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KEA Files Suit to Save Dike Road Trees



Photo by Don Murphy

Earlier in December, Kootenai Environmental Alliance filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mandate to remove the trees along the Rosenberry Drive (“The Dike Road”) in Coeur d’Alene. The lawsuit alleges that the Corps failed to perform an adequate environmental analysis, and that the Corps is attempting to enforce a memorandum that isn’t actually a law. The Gonzaga University School of Law’s Environmental Law Clinic represents Kootenai Environmental Alliance in this case.

In an inspection just over a year ago, the Corps of Engineers cited the City of Coeur d’Alene for more than a hundred maintenance deficiencies on the

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Critical Habitat Designated for Selkirk Caribou

In response to a successful petition and lawsuit by some of our regional colleagues, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently released a mapping of critical habitat for the woodland caribou in the Selkirk Mountains. Some 375,500 acres are designated, most of which is in remote roadless areas in Boundary County, Idaho, with some lands designated in Bonner County, Idaho and Pend Oreille County, Washington. The tiny herd of Selkirk caribou — estimated to consist of about 46 animals — are probably the most endangered mammals in the continental United States. Comments will be taken on the proposal through January.

In its news release, the Fish and Wildlife Service describe the habitat and why it’s important: “The southern Selkirk Mountains caribou is a member of the deer family, and it possesses unique biological

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“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

- Anne Frank





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flood control equipment that purportedly protects North Idaho College and the Fort Grounds neighborhood from flooding. Among the deficiencies cited by the Corps was the fact that the hundreds of mature Ponderosa pine trees that line the earthen levee portion were in violation of the Corps' standing vegetation policy for levees. To correct the deficiency, the City of Coeur d'Alene was instructed to cut the trees, remove the roots, and re-construct the levee embankments. To maintain the critically important certification for the levee, the City was given two years to comply.

The KEA lawsuit alleges that, at some point, the Corps of Engineers should have performed some sort of environmental analysis for the vegetation removal – either at the national program policy level, or at the local implementation level. The Corps has essentially done neither, which KEA alleges is in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

We believe an environmental impact statement, if actually done, would show that the Corps policy would be devastating to the City of Coeur d'Alene, as well as communities around the country facing similar mandates. Moreover, a hard look at the environmental impacts would also show that there is essentially no scientific basis for a sweeping one-size-fits-all tree removal requirement.

In the lawsuit, KEA also alleges that the requirement that the City remove the trees is derived essentially from a Corps of Engineers memorandum, not actual regulations. For regulatory requirements to be enforceable, they should have been published in the Federal Register and opened up to the public for comment. That didn't happen.

In many respects, the KEA lawsuit mirrors a lawsuit filed in California regarding the Corps of Engineers vegetation policy that would require removal of a huge swath of habitat in the Sacramento region. That lawsuit is still pending, and was recently joined by the California Department of Fish and Game.

Article contributed by Terry Harris



Photo by Don Murphy



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and behavioral traits. It prefers high elevations above 4,000 feet and steep terrain with old-growth forests. Small groups of mountain caribou migrate seasonally up and down mountain ranges, rather than undertaking the mass group, long-distance migrations some species of caribou are known for. When winter snow deepens, mountain caribou feed almost exclusively on arboreal lichens that occur on old trees (typically 125 years or older), in high elevation forests."

The USFWS release goes on to say, "The primary threat to the species' survival is the loss of contiguous old growth forest habitats due to timber harvest and wildfires. Human activities such as road-building and recreational trails can also fragment caribou habitat and facilitate the movement of predators into the caribou's range."

Indeed, like too many other species, woodland caribou were once found across much of the northern United States, but were forced from their habitats by old-growth logging, hunting and poaching, and roads. Now, their last habitat in the U.S. is under stress by disturbance from snowmobiles and winter recreation. For several years, our friends at Selkirk Conservation Alliance, a party to the caribou lawsuit, have performed aerial monitoring of caribou habitat confirming the threats.

