
Charleston, S.C.	89	82		cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	96	75	.01	cdy
Cheyenne	81	52		rn
Chicago	73	67	.01	rn
Cincinnati	84	69		cdy
Cleveland	78	54		cdy
Concord, N.H.	81	51	.01	cdy
Dallas-Ft. Worth	98	77		clr
Denver	87	57		cdy
Des Moines	70	68	.27	rn
Detroit	81	57		cdy
Fairbanks	81	53		cdy
Flagstaff	79	48		clr
Hartford Spgld	81	58		cdy
Helena	72	49	.03	cdy
Honolulu	85	77	.15	clr
Houston	98	74		cdy
Indianapolis	82	67	.03	cdy
Juneau	67	55		cdy
Kansas City	88	70	.01	cdy
Las Vegas	100	77		cdy
Little Rock	94	77		clr
Los Angeles	75	65		cdy
Louisville	83	68		cdy
Lubbock	98	75		cdy
Memphis	97	76		cdy
Miami Beach	93	80		cdy
Milwaukee	72	65	.04	rn
Mpls-St. Paul	76	65	.09	rn
Nashville	94	72	1.01	cdy
New Orleans	92	75	.54	rn
New York City	87	66		cdy
Norfolk, Va.	85	66		cdy
Oklahoma City	95	76		clr
Orlando	92	76		cdy
Philadelphia	84	66		clr
Phoenix	103	81		clr
Pittsburgh	81	53		clr
Portland, Maine	77	53	.07	cdy
Providence	81	63		cdy
Reno	81	62		clr
Richmond	88	61		cdy
Sacramento	93	64		clr
St. Louis	83	75	.80	cdy
Salt Lake City	79	59		cdy
San Antonio	98	76		cdy
San Diego	73	65		cdy
San Francisco	75	60		cdy
San Juan, P.R.	90	72	1.85	cdy
Santa Fe	87	56		cdy
Seattle	69	57	.02	cdy
Sioux Falls	71	66	.04	cdy
Spokane	64	54	.16	cdy
Syracuse	76	64		clr
Tucson	101	74		clr
Washington, D.C.	88	66		clr

National Temperature Extremes:
High Thursday — 108 at Lake Havasu City, Ariz.
Low Friday — 39 at Jackson, Wyo.
m — Indicates missing information.

ney are Elizabeth Taylor, John McEnroe, Don Henley and Chris Evert. John said he and King JOHN intend to make the tournament an annual event.



ALLEN

Woody jumps producers, too

LOS ANGELES — Woody Allen has ended another relationship, this time with TriStar Pictures. Allen said Wednesday his next three films would be produced at Sweetland Films, an upstart production company headed by longtime friend Jean Doumanian. Allen's sister, Letty Aronson, is Sweetland's vice president. The company's best-known credit is the 1992 Swedish film "The Ox." Allen has been with TriStar for two years. The studio will release "Manhattan Murder Mystery," a crime comedy directed by and starring Allen, Aug. 20.

Dr. Crane's Rx bad, says wife

LOS ANGELES — The estranged wife of former "Cheers" star Kelsey Grammer claims he pressured her into having an abortion. Leigh Anne Grammer also said through her lawyer, Donald Zelinsky, that she won't agree to Grammer's request for annulment, which would remove Mrs. Grammer's claim to any community property. Grammer, who played psychiatrist Dr. Frasier Crane on the TV series, married Mrs. Grammer, a former exotic dancer, last September. They separated eight months later, and Grammer filed for an annulment. Zelinsky said Grammer lost interest in the marriage after his wife got pregnant. Grammer told her they could be together again if she got an abortion, and after a suicide attempt, Mrs. Grammer had the abortion, Zelinsky said.



GRAMMER

Philosophy

From Page One

ber staff officer John Aegerter estimates three-quarters of that forest that had been open to timber production is now within the proposed reserve areas.

In terms of potential sales, that could mean between 20 million and 50 million board feet a year compared to the roughly 200 million board feet the Siskiyou sold some years in the 1980s.

But the numbers are only a tiny part of the story and say almost nothing about what the dozens of scientists and policy makers involved in designing the strategy were thinking and trying to accomplish.

One of those scientists, Fred Swanson of the Pacific Northwest Research Station in Corvallis, said the researchers who gathered in May struggled to devise a unified strategy for protecting all old-growth-dependent species, while allowing for as much logging as possible.

They were trying to avoid creating a separate protection strategy for each imperiled species, such as the marbled murrelet and the northern spotted owl.

"We tried to merge the separate conservation plans in an effort to try to create some better efficiencies," he said.

Thus, forest reserves were placed in areas that would benefit the most species. They were also placed in drainages like Silver and Indigo creeks north of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness, where they could protect the fishery as well as the forest species. The wilderness is in the Siskiyou National Forest about 25 miles west of Grants Pass.

Swanson, ecosystem team leader at the research station and one of the region's most respected natural resource scientists, said the protection of so-called key watersheds was also

of great concern. These are the watersheds supporting the most valuable or the most endangered anadromous fish stocks.

Locally, the reserves envelop most of the Rogue, Chetco and Illinois rivers. The same is true for the Klamath River south of the border.

The reserves were also concentrated around wilderness areas. This was done to magnify the benefits of the reserves by providing habitat adjacent to them.

"It is, in a way, a revolution in thinking. (But) a lot of people in the Forest Service and the BLM have been working on this for a long time."

Tom Atzet,
Siskiyou forest ecologist

Scientists think that small, isolated tracts of virgin forest are of questionable value, so some areas that contain old growth were left open to logging because they were too isolated. That's one of the reasons so much of the checkerboard pattern of BLM land was left open to logging.

Another key concept behind the reserve system involves the need to provide migratory paths for plants and animals, according to Tom Atzet, ecologist for the Siskiyou National Forest.

This means continuing the connections of old-

growth forests from low to high elevations, as well as along north-south and east-west routes.

This is critical, said Atzet, because long-term forest health depends on the ability of plants and animals to move and evolve in response to changing conditions.

Atzet points to the large block of reserves and wilderness stretching from the Wild Rogue Wilderness through the Kalmiopsis and into Northern California as one of the key migratory routes down the back of the Siskiyou Mountains. Over millions of years, all manner of life forms shift in location in response to climatic or other environmental changes.

Maintaining the local migratory route is particularly important because southwest Oregon and northwest California contain most of the plants and animals that live in the Northwest.

"This area has served as the sink for species for millions of years," Atzet said.

When Atzet considers the map of Clinton's plan, he sees a lot more than new land allocations. He sees the birth of a new management philosophy.

The Clinton plan represents the abandonment of the notion that land managers can mitigate the environmental consequences of cutting huge chunks from a complex of old-growth forests. In one way, the strategy represents an acknowledgement that nature needs room to take care of itself.

"It is, in a way, a revolution in thinking," said Atzet. "(But) a lot of people in the Forest Service and the BLM have been working on this for a long time.

"So, it doesn't seem like a revolution," he added. "It seems like it has come to a head — finally."

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"Paint Your Wagon"	1969	Baker
"Five Easy Pieces"	1970	Eugene
"Sometimes a Great Notion"	1970	Central Coast
"The Apple Dumpling Gang"	1974	Bend
"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"	1975	Salem/Central Coast
"Animal House"	1977	Eugene/Cottage Grove
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