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UPEC HIRES VAN DAM AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

In the last newsletter we signaled UPEC's intention to professionalize its operations by hiring an independent contractor (IC), and asked members to assist us in finding promising applicants. Between referrals and several newspaper ads, we assembled, by the cutoff date of October 15, a well-qualified pool of over 20 applicants for the estimated six hours per week workload. At the board meeting on October 21, the applicants were grouped into several tiers.

The board appointed a committee of three to interview the five persons on the top tier, with the interviews taking place on Wednesday, October 24. It was an agonizing choice, as any of the top applicants could have strengthened UPEC with their strong organizational and writing skills. We thank all those who went through the process with us, and showed us the strong interest among the public for environmental work and advocacy.

Our successful IC applicant, Suzanne Van Dam, lives in Houghton, Michigan, with her husband and two school-age children. Most recently she has worked with the three-county (Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw) Child Development Board as a program coordinator in grant management and marketing.

Prior to that she helped energize MTU's Study Abroad Program, building on an interest in international exchange since her days in the Peace Corps in East Africa.

Suzanne has been a community activist in the Copper Country for a number of groups, including Keweenaw Land Trust and the MTU GEM Center for Science and Environmental Outreach. A trained writer with an M.A. in English literature from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, she has also published environmental articles on an Upper Peninsula bat survey, and on the status of Michigan frogs and toads.

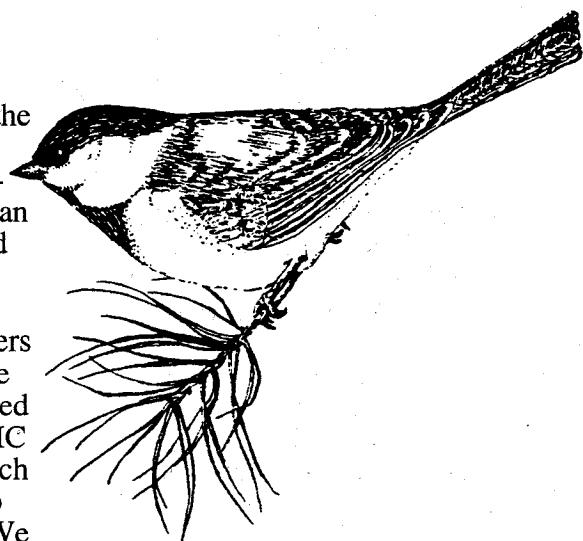
The UPEC board members feel that in Suzanne Van Dam we are catching a skillful, experienced and enthusiastic person for this IC role, and sense that she will enrich our organization, as well as help professionalize its operations. We anticipate being in much closer touch with our membership, for both your financial support and ideas. We will need an energized membership to help pay for the costs of the IC!

This is UPEC's first commitment to professional staff support in our 25 years of existence, and we trust that having Suzanne in this role will pay us many dividends over the years ahead.

Thanks again to Holley Linn, whose last labor for UPEC is this 4th issue of the newsletter for 2001. Holley pushed us to

move in the direction of finding an IC, and was convinced that we would find a crowd of worthy prospects, which we did. We thank her for her contributions as an able newsletter editor and gadfly for the past several years, and for her faith in our future.

--Jon Saari



ANNOUNCEMENT

In one of its first moves to simplify and centralize operations, UPEC has decided that two addresses is too many, and thus we have closed out the Marquette post office box address, and will now have only the one address in Houghton:

**P.O. Box 673
Houghton, MI 49931**

Please note the change.

ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK GETS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The National Park Service recently hired Phyllis Green as superintendent of Isle Royale National Park. Phyllis takes over from Betsy Rossini, who was acting superintendent following the untimely death of former superintendent Doug Barnard.

Prior to taking over at Isle Royale, its new super was for several years forest supervisor of the western U.P.'s Ottawa National Forest. Those who know her say she is straightforward, and typically operates without hidden agendas.

