

River Voices



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How to Launch a Campaign

by Phillip Wallin
Director, River Network

Look at the map of your state. You'll see color-coded areas that are labeled National Parks, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Wildlife Refuges, State Historic Monuments. This is what might be called the "geography of hope": areas that are protected forever from the onslaught of "progress."

All of these places have something in common: each of them was special to someone. Someone cared enough about a river, a mountain, a seashore or wetland to put their hands on the levers of power and get that special place protected. Trace any Wild and Scenic River or National Park back to its origin and you will find an activist, unreasonably committed to preserving a place that enriched their life.

By and large, volunteer activists underestimate their power to get results within our political system. After a couple decades of watching successful campaigns to preserve land and rivers, I think there are certain principles of environmental activism that hold true no matter what you are trying to save, no matter where you live.

1. Get committed.

There's no getting around it. To get

results, you've got to be seriously committed to doing what it takes for as long as it takes. If you don't do it, who will?

2. Find some partners.

Don't try to do it by yourself. Find some other climbers or boaters or bird-watchers and make a deal with them: I'll work to save this place if you will too. Those people are out there — you just have to find them.

3. Do your homework.

Make your case in writing and pictures. Why is this place special?

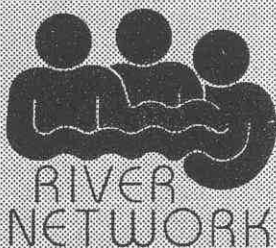
Why should it matter to the community? What are the threats? Pull together your maps, studies, photos. Get to know the landowners, the politics, the history. Earn a reputation as *the* source of information about this special place.

4. Create an image for the place you want to protect.

The Charles River in Massachusetts is "The People's River." The Tatshenshini in Alaska is "North America's Wildest River." For the Rio Chama in

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River Network is a national non-profit organization committed to building local support for river protection. We believe that local people are the voice of America's rivers and that without local action, rivers cannot be protected effectively, nor permanently.

River Network has three programs:

the **River Clearinghouse** to provide information and referrals to local river activists,

the **River Leadership Project** to develop river conservation leaders at the state and local levels, and

the **Riverlands Conservancy** to acquire outstanding riverlands and convey them to the public for protection.

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Mexico, a single striking aerial photo of the red rock canyon "made" the campaign.

5. Identify the threat.

Like it or not, people get activated by fear. You need to identify, and dramatize, the threat to your river or mountain or wetland. A dramatic threat is the best possible spring-board to permanent protection.

6. Form a partnership with a state or national organization.

You need to link up early on with American Rivers, National Audubon, a state resource council, someone who will support you through lobbying, research, fund-raising, publicity and so on. Be clear with them, though, that the solution has to be developed at the grass-roots level.

7. Identify an exciting, positive goal.

Don't just be *against* a dam, *against* land development. You've got to have a positive solution (such as a Wild and Scenic River or National Wildlife Refuge) so that you can take the initiative and control your destiny. Don't get stuck in a reactive mode.

8. Be creative! Look at all the alternatives.

There are a lot of ways to protect a natural feature. Get the best advice you can to be sure you've found the right tool for the job. A lot of rivers that are (theoretically) protected are actually deteriorating because the wrong preservation tool was used. Be sure to look at different models and case studies of preservation from around the country.

9. Devise a strategy.

Get your partners together for a day and work out a strategy for permanent protection. Don't get hung up on details or wording, but get consensus on the main lines of strategy. Get someone you respect to facilitate the meeting, and make sure they get

through the agenda in the time allotted.

10. Take account of all the power centers.

When you map out your strategy, make sure you've covered all the bases: Congressional delegation, County Commissioners, key landowners, newspaper editors, etc. Just listing all the "players" gives you a running start.

11. Identify and recruit your natural constituency.

Who has the most to gain from protecting this river and mountain? Get to them early on and enlist them in the campaign.

