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By Jane Braxton Little, Sacramento Bee Correspondent

Ten years after initial approval of Dyer Mountain resort, court will take up environmental concerns about potential mega-resort in remote region

Susanville, Calif. – Opponents of the proposed Dyer Mountain resort in Lassen County on August 26, 2010, filed their opening brief with the Lassen County Superior Court. Mountain Meadows Conservancy, Sierra Watch, and Sierra Club are together suing Lassen County, contending that the Board of Supervisors illegally certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that approved the development of a year-round resort of more than 4,000 homes.

The brief lays out the plaintiffs' arguments against the proposed Dyer Mountain resort, noting the severe damage it would impose on environmental resources in the area. The resort is proposed for 6,700 acres of forest land. Dyer Mountain, which rises from the shores of scenic Mountain Meadows Reservoir, provides habitat for 17 special-status species, such as the endangered little willow flycatcher and the threatened greater sandhill crane. The Mountain Meadows Basin forms the headwaters of the easternmost tributary of the North Fork of the Feather River above Lake Almanor. The region is known for its unspoiled beauty and is home to nesting American bald eagles.

"This massive development proposal has no place on Dyer Mountain, which is in a remote, rural area," said Steve Robinson of Mountain Meadows Conservancy. "And approval of the project failed to meet basic legal standards."

Plaintiffs in the case argue that the



Sandhill Crane and Egg

Susan McDonald

County failed to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are petitioning the court to rescind all development approvals. According to Robinson, "Our goal is to take the development proposal off the table, as it never was subject to proper environmental review. We'd like to work with landowners and decision makers on a responsible vision for Dyer Mountain."

The approved project would have sixteen significant environmental impacts that the developers would not be required to mitigate, ranging from excessive traffic and poor air quality to damaging the area's scenic vistas.

Lassen County voters approved an initiative in 2000 that granted conceptual approval for a year-round resort. The proposed resort is among the largest development proposals in the Sierra Nevada. The final proposed project would add 17,000 new residents to the area, completely overwhelming a region whose main town, Westwood, has a population of about 2,000 residents. The initiative granted the Board the authority to go back to the original zoning for the area if construction of the resort had not begun within seven years. Ten

years later, the project is still far from construction.

The project has been a financial mess, mired in investor lawsuits, bankruptcy proceedings, and foreclosure. Among other debts, the current landowners owe more than \$1.25 million in overdue property taxes.

The Dyer Mountain resort proposes to eliminate thousands of acres of timber land to make space for subdivisions, ski slopes, and golf courses. The land itself is largely pristine, with access provided by a one-lane bridge. The development would require new water services, sewage systems, and roads.

"The Dyer Mountain proposal is a poster child for outdated development plans," said Tom Mooers of Sierra Watch. "It proposes the kind of mistake we won't let happen in our Sierra. This is extremely sensitive habitat and one of the last relatively untouched areas of its kind in California; it's time to drop the development proposal and work together on a win-win resolution that permanently protects Dyer Mountain."

Conservationists see the effort to stop the Dyer Mountain resort as part of an encouraging trend in the Sierra Nevada: important Sierra areas are shifting away from development and towards conservation. In 2006, development plans in the Martis Valley near Lake Tahoe were scaled back significantly to protect the natural resources in the region. A similar fight is underway to protect Donner Summit, where a private developer has proposed to build nearly 1,000 residential units. Like the proposed Dyer Mountain resort, the Donner Summit project faces substantial opposition on environmental grounds and is struggling financially.

"It is highly unlikely that Lassen County will see sustainable economic gain

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Mountain Meadow Flowers

Steve Robinson

from this proposed resort,” added Sierra Club’s Grace Marvin. “Dyer Mountain is far more remote than the Lake Tahoe area where many Bay Area residents go to enjoy outdoor recreation. And the lower elevation at Dyer Mountain means that, as climate change takes further hold, it’s likely there will be little to no natural snowfall to support

downhill skiing.” The native Honey Lake Maidu tribe would also experience a significant loss if development plans move forward. Many of the tribe’s burials and sacred sites are located within the proposed Dyer Mountain resort area.

Plaintiffs Mountain Meadow Conservancy, Sierra Watch, and Sierra Club have retained San Francisco-based Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger to represent them in this lawsuit. To read the full brief submitted to the court, go to <http://www.sierrawatch.org>. The Lassen County Superior Court is scheduled to begin hearing arguments in the case on December 15, 2010.