--Doug Welker



ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT PLAN MOVING AHEAD

Planning for the management of Isle Royale National Park's wilderness (almost all of the land area of the park) is proceeding to a new phase this coming spring. Until now, focus has been on gathering public input, determining broad aspects of wilderness management, and coming up with indicators and standards which will help the Park Service know if the management actions they implement are compatible with the desired future condition of the park's wilderness.

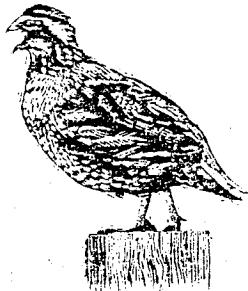
It has become clear to park staff, however, that some key information—more quantified visitor use data—will be needed before the plan can progress. This information will be gathered and processed over this coming winter.

After this, sometime in the spring of 2002, a new document will be circulated to those interested in following the process and providing additional input. This document will be not only a Draft Wilderness Management Plan, but a Draft Environmental Impact Statement as well.

Those of you already on the mailing list for the Wilderness Management Plan Newsletters will receive the new document next spring, in addition to a short questionnaire this fall or winter.

If you are not on the mailing list but would like to be, contact Jack Oelfke at Isle Royale National Park (jack_oelfke@nps.gov or 906/487-9080) and ask to be put on the Isle Royale National Park Wilderness Planning mailing list.

--Doug Welker



MICHIGAN'S CONSERVATION SUMMIT AGENDA

Personal Observations of Judy Allen

Michigan's Conservation Summit Agenda, drafted September 20, 2001, sets forth a clear vision for protecting Michigan's natural resources. In six regional meetings, organized by the Michigan Environmental Council, people from various backgrounds and interests met to outline a consensus position on the condition of Michigan's environmental and natural resources.

The final document contains twenty-one principles dealing with protection of Great Lakes Basin water resources, land stewardship, healthy communities, and government for the people. The complete agenda is posted at www.mecprotects.org.

The agenda principles represent the broad-based views of people concerned with environmental protection, as well as outdoor recreation groups, faith-based organizations, and health-related associations.

The organizers hope that finding a unified voice will add weight to shared core values. Unfortunately, pitting these groups against each other has proved a potent strategy for weakening their effectiveness.

The regional meetings, along with the summit agenda, took the first steps encouraging these groups to work cooperatively. Together, this coalition can counterbalance the powerful trends favoring undisciplined growth and meaningless consumption.

Make no mistake: We face important choices, both locally and internationally, that will determine the world we inhabit. In *Beyond Growth*, Herman E. Daly asserts "...the South (southern hemisphere) needs to focus more on population, and the North (northern hemisphere) more on per capita consumption."

Unfortunately, we do not address these issues until overpopulation causes environmental disaster, or the resource—iron, timber, oil or farmland—disappears.

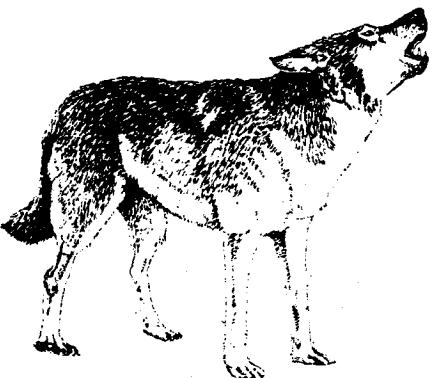
Adding to these fundamental problems, our urbanized, technological society has lost its ties to the land. In Michigan, what does it mean to lose 1,000 acres of farmland every day? A society based on small farmer-producers will make one choice,

while an urbanized population will make quite another. The desire for large-lot, suburban dwellings or second homes easily trumps conservation of crop or forest land.

When the modern environmental movement took root in the '70s, energizing public sentiment took little effort. Who could ignore a river on fire, or Lake Erie dying?

Now, identifying environmental issues requires some ecological knowledge or sensitivity. The Conservation Summit Agenda gives those of us concerned with the existence and health of natural systems another opportunity to alert the public to the hazards of unlimited growth and thoughtless consumption.

Unless we find a "virtual" landscape acceptable, we must do something before we reach the point of no return.



