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"So you thought they were mountain preserves? Not in South Mountain Park where the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department would like much of what is left of the desert paved over. Location is north of Ahwatukee. — Ross Meagher

Help Preserve Arizona Wildlife Areas

(NEAR KINGMAN)

by Jim Vaaler

After over 10 years of public meetings, draft environmental impact statements, final environmental statements, more public meetings, comment deadlines, comment deadline extensions, slideshows, conflict resolution workshops, field trips, informal meetings with field personnel, followed by more field work (hiking), we are finally approaching a critical juncture in the BLM wilderness process. We hope to have congress introduce a wilderness bill early next year.

It is time to write letters folks! So much is at stake! Our congressional delegation (see listings in Echo) needs to hear from you about the need for much more wilderness on our BLM lands in Arizona.

Some beautiful areas are in trouble now and have been controversial for years. The *Gila Box* in southern Arizona is one of the few remaining areas along the entire length of the Gila River that still qualifies as wilderness. Mining companies are fighting hard to stop wilderness designation. Four wheelers want to run uncontrolled up and down this last remnant refuge of a free flowing river.

Lovely *White Canyon* south of Superior is a beautiful area with a free flowing stream and the associated riparian habitat. It has beautiful rock formations and a large population of Turtles. A large part of this area is on the adjacent Tonto National Forest. The copper miners want it all, hands down - no compromise. New copper mines are not even a viable economic issue in Arizona anymore, but the miners are still

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(NEAR PARKER)

by Cary W. Meister

Imagine a place where you can't find a McDonald's along an Interstate Highway and where your radio can't pick up any stations (during the day, anyway). You're not somewhere in the heart of Alaska — you're much closer to home, in western Arizona. Much-maligned by our state's unknowing urban residents, the western part of Arizona is a paradise for those who want a wilderness experience unmarred by having to acquire permits and constant encounters with other people. Even while driving to some places in this part of the state you'll hardly see a car or truck.

Until November 20, the Yuma District Office of the Bureau of Land Management will accept comments on their draft proposal for wilderness. Fourteen of the twenty-two areas included are in Arizona. While BLM has finally produced a strong recommendation for wilderness in this area (60% of the eligible area is recommended), your letters are needed to demonstrate public support for not only BLM's recommendations but also to increase the area BLM recommends for wilderness.

Send your letters of support for wilderness to: Darwin Snell, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Yuma District Office, P.O. Box 5680, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

You can obtain a copy of the *Draft Yuma District Wilderness Environmental Impact Statement* by writing to the above address or calling 1-726-6300.

While letters expressing a general support for wilderness in the Yuma District are

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Roads Through S. Mtn. Park?!

by Roberta Delaney

A citizens committee appointed by the Phoenix City Council is proposing at least three major roads be cut through South Mountain Park. Pressure is growing to build major roads across the Park to serve planned housing developments being built on the south side of the Park. One of the proposed roads, at 32nd Street, appears to cut through part of Hidden Valley, a favorite Phoenix hiking spot. The roads would be major transportation routes to central Phoenix and would have a devastating impact on the animal life, natural desert vegetation, noise level, and air quality in South Mountain Park.

There are plans for many other roads in both the North and South Preserves. In the North preserves, if you have a favorite hiking spot out of sight of the city, the chances are very high it is scheduled to have a road and a parking lot in the near future. There are now plans to build roads and parking areas into most of the undeveloped valleys in the North Preserve. The Phoenix Parks Department endorses vehicular access into all areas of the preserves as they feel roadways have the highest potential for allowing the greatest number of people to experience the preserves.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. The Phoenix Parks Department is giving a series of workshops in October and November to get citizen input on a master plan for development of South Mountain Park. They will be asking Phoenix residents such questions as: "What should South Mountain Park provide for Phoenix area residents and park visitors?" "What are the greatest problems facing South Mountain Park?" and "What do you feel are the special opportunities that the park could offer 20 years from now?" We are urging Sierra Club members to get to these meetings and give the Parks Department input. The Sierra Club has over 2500 members in the Phoenix area. This is our chance to help decide how the Park will be developed and push to retain the wilderness concept. Call 262-4926 - the Park Hotline - for dates and places. Also ask to get on the mailing list for the Park Newsletter so you will know what is happening.

2. Write the Parks Department, the Mayor, and your city council representative and object loudly and persistently to any kind of roads through the Phoenix Mountain Preserves. Remind them that the original concept of the preserves was as a wilderness park in the city.

Call Roberta Delaney at 944-8744 for further information.

Two on the Tonto

by Tom Wright

In addition to the growing controversy over the proposed extension of the Rio Verde road - see Phil Sawyer's excellent article in the September "Echo" - two more interesting issues have arisen recently in the Tonto National Forest. Both of them deal in different ways with values the Sierra Club has always fought to protect, and both are well worth looking into.

As part of the Central Arizona Project's Plan 6, the Bureau of Reclamation is scheduled to modify and raise Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River. The size of Roosevelt Lake will be increased as a result of the greater storage capacity, and Plan 6 included funds for new recreational facilities at various points ringing the lake. Since the lake was created in 1911 it has been marked (as are all other lakes on the Salt/Verde system) by a very clear separation of uses, with one shore developed for easy access and intensive recreation use and the opposite shore left substantially undisturbed. The Plan 6 money will change this at Roosevelt, as the Bureau plans to construct several major new campsites on the previously undeveloped northern shoreline. Oddly, Plan 6 funded these developments but did *not* fund the road system which would be necessary to bring in the anticipated crowds. The Forest Service is therefore now proposing a \$20 million upgrading, realignment, and paving job on the dirt A-Cross Road, so named because it winds across the north shore of the lake between Tonto Basin and the Young highway. (It also passes within a mile of the new Salome Wilderness Area.)

Without question, the paved highway and the new intensive recreation sites (none of which have actually been built yet) represent a comprehensive plan to "open up" the primitive north shoreline of Roosevelt Lake. Also without question, this plan will have substantial impacts on natural scenery, wildlife, archaeological resources, and ORV access. Yet the Forest Service has indicated that they plan only an Environmental Assessment (EA), not a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and that the EA will deal only with the road construction, not with the recreation sites or their associated impacts. This, they say, is because the recreation sites were studies, approved, and funded separately by the Bureau of Reclamation several years ago (with very little public notice). This piecemeal approach to the overall plan could result in a less-than-adequate understanding of the plan's impact on the region surrounding Roosevelt Lake.

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NOV. 12 DEADLINE! ADDRESS CHANGE!!

(SEND ARTICLES TO
NEW ADDRESS,
SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS)

IGNITE YOUR GROUP!

The Grand Canyon Chapter will sponsor a workshop in Phoenix, Nov. 22, 1987, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Squaw Peak Park at the end of Squaw Peak Rd., Apache Ramada #7. Susan McCool, National Membership Committee vice-chair, will work with participants on how to revitalize groups, develop home-grown ideas and explain how National can assist you. Send your suggestions or questions about the program to Tom Slaback, 715 E. Goodwin Street, Prescott, AZ 86303. All members, not just group membership chairpersons, are cordially invited and encouraged to attend. Tom's # — 778-4233.

• **GRAND CANYON CHAPTER MEETING NOV. 21 (SAT.)** will be combined with Chapter Conservation Committee meeting. Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. in Phoenix. See announcements.

• **SOUTHWEST REGION CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING JAN. 30, 1988 (SAT.)**, in Phoenix. See next issue for details.

Announcements

ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER/JANUARY ISSUE MUST BE:

1. TYPED AND DOUBLE-SPACED.
2. RECEIVED BY NOV. 12.

NEW ADDRESS!!!

SEND ARTICLES TO: **LINDA WATANABE**
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GRAND CANYON CHAPTER EX. COMM./CONSERVATION MEETING

Chapter Excomm meeting and Chapter Conservation committee meeting will be held Sat., November 21, 1987 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Youth Room, 2801 North 31st St., Phoenix. The Youth Room is in the southeast corner of the complex. The conservation meeting will start at

9:00 a.m. promptly and end at 11:00. The executive committee meeting will start at 11:00, to facilitate a joint Excomm/Conservation meeting in the afternoon. The subject of the joint meeting will be upcoming legislative issues in Arizona.

GRAND CANYON CHAPTER AWARDS BANQUET NOV. 21 (SAT) will follow the Chapter ExCom meeting.

This is your chance to join fellow club members for an evening of fun and relaxation while also recognizing the accomplishments of some of our state's most active environmentalists. The festivities will be held from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Ramada Number 3 in

the Pima Area of North Mountain Park. This will be an informal potluck dinner and barbeque. Bring your own table service, meat to barbeque and a potluck dish to share with others. Suggested potluck dishes include salad, vegetables, dessert or bread. For more information attend the Chapter ExCom or call Joni Bosh at 956-4390.

GRAND CANYON CHAPTER AWARDS.

There is still time to nominate an outstanding environmentalist for one of the Chapter's awards. The emphasis of the awards is on proven accomplishments in preserving the environment. To make your nomination please send your typewritten nomination to Hal Hallett by November 10th. Your nomination must include the

nominee's name, address, telephone number, participation in environmental activities, and listing of accomplishments in preserving the environment. Please include your name and address in case the committee needs to contact you for further information.

Wilderness Near Kingman

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adamant in their refusal to even consider wilderness for this area. We can change that with your letters and phone calls.

Now some good news. Many good things have happened and are happening in regards to state land trades with the BLM. The Arrastre-Peoples Canyon-Ives Peak wilderness study areas northwest of Wickenburg are in the final state of being combined into one huge wilderness study area of almost 150,000 acres.

Land trades in many of the WSA's in and around Kingman, such as Mt. Tipton and Warm Springs, have lead to greatly enhanced and cohesive wilderness study areas.