About the Plaintiffs

Mountain Meadows Conservancy's mission is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty and environmental health of the Mountain Meadows watershed; to protect its significant Mountain Maidu burial and cultural sites; and to provide recreation and public access for generations

to come. <http://mtmeadows.org>

Sierra Watch works to defend and protect the Sierra Nevada by turning development threats into conservation opportunities. Based in Nevada City, the organization has built a track record of success preserving important land in Martis Valley and turning back development on Donner Summit. <http://sierrawatch.org>

Sierra Club is the largest grassroots environmental organization in the country. The Club’s Yahi Group serves five counties (Lassen, Butte, Glenn, Tehama, and Plumas) with a broad range of conservation and fun outings activities. It is active in protecting the environment by voicing interest in General Plans; the health of trees, forests, and parks; water and ecosystems; and climate change. <http://www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/yahi/>

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YAH! Club News

YAH! Conservation Notes

By Grace Marvin, Yahi Conservation Chair

Our legislators will have been selected and our propositions will have been decided -- by the time this article appears in print. The results may be good, bad, or mixed in your eyes; still, that doesn’t eliminate the need for citizen activism regarding extremely important conservation issues. Moreover, even if you have given up hope for good representation in Washington, many of us believe that we have a duty to care about making our communities more self-sustainable, for the sake of future generations and for the well-being of our families, neighbors, and the earth.

Of particular importance? The General Plans that will help share our communities and counties for decades to come are still underway, and citizen responses to draft plans are vitally needed. If you do not know where to begin, please consider writing a letter similar to the following one; make it pertinent to your own area and send it to your City Council members and/or County Board of Supervisors.

We believe our air quality, sustainable agriculture, open spaces, wildlife, and water resources need all the protection you now have the opportunity to deliver to our General Plan 2030. In particular, we urge you to pay special attention to carefully assessing where and how much ground and surface water we have, how they affect each other, and what we will need now and in the future. Those measurements should include all the impacts on our water from any development plans,

population growth, sewage, etc., and we need to take account of climate change as well. We also urge you to ensure that new housing, retail, road, energy, and other projects are as sustainable as possible, thereby allowing future generations to have access to at least as many vital resources as we currently have.

Many communities are already using so-called Smart Growth Principles to plan their communities, and we urge you to use them in our area, too. Smart Growth Principles emphasize compact urban forms and pedestrian and bike friendly communities, as opposed to sprawl. By avoiding urban sprawl (and the huge public expenses associated with it), we can preserve or develop Green Lines, open space, forests, and mixed use shopping areas and parks in our neighborhoods; we also would reduce vehicle miles traveled, further erosion of our air quality, and destruction of ecosystems and other precious natural resources, including groundwater, rivers, streams, and wildlife. By placing top priority on filling currently vacant buildings and other types of infill, Smart Growth Principles guide us in avoiding unnecessary stresses on our natural resources.

Finally, we encourage you to promote alternative transportation and safe travel routes, as well as locally produced food, farmers’ markets, and green jobs to help us become more locally self-reliant,

economically productive, and less wasteful. Big Box stores, highways that destroy neighborhoods and open space, and huge new shopping malls are not the way forward. Please tell us how you plan to address my proposals. Thank you.

During the last few months numerous important meetings have taken place. Here is a very small sampling of insights I have gained:

1- The state’s Bay Delta Conservation Plan advertises itself as not being about a “water grab,” but a recent meeting with state leaders of that plan suggested otherwise. So, please keep your eyes and ears alert regarding their continuing discussions of water tunnels, canals, and other conveyance systems. Questions posed by north state folks regarding the Tuscan Aquifer and other ground water were poorly answered – meaning that the planners have not been concerned about how our north state waters would decrease in quality and quantity with the far-reaching and very expensive plans now being considered, e.g., for a 2012 Water Bond proposition! Let’s be sure County Supervisors as well as other citizens are fully aware.

2- *Conjunctive water management* (of surface and ground waters) is a topic worth investigating and discussing with neighbors and government agencies and representatives. I have learned, for example, how detrimental it is for farmers or water agencies to allow export and sale of water

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from a river, for example, and then to ask that farmers use their groundwater -- especially in areas where we do not know how much water aquifers contain nor even how recharging of water takes place. Neighboring wells have often dried up! The north state provides most of the state's water; yet, we do not know enough about the Tuscan Aquifer to allow surface water to be exported at the expense of our ground water. We need more conservation e.g., wise agriculture, recycling of grey water, and fewer huge lawns, instead of more conveyances!