THANK YOU, MEMBERS!

by Friederike Greuer

I am very happy to report that on Thursday, October 18, I received a cheque from Econo Foods for \$128.82. This means that, with last year's earnings, we presently have about \$158.82 in our Education Fund.

I suggested at the last board meeting that the board put all of the money into a US Savings I Bond, which would mean that we would earn a current rate of 5.92% and have a fixed rate of 3.0%.

I am also hoping to increase the financial basis of the education program by making it possible for members to contribute directly to the Education Fund, implementing partnerships CDs for nonprofit organizations, and eventually through matching grants through monetary foundations.

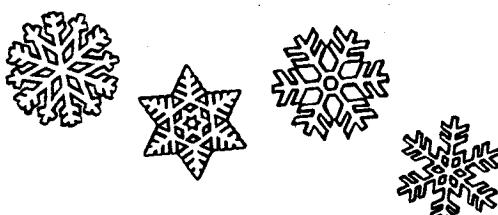
In any case, we are off to a good start, due to the persistent and generous contributions of our members! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Eventually the board would like the Education Fund to sponsor existing environmental programs in local schools, and in the community at large through environmental organizations that have the greatest intentions but not always the financial basis for their programs. We would like to educate the public about sound environmental practices and why they are important.

Every Econo receipt you contribute will be solely devoted to environmental education. Econo gives us one percent for every purchase made. That might not seem like a lot, but it does quickly add up. We literally do show strength in numbers!

If you have lost my address and would like to continue contributing till tapes to the program, it is: Friederike Greuer, 218 East St., Houghton, MI 49931.

For all of you who have contributed in the past, the board and the Education Committee thank you! The board has also sent a thank you note to Econo Foods. In continuing to send me the Econo tapes, remember that education is one simple way we can reach people.



THE POWER OF VOICES

by Karen Bacula

In early October, I received an e-mail announcing an upcoming public hearing sponsored by the Michigan State Senate regarding the Great Lakes. The e-mail specifically addressed the potential return of drilling in the Great Lakes, and requested people to attend the hearing and speak out on the issue.

In an effort to keep my eighth grade students involved in the real world, I brought up the issue with them. We discussed the idea briefly, and they were sent home to write a letter stating their own opinion of the issue; they were required to include information to back their opinion.

The next day we discussed many possible reasons for drilling or not drilling. They went home to draft a final copy of their letter that I would take to the hearing.

When the letters came in, I shared with them the general procedure at public hearings, explaining that, because they are responding to the call for input, their voices will be heard and noted in the public record: A chance to "vote" before they are 18!

On October 18, I attended the public hearing to offer my own thoughts, and to present the letters from 130 eighth grade students, along with an additional 20 letters from parents of some of the students. The letters varied in opinion, though most did not support drilling in the Great Lakes.

I was asked a few questions, then thanked by the Senate Task Force for getting the students involved and bringing their letters.

I thought that was the end, but before the hearing was over Senator Don Koivisto offered to come to see my students to thank them for their involvement, and to further discuss issues regarding the Great Lakes. He will be up to visit us in January, after the final

report from this task force is completed.

In addition to having the senator offer to visit our school, The Mining Journal included information about what the students had done, and the television news also included a brief clip of me presenting the letters. About a week after the hearing, I also heard from another task force member thanking the students for their input.

The day after the hearing, my students were amazed with all of the attention they had drawn. Prior to their letters being presented, many of them were not sure anyone would listen or pay attention to what they had to say. They were not convinced that speaking up really can make a difference.

I am hoping this lesson stays with them as they are confronted with issues in the future. They are beginning to learn that, when voices are joined, people can be heard. It is my hope that they will continue to speak.



*From the Escanaba Daily Press
Thursday, November 15, 2001:*

MEAD, NATURE CONSERVANCY TO HIRE FOREST ECOLOGIST

With the announcement of a new partnership between environmental science and timberlands production, Mead Paper reports it has taken another step toward increasing its commitment to sustainable forestry.