According to the Lands Council, also a party to the lawsuit, "The conservation groups petitioned for critical habitat in 2002 and sued for the designation in 2009. In 2005, the conservation groups challenged grooming of snow mobile trails into caribou habitat on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest and obtained an injunction on snow mobile travel

and trail grooming in a small portion of the forest that is essential for the caribou. Much of that habitat has now been designated as critical habitat, ensuring these protections will be maintained."

The designation of critical habitat flows directly from the Endangered Species Act, serving the purpose of identifying geographic areas that contain habitat features essential for the conservation of a listed species. The primary legal effect is that critical habitat requires federal agencies to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service on federal actions that may affect critical habitat, federal agencies are prohibited from funding or authorizing actions that would adversely affect critical habitat.

Bonner County officials are critical of the caribou habitat designation, but USFWS points out that: the designation of critical habitat does not affect land ownership; critical habitat is not the same as a refuge, a wilderness area or any other conservation area; it does not allow government or public access to non-federal lands; and a critical habitat designation does not impose restrictions on non-federal lands unless federal funds, permits or activities are involved.

In a statement, Mark Sprengel from Selkirk Conservation Alliance says, "The woodland caribou of the Selkirk Mountains are highly endangered and need this habitat protection to survive. Protecting the caribou means protecting the old-growth forests and wild places of the Selkirks, which are cherished by many."

Article contributed by Terry Harris



Conservation and environmentalism encompasses many efforts. In the past, these efforts focused on The Clean Air and Water Acts, The Solid Waste Disposal Act and The Endangered Species Act. As history shows, the evolving world has challenged the current definition of these efforts. They transform based on the developing world. It is now time to reshape these ideas once again. Conservation is now about improving our quality of life. It includes all the items from the past but has shifted to include our day-to-day lives, how we live them and the places we choose to spend our time. Conservation and environmentalism are now a blueprint for cultural change. These new ideas center around the human experience, smarter partnerships and choices for future growth and development.

Natural Capital is another expansion to the idea of a renewed environmental approach. The broad definition is: Consider the services nature provides, calculate the economic benefit of those services, then create a plan that protects those services based on their true value. It is the idea of sustaining that which sustains us. As Peter Kareiva, a chief scientist for The Nature Conservancy states, "Environmentalism for the 21st century means choosing the future, not clinging to some vision of how beautiful things once were." Mr. Kareiva along with many other environmentalists are helping "develop tools that inform the choices we make everyday at the scale of local communities and regions, all the way up to nations and global agreements."

One of the constant elements in conservation revolves around natural places. We are aware of the benefits we obtain from nature and how we need these experiences integrated into our lives. Once we have these events embedded in our memory, we are more likely to help conserve familiar areas or those like it.



As we urbanize and streamline, fewer people come in contact with nature. This is where the Roots Community Supported Agriculture Project (Roots CSA) can step in. We are about the human/nature interface. This program provides the human health and wellbeing aspect of environmentalism. After all, humans are a species that also deserves conserving, protecting and supporting. We are helping members in the community experience the relationship between locally grown food, and creating clean soils and biodynamic systems that heal the earth. The CSA teaches about the continued fertility of soils and the interconnection where food actually comes from and the farmer that grows it. We are in the businesses of creating a nutritious, sustainable food system and outdoor learning and nature



based science education and conservation. We also create a community around the simple act of growing a seed into something that feeds us.

The Roots CSA has been helping to bring a pipeline of youth into conservation through our hands-on nature based learning programs. These are local programs that travel into the schools and enhance an already existing curriculum. Our programs create an

adventure with the natural world, save money and do not tax our overworked teachers. We are creating fond memories and experiences that stay with these kids and spark a curiosity that will propel them to help protect our natural areas.