12. Create an organizational identity.

"Friends of the Stillaguamish" has a lot more credibility than "Ralph, Carol and seven fellow boaters," even though it may amount to the same. So get yourself a name, a logo, a letterhead, a Board of Directors and a bank account. It's time well spent at the beginning.

13. Get in touch with local politicians.

Tip O'Neill said, "All politics is local politics." An exaggeration, but not by much. Eventually you're going to have to make your peace with the County Commissioners. You might as well lay groundwork early.

14. Cultivate the media.

Get the outdoor editor, the environmental reporter and the editorial page editor out to float your river or hike your mountain. Bring them up to speed on the issues and keep them posted on events. You'll need to have them on your side.

15. Talk with private landowners early on.

This is not something you want to leave till the eleventh hour. If they don't know what you're up to, and if someone incites them to paranoia, they

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Letter to the Network

Dear Network:

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate with river activists from around the nation. I'd like to inform other activists of the threat to our river and ask for assistance. Every little bit helps, especially in light of the frequently daunting odds against our free-flowing rivers.

Here in Northern California, I'm representing 27 different environmental and recreation groups who are trying to protect the American River from a dam capable of destroying up to 48 miles of river as it flows through the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. This project - known as Auburn Dam - has a long and sordid history, although construction came to a halt in 1975 because of earthquake concerns.

Unfortunately, we can no longer rest on the crutch of seismic threats in order to stop this dam. It's been resurrected by the Army Corps of Engineers as a flood control-only project costing up to a billion dollars or more. This 425-foot structure is not supposed to hold water except during flood events. But environmentalists are concerned that this "dry" dam (one that only holds back water during storm events) can be easily converted into a river-killing reservoir.

Within the next few months, Congressman Vic Fazio (D-W.Sacramento) will introduce legislation aimed at funding this scheme even though it represents twice the level of flood protection required for communities around the nation. This is "gold-plated flood control" because it is outrageously expensive and threatens such a huge section of the American River.

I'd be interested in knowing whether other river activists have experience in dealing with the Corps on flood control issues. To us, Auburn Dam represents the latest version of political porkbarrel. The Corps not only defines the problem, but it also provides the solution and then builds it! Politicians are then only too happy to jump aboard a public works bandwagon because it means big money from Uncle Sam.

Unfortunately, this type of project also means big problems for two beautiful sections of the American River. Auburn Dam in any form threatens the wilderness and recreational values of this spectacular river. Up to 42,000 acres of rugged and scenic lands could suffer substantial impacts from a flood control project. I know we are not the first, and I'm sure we won't be the last, to face the threats of a such a dam-building agency.

Please contact me if you have or want more information: 916/448-1045, 909 12th Street, Room 207, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Sincerely,

Charlie Casey
Director, American River Coalition

River Network encourages you to share your ideas, information, successes, and problems with other river activists. You and over 1,500 other grassroots groups and individuals receiving River Voices are the ones who have first-hand river-saving experience. "Letter to the Network" is a great way to communicate with hundreds of other river activists. Please send your letters to River Network.

DORIS Helps

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Roger Harrison,
Executive Director
West Virginia Rivers Coalition

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Don Elder,
Executive Director
Cahaba River Society

Over the course of the last year River Network has been developing the Directory Of River Information Specialists (DORIS). DORIS is a referral service to put grassroots river activists in touch with specialists who have expertise on river related issues (refer to "DORIS Specialists' Topics of Expertise" on page 7). Developing DORIS became a priority of River Network after a survey of the "Network" ranked referrals to experts as a highly preferred mode of assistance.

Currently DORIS consists of 500 volunteer specialists. DORIS specialists are from several sectors including government agencies, environmental organizations, professional societies, academic institutions, and private practice. The DORIS specialists are a diverse group that has one thing in common - a commitment to helping local citizen groups protect rivers.

River guardians can get in touch with DORIS specialists by calling or writing River Network. First, river guardians discuss their river issue with River Network staff. Second, the staff of River Network query the DORIS database searching for specialists by key topics and geographic areas. Then River Network staff call or write the querying river activists with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of DORIS specialists whose expertise is likely to prove helpful.