The Mead Foundation and the Escanaba papermaker will spend a quarter of a million dollars over the next 2-1/2 years to fund a forest ecologist employed by The Nature Conservancy.

Officials at Mead Publishing Paper Division in Escanaba and Dr. Christine Hall, the U.P. conservation director for The Nature Conservancy, announced the collaborative hire Tuesday, November 13.

TNC is a private, non-profit conservation group that buys and manages land to establish nature preserves. Its goal is to protect habitat and biological diversity around the world.

The Conservancy is in the midst of launching a U.P. initiative to protect the unfragmented forest that covers 85 percent of the peninsula. Mead Foundation is the primary vehicle for Mead's charitable contributions and community involvement programs. The main objective of the effort is to hire a forest ecologist, say Mead and TNC, and to assist in protection and management of forestry resources on Conservancy property in the U.P.—currently 13 preserves—and to assist in sustainable forestry strategies for other U.P. landowners. The program here is expected to become a model for other such partnerships around the country.

"The Nature Conservancy started to look at who owns [woodlands in the U.P.]," said Hall Tuesday. "We realized that, if we really wanted to help preserve what the U.P. is, we needed to start working with those blanket owners who own all of the backdrop forestry."

"This is a substantial commitment on The Nature Conservancy's part, as well as a substantial commitment on our part," said Keith Van Scotter, Mead's vice president of Michigan operations on Tuesday. Hall added that TNC will be prepared to fully fund the position within four years.

--Lynn Johnson



*From The Daily Mining Gazette
Thursday, November 15, 2001:*

WASTEWATER PERMIT FOR BOHEMIA EXPECTED

The Department of Environmental Quality intends to issue a subsurface disposal permit for a Mount Bohemia-related wastewater system "any day now," according to DEQ District Geologist Randy Conroy.

An approved permit would limit Black Bear Entertainment and Adventure Co., a subsidiary of Crosswinds Communities, Inc., to discharging a maximum of 8,500 gallons per day of sanitary wastewater in the Lac La Belle area.

That doesn't mean 8,500 gallons would be allowed every day, U.P. Engineers & Architects Senior Vice President John Sullivan said this morning. Since the resort is seasonal, Sullivan said the permit request—revised this morning—asks for a maximum 845,000 gallons per year.

Bohemia estimates a maximum of 700 skiers per day, at 11 gallons per skier, which is well within the discharge amount requested. "I don't think they'll even get five or six gallons per skier," Conroy said.

The proposed septic site is located near Sand Point Road, about 150 yards away from Lac La Belle's north shore. In every direction there is a more than 1,000 foot buffer between the drainfield and the well that serves Bohemia.

But, at Wednesday night's Grant Township meeting, some area residents raised concerns that the currently operating system might traverse wooded wetlands. "I've been out there, and there's standing water," said Calumet Township's Paul Campbell. "I'd like someone to come out there and identify the plants...."

Conroy described the septic field area as "soggy" and said he would contact the DEQ's Land and Water Management Division—a wetland authority—to see if it's willing to examine the land. The site has not been identified on any map as a wetland, Conroy said.

"Indeed, there would be a concern of wetland impact, but I do not have evidence of that," said Conroy. "[But] if it's a concern, let's get it to rest."

Sullivan said recent construction includes the modifying of a 40,000 gallon holding tank built last year which, he said, will operate as a conventional septic tank.

Wastewater can conceivably be pumped a total distance of 5,400 feet. During the journey, it travels 800 feet up a 50-foot vertical incline through a 4-inch diameter subsurface main. It's then pumped an additional 1,000 feet through the woods, routed on an old logging road and into a 17,000 square-foot drainfield. The drainfield is built 4 feet above the original ground after fill, sand and a layer of rock and drain tiles are installed.

The system also will be monitored for phosphorous. Grab samples of wastewater will be taken twice monthly during the active season and reported to the Waste Management Division. The flow will also be monitored daily, and a weekly measurement will be reported.

Grant Township officials have not voiced objections to the plan, though the board voted not to directly participate in the sewer system in July. Black Bear had asked the township to apply for a state grant [to] fund the system.