Incredible scenic areas such as the Table Tops, Harquahala's (mining threat), Eagletails, Babaquivari, Wabayuma, Sierra Estrella, and Burro Creek to mention a few are all up for wilderness review by Congress and if they do not make it now they may

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Grand Canyon Chapter Executive Committee Candidates:

CRAIG FRIESNER (member since 6/81)

GENERAL BACKGROUND: Arizona resident for more than thirty years. Graduated Tombstone High School, NAU (Major: Anthropology/Archaeology, Minor: Biology), and ASU College of Law. Vietnam veteran. Kingman resident since 1982. Occupation: Deputy County Attorney.

ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUND: Helped organize and carry out first anti-nuclear protests at Palo Verde Plant. Past President, Greater Arizona Bicycling Association. Past Member, Steering Committee, Arizona Clean Air Coalition. Member: Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Greenpeace, NRDC, Environmental Action, Wilderness Society, League of American Wheelmen, American Rivers, Nature Conservancy, etc.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Founder, Mohave Wilderness Association. Affiliated with Arizona Wilderness Coalition to promote wilderness designations in northwest Arizona.

LAURENCE A. LYONS (member since 10/67)

Chapter member 1976, 77, 87. Former Toiyable Chap EXCOM, treasurer, alt. council delegate. A geologist by training, I work in the field of quality assurance to make a living and see the world.

I joined the club after knowing members for many years mainly due to the outdoor activities. My main interests remain with the wilderness, backpacking, mountaineering and photography of such. More recently I have worked on various issues dealing with the destruction of the environment and quality of life.

TOM SLABACK (member since 12/75)

I am running for re-election to the Executive Committee. I have been a member of the Sierra Club for 12 years and I am currently the Chapter Membership Chairperson and the Prescott Activity Group Leader. I believe that the National Forest Service should be responsive to resource management issues other than those of the timber and grazing interests. Our very lives depend on our precious natural heritage which should be protected for our and future generation's needs.

MIKE GREGORY (member since 1/83)

Experience: Blue Wilderness Committee (1977-1978); Arizona Wilderness Coalition (1977-1979) (1982-1985); Southwest Coordinator, Citizen's National Forest Coalition (1978-1983) Cochise County Smelter Study Group (1979-1983); Bisbee Anti-Nuclear Group (1978-1983). Currently Chapter conservative chair, Air Toxics task force leader for Southwest, Test Management task force leader for SWRCC and National Public Lands Committee, and San Pedro Air Consciousness task force leader for the chapter. Current occupations: printer, college instructor, freelance author, and director of Central School Project Inc. (Bisbee, AZ).

Point of View: The three most serious threats to continued life on this planet are war, piecemeal chem-rad poisoning of the gene bank, and accelerating destruction of our remaining natural habitats — all of which result from overpopulation and the consequent proliferation of our urbanized mentalities.

MARY McBEE (member since 9/81)

I've 46 years of perspective and experience in life, a B.A. degree in Sociology plus additional hours in diverse other fields, and live at the western end of the Grand Canyon where my husband is a Ranger for the National Park Service. I'm a free lance writer and for the last four years have researched human land-use history at this eastern end of Lake Mead and am developing a book on this topic.

For the last 20 years I've devoted a great deal of time and energy to the defense of our wild predators, and in particular, to the wolf. I've also provided a strong thrust from northern Arizona in fighting outmoded trapping laws during these last five years. I've hiked extensively in our remote area and have gradually been drawn into wider environmental concerns. I've contributed weeks of time documenting and photographing low-flying aircraft in the Grand Canyon and made this information available to those interested. I regret only limited participation in the current wilderness program due to medical problems which interfered before the heat of summer set in. I would like to become

more active in wilderness concerns, in cattle grazing problems on public lands, and particularly in human population control efforts.

GERTRUDE HOCHGRAF (member since 7/84)

Currently I'm a Southwest Regional Conservation Committee (SWRCC) delegate. I have participated in local conservation, SCCOPE and service activities in the Rincon Group and have been the Group's representative at several Chapter Executive Committee meetings.

I need to become knowledgeable on other Chapter conservation activities in order to become effective in SWRCC. Therefore, I would like to be on the Grand Canyon Chapter Executive Committee, not only to learn about the issues, but also to be able to vote on them.

When David Goldstein resigned, I was elected to the Rincon Group Executive Committee for one year to complete his term. I would like to continue as a member of the Executive Committee.

During the year I worked on local service trips, Mt. Graham, Saguaro National Monument and other wilderness conservation problems. Also, I have been the group representative at several of the Grand Canyon Chapter Executive Committee meetings as well as a delegate to the Southwest Regional Conservation Committee.

PAUL C. PIERCE (member since 5/85)

I have lived in southern Arizona for the past 29 years, and watched while a seemingly endless stream of development, urban sprawl and privatization of public lands threatens the natural beauty and quality of life that makes Arizona so unique.

I joined the Sierra Club in 1985 because of its ability to raise public awareness on these growing environmental and recreational concerns and its ability to input and effect change to the political and land management processes that must address these problems.

I am currently the vice-chair of the Rincon Group. I have been the director of the Coalition for the Preservation of Mt. Graham for the past two years. I recently headed the Rincon Group's efforts in Pima

County to prevent the sky over the Tucson area from filling up with unlimited helicopter traffic.

With your support, I would like to work for the Sierra Club at the Chapter level.

REX KONINGSOR (member since 5/83)

A native Tucsonian of 30 years. Rex worked at St. Joseph's Hospital of Tucson for nine years, where he was an EKG technician and a microbiologist. For the past year, Rex, along with his wife Virginia, have owned and operated TUCSON DIAPER SERVICE. Rex is a member of the National Association of Diaper Services and the International Fabricare Institute. Rex is an active member in the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, where he presently serves on the State government committee and Environment Committee. During his lifetime here in Arizona, Rex has bicycled through much of our state. Rex has done volunteer work for several environmentally conscious candidates, such as Congressman Mo Udall. Other volunteer projects have been for the Arizona Historical Society and Casa De Los Ninon Crisis Nursery.

Areas of interest include: preserving Mt. Graham, eliminating unnecessary aircraft noise from the Grand Canyon.

Rex believes the most critical and hardest to solve environmental issue before Arizona is the rapidly deteriorating air quality of the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas.

JEAN RUSSELL (member since 7/86)

I have been a person vitally interested in the environment all my life. I am presently a board member of the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, I belong to the Sierra Club, I am a life member of the Defenders of Wildlife, a member of Nature Conservancy, a life member of the Tucson Chapter of Audubon, this latter the result of a gift from my husband and myself of some choice riparian property in the Catalina foothills. I follow the work of and contribute to Natural Resources Defense Council as I consider them one of the most effective bulwarks in protecting the environment. I would be pleased to serve as a member of the State Executive Committee Grand Canyon Chapter, Sierra Club.

Kofa Group Executive Committee Candidates:

LILLIAN FLICK (member since 5/82)

Presently a member of the Group ExCom serving as group treasurer. Her interests include hiking, backpacking, and cross-country skiing. She is a secondary school teacher, specializing in geology.

PATRICIA KENYON (member since 5/80)

Pat is the Kofa Group Chair and an active participant in all Group activities. Pat's interests include membership, outings, and Colorado River environmental concerns.

She is a nursing professor at Arizona Western College. Her immediate goal for the Kofa group is to improve member par-

ticipation and get some other people involved in leadership positions.

RICHARD ROLAND (member since 3/83)

Sierra Club member since 1983. I am a former pilot and dentist who now works as a computer programmer at Arizona

Western College in Yuma. My outdoor interests include hiking, backpacking, sailing and fishing. I presently serve as the Kofa Group Vice-Chair and help with the monthly newsletter. I believe that overpopulation is a major threat to the environment. I favor appropriate efforts to control our population growth.

Palo Verde Group Executive Committee Candidates:

JULIE AAKRE (member since 3/87)

I am a new Sierra Club member, but I feel that I have a great deal to offer. I have organized hikes and ski trips for other organizations and realized that more involvement is needed to preserve wilderness areas. If elected to the Palo Verde Executive Committee I hope to put my enthusiasm and dedication to work to protect the environment.

GABRIEL ZINSLI (member since 4/83)

I believe the Sierra Club should stop its involvement with the issues of arms race, SDI and nuclear weapons testing. There are plenty of other groups dealing with these problems. More of our energy should be directed towards the creation of new wilderness and park areas and the protection and good management of existing federal lands.

GARY KRAEMER (member since 12/83)

I have been asked to run for the Executive Committee of the Palo Verde Group of the Sierra Club and it seems part of that is to do a blurb on my qualifications. Well, I don't have much in the way of charisma. I tend to be an efficient person who feels comfortable doing some of the "nitty gritty" work behind the scenes, while some people are good at mobilizing support, somebody has to take care of the details and paperwork.

Environmental causes are a concern for me, since I spend a lot of time in the outdoors. I've hiked around the Southwest during the last 6 years and have led a number of hikes for this and other clubs. I've also been active in assorted social concerns since the 1960s and have worked in

the Social Service Field since 1974.

I suspect this will not be the most exciting speech you read this year, but vote for me anyway.

CELINE SHERMANE (member since 11/80)

As a Sierra Club member for eight years I have held such positions as Volunteer Coordinator, hospitality hostess and recently Membership Chairperson. As a result of the experience I feel qualified to become an ex-com member.

JIM VAALER (member since 3/73)

I have been a member since 1973 and have served at both the chapter and group levels in various capacities.

At the chapter level I served on the chapter executive committee for two years and functioned as state membership chairman and state outings chairman.

At group level I have served briefly as the chairman. I have held positions as outings and membership person, and currently am the vice-chairman of the Palo Verde Group.

I believe that the outings program has been and will continue to be the backbone of the club. I have been assistant leader on one Sierra Club national trip and have led chapter outings for the last fourteen years. I have been actively involved in the club's wilderness effort over the years and am currently working on BLM wilderness. I am a private river runner and am currently involved in the Upper Salt River Wilderness Management Plan. I am still working on the Verde River Sheepbridge issue.

I believe in public land and public involvement in public land. Every year I try to lead a few trail maintenance and/or clean up trips in our wilderness areas.