Remember your Mom telling you to "go outside and play, and only come home when it starts to get dark?" Remember those secret spots in your yard or neighborhood where the great fort stood in the trees, or closing down the dirt road for a sledding hill? The quiet grassy area under the shade tree, thinking, listening, playing. These spaces are etched in our hearts and our brains as fond memories and we would have fiercely protected them from the builder ready to develop



know that is only around 3:45PM these days so start your day early.

the next home if we needed to. From a relatively young age, we all had the ability to be environmentalists protecting what we cherished. Community Roots and Roots CSA hopes to connect with our community to develop this important bond showing them what our beautiful environment can support in their lives.

So this Winter, I challenge you to invest in Natural Capital through The Roots CSA program, the Community Roots Local Food Share or another program with KEA. I also encourage all of us to get outside, play in the cold and the snow, and only come home when it starts to get dark. -I

Article contributed by Kara Carleton

ROOTS 2011 Season Recap:

- ◆ **Sue grew enough veggies to fill 464 shareholder boxes** over the 16 week season. That is 6-8 varieties in each box.
- ◆ **That is over 3,000 lbs. of fresh, pesticide-free food** for 90 shareholders (30 families), of all income levels (plus the excess harvest that was donated each week).
- ◆ **The Dalton Elementary School Pumpkin Patch provided over 90 children with pumpkins** during the Fall Harvest. This bit of our educational curriculum begins with the First graders in the classroom, then provides an outdoor learning/planting experience at the CSA and ends with the excited Second graders harvesting their pumpkins, learning about the process of cider making and some "digging in the dirt" learning experiences.
- ◆ **The CSA partnered with Shared Harvest** and individual gardeners to help The Local Food Share Program donate over 29,000 lbs. of fresh food to the local food assistance facilities.
- ◆ **We developed a seedling donation program** to rescue vegetable seedlings from local nurseries and garden centers and distribute them to Senior Centers, schools and community gardens. These seedlings are designated as "not retail ready" and are considered a loss for the establishments. We were able to nurse these babies back to health and donate over 3,600 plants to organizations growing for the local food banks and providing educational opportunities for our community.



For information about becoming a shareholder for the 2012 season, volunteering or digging in the dirt with us, please contact Kara Carleton at Kara@kealliance.org.

Likeable Litigation

The lawsuit filed by Kootenai Environmental Alliance against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over the Rosenberry Drive trees has been almost universally well-received. Other than a few crazed online comments from the anonymously insane, we've received nothing but well-wishing for our effort. Even the Coeur d'Alene Press — no fan of environmental litigation — came out in favor of our lawsuit. We appreciate the popular support. We wholeheartedly believe that the Corps of Engineers is violating the law by not completing an environmental impact statement at any point in the levee inspection program that led to the order to remove trees from Rosenberry Drive.

Despite what some people might think, going to court is not something we take lightly. A KEA lawsuit is actually quite rare. We are extremely careful that both the facts and the law are on our side, and that the issue is significant enough to expend the time and money and effort. Indeed, this is true for the vast majority of conservation organizations. It is easy to call a lawsuit frivolous, but very few of them really are. Quite literally, we can't afford to lose many court cases.

Still, when laws are clearly violated, when the environment is clearly at stake, going to court needs to remain an option. Lawsuits should never be the first option, but they should always be available as a last resort.

Unfortunately, access to the courthouse and judicial re-

view is under attack. Congress has attempted to make some laws flatly unreviewable in court. Congress has attempted to limit government payment of attorney fees, even in cases where the government loses. Presidential candidates are calling for impeachment of judges and ignoring Supreme Court rulings not to their liking. And there are increasing attacks on university legal clinics which, like Gonzaga Law in our case, provide pro bono representation to low income people and public interest organizations without the ability to pay.

Courts provide an honest way of dealing with honest disputes. Courtrooms are inefficient and expensive places to resolve these disputes, but courts do the job with authority and finality. Respect for the rule of law is what provides civilizations with actual civilization. We're glad that this particular lawsuit is so popular, but we're also glad that unpopular ones can be resolved the same way.