The Keweenaw County Board, citing its own liability concerns, rejected a similar request by Black Bear last year.

--Jesse Drake

GRATIOT RIVER DEAL STILL PENDING

*From The Daily Mining Gazette
Friday, November 23, 2001*

A cabin next to a moat on the north side of the Gratiot River has left a land purchase undone, but with the Nov. 30 closing date rapidly approaching, Keweenaw County officials say time is of the essence.

We need to keep a sense of urgency," said Commissioner Don Keith at a recent Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Board chairman Frank Stubenrauch is in charge of negotiations with Lake Superior Land Co., a subsidiary of International Paper Co. He said the small, "barely visible" cabin is a problem because grants the county has applied for exclude buildings on the property.

Stubenrauch said the land company is talking with the cabin owner in hopes a quick demolition might salvage the deal.

It has been 19 months since the county started negotiating the purchase of land at the mouth of the Gratiot River from Lake Superior Land Co. The land would be used for a county park, where people could hunt, fish, pick agates and camp.

The parcel contains about 100 acres, including 4,000 feet of lakeshore, and 3,000 feet of the Gratiot River.

To buy the land, Keweenaw County received a \$441,000 grant—75 percent of the purchase price—from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. The remaining 25 percent—\$147,000—comes by way of a recently awarded federal North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant, applied for by the county and other area conservation groups.

North Woods Conservancy president John Griffith said

the grant has no strings attached, and urged the county to take it. "If the county wants to do something, or back out in any way, the money can always be returned," he said. "But it seems to me you're shooting yourself in the foot by not accepting it."

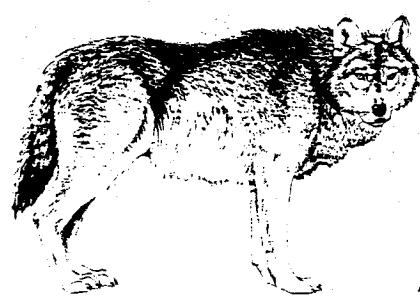
Stubenrauch said he would hate giving up the money, but wanted to be certain the county wasn't committed to it in perpetuity. Keith said he believes the state grant is more restrictive.

"[The property] must be available to the public, it says that," he said. "Also, any additional improvements or construction that goes on it must be approved by the DNR if we take that grant....We can get out of it with NAWCA, but with the DNR grant, backing out of the deal means the land reverts back to the state...."

To further complicate matters, the county's primary state liaison has been laid off. DNR grants administrator Kip Cronk was laid off under the umbrella of sweeping state budget cuts. He's been replaced by his supervisor, Resource Protection Section manager Jim Wood. Griffith said having Cronk's supervisor on the case is reassuring because he is already familiar with the purchase details.

Stubenrauch said he will do whatever necessary to broker the deal. "It's a weight on my mind all the time [and] I'm going to get this thing done," he said. "I feel real bad about the way this thing went....It's been dragging on and on."

--Jesse Drake



NORTH WOODS CONSERVANCY BUYS SEVEN MILE POINT

Press Release

The North Woods Conservancy (NWC) has purchased Seven Mile Point (SMP) from Lake Superior Land Company for \$365,000. The parcel, located on the north shore of the Keweenaw Peninsula in Allouez Township, contains 32 acres and 1,506 feet of Lake Superior shoreline, including sand, cobble, and a 1.1 billion year-old bedrock beach. The Michigan Natural Features Inventory calls SMP one of the gems of the Keweenaw.

The purchase was made with locally raised and borrowed funds, a \$100,000 grant from the Lake Superior Basin Trust, and a two-year loan from the Conservation Fund of Arlington, Virginia.

"We have to contribute only 10 percent of the purchase price locally," says John Griffith, NWC president. "The other 90 percent will come from grants. We need about \$16,000 more by December 31 to raise our 10 percent. That's only 160 hundred-dollar donors."