3- It is highly valuable when staff or volunteers from numerous environmental and neighborhood associations make their presence known in letters and at meetings, and when they come together to discuss common issues. One such organization, the Citizen Water Watch Committee, meets in Chico and invites representatives from many non-profits and water agencies. The information can be overwhelming, but knowledge does begin to seep in (pun intended) over time. We learn, also, about other organizations that are fighting water issues, such as the newly formed Aqualliance, currently taking government agencies to court.

4- Cities and counties need to address sustainability not only in their building plans but also in their economic planning. Look into whether and how our representatives are discussing plans to preserve and increase local jobs in agriculture, industry, etc., in General Plans and elsewhere.

5- Of concern for some environmentalists in Butte County is whether an agency whose main focus is on building roads and highways (BCAG) will be implementing the Conservation segment of our General Plan. We must be careful that our planners do not suggest "mitigation" for some development that they plan far away from the project, and where conservation measures may not be needed. Sensitive habitats must be protected as much as possible.

6- In recent years, fighting population growth has been controversial for the Sierra Club. I learned at a recent Sierra Club workshop that the national office places major emphasis on increasing the ability of women to have access to family planning, i.e., allowing more women to make decisions about the number of children they want. This is opposed to any effort to tell countries how many people they should have. When women are educated and have access to birth control, most women decide to have fewer children.

7- At a Sierra Nevada Alliance workshop, I learned more about the value of and the tactics necessary for organizing for social/environmental change. In particular, we can get our supervisors to listen to us if we strategize carefully. If you are interested in helping me make such efforts, please contact me at g-marvin@comcast.net. Thank you.

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Yahi Winter 2010/2011 Outings and Events

Coordinated by Alan Mendoza

<http://www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/yahi/outings-f.htm>

Yahi Conservation Chair Honored

By David Garcia, YAH! Chair

It was a splendid Friday evening for the Butte Environmental Council's 35th Birthday Bash at the Chico Grange. Bacio catered the scrumptious local healthy feast with Sierra Nevada Beer, local wines, and spritzers to quench our thirst. The members were talking about past environmental achievements and eyeing the wonderful art pieces on display for the silent auction. The benefit was capped with the wonderful local music of the Railflowers and JP Gutierrez.

This annual event also recognized outstanding individuals who have contributed to the preservation and protection of our community. As a member of the Sierra Club Yahi Group, I was thrilled, happy and proud that our own conservation chair, Grace Marvin was awarded the Coleen Jarvis Environmentalist of the Year. Grace is truly committed and dedicated in the fight to protect our water, our air, our open space and prodding our community toward sustainability. I am elated that BEC recognized and honored Grace Marvin's hard work and dedication.

2010 Yahi Christmas Party

By Annette Carey

2010 Yahi Christmas Party - Sunday, December 12 - 5-8 p.m.

Join your friends and celebrate the holidays while benefiting our local Yahi Chapter. We will have our annual Christmas Party at the Gooney Bird Restaurant again this year, but we will be inside in our own private room. There will be vegetarian as well as chicken dinners available and wonderful homemade desserts. Social hour is 5-6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00. The cost is \$23.50 per person. We will also be drawing the winning tickets for the Yahi Art Quilts that were made by five talented quilters. This event will be your last chance to purchase the winning raffle ticket!

Please call Dave at 533-2357 to make your reservation. Also, if you would like to donate a dessert that we can offer, please call Jan at 894-0438.

25-Year Sierra Club Members

By Gerda Lydon, Membership Chair, Yahi Group

Congratulations to the following for being members of Sierra Club for 25 years:

- Diane Brown, Oroville
- Gail Coensgen, Chico
- Carl and Julia Ferre, Chico
- Tanya Henrich, Chico
- Patricia Kaar, Magalia
- Marian Karagan, Portola
- Jeffrey Lang, Susanville
- Kathleen Leeson, Chico
- Janet Owen, Chico
- Joan Szabo-Pelsoczi, Chico
- Robert and Wanda Wood, Chico
- Anthony Wren, Paradise

We thank you for continuing to take an active interest in the local, regional, and national efforts of the Club to preserve the wild places on this earth for our and future generations.

YAH! ExCom Elections

Each December Yahi members can vote for people to represent them on the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the local Yahi chapter. This year we have one candidate: Tesh Bhattacharya.

Please take a few minutes to participate in this important process. Read the Candidate's Statements, and show your support by clipping and submitting your ballot.

Candidate Statement - Tesh Bhattacharya

My name is Tesh Bhattacharya and I look forward to serving the Sierra Club Yahi group board in Chico, CA. I am a resident of Chico since March 2008 where I currently live and also work for a company called Auctiva Corporation as a software test engineer.