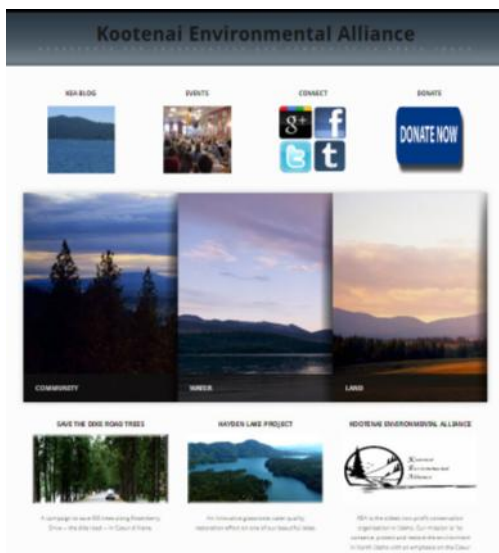


Article contributed by Terry Harris

KEA Launches New and Improved Website

It's not all boring meetings and troublemaking. Part of being a non-profit organization in the 21st century is being sure that online communications are effective and up-to-date.

In that regard, we've just launched a brand new website that will give us more flexibility, at a lower cost, and we think, with a much better appearance. It's the same address — www.kealliance.org. Bear with us, as there's still a lot of work to do — much of the website will be "under construction" for a while as we find the time to renovate it — but we're pleased with it so far.



It isn't enough to just have a website anymore, though, so we've continued to expand our presence in social networks. KEA has accumulated more than 1000 likes on facebook and more than 600 followers on twitter. Recently, we added pages on Google+ and tumblr to try them out. All the different systems have different features and different capabilities, and we'll be exploring the best ways to take advantage of the new networks. We'll post different things to the different sites, but our blog will remain an important central source for timely information from KEA.

Mostly though, we want to make sure that that it is easy for you to connect with us, wherever you may be online. Follow us, like us, add us to your circles — or whatever it is that works for you to stay in touch online. Feel free to explore with us. Let us know what you think.



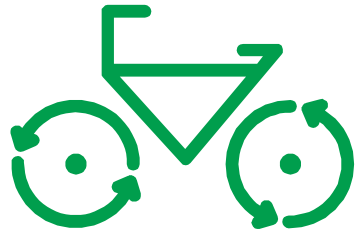
Kootenai Environmental Alliance CALENDAR of EVENTS

January 5 <i>Thursday</i>	KEA Lunch & Learn: Aquatic Invasive Species 12:00 pm Iron Horse Restaurant - 407 Sherman Ave. Speaker Tom Wolfe.
January 10 <i>Tuesday</i>	Audubon Society Meeting 7:00 pm Lutheran Church of the Master, 4800 N Ramsey, CDA
January 19 <i>Thursday</i>	KEA Lunch & Learn: TBA 12:00 pm Iron Horse Restaurant - 407 Sherman Ave
January 20 <i>Friday</i>	ICL hosts the Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film 7:00 pm Located at The Eagles Club in downtown CDA. Cost: \$7 entry, no-host bar
January 21 <i>Saturday</i>	KEA Book Club Social 11:00 am Our January book is Timeless Simplicity, by John Lane. Details: pehamlin@hotmail.com.
January 22 <i>Sunday</i>	Pend Orielle River and Lake Bird Watching 8:00 am Meet at K-Mart parking lot, south. Call leader Bill Gundlach at 667-3339 for details.
January 27 <i>Friday</i>	KEA ANNUAL MEETING 6:00—9:00pm. The Dodge Studio 804 N 4th St., CDA (the orange building across from Capone's)
February 2 <i>Thursday</i>	KEA Lunch & Learn: TBA 12:00 pm Iron Horse Restaurant - 407 Sherman Ave
February 4 <i>Saturday</i>	11th Annual Eastern Washington/ North Idaho Regional Lakes Conference 9:00 am—2:00 pm "Lessons in Lake and Watershed Management" Location: Spokane Community College Lair Student Union Building. N 1810 Greene St. Spokane, WA. This conference is FREE to attend but RSVP by Jan 27th to: bijay@libertylake.org (509) 922-5443. KEA will be presenting on The Hayden Lake Project's floating wetland initiative
February 14 <i>Tuesday</i>	Audubon Society Meeting 7:00 pm Lutheran Church of the Master, 4800 N Ramsey
February 16 <i>Thursday</i>	KEA Lunch & Learn: TBA 12:00 pm Iron Horse Restaurant - 407 Sherman Ave
February 17-20 <i>Fri-Mon</i>	The Great Backyard Bird Count www.birdsource.org/gbbc
February 18 <i>Saturday</i>	Winter Bird Watching at Lincoln County Winter Bird Route 8:00 am Meet at K-Mart Parking Lot, south side. Call leader Janet Callen at 664-1085 for details.
February 18 <i>Saturday</i>	KEA Book Club Social 8:00 am February book is "Storms of My Grandchildren," by NASA scientist James Hansen. Details: pehamlin@hotmail.com.
March 1 <i>Thursday</i>	KEA Lunch & Learn: TBA 12:00 pm Iron Horse Restaurant - 407 Sherman Ave
March 10 <i>Saturday</i>	Art on the Edge Kid's Carnival Riverstone Park
March 13 <i>Tuesday</i>	Audubon Society Meeting 7:00 pm Lutheran Church of the Master, 4800 N Ramsey
March 15 <i>Thursday</i>	KEA Lunch & Learn: TBA 12:00 pm Iron Horse Restaurant - 407 Sherman Ave