Rincon Group Executive Committee Candidates:

ANN CARR (member since 1/85)

My principal interest in becoming a member of the Executive Committee is to help maintain conservation as the overriding concern of the Sierra Club's Rincon Group. Without conservation of the limited natural resources of Southern Arizona, quality of all life will deteriorate immeasurably. Conservation of soil and rainwater is of paramount concern because all terrestrial life would vanish without these

two vital resources. Specifically, we should fight to maximize areas set aside as wilderness, stop all grazing of public lands in Arizona, control urban growth, and restore vegetation to land areas denuded by

overgrazing, overcropping, overlogging, urbanization and industrialization. Past activities in curbing grazing and vegetative restoration demonstrate my deep commitment to the cause of natural resource preservation.

CHARLES CONNER (member since 9/84)

Over the years I have made many trips into the deserts of California and Mexico. I moved to Tucson with my wife, Lainie, in April 1986 to live in the desert and to work to defend the fragile and unique Sonoran ecosystem from the destructive effects of human encroachment. I believe very strongly in wilderness preservation for its own sake and I also believe that the Sierra Club should take an active and aggressive role in

wilderness recovery and preservation. I have been disappointed in the weak positions taken by the Sierra Club in some local issues, most notably the recent management plan for the Saguaro National Monument. The Sierra Club must not compromise its principles for the sake of political expediency and should instead use its resources to lead the fight for protection of the natural environment. To this end I would be honored to be on the local Executive Committee.

Rincon Group Executive Committee Candidates (Continued):

GERT HOCHGRAF — (See Chapter Candidate description.)

JOHN PATTERSON (member since 10/87)

I am John Patterson, a 34 year old public school teacher, environmental activist and commuter cycling advocate. I am interested in serving on the Executive Committee and assisting the local Sierra Club Chapter in both Wilderness preservation and general environmental protection efforts. The recommendations of the Club's Population Study are impressive, and I would like to assist in the implementation of those ideas.

The special qualities of our Sonoran Bioregion are at definite risk, and I would

like to limit development, preserve additional Wilderness, and see our communities adopt real conservation and reduced pollution measures that include source separation and recycling, incentives for bicycle commuting and other ecological traveling, disincentives for driving and Wilderness acquisition.

My current board and commission affiliations include:

*Tucson Education Association Board of Directors

*TUSD 2000, Long Range Planning Committee, Teacher Representative, offering input for ecologically based public education

*City of Tucson/Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee, promoting commuter cycle opportunities.

I would be interested in seeing the Executive Committee seriously tackle our regional pollution, population and development ills while acting to preserve and enlarge Wilderness.

JIM ROLLINS (member since 12/85)

Hi, I'm Jim Rollins. I would like to represent you on the Rincon Group's Executive Committee. I have lived in Arizona all my life, except for a few years with the Navy, and have a good feel for the environment and the problems of Southern Arizona. The Rincon Group is working

hard to improve the quality and quantity of the wilderness and I would like to be a part of this effort. My recipe for accomplishing this is:

(1) Get the appropriate land set aside.
(2) Limit the impact of people on the land by limiting roads. (Land three miles from a road will not be visited by 95% of the people.)

(3) Work with public officials, not against them, while they are in office.

(4) Remember: Our job is not to compromise on wilderness. That is someone else's job. (A quote from Tom Waddell, the Mt. Graham Bear Man.)

The following changes were approved unanimously by the chapter executive committee and are presented to the membership for approval. Changes must be approved by 2/3 of those voting to become effective.

Grand Canyon Chapter By-laws, Change #3: By-law 2, paragraph 2.7 is changed to read as follows:

"2.7 Elections Committee. An Elections Committee of at least three members of the Chapter shall be appointed by the Executive Committee prior to the scheduled date for distributing ballots. No nominee or candidate for election may serve on the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee shall cause the ballots to be prepared and distributed. The ballot will allow each voter to vote for as many candidates as there are positions to be filled. A voter may not cumulate votes for any one candidate. The Elections Committee shall hold return ballots unopened until after the closing date

and then schedule the date and time for counting votes."

Grand Canyon Chapter By-laws, Change #4: By-law 4, paragraph 4.1 (Creation of Committees) is changed as follows:

The sentence reading: "Except for the Nominating and Elections Committees, where it may only fill naturally occurring vacancies, the Executive Committee may at any time add members to a committee, recall or replace any of its members." is changed to read: "Except for the Elections Committee, where it may only fill naturally occurring vacancies. . . ."

Statements supporting proposed changes: Change #3 is submitted to streamline the

responsibility for preparation and handling of ballots and gives the Elections Committee responsibility for ballot preparation, distribution, receipt of returned ballots and the vote count. The Chapter Secretary is removed from this process to avoid additional handling and movement of returned ballots. This is in accordance with current practice. The Secretary has not been involved in any election in recent years. Less handling and movement of the returned ballots will ensure greater accuracy of the vote count.

Change #4 removes the Nominating Committee from the restriction on replacement of members and allows the committee

to be discharged when the nominating process is complete. The original intent when this provision was put in the Chapter by-law years ago was to remove these committees from the political process of the Chapter. This premise should still apply to the Elections Committee to keep it apolitical. However, getting members to serve on the Nominating Committee is difficult because of the workload involved. People on the Committee seldom want to do the job again. We were in fact, appointing a new committee each year and this change formalizes the process. There is little danger of politics being involved as the nominating process is open and all may participate through petition.

No statements opposing proposed changes of either statement were received.

Wilderness Near Kingman

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never receive the protection they so richly deserve.

But most of the BLM wilderness study areas consist to a large extent of areas that few people have heard of: Harcuvar, Hells Canyon, the sprawling Woolsey-Bunyan area, Face Mtn., Swansea, Mt. Nutt, New Water, Planet, Grapevine, Mohave Wash, Big Horn, Hummingbird Springs, Ragged Top, Coyote, and Rawhide to mention only a few. There are many more. All deserving, all beautiful, all unique in their own way. And most important, all deserving of wilderness designation.

We also have an addition to an existing Forest Service Wilderness Area. The Castle Creek wilderness area on Prescott National Forest near Crown King stands to be enlarged by almost 4,000 acres. A great opportunity.

But the Arizona Wilderness Coalition (AWC) can only do so much. It is not a matter of money. It's a matter of being counted. So write that letter, make that phone call, and be counted. It's up to you!

Two on Tonto

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The Palo Verde Group of the Sierra Club will be looking very closely at the EA when it is released late this year or early in 1988. If you'd like to be on the mailing list to receive a copy, write the Tonto National Forest, 2324 E. McDowell, Phoenix 85038. For more information or to help the Sierra Club study and respond to the EA, call Tom Wright at 947-0155.

A second issue affecting the Tonto has recently come to light near Apache Junction, where the proposed "Superstition Foothills Area Plan" would bring commercial and residential development right up to the boundary of the Superstition Wilderness Area. This plan, presently being considered by the Pinal County Planning & Zoning Commission, was initiated by Western Savings for two sections of land they own one mile south of the southwestern corner of the Wilderness Area. (A section is one square mile of land, or 640 acres.) However, the plan was later extended to include two sections of state-owned land which borders the Western Savings property

on the south and the Tonto National Forest on the north. One of those two sections is immediately adjacent on two sides, the east and the north, to the Superstition Wilderness Area just west of Hieroglyphic Canyon. Part of the process to obtain state lands for private development is to submit a proposal such as the Superstition Foothills Area Plan. If it is put into effect as it now stands, the Superstition Wilderness Area will have commercial development as a neighbor. Specifically, the plan calls for a resort on the section of land abutting the Wilderness, and, on the remaining three sections, a mix of commercial and residential uses. A total of 6300 residences are proposed at an average density of 3.1 per acre.

Although there are low-density residential areas already adjacent to the Forest boundary in the Apache Junction area, commercial development along a Wilderness boundary is something new and different. If the plan goes through, additional state lands stretching eastward for ten miles along the southern boundary of the Wilderness Area including land on both sides of the Peralta Canyon road - will inevitably be snatched

up for private development as well, and the Superstition foothills will become just another sprawling suburb. Write to Phil Hogue, Pinal County Planning & Zoning Director; P.O. Box D, Florence, Arizona 85232; and to M. Jean Hassell, State Lands Commissioner, 1624 W. Adams, Phoenix, 85007. Let them know how you feel about commercial development next to the Superstition Wilderness Area and suggest alternative plans that could include parks or open space to maintain a reasonable separation between such radically differing land uses. For more information, call John Kevin at 982-1737 or Tom Wright at 947-0155.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF BALLOT:

All Sierra Club members in good standing (dues paid) and residing in Arizona or otherwise carried on the membership lists of the Grand Canyon Chapter, may vote in this election. This is the only valid ballot; ballots printed in previous issues of the Canyon Echo may not be used.

1. Vote by marking one space beside the candidates of your choice. Vote for not more than the number of candidates indicated. Sierra Club bylaws prohibit the accumulation of votes for any one candidate. The second vote column is for dual memberships.
2. Write-in candidates will be accepted. Legible machine copies of the ballot may be used if desired.
3. Do not put your name on the ballot. After voting, place the ballot in an envelope, seal it, and put your name and address on the front in the upper left corner. Names and dual membership status will be verified against a master list of all Chapter members before the ballot is accepted for counting.

VOTING:

1. The GRAND CANYON CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE election is for all members as described above.
2. The PALO VERDE GROUP election is for members living in Maricopa, Yavapai and Gila Counties, and in Pinal County north of the Gila River.

3. The RINCON GROUP election is for members living in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties, and in Pinal County south of the Gila River.
4. The KOFA GROUP election is for members living in Yuma, La Paz and Mojave counties.
5. The CHIRICAHUA GROUP election is for members living in Cochise, Graham and Greenlee counties.
6. The PLATEAU GROUP election is for members living in Coconino, Navajo and Apache counties.