River Network made the free services of DORIS available to the Network in October 1991. Grassroots river guardians from around the country are now using DORIS to help

them grapple with the issues besetting their rivers.

For example, Roger Harrison, Director of the West Virginia Rivers Coalition, called DORIS looking for assistance on their Wild & Scenic rivers campaign. The Coalition is working to protect twelve rivers in the Monongahela National Forest, but the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) is strongly opposed to the national designation. The DNR is concerned that designation would restrict their efforts to restore fisheries through the use of instream fish habitat improvement projects. To counter the opposition, Roger asked DORIS to help find examples of such projects on existing Wild & Scenic rivers. Through DORIS, River Network helped Roger identify several examples along with the names and telephone numbers of the river managers responsible for implementing the fisheries projects. Since then Roger has contacted these managers, who in return have helped him identify even more examples. "The services of DORIS have been extremely helpful in dealing with the opposition to the West Virginia Wild & Scenic campaign. We just didn't have the resources or the contacts to find this type of information," explains Roger.

Another river conservationist who has utilized referrals from DORIS is Don Elder, Director of the Cahaba River Society (CRS) in Birmingham, Alabama. The CRS is in the process of developing a comprehensive river protection plan for the Cahaba River. Don called DORIS looking for

River Activists

examples of similar plans for other urban rivers. Through DORIS, River Network informed Don of several such projects and the people responsible for designing and implementing the plans. "Across the country hundreds of individuals and organizations are looking for the same kind of information to protect rivers. A service like DORIS greatly increases the effectiveness of local river groups. We're glad a service like DORIS exists and plan to use it regularly," explains Don.

Tamara Green, a University of Virginia graduate student working with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, has also used the services of DORIS. Tamara and several classmates are assessing the resources, threats, and protection options for the Rappahannock River, which is experiencing an onslaught of development. Through DORIS, River Network helped Tamara identify similar projects and a list of resource managers from state and federal agencies responsible for river resource protection in Virginia. "Through DORIS, River Network has done the ground work to match up river activists with specialists who want to help. Without DORIS it's difficult to get through to the right people in agencies," says Tamara.

Bryan Gregory of the Scioto River Valley Federation in Ostrander, Ohio has also found the services of DORIS to be useful. Bryan and his group are fighting a proposal by the City of Columbus to dam the Scioto for the purpose of municipal water supply. Through DORIS, River Network put Bryan in touch with

several state agency and private river specialists in Ohio, including Mike Fremont, the President of Rivers Unlimited, an organization that has been working to protect Ohio rivers for almost two decades. "We made one phone call to River Network, which put us in touch with expertise in a wide range of river issues. DORIS is a great central resource for local river protection groups," says Bryan.

One other example of a local river conservationist using DORIS is Bill Douglas, Executive Director of the Upper Delaware River Council in Narrowsburg, New York. Bill called DORIS looking for information about policies other river managers have developed to regulate the use of personal watercraft devices (jet skis). Through DORIS, River Network put Bill in touch with a specialist from the Oregon State Marine Board who had recently gone through a very similar process. "The DORIS referrals gave us quick, direct access to the information we needed. Whatever the issue, chances are someone else has already been through it. River Network helped us gather the information we needed to make a good policy for our situation," explains Bill.

These are only some of the river activists that DORIS has helped. DORIS can also help you protect your river. If your or your river group needs some outside expertise, call 1-800-42-DORIS or write River Network, DORIS, PO Box 8787, Portland, OR, 97207.

