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RE: A Date for Forest Reform
with Ned Fritz

Dear Fellow Networkers and Others:

How about your group holding a meeting on one of the hottest environmental issues, Forest Service Reform?

Citizens in growing numbers have been meeting on this issue, including August meetings in Eugene and Camp Cascade, Oregon. People from Florida to Alaska participated. They are drafting a bill for reform as to clearcutting, ancient forests, and economic misdirection. Congressman Jim Jontz, of the Forest subcommittee, was there. Some participants are drafting a comprehensive reform bill. National Audubon Society, the Wilderness Society, Defenders of Wildlife, and other major groups have backed reform, including H.R. 2406 by Congressman John Bryant.

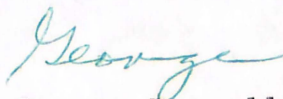
Ned Fritz spoke at both those meetings, and at the Wilderness Anniversary Celebration in Alabama, before the Associated Press reporters in Tyler, and Sierra Club in Houston in the past month. He knows what is going on. His new book, Clearcutting: A Crime Against Nature, has hit the bookstores, order form enclosed. He has put together a new slide show called "Clearcutting versus Selection Management from Coast to Coast." Selection can be environmental. Clearcutting cannot.

Ned is willing to come to your meeting, talk with you, answer questions, and sell his books.

You pay Ned's travel expenses, and, if you have the money, an honorarium of your choice. We'll share with you half of our (40%) commission as a bookstore.

The point is to spread the word nationwide against devastating our national forests. Wouldn't you like to help? If so, call or write to us about a date for Forest Reform!

Cordially,



George Russell
Assistant Coordinator

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CLEARCUTTING: A Crime Against Nature

By Edward C. Fritz

From one end of this country to the other, the Forest Service and other federal agencies are engaged in wholesale clearcutting. This is being done contrary to congressional direction in the National Forest Management Act of 1976 and continuing citizen concern. In his new book, Ned Fritz accurately describes and graphically shows — with thirty color plates — the abuses showered upon the national forests. The book's goal is to arouse the public and elected officials to action. Ned has been a courageous advocate and an untiring student of forest management.

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CLEARCUTTING

A Crime Against Nature

Edward C. Fritz

This book is to public forests what *Common Sense* was to the American Revolution — a clarion call for citizens to arise against the abuse of our nation. In this case, the abuse is clearcutting, which is deliberately devastating our native diversity in 100 million acres of public land, about one-sixth of our total timberland. Clearcutting is depleting our soil, silting our streams, decimating our native wildlife, denigrating our open-space recreation, and perhaps most fatally, depriving us for decades of our carbon-absorbing leafy biomass in each clearcut stand, thereby reducing our protection against global warming.

Clearcutting: A Crime Against Nature, has a great advantage over *Common Sense*. It has graphics, especially sixteen pages of color photographs by professionals and others, carrying the reader over and into public clearcuts from Florida to Alaska, and into well-managed private selection forests, the environmental alternative to clearcutting.

The author inspected clearcuts in seventy-eight of our 120 national forests over a period of ten years. He examined the alternative system, selection management, in private forests from coast to coast, in all seasons and climes.

He talked and corresponded with hundreds of scientists, foresters, private and governmental, and read most of the literature. He debated on television, in the press, and in college sessions. But he learned the most by preparing for and participating in the big Red-cockaded woodpecker trial of 1988, still on appeal. You have to know a subject well to win a lawsuit about it.

Although rich in facts, this book addresses the average American reader. It lays out the questions and answers about clearcutting in plain, hard-hitting, often colorful prose. It makes no pretext of academia and as a result, is more captivating and useful. After arousing the concern of the reader, this book tells what citizens must do to restrain clearcutting before it consumes our federal forests.

■ "Ned Fritz' CLEARCUTTING: A CRIME AGAINST NATURE...is a battle cry for reform, not to save human lives but the lives of many kinds of wildlife which cannot survive in the trampled bits and pieces of old-growth forest left behind by today's Forest Service clearcutting. It offers an ecologically sound alternative: individual tree selection. And it makes you wonder, whose forests are the National Forests, anyway?

— M. RUPERT CUTLER, PRESIDENT
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■ "Ned Fritz' compelling new book sounds the alarm that it will continue to be impossible to lecture other regions of the world about natural resource protection, about the dangers of stripping our forests bare, as long as America continues to pursue wasteful management practices. I have seen portions of Texas' National Forests turned into barren fields of mud and stumps...Anyone who witnesses such a shocking sight knows instinctively that the practice is wrong. Ned Fritz offers a responsible alternative.

— CONGRESSMAN JOHN BRYANT
U.S. Representative

■ "The U.S. is urging developing countries to save their tropical forests, while at the same time we are destroying our own National Forests with clearcutting. It is past time to stop this hypocrisy... Ned Fritz...provides a compelling case for shifting to selection management."

— DR. BRENT BLACKWELDER
Environmental Policy Institute

■ "A most thoughtful analysis from a man who knows the forest." — STEVE BARTLETT (R-TX)
U.S. Representative

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

EDWARD C. "NED" FRITZ knows all the depths of Forest Service clearcutting and chicanery. As a trial lawyer, he proved the evils of clearcutting in two big lawsuits against the Forest Service in 1976-1978 and 1985-1989.

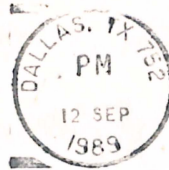
His book on the first trial, *STERILE FOREST*, in 1983, won literary awards. His second book, *REALMS OF BEAUTY*, (1986) received high acclaim from critics.

His environmental leadership has won state and national conservation awards for Ned and organizations that he has served for 25 years. Ned is widely acclaimed as the father of East Texas wilderness preservation and a savior of the Big Thicket National Preserve. He performs volunteer service as chairman of the Forest Task Force of Texas Committee on Natural Resources



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