Seven Mile Point will be open to the public next spring for recreational activities such as swimming, picnicking, fishing and agate picking. Preserve hours will be posted on the NWC website (below). "SMP is a fairly small parcel of land, surrounded and accessed across private property," reports John Griffith. "We ask that the public respect the property lines and the hours of operation."

The North Woods Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Michigan corporation, founded in 1992, with an all-volunteer board and staff of about 150 members. Although NWC is tax-exempt, the organization pays property taxes.

The NWC is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of natural areas for the benefit of native biological diversity, education and public enjoyment.

Tax-deductible contributions (\$25 and over includes annual membership) can be sent to NWC, PO Box 124, Calumet, MI 49913.

For images of SMP and more information about the NWC, please visit www.northwoodsconservancy.org/, or call John Griffith at 906/337-0782. John is an Allouez Township resident and taxpayer.



COPY:

November 20, 2001
Letter to the Editor
The Daily Mining Gazette
Houghton, MI
From:
Jon L. Saari, President, Upper
Peninsula Environmental Coalition

Dear Editor,

The recent bombing attempt at the MTU School of Forestry has understandably cast a net of suspicion over potential perpetrators, most particularly over environmental groups with radical agendas and a no-holds-barred attitude toward achieving their ends.

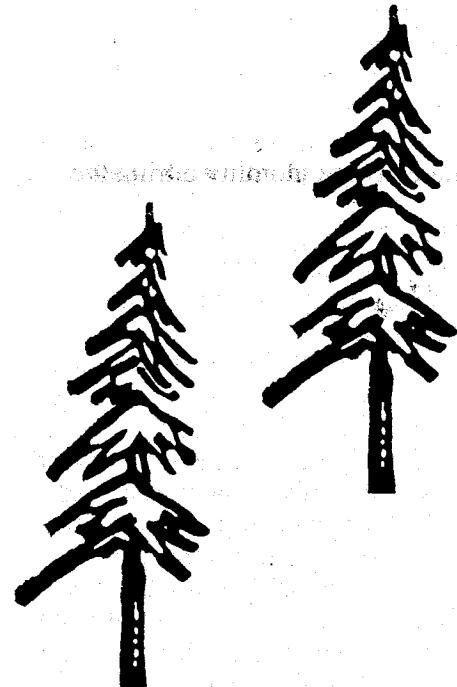
As with the September 11 attacks, the net of suspicion can be cast very far, touching moderates of Middle-Eastern descent, or of Islamic persuasion, as well as radicals or terrorists. We struggle with where to draw the line, both locally and nationally.

Locally, we as board members of the Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition want to underscore that our mission is to protect the special environmental quality of the U.P. We promote planning and sound management decisions for all the resources of the Upper Peninsula, and when we disagree with industry or governmental decision-makers, we do so through the legal and educational means permitted to us in this free society.

We are more interested in finding common ground and building partnerships than in picking fights or engaging in sensational and symbolic media events.

Destruction of property and lives polarizes issues and erodes common ground. It is also morally wrong. As the oldest grassroots environmental organization in the Upper Peninsula, we condemn the attempted bombing of the MTU School of Forestry, and any form of eco-terrorism.

Signed: Jon L. Saari



AGENDA: UPEC OCTOBER 21, 2001 BOARD MEETING

- Conservation Summit Agenda for 2002: question of board endorsement
- Independent contractor position: assessing the applicants
- Updates on: Keweenaw land purchases, TNC ecologist position, environmental education fund receipts, UPEC publications and video fund (new), State of the U.P. Forest report, reclamation hearings and prospects at Empire and Tilden Mines, NWF and wetlands lawsuit at Empire, Friends of Hiawatha meeting November 2, 2001.



UPEC AND NWF: STILL FIGHTING FOR WETLANDS

UPEC and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) are co-plaintiffs in two state court actions opposing the filling of almost 80 acres of wetlands and 4,700 feet of streams by the Empire Mine near Negaunee, MI. Defendants in the cases are the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Cleveland Cliffs, Inc.

The two cases were brought under two different statutes, the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) and the Michigan Environmental Protection Act (MEPA). In both cases, UPEC and NWF have been found to lack standing (the legal minimum required to bring a suit). Both of those decisions are being appealed.