RETURN OF COMPLETE BALLOTS:

1. Send the completed ballots to SIERRA CLUB ELECTIONS, c/o JUDY REYNOSA, 8028 N. 56th AVE., GLENDALE, AZ 85302. The deadline for receipt is December 31, 1987. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.
2. At group meetings where a number of members vote, each ballot must be placed in a separate sealed envelope as described above. These, in turn, may be placed in a large envelope for mailing, if desired.
3. The results of the election will be provided to all candidates and will be included in a future edition of the Canyon Echo.

BALLOT FOR GRAND CANYON CHAPTER ELECTIONS

GRAND CANYON CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Vote for not more than four candidates. (Listed in alphabetical order.) Copy below box.

() () Craig Freisner
() () Michael Gregory
() () Gert Hochgraf
() () Rex Koningsor
() () Larry Lyons
() () Mary McBee
() () Paul Pierce
() () Jean Russell
() () Tom Slaback

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Palo Verde Group Phoenix Executive Committee. Vote for not more than three candidates.

() () Julie Aakre
() () Gary Kraemer
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() () Celine Shermane
() () Gabriel Zinsli

Chiricahua Group Executive Committee (Sierra Vista). Vote for not more than three candidates.

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Plateau Group Executive Committee (Flagstaff). Vote for not more than three candidates.

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Kofa Group Executive Committee (Yuma). Vote for not more than three candidates.

() () Lillian Flick
() () Patricia Kenyon
() () Richard Roland

Rincon Group Executive Committee (Tucson). Vote for not more than five candidates.

() () Ann Carr
() () Charles Conner
() () Gertrude Hochgraf
() () John Patterson
() () Jim Rollins

Wilderness Near Parker

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helpful, letters mentioning specific areas are even more so. Why not "adopt" several of the Wilderness Study Areas below and write a letter in support of designating ALL of each as wilderness? We are lucky to be alive at the time when long-term designation for wilderness is happening, but we also have a responsibility to do the best job not only for ourselves but for persons yet unborn. Not every generation will have this privilege. You can be sure that BLM will be hearing from miners, local government officials, some hunting groups, and ORV users not to designate any wilderness. That's why your voice is needed.

Crossman Peak (WSA 5-7B): a 38,630 acre masterpiece of nature northeast of Lake Havasu City, this mountain provides a scenic backdrop to LHC and special features such as springs, riparian vegetation, and relict pinyon pine forest. BLM recommends only half of the area — more should be included.

Mohave Wash (WSA 5-7C/5-48/2-52): largest (103,365 acres) potential wilderness in the Yuma District, it stretches from rugged cliffs above the Bill Williams River to the Crossman Peak area on the north and includes mountains, mesas, hills, and large washes. BLM recommends slightly more than half of the area for wilderness.

Cactus Plain/East Cactus Plain (WSAs 5-14A/B and 5-17): these two areas combined are another large (84,095 acres) wilderness, separated only by the Central Arizona Project canal, and located 10 miles southeast of Parker. Sand dunes with saguaros surprise the visitor to this area, which nevertheless has considerable diversity, rare plants, and a feeling of openness combined with solitude. BLM has recommended 90% of this area for wilderness — congratulate them, and ask for more.

Swansea (WSA 5-15A): this 41,690 acre area is a treasure because it contains rare riparian habitat along the Bill Williams River, in addition to Black Mesa, a large wash, peaks in the Buckskin and Rawhide Mountains, and rolling hills about 20 miles northeast of Parker. BLM recommends only 28% of this outstanding area for wilderness — it deserves much more.

Trigo Mountains (WSA 5-23B) and South Trigo Mountains (WSA 5-23A): with 41,370 acres about 25 miles north of Yuma, these two adjacent areas contain outstanding cross-country hiking and the opportunity to traverse some of the driest country in the world on the way to the lush green world of the Colorado River in the adjacent proposed wilderness on the Imperial Wildlife Refuge. Bighorn Sheep are another feature of this area. While BLM recommends 70% of this area for wilderness, none of the South Trigo WSA (4500 acres) was recommended.

Muggins Mountains (WSA 5-53A): 30 miles east of Yuma, this 14,455 acre area is great for rock-climbing on mystical-sounding Klothos Temple as well as providing a diversity of recreation experiences for the expanding Yuma-area population. But BLM has recommended only 61% of this area for wilderness, excluding the eastern portion because of "moderate" potential for uranium mining.

Planet Peak (WSA 5-13): a short 15 miles east of Parker, this 17,645 acre area consists of rugged Planet Peak and an interesting combination of Sonoran and Mohave Desert vegetation, along with Bighorn Sheep. BLM has recommended a generous 93% of this area for wilderness — now we need to convince them the remaining 7% should also be included.

Gibraltar Mountain (WSA 5-12): while this 25,260 acre area 10 miles east of Parker is not the Rock of Gibraltar, it contains canyons, peaks, ridges, washes, and significant cultural resources sites in a highly scenic setting. BLM has recommended only 62% of this area.

Kofa Unit 3 Southern Addition (WSA 5-31), Kofa Unit 4 Northern Addition (WSA 5-33), and Kofa Unit 4 Southern Addition (WSA 5-34): with a combined area of 15,520 acres, these 3 areas are essential to round out Castle Dome Mountain and adjacent slope areas next to proposed wilderness in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge. Yet BLM has recommended only

11% of these areas for wilderness, so you might suggest that if BLM won't protect these areas, perhaps they should be added to the adjacent Kofa Refuge.

Needles Eastern Addition (WSA 5-5B): this small area (465 acres) would be an excellent addition to proposed wilderness on the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, 15 miles north of Lake Havasu City. BLM has recommended none of it for wilderness.

Besides writing BLM, let your Senators and Congressman know of your support for wilderness. Encourage them to introduce a wilderness bill for BLM and federal wildlife refuge lands in Arizona, tell them BLM's recommendations need to be expanded, and write of your experiences if you have been to any of these areas. The Arizona Congressional Delegation's addresses are listed elsewhere in this issue of the *Echo*.

With your help, Arizona will get the wilderness it deserves! For further information call Matt McWenig (957-7605), Rob Smith (277-8079) or Jim Norton (256-7921) in Phoenix or Cary Meister (782-3552) in Yuma.

Oil and Gas Leasing Reforms

The oil industry is preparing a major assault on H.R. 2851, the bill by House Interior Mining Subcommittee Chair Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) that would force comprehensive reforms in the federal oil and gas leasing program for public lands. Interior Secretary Donald P. Hodel, responding to industry pressure, has threatened a veto of the bill by President Reagan if it is passed in its present form.

Both the industry and the administration say the bill's Section 5 requirements, which would force the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to assess the impacts of oil and gas development prior to committing sensitive areas to leasing, are burdensome and redundant. Environmentalists counter that the requirements are simply intended to bring planning for oil and gas up to the level of the planning for other forest and public land uses by 1991.

"The planning requirements [in H.R. 2851] are the minimum necessary to control indiscriminate development in such sensitive areas as the Greater Yellowstone area and the Rocky Mountain Front," says Brooks Yeager, Sierra Club Washington representative. "As it stands, there is nothing in the performance of these agencies to suggest that they consider the impact that energy exploration and/or development could have on these lands."

Contact: Brooks Yeager, Sierra Club Washington representative, (202) 547-1141.

A Book Review

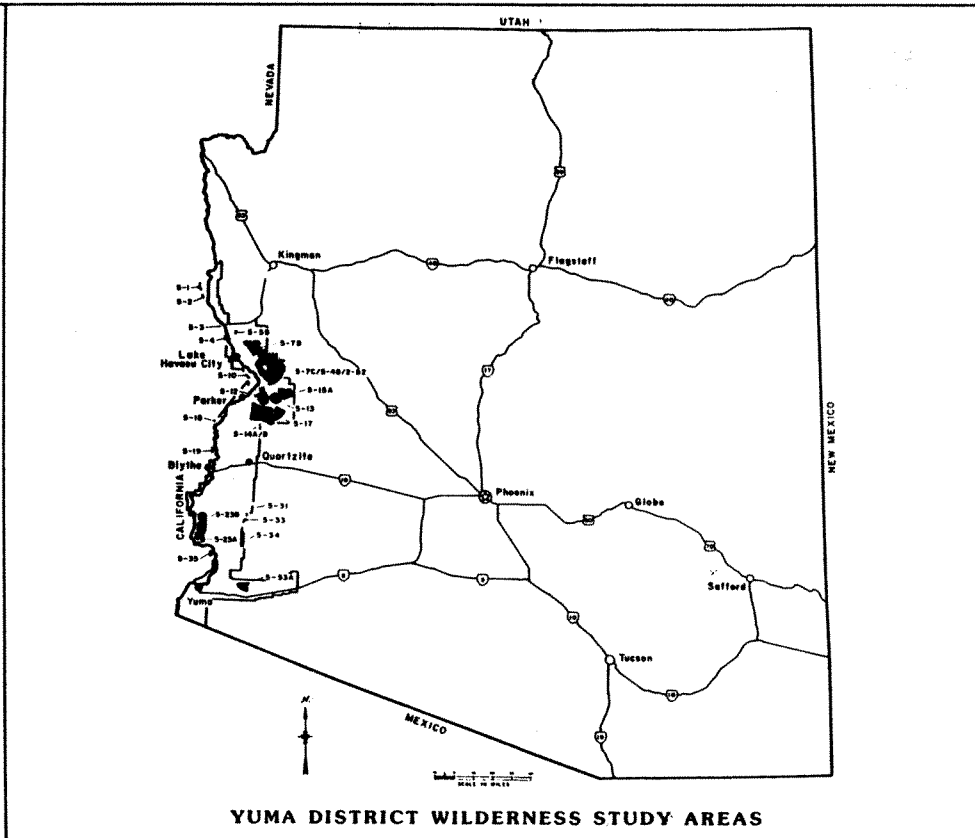
Outdoors in Arizona: A Guide to Hiking and Backpacking, by John Annerino. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona Department of Transportation, 1987. 136 pages, \$12.95

Reviewed by Robert Moore

In the last couple of years or so the editors of *Arizona Highways* have shown an increasing interest in exploring the back-country of our state. I can remember when it seemed like the most outdoorsy item in an issue was Scottsdale's newest golf course. Thankfully, that's changing. So it was inevitable that sooner or later the magazine would join the booming guidebook business.