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Executive Director
Upper Delaware River Council

DORIS Specialist Profiles



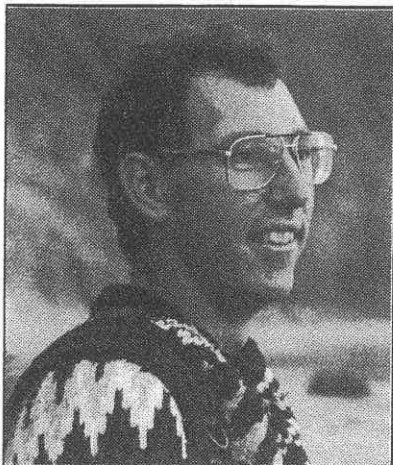
Christopher Meyer

Christopher is an attorney with a private law firm in Boise, Idaho. Christopher brings a wealth of knowledge to DORIS from his extensive experiences as an environmental lawyer with the National Wildlife Federation and the University of Colorado Law School. He has expertise on a gamut of river related issues, including dams, project analysis, wetlands, water law, water conservation, and the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. Christopher is participating in DORIS because, "There is tremendous opportunity to solve environmental problems so that everyone can come out ahead. In the past people hired attorneys with the goal of 'killing' the opponent, but by applying some creative energy we can solve complex environmental issues and protect both natural resources and economies. Through DORIS, I can share my expertise with river activists who need some advice on complex issues."



Sally Bethea

Sally is a Water Resources and Environmental Advocacy Specialist with The Georgia Conservancy in Atlanta. Sally has also worked for the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Sierra Club. She has a master's degree in environmental planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Much of her current work focuses on wetlands protection, river corridor planning, state river assessments, and growth management strategies for Georgia. She has spent a lot of time organizing and building environmental coalitions. When asked why she is participating in DORIS, Sally replied, "Only with the best information available can we be truly effective river advocates. Providing that information to environmental activists is the most satisfying aspect of my job, and DORIS lets me do that even more."



David Marcus

David is a private consultant working out of Berkeley, California and specializing in energy policy analysis. David works primarily on non-river issues related to electric power, but he has also done a lot of *pro bono* work for river protection campaigns, such as the Tuolumne, Kings, and Yampa Rivers in California. Recently, David testified before Congress regarding protection of the Grand Canyon. David's primary area of expertise is economics. As his schedule permits, David is interested in assisting river activists in critiquing the justification for dams and other river alteration projects. David is participating in DORIS because, "There are an awful lot of local activists groups that are looking for technical assistance to protect rivers, but there aren't a lot of specialists out there willing to help. Participating in DORIS is one way to regress that imbalance."

WANTED: RIVER ACTIVISTS

TO BE DORIS SPECIALISTS

AND

TO IDENTIFY SPECIALISTS

Although DORIS currently consists of a strong team of 500 specialists, given the complexity of river issues, River Network is always interested in recruiting more specialists. One group whose expertise we have not yet tapped into is that of the Network of river activists.

Sometimes the most helpful person to a river guardian grappling with a river issue is another river guardian who has successfully dealt with that issue. If you feel you have some expertise or experience in river protection that would be helpful to other river activists, we invite and encourage you to participate as a specialist in DORIS. Please complete and return the enclosed blue DORIS Specialist Questionnaire.

Even if you are not interested in participating as a specialist, we'd like to know of specialists that have helped you protect your river. If you think your specialists would be helpful and interested in DORIS, please let us know who they are. On the back page of the blue DORIS Specialist Questionnaire there is space to list specialists. Any specialists you recommend are not obligated to participate. We will contact them through the mail to request their participation.

We need your input to make the services of DORIS even better. Please send your DORIS specialists questionnaires and or any recommendations for potential DORIS specialists to:

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DORIS Specialists' Topics of Expertise

River Values

riparian ecosystems
fisheries
cultural resources
recreation
economics

Stream Alteration

dams
channelization/dredging
project analysis

Pollution

monitoring
municipal
industrial
hazardous wastes
mining
forestry
agriculture

Land Development

economics
land-use planning
land-use regulations
greenways
wetlands
land acquisition