Born and raised in India I came to the Washington DC area as a Graduate Student in George Mason University in 1991. I got a green card and came to the San Francisco East Bay area in 2000 where I took many day hikes with the local Sierra Club, mainly in Marin, San Francisco and East Bay. Since moving to Chico I also did a quite a few day hikes and also a few camping trips with the Yahi group.

I did only one Sierra Club outing to the

spectacular Canadian Rocky mountains in July this year when we visited Banff, Jasper and the points in between including Athabasca Glacier and Falls and Lake Louis.

We also met the members of the local conservation groups and attended presentations. In addition to being overwhelmed by the beauty of the Mountains, glaciers and lakes, I was also saddened by the lesser known stories of greed and aloofness of the the province of Alberta in using this majestic land for tourism and also indiscriminately allowing oil companies to have almost open access for drilling wherever they want.

Thank you for your time consideration my application to serve as a member of Sierra club board. Please do not hesitate to call me at 530/809-1111 if you have a question.



Yahi Group Executive Committee Ballot

Procedure: This year there are two candidates for the Executive Committee. Each Yahi Sierra Club member may approve the candidates or vote for a write in of their choice. The second vote check box is for dual member households. Please clip and mail prior to December 31, 2010 to:

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Tesh Bhattacharya

[write in]

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Annual Yahi Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12, 5-8 PM
Gooney Bird Restaurant in Chico
Vegetarian and Chicken dinners available
Drawing for Yahi Art Quilts

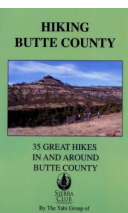
The cost is \$23.50 per person

Reservations—Dave at 533-2357
To contribute a dessert—Jan at 894-0438

Yahi Newsletter Online

By Louise Casey, Newsletter Co-Editor

Before the next issue of the newsletter in March, Yahi members will receive an e-mail that will make it easy to sign up for our online newsletter. All of the money that we save will be available for the important conservation work of the YAH! group in our area. You can look at the current issue of the online newsletter at <http://www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/yahi>



Yahi Group Trail Guide

The hikes in this book are all within a relatively easy day's drive of the selected starting point of the Chico Park and Ride (Hwy 99 & Hwy 32).

Cost: \$10 plus shipping if bought directly

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Conservation Forum

The Edge of Things

By Rex Burress

Down by the riverside, near the Centennial Garden in Oroville, I stepped on the edge of new asphalt and nearly went down at the two-inch drop. I had sprained my ankle one time by stepping off the slight drop-off edge of a sidewalk, which is a very unexpected ankle-turner if you aren't watching.

I thought about the edge of things, and about everything having a beginning and end, unless you consider a circle, or ball, or bubble, and its circular connectedness. But even the round Earth is at the edge of its surroundings and the Universe. Sometimes an edge is abrupt unless there is a merger as in an eco-tone of nature where one habitat merges with another, such as a forest and a meadow. The edge of an eco-tone is usually a transition zone of abundant and varied flora and fauna.

The edge of a river is always a fascinating meeting of land and water. A multitude of different plants and animals reside in land and water zones. In the water are gill-equipped fish and shell-covered mollusks destined as permanent residents of the underwater world, while bottom-dwelling invertebrates are mostly the nymph-stage of insects. Frogs qualify for that transitional process among animals adapted to two

worlds. Underwater tadpoles become adult frogs and toads, and some amphibious salamanders use the water for reproduction, and then retreat to a moist land site. Crayfish can tolerate both worlds, too.

Some aquatic plants like duckweed, algae, and lily pads are deemed to live under, or on top, or at the edge of water. Cattails and tules are notable examples of plants that need their feet in the water while the stalks seek the sun on tall stem shafts. Mangrove shrubs, water cypress, willows and cottonwood also live in watery places.

Commonly speaking, to be "on edge" is to be nervous about something. A knife blade can have a sharp edge. To move edgewise is to move sideways. The edge of a property is the border.

One of the most amazing edge-places is the edge of the sea. Conservationist Rachel Carson, who wrote the book "Silent Spring" detailing the pitfalls of DDT-type pesticides, also wrote the illuminating book, "The Edge of the Sea," describing the greatest meeting of land and water and the tidal zones involved in accommodating animals of that turbulent force. Rachel was able to translate her emotional wonder of the sea into a descriptive poetic style suggesting the love of natural phenomena. She said, "If there is poetry in my book about the

sea, it is not because I deliberately put it there, but because no one could write truthfully about the sea and leave out the poetry." To the river watchers, that also applies to the river.