This volume is the third in their *Outdoors in Arizona* series; the other two are on camping and on hunting and fishing. As you might expect, this is a glitzy production: all on glossy, high grade paper, 8½x11 inches; nearly half of the book is occupied by full color photos in traditional *Arizona Highways* format. Reading through it is like reading a copy of *National Geographic*, both in appearance and in the style of many of the narratives.

This is a book for beginners. It comes on with such gee-whiz enthusiasm that you'd think this was the first time anyone had ever thought of hiking as a possible form of recreation. For example, when I saw South Mountain as a feature hike I thought, "Big deal," but after I read that "this is an enchanting journey . . . through primeval



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shapes of decomposed granite" I felt like telling people, "Hey, I've been there!" Chapter one deals with preparation, and presupposes a reader who has never even walked to Circle K. One learns everything from how to walk downhill to how to pack your pack to how to psyche yourself up for your first trip ("Take a little time, a few weeks . . . and read everything you can about the area you're going to hike"). This done, our hardy explorer ventures out into the wilderness in all its primeval savagery. Well, not quite, for the second chapter is on "Backyards," hikes in the urban areas of Phoenix, Tucson and Prescott (? — why not Yuma? or Sierra Vista?). Squaw Peak, Sabino Canyon, Thumb Butte and other easy hikes near these cities will prepare you for the real outdoors.

This is encountered in three more chapters, on deserts, mountains and can-

yons. All four sections on the actual hikes have from two to five "feature hikes" plus a selection of other places of interest in that category. The featured trips have the full page color pictures, topo maps, route descriptions (often stories of the authors' own experiences rather than boring trail logs), and statistic boxes. The choices are generally well-known, easy to reach spots — the sort of places you'd meet the girl scouts and tourists from New Jersey. A notable exception is the first desert hike, a gruelling trek along the crest of the Superstition's "Front Range" that could make or break any novice's entire outdoors career. The stat boxes have a new entry called "Escape Route," which is invariably "back the way you came" or something similar, and seems rather pointless. But this is a minor complaint, and the feature hikes

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are quite well done.

The "other hikes" are less satisfying. Some are not hikes at all, but mere trailheads like Lockett Meadow. Others, like the "Campground Perimeter Trail" at Oregon Pipe or the Island Trail at Walnut Canyon National Monument are far too wimpy for even a novice to call a "hike." There are lots of little frustrations among these outings as well: Woodchute Trail is incorrectly put on Mingus Mountain; the wilderness units of Petrified Forest National Park aren't mentioned; the "short, easy" trail up Hualapai Peak wasn't there when I climbed it; hikes in the Estrellas and McDowells are in the county parks and not really in the rugged mountains; and so on. This is the weakest part of the book, whose only value is to suggest other possibilities to the would-be explorer.

Tallying up, there are 17 feature hikes and 31 "others." All but five of the features go back as far as *50 Hikes in Arizona*, and they're all well-known. But these 17 trips fill 92 pages, including dozens of photos. There is a certain charm in reading about the West Boulder "Travelway" in the Superstitions, in trying to recall Two-Mile Corner, Jacob's Ladder and the Devil's Corkscrew on the Bright Angel Trail (I can't), and in contemplating the "arduous" "point-of-no-return situation" in the West Fork of Oak Creek. Remember when Squaw Peak was a "wilderness beacon"? Were you ever that much a novice? Those with even modest experience should pass this one by and save their money; but if you've never hit the trail in Arizona and would like to try, this guide makes a great starting place.

Preserve the Artic National Wildlife Reserve

by Michael Breslow

Congress is currently debating preservation or development of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). This refuge is the last protected portion of the arctic coastal plain which stretches from the Brooks range to the Arctic Ocean. Ninety percent of the arctic coastal plain is already open to oil and gas development. ANWR contains the main calving grounds for the 200,000 member Porcupine Caribou Herd, the largest migratory herbivore herd in the world. Prudhoe Bay used to be a calving ground for caribou as well. However, since oil development all calving has ceased at Prudhoe Bay. In addition to Muskox, grizzly, wolf, sheep, arctic fox, moose and innumerable other native species the refuge is a migratory stopover for 300,000 snow geese and a nesting site for 2 million shorebirds annually.

Congressmen Kolbe, Kyl, Rhodes and Stump are cosponsors of HR 1082 which advocates unlimited oil and gas exploration for the entire Refuge and excludes that development from the National Environmental Policy Act which requires an Environmental Impact Statement. Congressman Udall has introduced HR 39, which recommends wilderness status and protection for the entire Refuge.

Constituents should write to Congressmen Kolbe, Kyl, Rhodes and Stump to ask them to withdraw their support of HR 1082 at the very least and support HR 39. These Congressmen have helped or do have the potential to help with pro-wilderness issues, a letter from you might make the difference. Write to these Congressmen c/o House Office Bldg., Wash., D.C. 20515. Further information can be obtained from the Sept./Oct. issue of the "Sierra Magazine" or by contacting the Northern Alaska Environmental Center, 218 Driveway Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. Also Tim Mahoney or Mike Matz of the Sierra Club in Wash. D.C. are our contact people for the Arctic issue and they may be reached at (202) 547-1141.

A Lesson on More or (A Moral on Less)

by Geoffrey Platts

"Child as he was, he was desperate with hunger and reckless with misery. He rose from the table; and advancing to the master, basin and spoon in hand, said - 'Please, sir, I want some more!' " — *Oliver Twist*, Charles Dickens. Which of us hasn't been moved by that famous and poignant line of Oliver's? And who has not felt compassion for the wretched boy? Oliver was half-starved. If anyone needed more of that thin gruel, he did. His "asking for more" was more than justified.

We have come a long way since those harsh Victorian times. Not only do most of us have enough, we have more than enough. Our stomachs are over-filled with fine food, our storage spaces stacked with an over-abundance of things no longer used, our closets hung with a huge array of cloths . . . Our shops overflow with goods and our dumpsters with discarded goods and their packaging. Our highways and parking lots are choked with more and more cars and our daily lives with ever-growing numbers of people. Even our ice cream parlors have 32 varieties...

The way we live, swimming in the pollution of our prosperity, defiantly contradicts the very essence of all ancient Greece's wisdom. "Nothing in excess" were the words engraved above the Temple of Apollo at Delphi. For a society hellbent on conspicuous consumption, excess is "in".

A throwaway culture, in order to thrive materially, encourages sanctions, even insists upon this lavish consumption among its citizens. After all, that old societal treadmill must be kept a-turning . . . work, produce, consume, work, produce, consume.

"The economy" is the magic phrase in today's world. And that, if all is going well, implies lively sales, liberal spending and excessive consumption. It is truly ironic, therefore, to discover that the primary definition of "economy" in a Random House dictionary is - "thrifty management, frugality in the expenditure or consumption of money or materials."

That definition, if made a reality, would be a death knell to any U.S. economy as we know it today! "Consumer," of course, goes hand in hand with "the economy." The former is not regarded as being a particularly disturbing word - and its use is readily accepted by one and all.

Yet its dictionary definitions are, again, thought-provoking to say the least. "To consume" is "to destroy or expend by use; use up; to devour; to destroy, as by decomposition or burning; to spend (money, time, etc.) wastefully or to undergo destruction; waste away."

"More," then, is what we all are expected to crave and acquire - if this gilded treadmill is to be kept turning. More land, more money, more development, more success, more power . . .

"Less," if pursued widely as an ideal, would bring the treadmill to a cranking halt. People would then get off this mindless machine and perhaps begin treading a path with heart. Think what gentle chaos that would bring to a crassly consumptive culture!

Wisdom, a friend once said sagely to me, is knowing what is enough. What troubles me most about "more more" is that there's no end to it. Nor is there meant to be, alas. It is too akin to gluttony and greed. The first million dollars is never enough. Nor is the second or the third. And so on. The grasping for "more" is insatiable. And because it's insatiable, the real happiness sought in the grasping hand is never found.

So the power-hungry (often driven by a deep reaching insecurity) create their empires and fiefdoms. But, in their heart of hearts, their dissatisfaction grows relentlessly. Thus, in the worst case, does a Howard Hughes come to his pitiful end. Thus does a McCulloch (whose development corporation in 1971 desolated a stretch of splendid Sonoran to create Fountain Hills) reach his life's close in self-inflicted misery.

There's great human pathos in those stories, to be sure. But along with that goes the ecological outrage inflicted upon the land in the carving out of those empires.

And the double tragedy is that, ultimately, the loss to the land and its life-forms brought no true interior gain to the ones who manipulated it. And never will it do so.

We see this same syndrome of endless dissatisfaction in local developments. When one so-called "phase" (a euphemism for desert destruction, if ever there was one) is built and successfully sold, yet another portion of habitat is stripped off to make way for the inevitable phase to follow. More! More! No longer is a mere 18 hole golf course sufficient for a development. Nowadays developers beg councils for 27 holes (witness the Carefree Highway/-Scottsdale Road links granted to a development with the grotesque name of "Desert Reserve"). More deplorable still was the giving of 54 holes of golf to Desert Mountain (by the City of Scottsdale, also).

It is this "more, more" lust that, if not sensibly restrained, will drain the environmental life-sap of this planet and leave the multitudes of mankind with just an empty husk. If we were to aspire to more of less and less of more, we would not be returning to the cave. We would continue to live well, but less exorbitantly and more simply. We would, however, cut out needless and wanton waste. Land, water, food, electricity, gasoline, etc. would be used wisely. We would re-learn the elementary common-sense of conserving resources and preserving our natural eco-systems.