Water Flows and Law

private rights
public rights
water projects
water conservation

General Tools

Wild & Scenic Rivers Act
State river programs
river restoration

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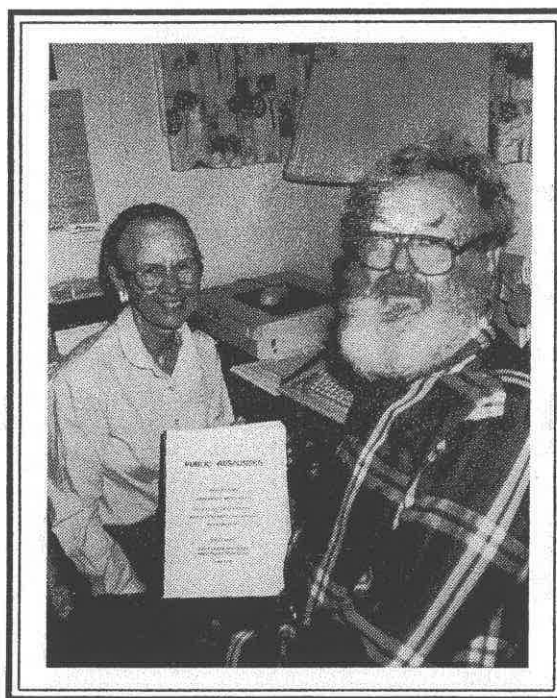
The river guardian movement is growing. More and more people are taking action to protect the rivers and streams of their communities. To recognize the efforts of a few outstanding river guardians and inspire others to follow their lead, River Network has established the River Guardian of the Year Award.

River Network selected these winners from a pool of nominations. Eligibility only required that the river guardian be a volunteer who has significantly

George Lokie and Jean Lokie are dedicated activists working to protect Cache Creek in northern California. George and Jean moved to the small town of Capay, California about five years ago to retire. They had dreams of writing a book and restoring their home. Instead they have become leaders of the Cache Creek Basin Resource Coalition, a grassroots organization committed to protecting the Cache Creek aquifer.

The Lokies work with the Coalition revolves primarily around countering gravel mining operations along Cache Creek. The Lokies played a major role in stopping a project that would have allowed a major gravel mining operation along the last pristine section of the Creek. They researched the issue and alerted and involved other citizens through newsletters they produced. As a result, the Coalition generated enough funds to hire a lawyer and build enough public opposition to persuade the County to deny the permit.

In the truest sense of committed river guardians, the Lokies aren't resting on the laurels of their first victory. They are now leading a group from the Coalition to participate in an



George & Jean Lokie

Environmental Impact Report analyzing a range of options for gravel mining by six operators along some fourteen miles of Cache Creek. Behind the leadership of the Lokies, this core group is developing expertise and commenting on complex environmental issues such as hydrology, geology, water quality, and the California Environmental Quality Act.

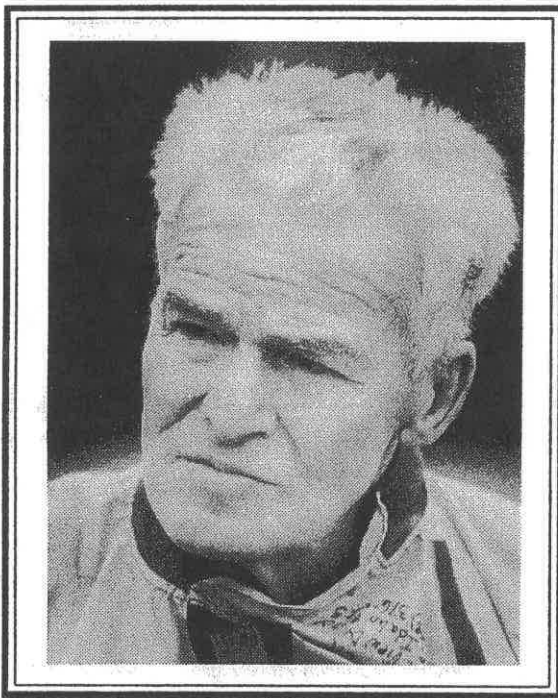
As if mobilizing other citizens to grapple with timely mining threats weren't enough, the Lokies also make

time to write and produce the newsletter for the Coalition.