GREEN LIVING: WINTER EDITION

Climate Change Resolutions

Changing our behavior is essential in the fight against climate change. Here are some easy and green options that you can put into practice for the New Year.



In my Travels

◇ **Seek out other options. Use public transit, travel by bicycle or walk** whenever you can. Consider carpooling for recurring trips, with coworkers for example. If each Montrealer went to work once a week by bus or metro, it would be the equivalent of taking 120,000 cars off the road.

◇ **Drive the smallest vehicle possible.** When your lifestyle demands that you have to drive a vehicle, make sure it consumes as little energy as possible, that its energy consumption characteristics offer the best fuel consumption, and therefore lower CO₂ emissions.

- ◇ **Drive with the windows closed** and remove unused roof racks. By reducing wind resistance you will use less fuel and reduce your CO₂ emissions.
- ◇ **Keep your tires properly inflated.** You reduce rolling resistance, burn less gas and reduce your CO₂ emissions. Check your tire pressures and adjust them as necessary when planning long trips.
- ◇ **Avoid pointless acceleration and braking in traffic** and shut off your engine when your car is stopped. Acceleration and idling engines use fuel and increase your CO₂ emissions. And contrary to what is commonly believed, letting the engine run for more than ten seconds when stopped burns more fuel and generates more emissions than shutting it off and restarting it.

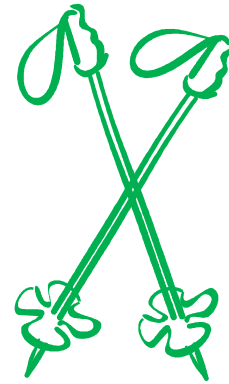
In my lifestyle habits

- ◇ **Wash in cold water** rather than hot. By changing two washings in hot water with two washings in cold water each week, you reduce your CO₂ emissions by 12 kg per year. And what's more, you save: a cold water wash costs on average \$0.02, while a hot water wash costs \$0.47.
- ◇ **Choose composting.** You reduce the methane emissions generated by organic matter as it decomposes in landfills, as well as the GHGs generated by transporting the waste. Not to mention that compost is an excellent natural fertilizer.
- ◇ **Mow your lawn differently.** A conventional gas lawn mower emits as much GHG in an hour of operation as 40 new cars! Why not choose a manual or electric model?
- ◇ **Install programmable thermostats.** They cost about \$50 and you will save much more than that in the first year.
- ◇ **Buy Local.** The average transportation distance of food, from field to table, is 1,650 miles. A more ecological option is to buy products from here, which also supports local agriculture at the same time.



