



# CALL OF THE WILD

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## Will you support a “Christian Voice” in the Environmental Movement?

Have you ever stopped and thought about the fact that as a Christian community we have very little say in the public arena when it comes to the environment? We hear and see so much discussion about the environment, yet we don't seem to have a strong, organized voice bringing our viewpoints into the discussion. Often when a large segment of society remains voiceless like this, things seem to get out of balance. This is exactly what we are experiencing in the environmental movement. One of our goals here at Wilderness International Inc. is to change this situation by building a strong, professional conservation group that will give Christians a voice in the environmental arena. We are a conservation organization with a biblical worldview and a desire to bring some balance to this movement. We need your help to do it.



### Outdoor Adventures

Each year we take several people down rivers in Central Oregon for plenty of whitewater excitement and hours of fun catching what seems like an unending supply of fish. If you would like to get away from it all, relax, and maybe build a stronger relationship with a loved one or friend, this is a great way to do it. As we grow, we are expanding the opportunities for outdoor adventures. Besides rafting opportunities, we are also organizing snow shoeing trips, day hikes, conservation projects to volunteer for, and many other activities to help you experience and enjoy the great outdoors. Check out our website for information on upcoming events.

### OUR PURPOSE

As an organization, we are setting out to accomplish several things. These goals have been developed to help us stay focused on making a positive impact for God's kingdom within the environmental and conservation cultures.

1. Build a professional, cutting-edge conservation organization based upon biblical principles.
2. Provide outdoor adventures and conservation projects to enable people to experience and care for God's creation.
3. Bring balance and an educated Christian voice into the public discussion on environmental issues.
4. Proclaim that **nature** is the “Art of God” and that it declares His majesty to a lost world.
5. In every activity we do, gently expose those we work with to God's redemptive message of salvation through Jesus Christ.



### Conservation & Youth: A Winning Combination

In June of 2007 we were able to take several young men from a local juvenile detention center and complete a conservation project to improve wildlife habitat.

Giving these young people a chance to experience the great outdoors was very rewarding for everyone involved. They literally dug right in and got the project completed in record time.

At the same time, the youth had a chance to converse with and work alongside mature Christian adults. The feedback we received was very positive and encouraging.

We are always looking for volunteers to be a part of our workdays like this. Currently we are in the process of planning three similar projects for the summer of 2008. Additional information about our projects is available on our website.

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## How can you help and get involved?

1. **Make a financial donation** – we have more projects and opportunities available than funds. Your contribution will be wisely used to help us make an impact for God's kingdom in the environmental and conservation movements.
2. **Volunteer to work on a conservation project** – join us as we put our words into action and care for this incredible world God has given to us.
3. **Use GoodSearch for your Internet searches** – a daily, effortless way you can help us to earn a penny donation every time you search the internet with the powerful search engine at [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). Go to their site, setup the tool bar and choose Wilderness International as your charity of choice.

## From the Directors Desk

I would like to start by thanking you for taking the time to read our first official newsletter. It has been my vision since the beginning to produce a newsletter and eventually a full-scale magazine as a tool to share our vision and passion.

For this editions message, I would like to refer to a story I recently read. It addressed the issue of parents and concerned citizens alike frequently discussing the lack of wholesome fare on television. We all know that recognizing issues like this is important, but what we then do about it is even more important. Some people just complain, others decide to take action. One woman, Martha Williamson, decided to roll up her sleeves and do something about the problem she saw and had the ability to influence. She wrote and produced a successful prime-time television show that brought serious Christian themes to a wide television audience. The show was called "Touched by an Angel" and ran for nine years on CBS.

With this hit show, Williamson gives us a wonderful model of how we can follow the biblical mandate to redeem our surrounding culture. Are we willing to look for ways within our circle of influence to make a positive impact for God's kingdom within our society? C. S. Lewis, the author of the popular and inspirational series "The Chronicles of Narnia", once said that the only way to drive out bad culture is to create good culture.

This is the vision God gave me about 10 years ago. I could take my love for the great outdoors and build an organization that will follow that biblical mandate to redeem the surrounding culture in the conservation and environmental movements. Can you envision with me a biblically based conservation organization having as much influence and impact as the "Sierra Club" for example? How many people can we reach with all of our activities and positively impact with a widely circulated magazine proclaiming, "Nature is the Art of God"?

Please check out our website to see how you can be involved. Also, will you consider making a donation to help us carry out this vision? Last of all, feel free to send us an email with any comments or questions.

May God bless you in this New Year,

**Russ Hall – Executive Director**

## DONATION FORM

Please use this form to make a donation and help us build a strong, professional conservation group that will give Christians a voice in the environmental arena. We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization which means your donations are tax deductible.

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