Janet Levers, President of the Cache Creek Basin Resource Coalition, nominated the Lokies and says, "The Lokies are unbowed and cheerful in the face of the enormity of their chosen task. Their volunteer spirit is truly exemplary, and has gone a long way to saving Cache Creek."

of the Year Awards

contributed to the protection for a particular stream or river. With great pleasure, River Network names three very worthy recipients, George and Jean Lokie for their work on Cache Creek in California and Hugh Harper for his work on the Boise River in Idaho.



Hugh Harper

Hugh Harper has been working for over a quarter century to protect the Boise River in Idaho. Harper, a 70-year-old retired State Fish and Game biologist, has played a major role in transforming the Boise River from an abused polluted waterway to one the community considers an asset.

Harper helped design the Boise River Plan, which guides housing development, the Greenbelt, and wildlife habitat protection. While working to implement the plan, Hugh demon-

strates how development and the protection of natural areas can co-exist along rivers. Harper works in the field with developers to design plans that are ecologically sensitive to the habitat requirements of fish and wildlife.

Hugh's work doesn't stop on the shores, he also loves to be on the river. He is an avid river recreationist who believes getting people on the river is a way to draw them into the river conservation movement. Harper currently heads a citizen group

working to designate a six-to-eight mile stretch of the Boise as a Scenic Water Trail. The designation wouldn't provide any specific added protection to the river except elevate its status and attract more river recreationists. Harper explains, "Getting people on the river creates more interest in the river and gives people the incentive to take better care of it. That's my dream - to generate interest and concern for the welfare of the Boise River so people will understand and enjoy it. That they'll keep it as natural as possible and guard against development."

Sharon Hubler, Executive Director of the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands nominated Hugh and says, "Hugh delivers a message that humanizes the environmental arena of water quality and the selective opportunities for developing and enhancing the Boise River and its confluence with the historical, cultural and natural resources of the Boise River Valley."

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can kill your initiative when it comes time for public hearings. Find a few sympathetic, well-respected landowners, put them on your Board, and make sure you consult with them regularly.

16. Get support from the business community.

You need to have some business owners on your Board who can make the argument that protecting a river, a mountain or a green space is good business for the community. It's worth the energy to go door to door, asking them to put your flyer in their store window.

17. Raise some money.

A little money goes a long way, and

it's not that hard to raise. River Network will send you some ideas for local fund-raising.

18. Put out a good newsletter.

Whether or not you have a formal membership, start building a mailing list and distributing a simple but readable newsletter. Send it to the key political people.

19. Keep a "shopping list" of projects for volunteers.

When volunteers ask you how they can help, hand them a project that's small, fun and important.

20. Get involved in lobbying.

Don't leave it to the state or national organizations. You need to have your own relationship with key legislative

staff people so that you can be a real player when the deal gets cut. The IRS places limits on how much you can lobby — River Network can give you some guidance on this.

The last rule is ... **have fun!**

This is the Edward Abbey principle: get out there and float the rivers, bag the peaks and look for the griz. Do your press conferences at the put-ins, your planning retreats at 12,000 feet. This work isn't worth it if it doesn't enrich your life.

This article was written by Phillip Wallin upon the request of the editors of Countryside Magazine. This article, along with a couple other articles about conservation efforts appeared in the December 1991 issue of Countryside Magazine.

Conferences



The American River Management Society is hosting a symposium entitled, "Rivers for Tomorrow: Strategies for Planning & Management," in Portland, Oregon on April 28 - May 2, 1992.

Anyone with a stake in sound river management is encouraged to attend including recreationists, landowners, river conservationists, urban and regional planners, and researchers.