At the office

- ◇ **Save electricity.** Remember to shut off unnecessary lighting during the day or when you leave at night.
- ◇ **Print front and back.** This will considerably reduce your paper consumption. Ask yourself, do you need to print that document?
- ◇ **Make your corrections directly on your computer** instead of printing out and editing a document. Most word processing programs let you make comments and corrections directly in your file with the help of the Comment and Track Changes functions.



In my recreational activities

This winter opt for recreational activities that emit little CO₂. A snowmobile emits as much CO₂ in an hour as 100 cars! Downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are alternatives that allow you to admire the landscape and the wildlife while having a minimal impact on the environment. Learn more at www.zeroco2.com

Get out there and EXPLORE the amazing areas we have in our region to XC ski, downhill ski and snowshoe:

4th of July Pass Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, 18 miles E. of Coeur d'Alene
Tel: (208) 769-3000
Web: www.idahoparks.org
Trail Information: 19.2K, groomed, all levels, restroom, warming hut, shelter, fee

Chipmunk Rapids Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, N. of Priest River
Tel: (208) 443-2512
Web: www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/
Trail Information: 10K, groomed, all levels

English Point Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, E. of Spokane
Tel: (208) 769-3000
Web: www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/
Trail Information: 9.6K, un-groomed, beginner/intermediate level

Farragut State Park Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, N. of Coeur d'Alene
Tel: (208) 683-2425
Web: www.idahoparks.org
Trail Information: 12K, groomed, beginner/intermediate level, restrooms, fee

Hanna Flat Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, N. of Priest River
Tel: (208) 443-2512
Web: www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/
Trail Information: 6.4 K, groomed, beginner level

Lookout Pass Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, E. of Coeur d'Alene
Tel: (208) 752-1221
Web: www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/
Trail Information: 5.6K, un-groomed, beginner/intermediate level

Mineral Point Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, N. of Coeur d'Alene
Tel: (208) 265-6600
Web: www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/
Trail Information: 14K, un-groomed, beginner/intermediate level

Palouse Divide Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, N.E. of Potlatch
Tel: (208) 875-1131
Web: www.idahoparks.org
Trail Information: 28.8K, 45% groomed, beginner/intermediate level, restroom, fee

Priest Lake State Park Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, 33 miles N. of Priest River
Tel: (208) 443-2200
Web: www.idahoparks.org
Trail Information: 19.2K, groomed, beginner/intermediate level, restroom, fee