We would come to know and appreciate, as Gandhi did, that "there is enough for everybody's need but not for everybody's greed" . . . We would begin to understand what is enough for us. We would then

become grateful, truly grateful, for what we had. We would find happiness from within.

"We are apt to call things by the wrong names. We will have prosperity to be happiness and adversity to be misery. If thou wouldst be happy, bring thy mind to thy condition and have an indifference for more than what is sufficient."

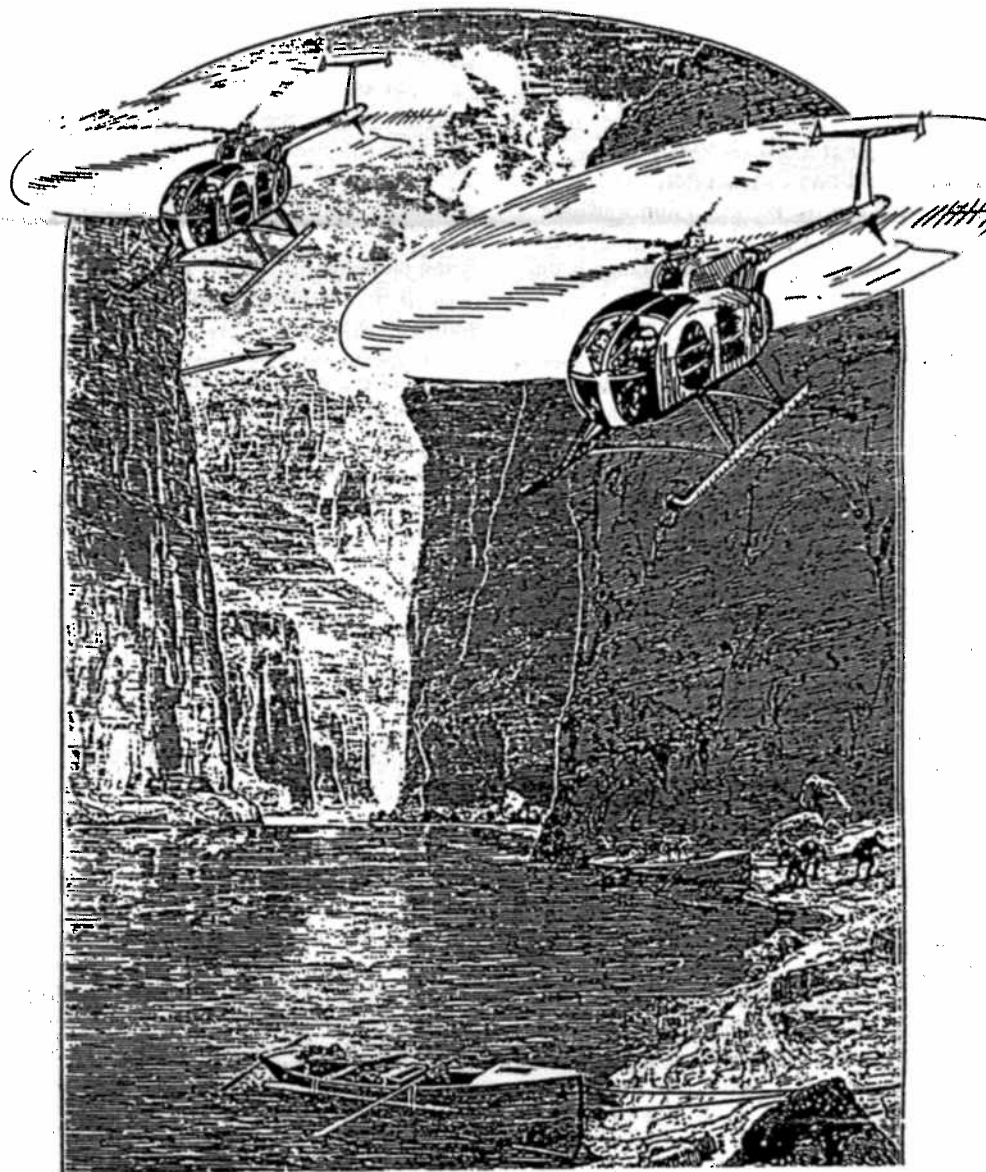
—William Penn (1644-1718)

Inner-City Kids to Go on Outings

Six new members attended the first Fall meeting, bringing the number of members to eleven. The meeting, held outside at the Scottsdale Civic Center, was a tremendous success. New members brought backgrounds in counseling, social work, hike leading, and many other diverse areas. Having brought together enough people to conduct a trip, we decided to focus our trip on inner-city kids. We are currently attempting to "hook-up" with Friendly House, a charitable institution which provides many services to inner-city kids. The first trip is planned for either the first or second weekend in December.

If you would like to help out with this unique and exciting program, we would love to hear from you. We would also like to find more people with interests in helping the elderly and the physically handicapped. If you would like to find out more about this outreach adventure, please call Howard Kopp at H-230-9150 or W-255-1507. P.S. If you have any hiking equipment for kids which you would like to donate to the group, call Howard. Thanks.

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GROUP NOTES

KOFA

● **NOV. 2 (MON) 7:30 P.M. - KOFA GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONSERVATION ACTION MEETING** at the residence of Jean and Dick Roland, 7270 Laguna Dam Road, Space C-7, Yuma. All members are urged to attend this monthly business meeting to discuss future plans. Call Pat Kenyon at 726-1347 for more information or to submit agenda items. For directions to the meeting location, call Jean or Dick at 726-7586.

● **NOV. 19 (THURS.) 7:30 P.M. - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** at the Yuma City-County Library, 350 S. 3rd St., Yuma. At press time the program was still not confirmed. For information on the program call Larry Lyons at 344-0038 or the library at 782-1871. We need to improve our membership turnout if we hope to have good programs in the future. Please support your club and attend the monthly membership meetings.

● **DEC. 11 (FRI.) 6:30 P.M. - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK** at the Kenyon/Rather home, 8528 Shannon Way, Yuma. The Kofa Group will provide the turkey, wine and other beverages. Please bring a dish to share (consider salad or a hot dish) and your own table service. For more information call Pat or Wes at 726-1347.

Please remember to vote in both the Chapter and Group Elections.

PLATEAU

● **NOV. 12 (THURS.) - 7:30 P.M. CONSERVATION MEETING**

We will meet in the Environmental Center located at the corner of Birch and San Francisco streets. For further information please call 774-1571.

● **NOV. 19 (THURS.) - 7:30 P.M. GENERAL MEETING**
Coconino County Health Department, 2500 North Fort Valley Road

The Colorado River and Glen Canyon Dam will be the subject of this month's meeting. Several years ago the Bureau of Reclamation commissioned studies to determine the effects of "peaking power" on the Colorado River. During the first part of the meeting we will show a film on these studies and give an update on the "peaking power" issue. We will finish with a film called "The Place No One Knew." It is a story of Glen Canyon before the dam was built.

PALO VERDE

● **The Sierra Club Calendars for 1988** have arrived and the Palo Verde Group will be selling them at their monthly meetings. The profits from the sales will support SCCOPE activities.

Next year is a big election year and the SCCOPE Committee will need money for political action. Place your order at the monthly meetings or contact Tina Calos at 263-5204.

● **NOV. 5 (THUR) 7:30 P.M. - OUTINGS MEETING.** At the home of Chris Trask, 1863 East Palcroft, in Tempe, telephone 966-6841. We will be planning outings through January. Bring slides of recent trips. New leaders needed and welcomed.

● **NOV. 10 (TUES.) 7:30 P.M. - Conservation Committee Meeting** will be held at Jerry Nelson's home at 711 E. McClellan in Phoenix. His phone number is 279-4668.

● **NOV. 19 (THURS.) 7 P.M. - PALO VERDE GROUP'S GENERAL MEETING** will be held at Pueblo Grande Museum at 4619 E. Washington, Phoenix and will open with a ½ hour get acquainted and chat session. The business meeting will get under way at 7:30 P.M. Senator John U. Hays of the Arizona State Senate will speak on the subject, "What can be done about artificial lakes?" While a bill was passed in both the State House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Evan Mecham last spring, there is still much activity on this very critical issue. Senator Hays will give us an update. A native Arizonan, the Senator was raised on an Arizonan ranch and has served in the Arizona State Legislature since 1975. He has served in the senate since 1983 and is chairman of the Natural Resources and Agricultural Committee and a member of the committees on Education, Transportation and Appropriations.

● **NOV. 15 (THUR) 7:30 P.M. - PALO VERDE GROUP EXCOM MEETING.** We will be meeting in the Youth Room at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2801 North 31st Street in Phoenix. Come and observe your group at work (and maybe participate).

● **DEC. 3 (THUR) 7:30 P.M. - OUTINGS MEETING.** At the home of Chris Trask, 1863 East Palcroft, in Tempe, telephone 966-6841. We will be planning outings through February. Bring slides of recent trips. New leaders needed and welcomed.

● **DEC. 10 (THUR) 7:30 P.M. - PALO VERDE GROUP EXCOM MEETING.** We will be meeting in the Youth Room at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2801 North 31st Street in Phoenix. We are always looking for volunteers to work on local issues, and nobody is turned down.

RINCON

● **NOV. 5 (THURS.) - 7:45 P.M., Room 201 of the PAS (Physics) Bldg., 4th St., East of Park Ave., U of A Campus - CANYON UNDER SIEGE — A FREE SLIDE SHOW**

by Mary Sojourner and Dan Daggett. The Grand Canyon is the canyon under question and uranium is the booty sought by the besiegers. Already half a dozen mines are active in proximity to Grand Canyon National Park, on National Forest, BLM and state lands, and more are planned - there are some 5000 mining claims on the North Rim alone. The threats to the Canyon, from air pollution, heavy truck traffic, toxic wastes, water pollution, and the general industrialization of a pristine area, represent a great potential loss.

Canyon Under Siege is a Flagstaff-based coalition of environmental organizations, one of which is the Sierra Club.