The five-day symposium will concentrate on key issues surrounding river planning and management:

- * River Recreation Management
- * Water Use & Development
- * River & Watershed Protection
- * River Restoration & Enhancement
- * Wild & Scenic River Designation
- * Water Quality & Quantity

For more information contact:

Conference Assistant
Oregon State University
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Peavy Hall 202
Corvallis, OR 97331-5707
(503) 737-2329

Third National Citizens' Volunteer Water Monitoring Conference: "Building Partnerships"

Leaders from grassroots water monitoring groups across the country will meet with prominent federal and state government officials to develop partnerships and share information during the Third National Citizens' Volunteer Water Monitoring Conference March 29 to April, 2, 1992. Co-sponsored by the Izaak Walton League of America, Environmental Protection Agency, Alliance for Chesapeake Bay and America's Clean Water Foundation, the conference will be held at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Maryland.

For more information contact:

Karen Firehock or Loren Kellogg
Izaak Walton League of America
1401 Wilson Blvd., Level B
Arlington, VA 22209
(703) 528-1818

Citizen Water Monitoring Conference US EPA Pacific Northwest Region

February 21-23, 1992 in Portland, Oregon

For more information contact:

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River Network has a 1-800 Number

River Network now has a 1-800 telephone number. We encourage river activists to use this free service. The number is 1-800-42-DORIS or 1-800-423-6747.

Free Lotus Software

In cooperation with the Lotus Development Corporation, River Network is offering a free copy of Lotus 123 software to any organization working on river protection. Lotus 123 is both a spreadsheet and a database software program compatible with personal computers. If your group is interested, please send River Network a letter that includes the following information:

- 1) a statement that your group is incorporated,
- 2) a brief description of how your group plans to use the Lotus 123 software, and
- 3) what size computer disks (3.5 inch or 5.25 inch).

"The two-car garage is one American dream, and Huck Finn is another."

Tim Palmer,
Endangered Rivers and
the Conservation Movement

River Network Publications

C(3) or C(4): Choosing A Tax-Exempt Status by Christine Cook

At some time or another, every group faces the decision of whether to apply for tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. The big question is whether to apply as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) tax-exempt organization. This booklet will lead you through that decision-making process by highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of each. Free.

River Wealth, edited by Kenny Johnson and Lindy Walsh

River Wealth is a collection of over 30 different fundraising ideas successfully used by grassroots river organizations. Each entry includes a description of the technique, as well as a contact person from the group who used it. The ideas are organized by membership, business support, events, and sales and services. \$5.00

Network Mailing List Update

Thank you to everyone who has returned their mailing list update form. If you haven't returned your form (dated October 4), please do so. It won't take more than 5 minutes. The key to building a true Network is communication, and an accurate mailing list is critical for timely information sharing.

YEAR-END SOLICITATION

We hope you look forward to receiving *River Voices*. We hope you use DORIS to get in touch with volunteer experts. And we hope you'll ask us for any other help you need in conserving your favorite river.

We also hope you'll send us a check to help River Network provide these services. We're not a membership organization, and we don't clog your mailbox with direct mail solicitations. But it costs money to run this program and we need your support.

So please put us on your holiday gift list, and tell us which program you want your donation to support:

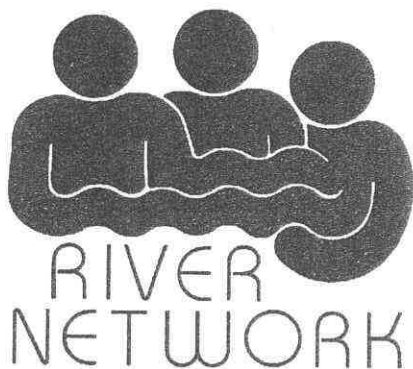
- ☐ *River Clearinghouse*: River Voices, DORIS, special publications.
- ☐ *River Leadership Project*: hosts workshops to help river groups learn about fundraising, action planning, public education, and so on.
- ☐ *Riverlands Conservancy*: buys threatened riparian lands for preservation.

Thank you for supporting the work of River Network. Happy holidays.

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