Round Lake State Park Nordic Ski Trail

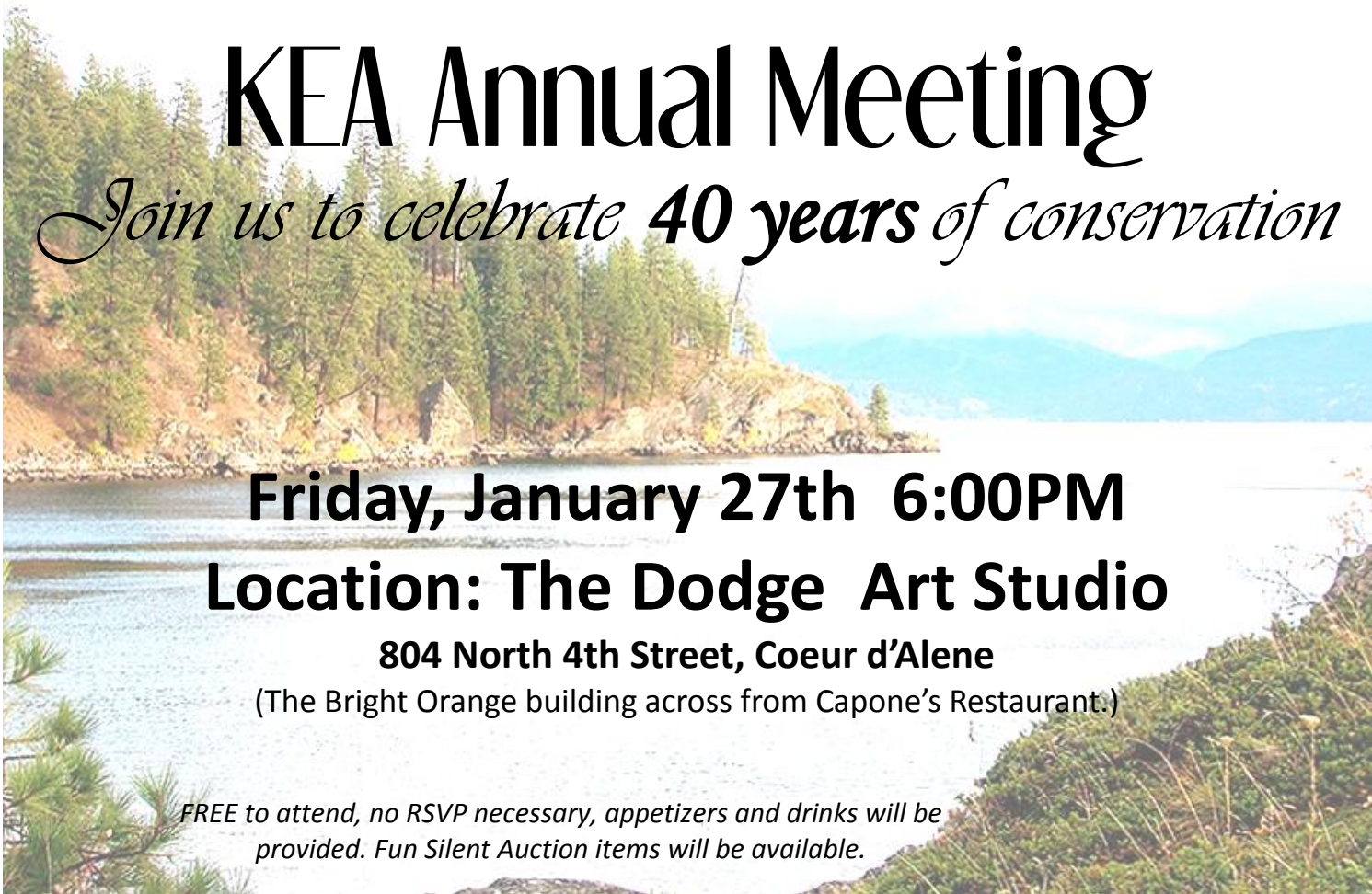
Northern Idaho, 10 miles S. of Sandpoint
Tel: (208) 263-3489
Web: www.idahoparks.org
Trail Information: 4.8K, groomed, beginner/intermediate level, restroom, fee

Schweitzer Mountain Resort Nordic Ski Trails

Northern Idaho, 11 miles E. of Sandpoint
Tel: (208) 255-3082
Northern Idaho, 11 miles E. of Sandpoint
Tel: (208) 255-3082
Web: www.schweitzer.com
Trail Information: 32K, groomed, all levels, lodge, fee

Stoneridge Resort Nordic Ski Trail

Northern Idaho, N. of Post Falls
Tel: (208) 437-2451
Trail Information: 21K, groomed, beginner level, fee



KEA Annual Meeting

Join us to celebrate 40 years of conservation

Friday, January 27th 6:00PM

Location: The Dodge Art Studio
804 North 4th Street, Coeur d'Alene
 (The Bright Orange building across from Capone's Restaurant.)

FREE to attend, no RSVP necessary, appetizers and drinks will be provided. Fun Silent Auction items will be available.

KEA BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

Please let these companies know you appreciate their support of our environment.

If you would like your business to be featured here, see the back page of this newsletter for information on joining us as a "Business Member."