In the NREPA case, a DEQ administrative law judge (ALJ) determined that NWF and UPEC lacked standing on March 16, 2001. On November 14, 2001, Judge Gar Hood of Houghton County agreed with the ALJ that petitioners lacked standing in an appeal of the ALJ's decision.

Hood did not provide an independent analysis, saying only that he would adopt the reasoning of the ALJ set out in his opinion. His decision will be appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

In the MEPA case, NWF and UPEC were also found to lack standing by Judge Hood in January of 2001. At that same hearing, he also denied our request for a preliminary injunction that would have forced CCI to halt all destruction in the area at issue.

All briefs for that case have been filed in the Michigan Court of Appeals, and we are awaiting a date for oral arguments.

Due to the negative precedents these decisions set for environmental plaintiffs across the state, appealing both decisions is necessary. In both cases, we are optimistic that we will succeed at the Court of Appeals level.

*--Michelle Halley,
attorney for plaintiffs*



LAWSUIT SAYS RIVERS NOT SAFE

*From The Daily Mining Gazette
Friday, November 16, 2001*

Local conservationist says case misguided

The federal government is dragging its feet on protecting rivers in the Ottawa National Forest as ordered by Congress nine years ago, environmentalists say.

Three groups filed suit Thursday, demanding that the US Forest Service develop management plans for the rivers. They contend the plans, if properly drawn, would reduce logging nearby.

The suit names the Black, Ontonagon, Paint, Presque Isle, Sturgeon and Yellow Dog rivers, all within the Ottawa forest in the western Upper Peninsula.

They were designated in 1992 for protection under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, said Brent Plater, attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity.

The law required the Forest Service to have comprehensive management plans for each river corridor in place within three years. Ottawa officials did not do so, he said.

Instead, they settled for a cursory list of "standards and guidelines" that essentially allowed business as usual along the rivers, which are "facing death from a thousand clearcuts," Plater said.

Joining in the suit, filed in U.S. District Court, Grand Rapids, were Northwoods Wilderness Recovery and the Superior Wilderness Action Network.

Charlie Eshbach, a local conservationist and forester, said the environmentalists fail to fully comprehend forest management, and overlook the economic impact of harvesting some of the "finest hardwoods in the world."

"Environmentalists want to preserve, preserve, preserve," said Eshbach, who added he agrees with setting some land aside for preservation. But, said Eschbach, logging is perfectly natural, and maintains a healthy forest.

Phyllis Green [see Isle Royale National Park article], supervisor of the Ottawa National Forest, declined comment on the suit. But she said a land and resource management plan for the forest—including sections on wild, scenic and recreational rivers—has been in place since 1987.

It is monitored yearly to determine whether additional steps are needed to protect the river corridors, Green said. "We try to be very careful about how we manage in and around those rivers. They are very special," she said.

Among them, the six rivers comprise over 300 miles of wildlife habitat, the environmental groups said. Congress designated 63.4 miles as "wild," or deserving the highest level of protection; 82.5 miles as "scenic," and 162.5 miles as "recreational," the lowest protection level.

For each designated river, the Forest Service is supposed to establish detailed corridor boundaries, including surrounding areas with particular ecological value, Plater said.

Once a corridor is defined, a plan must be crafted to preserve and enhance its ecological, scenic and recreational values. Public hearings are required. None of those steps have been taken for the six Ottawa rivers, Plater added.

Environmentalists have complained previously about resource management in the Ottawa. The Native Forest Protection Alliance recently listed the Ottawa among the nation's ten most endangered forests because of log-

ging, road building and the use of all-terrain vehicles.

"These activities are inconsistent with protecting our wild and scenic rivers," said Doug Cornett of Northwoods Wilderness Recovery.

Green said federal judges had upheld the Ottawa National Forest's management decisions in two recent lawsuits filed by environmentalists challenging timber harvesting there.