● **DEC. 10 (THURS.) - 7:45 P.M. - RINCON PUBLIC MEETING**

Slide Show: "BLM Wilderness in Arizona," by Dale Turner. 201 PAS Bldg.

Another New Mine at Grand Canyon

by Lew Kemia

As I sit here getting ready to write this article, I've got the May 1987 issue of the *Canyon Echo* next to my computer for inspiration. The headline on that issue read the same as this one: "Another New Mine at the Grand Canyon." I sure as hell am getting tired of writing that same headline. I'm tired because in spite of the fact that twenty-six people have been arrested, a number of appeals filed by both environmental groups and Native American tribes, scores of articles written in publications as far away as West Germany; in spite of the fact that hundreds of letters have been written in outrage against the way the federal land managers around the Grand Canyon are acting like the handmaidens of the uranium mining industry, that *not one damned thing has been done to change it!*

And that's not the end of the sad part of this story. Deputy regional forester of the U.S. Forest Service, Robert Jolly, has denied the appeals filed against the Canyon Mine. They have been re-appealed, but that just means we're one step closer to the end of our ability to stall the first mine on the South Rim. The applications for two mines just outside the boundary of the Havasupai Reservation (one named Platinum the other Scorpion — both are poisonous), which were denied by former Governor Babbitt's administration have been re-filed. The decision on those applications will now be heard by one of the inmates of Alfred E. Mecham's monkey house.

So far, the juggernaut of the international mining cartel (three of the four main companies involved have roots in Europe) has been too much for the few activists who have been out there holding the line all by themselves. Now, my friends, it's time for you to enter the fray; time to become a soldier in the fight to save one of the most spectacular wild areas in North America. Here's how you can do it.

The federal bureaucrats have literally been getting away with murder here in spite of our polite appeals. The BLM has permitted every mine on the North Rim to open without an Environmental Impact Statement. That means eight, soon to be nine, mines have opened without the kind of scrutiny to which the Canyon Mine on Forest Service property south of the Canyon has been subjected. It also means those North Rim mines have been guaranteed a free ride clear of the kinds of delays the Canyon Mine has faced for the last three years. That free ride has been courtesy of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under Dean Bibles, Arizona state director of the Bureau of Land Management, and Bill Lamb, the Arizona Strip District supervisor.

BLM spokesman Rob Roudabush, says no EIS is required unless there is a chance of significant environmental impact. That is wrong! And he's been getting away with it.

The law requires that an EIS be conducted if there is significant public concern. Now, wouldn't you say that over two dozen arrests, a number of other demonstrations along with various letters, appeals and articles indicate "significant public concern"? Obviously, for Rob Roudabush, they don't. So, let's give him some "significant public concern." Write a letter demanding an EIS, get all of your friends who think that the Grand Canyon and uranium mining don't mix to write a letter; or even write one for them and get them to sign it. Let's give Mr. Roudabush some public concern that even he can see is "significant." And be sure to send a copy to all members of the Arizona Congressional delegation, especially Mo Udall and John McCain, to make sure your letter doesn't just mold in some dusty file in Utah. Send a copy of this letter to Dean Bibles, the head of the Arizona Office of the BLM in Phoenix, too.

Thanks, but we're not finished. This is a big issue and it's going to require more than one letter. The National Environmental Protection Act requires an area-wide EIS "when various federal actions in a region have cumulative or synergistic effects on a region." The Arizona Strip north of the Canyon is crisscrossed with roads

leading to hundreds of drill sites, archaeological sites undisturbed for thousands of years are now the victims of wholesale plundering, the critical habitat of endangered species is threatened, the traditional religious activities of a number of Indian tribes is being threatened, and the superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park tells us that the Park is already experiencing detrimental effects all because of one federal action — the decision to give uranium mining free access to the lands that surround the Canyon. Now, if that's not a casebook example of a synergistic effect caused by a federal action, I don't know what would be. Send a letter to the same people you sent the first one to and demand an area-wide EIS. That study will help us assess the damage that can be caused by uranium mining and help us take a first step toward bringing the situation under at least partial control.

The BLM and Forest Service have both resisted an area-wide study from the first time we mentioned it. The only reason I can see for this is that they've been against everything we've asked for. Maybe they just don't want to do the work. Maybe they don't have the money. I think the reason the Forest Service is balking is that their forest plan is already on the books and they don't want to change it. Also, they're in the timber business, not the mining business.

The BLM is just getting started on their Resource Management Plan. They say that this is the proper way to have an impact on the development of the Strip. Obviously it is one way, and activists from the Sierra Club as well as other environmental groups intend to participate; however, the uranium mining issue has effects beyond the boundaries of BLM land and to ignore that fact is to insure that the management plan for both the Kaibab National Forest and the BLM lands on the Strip will be flawed from the outset.

So, I'm going to ask you to write one last letter. Write this one to the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund and ask them to sue for an area-wide EIS as NEPA so clearly requires in this case.

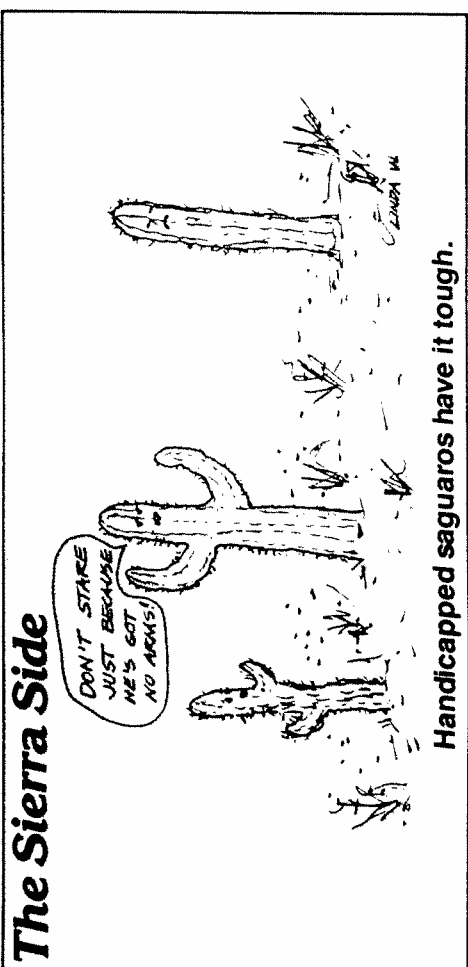
With all this going on about what to do, I almost forgot to tell you what all the newest uproar is about. The new mine is proposed for a site north of the Canyon along the malignant crescent that follows the Kanab Creek — Snake Gulch drainages. It is another EFN mine and will be approximately seven miles from the boundary of Grand Canyon National Park. It's going to do all the things the other mines have done — bring in more roads; more archaeological looting; more dust and noise pollution in the Park; more radon; more radioactive garbage; more impacts on wildlife; more, more, and more of less in this area that has so much. They want to call the mine Arizona One. Write those letters and let's you and I change its name to Arizona None.

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OUTINGS



For more information call Chris Trask at 966-6841.

● **NOV. 1 (SUN) "B" - WILSON MOUNTAIN DAYHIKE.** This ever-popular outing begins at the Encinoso Picnic Area near Oak Creek about 4 miles north of Sedona. We will climb through Ponderosa forest to the summit of Wilson Mountain. Lunch will be at the cliffs overlooking Vultee Arch and upstream Oak Creek Canyon. If time permits we can hike to the southern cliffs for great views of Sedona and areas to the south. We will descend southward to Midgley Bridge and car shuttle back. Hike 9-10 miles with 2000 feet elevation gain. All hiking is on-trail. Trip limit 20. Call Jerry Nelson by preceding Wednesday at 279-4668.

● **NOV. 7 (SAT) "C" - QUEEN CREEK DAYHIKE.** On this 7-mile loop dayhike we will follow streambeds, trails, and dirt roads through the rugged and beautiful mountains east of Superior. Plan to get your feet wet if the water is high. Drive 65 miles OW from Tempe. For more information and reservations call Ken McGinty at 265-2854 or Sue Thomas at 957-7371.

● **NOV. 7 (SAT) "C" - CHARLES CHRISTENSON DAYHIKE.** Hike 12 miles through the Phoenix Mountain Preserve on the Charles Christenson Trail. Options for shorter portions will be available. Call Nancy Peterson or Tom Cheknis by the preceding Wednesday at 992-6798 for information and reservations.

● **NOV. 7 (SAT.) - SABINO CANYON FAMILY HIKE - "D"**

This fall hike in the desert will be suitable for the entire family. We will be walking on a beautiful (and short) loop trail that starts in Sabino Canyon, passes through Rattlesnake Canyon, and returns to Sabino. We will then enjoy our lunches on Sabino Creek. For more information call Jeanne Broome in Tucson at 296-2709.

● **NOV. 8 (SUN.) - TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK SERVICE TRIP**

Join us as we clean portion of the Golden Gate and Prospector trails in the Tucson Mountain Park. The work is easy, the company is good, and the views are beautiful. What more could you ask for? We'll start at 10:00 A.M. and we will finish right after lunch. For more information call Dan Hofstadter in Tucson at 886-1553 (evenings).

● **NOV. 10-15 (TUE-SUN) "A" - ARIZONA STRIP EXPLORATION.** Depart Phoenix Tuesday evening and camp around Mesquite, Nevada. Then we will have 3 days of 4-wheeling as we move south and east along Lake Mead and the Colorado River, visiting Parashant Canyon and Whitmore Wash. Return to Las Vegas Friday night, where people are on their own until Sunday morning when we return to Phoenix. Call Charlie Crockett at 997-8643 for reservations.

● **NOV. 14 (SAT) "B" - MINERS NEEDLE LOOP HIKE.** This moderate 9.3 mile loop hike swings around Miners Needle to Bluff Spring Canyon and ends at the Peralta Trailhead in the Superstitions. Elevation gain is 1260 feet, so expect some moderately steep slopes. We'll top the day off with dinner in Apache Junction. There is a group limit of 15 people. Call Sue Thomas by the preceding Wednesday at 957-7371.