Carson had a special way of seeing even though her specialty was marine biology. Just as she was equally fascinated by the cry of the wild goose and the flight of the monarch butterfly to its winter roost by the sea, her interest applied to "everything that is hitched together." She explained that the conservation philosophy behind the refuge system aimed at "the preservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat," which ultimately involved "the preservation of the basic resources of the earth, which man, as well as animals, must have in order to live....Once you are aware of the wonder and beauty of earth, you will want to learn about it."

The tide pools at the edge of the sea are filled with beautiful specialized creatures enduring the rigors of pounding waves and stranded pools. A starfish can't live on land situated at the edge of the water, a well defined boundary, just as the beach primrose can't live in the sea.

My life is like a stroll upon the beach. As near the ocean's edge as I can go.
– Henry David Thoreau

Do Not Disturb

By Rex Burress

I was walking the narrow creek trail in Bidwell Park one morning, and I paused to pick a pungent bay tree leaf. Droplets of dew came raining down at the slight disturbance, creating a "bay shower," as a friend called it. Touch gently when leaves are wet!

In fact, a gentle approach to the outdoors will be more rewarding than a noisy entrance and tromping feet. "Walk softly and carry a good hiking stick!" That will allow you to tiptoe through the tidy tips without disturbing the damp dew and denizens of the wild. "If you should see feather or fur, feather or fur, do not stir, do not stir..." At least be as inconspicuous as you can be if you want to see bird or beast.

The hiker will walk softly and not disturb the dust unnecessarily, although a boy is different, and my son Ben would shuffle through dust to the point we called him a dust devil. "He liked to see the smoke!" They say a boy becomes a man when he walks around a puddle instead of through it, and you could say that of dust-disturbers.

Those ominous masses of dust during the time of the Midwest Dust Bowl days were spread afar simply because the soil had been disturbed by zealous plowing, and drought completed the disaster. Undisturbed nature has a way of holding things together, but mismanaged resources can become a chaotic state.

Witness the destruction caused by mining residue, clear-cut forests, erosion of plowed hill-fields, eradication of predators, straightened stream channels, and a long list of other irregularities often traced back to some kind of tangible disturbance. Would you call drilling for Gulf oil in mile-deep water a disturbance of the sea floor? At some point, the extraction of natural resources will have to be drastically controlled.

Conservation is a big word in the disturbance subject. Theodore Roosevelt had it right when he said, "No small part of the prosperity of California depends upon the preservation of her water supply; and the water supply cannot be preserved unless the forests are preserved."

John Muir fought hard for the conservation principle, but even he could see

the land abuse problem looming into the future. He said, "The battle for conservation will go on endlessly. It is part of the universal warfare between right and wrong."

In more subtle examples of disturbance, tracks left behind in dust, snow or sand tell a story of animal passage. The rain-dampened dirt road in Blue Oak Meadow reveals the presence and passage of turkeys, deer, squirrel, and once a mountain lion foot-pad mark was left in the dust. There is an art in reading tracks, as outlined in the Boy Scout manual or Tom Brown Jr.'s woods-lore books.

Things you don't want to disturb are bee hives, hornet nests, tropical ant marches, nesting alligators, coiled rattlesnakes, sleeping dogs, and a man riding on an elephant!

For the mind disturbed, the still beauty of dawn is nature's finest balm. – Edwin Way Teale

The barking of a dog does not disturb the man on a camel. – Egyptian proverb

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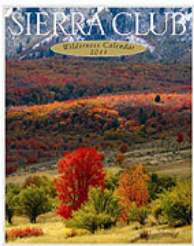
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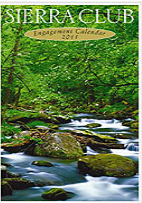
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- All the grandeur of the North American wilderness
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- Spiral Bound



2011 Sierra Club Desk Calendar

- Week by week format with 57 full-color photographs
- Gift Boxed
- Spiral Bound measures 6 1/4" by 9 1/4"

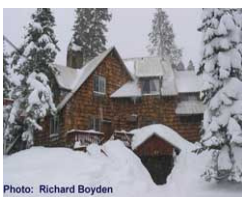


2011 Sierra Club Holiday Cards

Choose from 19 different boxed sets of cards featuring amazing nature photographs. Inside greeting: Season's Greetings

Calendars and cards are also available at <http://sierraclub.org/store>

Clair Tappaan Lodge



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