--John Flesher, AP
--Steve Neavling, Gazette



PICTURED ROCKS HAS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The Mining Journal, Marquette

A veteran National Park Service administrator has been chosen as the new superintendent of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

Karen Gustin most recently worked as the superintendent of War in the Pacific National Historical Park on Guam, and American Memorial Park on Saipan.

"The experience and professionalism she has shown in the past will be a benefit to Pictured Rocks and the local community," noted Larry Hach, acting superintendent and chief ranger.

Park Service Midwest Regional Director William Schenk said Gustin's appointment to Pictured Rocks will be her fourth assignment working as a superintendent, adding "Her depth of experience in managing parks with varying types of resources and her proven ability to work well with communities and special interest groups will serve her well in this new assignment...we are very pleased to have her back in the Midwest."



NEXT UPEC BOARD MEETING

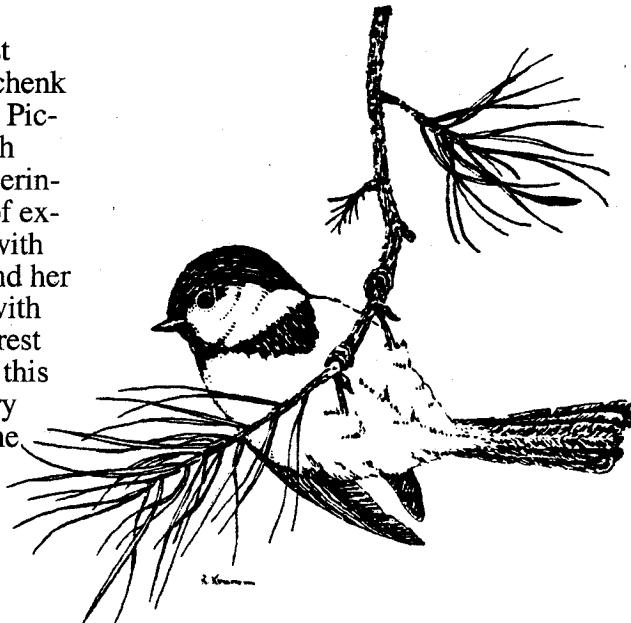
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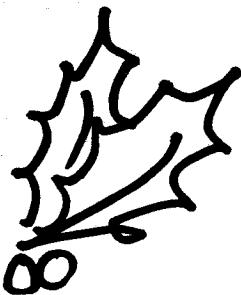
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*So long, it's been good to know you.
Best holiday wishes and all that good stuff.
We've made it this far and that's nothing to sneeze at, eh?*



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Addresses and phone numbers for state and federal lawmakers who represent the U.P. Let them know what you think about the issues!

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The Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition was organized on December 6, 1975. The goals of UPEC are to protect and maintain the unique environmental quality of the U.P. of Michigan; to evaluate and promote planning and sound management decisions for all the resources of the U.P.; and to work toward these goals through coordination of member groups, individual members, and public information.

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Here's an additional contribution of \$ _____.

I'd like to ensure the long-term viability of UPEC by contributing \$ _____ to the UPEC Endowment Fund.

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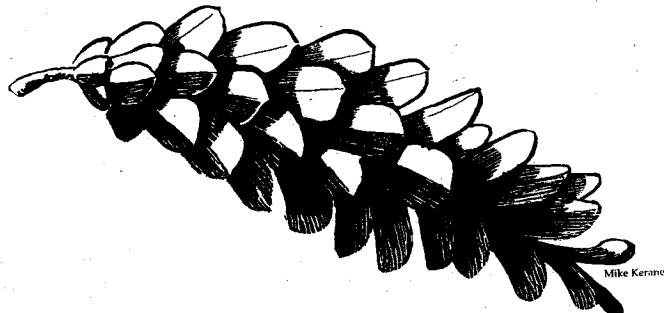
UPEC on the Web

Our UPEC house webmaster, Doug Welker, informs that our server has changed the url to:

http://members.nbci.com/NCT_hiker/upec/home.htm

The change is that "xoom" has been replaced by "nbci" and that change applies to all other UPEC webpages.

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