● **NOV. 14-15 (SAT) "A" - HORSE MESA BACKPACK.** Horse Mesa provides spectacular views of the central Superstitions and the southern flank of four peaks. We will camp either at the highest point on the mesa, with a view dominated to the north by the Painted Cliffs and Four Peaks, or at a grassy bench on the western end, overlooking Fish Creek Canyon and the Superstitions. There is no surface water, so bring 5 to 6 quarts of water. For reservations call Chris Trask at 966-6841.

● **NOV. 15 (SUN.) WASSON PEAK DAYHIKE - "B"** - We will travel to the West branch of the Saguaro National Monument to begin this beautiful trek up the highest mountain in the Tucson mtn. range. The trail is well maintained and affords many views of the Santa Catalinas, Kitt Peak, Baboquivori, and the Saguaro National Monument. Trail is very exposed so please bring a minimum of two quarts of water. Lunch will be atop the 4000' summit; Mexican food in Tucson is optional for those who wish to stay for dinner. The hike is approximately 10 miles RT with a 2000' gain in elevation. Drive is 100 miles OW from Phoenix. For more information call Howard Kopp at 230-9150.

● **NOV. 21 (SAT) "C + /B" - LaBARGE CANYON DAYHIKE.** Drive approximately 90 miles RT from Phoenix, then hike 8-10 miles RT. This is a beautiful gorge near Canyon Lake. If conditions permit we can go into the narrows, an eerie area involving some off-trail hiking. Call Gary Kraemer at 968-4427 for reservations.

● **NOV. 21 (SAT) - WASSON PEAK NIGHT HIKE - "B"**

Night hikes to Wasson Peak have become a tradition for the Rincon Group. This is always a fun trip, and the views from the top are great. We will start shortly after sundown, and we should be back down around midnight. Be sure to bring a snack and perhaps a pair of binoculars. For more information call Dan Hofstadter in Tucson at 886-1553 (evenings).

● **NOV. 25-29 (WED-SUN) "A" - SOUTH BASS TRAIL BACKPACK.** An exploratory backpack in the Grand Canyon, starting at a point 40 miles west of Grand Canyon Village. High clearance vehicles required for driving along dirt roads. Hike to the Colorado River and then west towards Elves Chasm. If we get people with rock climbing experience, we will consider a loop trip down Royal Arch Canyon. Contact Charlie Crockett at 997-8643 for reservations.

● **NOV. 26-29 (THUR-SUN) "B" - CAMINO DEL DIABLO CARCAMP.** Spend your Thanksgiving holiday re-tracing the trail of early pioneers along the "Devil's Highway" across some of the loneliest desert in America. We will take time to hike each day in the surrounding mountains and formations - Cabeza Prieta, Tinjas Altas, Sierra Pintada, etc. The trip is limited by the availability of 4WD vehicles, so if you have one, sign up now! For information and reservations call Bob Moore at 936-1739.

● **NOV. 27-29 (FRI-SUN) "A" - FOOLS' CANYON BACKPACK.** This 30-mile long, strenuous hike (for experienced backpackers only) will follow jeep trails through the spectacular mountainous desert north of Wickenburg. We will explore an area in and around the Hassayampa River Canyon Wilderness Study Area, hiking most of the length of Fools' Canyon. Elevations will range from 2,600 to 5,200 feet. Drive 75

miles OW from Phoenix. For reservations and more information call Ken McGinty at 265-2854.

● **DEC. 5 (SAT) "B" - ROBBERS ROOST.** This is a short hike of six miles, but the first mile and a half is the most strenuous as we hike from Carney Springs to a saddle approximately 1000 feet above. From this point we hike through a wash to find Robbers Roost, rumored to be the hide-a-way of robbers. Leaving this point we hike to Fremont Saddle and return by way of the Peralta Trail. Much of this hike is off-trail so be prepared to rock scramble and fight the underbrush. Contact Sue Thomas by the preceding Wednesday at 957-7371.

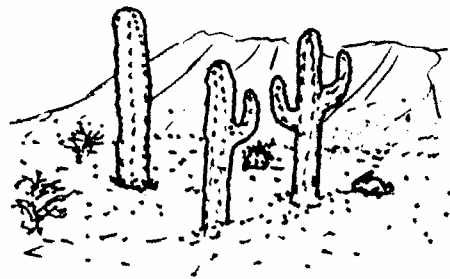
● **DEC. 5 (SAT) - MT. WRIGHTSON HIKE - "B"**

We will start in Gardner Canyon on the east side of the Santa Rita mountains, and we will hike to the top of Mt. Wrightson (assuming there isn't too much snow). The view is one of the best in Arizona, truly spectacular! Make plans to join us . . . for more information call Dan Hofstadter in Tucson at 886-1553 (evenings).

● **DEC. 12 (SAT) "B" - PICACHO PEAK DAYHIKE.** Drive 140 miles RT from Phoenix, hike 4 miles RT. Climb up to an imposing pinnacle with a grand view of the central Arizona desert. Call Gary Kraemer at 968-4427 for reservations.

● **DEC. 13 (SUN) - TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK SERVICE TRIP**

Yes, you guessed it, another one of the Rincon Groups famous and quite nearly popular Tucson Mountain Park service trips. For details see the November 8th listing.



THE SIERRA SOCIAL SERIES

Do you want to . . . meet like-minded people, enjoy the Arizona wilderness, eat and be merry after the hikes, and find out more about the club? Join us for a monthly series of hikes, bike rides, leisurely amblings and general fun that will run through March of 1988. Let's get social! For more information, contact Celine at 952-0861.

CONDITIONING HIKE AND BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 29th. Now that you have lollered around Prescott and the Arboretum, it is time to get serious. Meet at the last Ramada at Squaw Peak Park at 7:00 A.M. No matter what condition you're in, a brisk climb up the backside of Squaw Peak will keep you and your backside in good shape. Breakfast at the Park. Bring your eggs and bacon and plan to cook on the grill in the great outdoors. Seeing how hard it is to cook a fried egg on a grill, pans will be provided and you can share. Conditioning hike led by Jerry Nelson, leader of the last assault on Mt. Whitney by an American team. Get prepared!

PEAK AND PUB

Saturday, January 30th. Put on your thermal underwear and prepare to assault Squaw Peak in the moonlight (maybe). No matter - totally awesome if no moon. Bring

a flashlight. Meet in the parking lot at the base of Squaw Peak at 7:00 P.M. We'll announce the pub later so the owner will have time to prepare himself and his customers. Call Roberta Delaney for further information. 944-8744.

TREK THE PRESERVES

Saturday, February 27th. This is it. Your chance to walk the whole length of North Mountain Preserves from Mountain View Park to 44th St. and Tatum. Plan to spend all day. It's a long walk. (11 Mi) See why hikers love the preserves. See why developers want the preserves. See why golfers want to play golf on the preserves. See why hardly anybody walks from end to end in the preserves. (It's one really long walk). Lunch, which you bring, at Dreamy Draw Park in the preserves. Don't bring your horse - everyone has to walk. Wimps may leave after lunch and go back to their wimpy cars. Dinner at Cafe Casino. We'll work out something with cars so we only have to walk one way. Call Roberta Delaney at 944-8744 for further information. T-shirt with very clever saying on it available to those who make it all the way across.

● **MARCH 27 (SUN).** New River bike trip and then cheeseburgers.

Current Conservation Issues and Contact People

1. Indian School land trade — Preserve the school and promote open space in central Phoenix. Contact Joni Bosh, 956-4390 (Phoenix).
2. Grand Canyon Uranium Mining — Protect the Canyon and the Colorado River from mining, radiation and destruction. Contact Dan Daggett, 774-7537 (Flagstaff).
3. Mt. Graham astro physical sites — No scopes, save the red squirrel. Contact Paul Pierce, 297-2025 (Tucson).
4. Grand Canyon Aircraft — Restore the silence and solitude of Grand Canyon National Park. Contact Dawson Henderson, 774-1571 (Flagstaff).
5. Copper Queen mine groundwater pollution — Protect drinking water in Bisbee. Call Mike Gregory, 432-7340 (McNeal).
6. Clean Air — Speak now or forever hold your breath. Contact Beth Medrano, 279-9427 (Phoenix).
7. Arctic National Wildlife Refuge — Protect the Serengeti of the North. Contact Sue Thomas, 957-7371 (Phoenix).
8. Water Quality — Help write state rules for water purity. Call Mike Gregory, 432-7340 (McNeal).
9. Prescott National Forest — Support our appeal of the forest land. Contact Tom Slaback, 778-4233. (We've only 45 days to act!) (Prescott)
10. ORV legislation — Help implement the state law and write county ordinances. Contact Dale Turner, 792-2690 (Tucson).
11. BLM Wilderness — Help develop the next Arizona wilderness bill. Call Joni Bosh, 956-4390; Tom Wright, 947-0155 (Phoenix); or Dale Turner, 792-2690 (Tucson).
12. Park Protection/Buffers — Keep development away from our parks. Contact Bill Olmstead, 747-3727 (Tucson).
13. Rio Verde Drive — Stop a useless road. Contact Phil Sawyer.
14. Bears and mountain lions — Protect our predators. Call Dan Daggett, 774-7537 (Flagstaff).
15. Aircraft over wilderness — Stop aerial sight-seeing assaults on wild lands. Contact Tom Slaback, 778-4233 (Prescott), or Joni Bosh, 956-4390 (Phoenix).
16. Violations of 1872 mining law — Wanted: examples of abuse of 1872 statute. Contact Joni Bosh, 956-4390 (Phoenix), or Dan Daggett, 774-7537 (Flagstaff).
17. Save the mountain preserves — Keep our parks intact. Contact Roberta Delaney, 944-8744 (Phoenix).
18. International Advocates Committee at Planned Parenthood for International Family Planning/Population issues. Contact Kendra Tollackson, 264-5298 (Phoenix).