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Art Spirit Gallery www.theartspiritgallery.com 208-765-6006	Handshake Productions, an entertainment agency www.handshakeproductions.net 208-667-3162	Shelter Associates www.shelterassociates.com 208-664-0372
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Choice Therapies Jeri LaForce Sahlin 208-664-0434	Kootenai County Farmers' Markets www.kootenaicountyfarmersmarket.com 208-772-2290	Sports Cellar, Inc www.sportscellar.com 208-664-9464
City of Coeur d'Alene Wastewater Dept sidf@cdaid.org (208) 769-2277	The Leather Works www.theleatherworks.net 208-676-0818	Terra Sports www.terrasportsinc.com 208-209-5446
CompuChex Payroll www.compuchex.com 208-667-1516	Multi-Pure Drinking Water Filters 650-520-7576	The Wine Cellar www.coeurdalenevinecellar.com 208 664-9463
DOMA Coffee Roasting Company www.domacoffee.com 208-667-1267	Open Ears Web Design www.openearsweb.com 208-651-0655	Underground Expressions, Inc 208-664-4763
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Gardening by Sandy 208-657-7110	Ronnee McGee Botanicals 208-676-8844	



OFFICIAL BALLOT

Board of Directors, January 2012-2015

The Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) is governed by an elected Board of Directors, who serve three-year terms. The Nominating Committee recommends the following individuals who have agreed to serve on the board, if elected. Their term begins in January 2012 and expires in 2015. Short biographical descriptions of nominees are below.

Your vote is important – please respond by mailing the below ballot back to us at P.O. Box 1598, CdA 83816-1598, or emailing your vote to KEA@kealliance.org The votes will be counted by the Nominating Committee and announced at the Annual Meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012.

Nominations to the KEA Board of Directors:

ED BUCHLER

Ed has been sitting on the Board of the Kootenai Environmental Alliance since 2009. He holds a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Montana and has held faculty positions at the Rockefeller University in New York and the University of Maryland. His primary area of research was echolocation systems in mammals. He later transitioned into stealth submarine research and development and is currently semi-retired. He has been active in bat conservation efforts in the area for many years, assisting federal and state agencies and private conservation groups such as The Nature Conservancy. Efforts have included surveying abandoned mines to determine if they should be gated to eliminate disturbance, moving colonies from dwellings to nearby alternate roost sites, erecting bat houses at suitable locations and educating people about bats. Ed also serves on the Board of the Coeur d'Alene chapter of the National Audubon Society and works actively with birds of prey as a federally licensed raptor rehabilitator. He and his wife, Kris, are members of several conservation-based organizations.

TYLER WIRICK

Tyler has his B.S. degree in microbiology from Weber State University and his J.D. from the University of Nebraska, College of Law with a focus in environmental and natural resources law. Currently, he runs his own law practice in Coeur d'Alene. Tyler was introduced to KEA in 2005 during the litigation process of the BNSF refueling depot over the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. "I love Northern Idaho's natural environment. I am an avid fly fisherman and skier (Nordic and alpine). I feel like I am privileged to live and work in what I consider to be one of the most beautiful places in the world. To protect the beauty of this area, I believe in reasonable, sustainable, and responsible growth."

VOTE FOR TWO

___ ED BUCHLER ___ TYLER WIRICK

Please return this ballot, by Friday, January 20, 2010, to:
 KEA @ P.O. Box 1598, Coeur d' Alene 83816-1598

or

Email your vote to KEA@kealliance.org

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Our members provide the energy, passion and resources necessary for KEA to advocate for the protection of our irreplaceable resources. Together, we do make a difference.

Member Benefits

- Access to current information on local environmental issues.
- You will receive our quarterly newsletter, Perspectives, is packed full of the latest news on local environmental projects, concerns and activities.
- Email alerts keeping you up to date on what is happening in your backyard and what actions can be taken.
- Inclusion in meetings and outdoor excursions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Levels

(please circle one)

Student.....\$15 Family..... \$50 Conservationist.....\$100 Leader..... \$500

Advocate.....\$25 Business..... \$50 Panhandle Protector...\$1000 Other.....\$____

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