

The Roadrunner



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GENERAL MEETING: Monday, December 10, 7:30 PM. A two part program.

First, the long awaited Annual Christmas Bird calling contest. Members of the EPTAS Board will educate us with a highly scientific (?) rendition of bird calls. There will be glamorous prizes, alluring awards, and a chance to find out if birds can really make noises like that.

The second part of the program is the annual travel program presented by Dr. Joe Leach. Dr. Leach asks the question, "Why is it nice to go to New Zealand in the winter?" For one thing, it's summer there. Dr. Leach will be presenting slides of a two week journey to New Zealand including four major cities, beautiful countryside, and fascinating people. Those members who have seen these programs in previous years know that this one should not be missed.

Meeting will be held at the Garden Center in Memorial Park, 3105 Grant, El Paso, Texas.



GENERAL MEETING: Monday, January 21, 7:30 PM. In the last newsletter, a new Nature Trail was announced at the Wilderness Park Museum. At the January General Meeting, John Green will present a program on the Chihuahuan Desert Garden (which includes the Nature Trail) at the Wilderness Park Museum. John and Joe Guinn are the designers for these gardens that contain 200 species of desert plants. There will be fine photographs of the plants, as well as ideas for landscaping around our homes with cacti, shrubs and trees of the Chihuahuan Desert.

The meeting will be held in the Garden Center in Memorial Park.

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FEATHER LAKE NEWS

Thanks to Eagle Scout candidate, Trevor Merrott, and Troops 158 and 538 of the LDS Church, Feather Lake is well on its way to having a self-guided nature trail. Trevor routed and painted the numbered sign posts, and on October 13, the scouts came out to the sanctuary and placed them along the one-mile trail around the basin. They also worked on clearing salt cedar from one of the berms. Our thanks to Trevor and crew for a job well done. An accompanying brochure for the nature trail will soon be underway, thanks to our tireless president, John Sproul. And while we are expressing appreciation, not to be overlooked are the following good people who came out on one or more work days in August, September, and October: Jeannette Cole, Joyce Davis, Hugh Jamerson, Bob Johnson, Jo Nagel, Susie Schneider, Barbara Shultis, Lorraine and John Snelling, John Sproul, Helen Stoughton and Nancy Wilson. There will be no work day in December due to the busy holiday schedules, the two Christmas Bird Counts, etc., but we hope you'll all show up refreshed and ready to work on January 12, 1991!

Good numbers of ducks are settling in for the winter; plan to visit the sanctuary and check 'em out. On November 2, John Sproul watched as 150-200 cattle egrets flew in for the night, possibly a record number for Feather Lake. And as more visitors are coming to see our increasing bird population, we really need volunteers to greet them when the sanctuary is open to the public. See the calendar on the back page for the dates and times when Feather Lake is open. Please give either John (545-5157) or Jane (598-2448) a call if you can be a greeter for a couple of hours. We need your help filling the schedule for the next few months.

Happy, Happy holidays to you all!

//Jane Fowler, Sanctuary Chair//

GIVE THOSE GREETING
CARDS A SECOND LIFE

Ever wonder what to do with that pile of Christmas cards, birthday cards, and other assorted greeting cards that pile up in drawers around the house? Those cards can be recycled in an unusual way. Patients of the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), as well as patients of Hospice of El Paso can use the cards in their programs. Carolyn Brown will be happy to answer your questions and even pick up your cards. Or, you can bring them to any of the general meetings. Caroline can be reached at 778-4563.

**DONORS**

Recent donations by the following individuals/organizations are gratefully acknowledged by the El Paso/Trans Pecos Audubon Society.

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Come forth into the light of things, let Nature be your teacher.

-- William Wordsworth, 1770 - 1850

ON THE TRAIL

BOSQUE DEL APACHE

One of the most popular National Wildlife Refuges in the Southwest. General sightings should include about species of ducks, plus Canada Geese, Grebes and Cormorants. The highlight of the Refuge is the Whooping Crane, and along with him you will see thousands of Sandhill Cranes, tens of thousands of Snow Geese and probably some Bald Eagles. A special guided tour is planned where there are Turkeys and Porcupines. Sunday lunch will be at Percha Dam State Park, which is another great place for birding. This trip is going to take place on Sat/Sun Dec 1 & 2. Contact Anne Hussman (584-4081) or Nancy Wilson (833-3907) for travel and meeting details. Most of the Birders on this trip will be staying at the Motel 6 in Socorro NM (505-835-4300), also Birders RV Park (505-835-1366) is located just outside the refuge. For those who want to rough it Water Canyon, 10 miles west of Socorro will be used.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

The days for the annual Bird Counts are almost here. During the period, Dec. 15 thru Jan. 2, over 1500 counts will take place in North America. By tradition the "count area" is a circle 15 miles in diameter or roughly 177 Square miles. It takes some planning and strategy to collect, in a single calendar day, the biggest bird list possible in the designated area. Each count compiler selects leaders to cover a given sector. The leaders divide the participants into teams which fan out to count the number of individual birds as well as the number of species. The leaders are people who know the birds as well as the territory. Newcomers are urged to join in and help, as the more eyes the better, and it is a good learning experience working with the veterans on the team. All participants are asked to pay a \$5 fee; this helps defray the cost of printing the results if AMERICAN BIRDS. This year our CHAPTER WILL PICK UP \$3 OF THIS FEE, leaving each individual only having to contribute \$2.

SAT. DEC. 15 - HUECO TANKS COUNT:

Five teams will travel the trails and dirt roads of the count circle that takes in Hueco Tanks State Park. A variety of interesting birds are always seen on this count. At 6 PM after the counting is over a Dutch Treat countdown will be held at Avila's Restaurant 10600 Montana. Plan to attend and relax after a long day in the field. If you wish to participate but are unable to attend the Dec. 10th meeting, contact the compiler Joyce Davis (h581-9470/w544-6772).



Loggerhead Shrike

SAT. DEC. 29 - EL PASO COUNT: this count is centered on the south end of the Franklin Mts. It covers 3 states (Chihuahua, New Mexico and Texas) and 2 countries (Mexico and USA). This circle is divided into eight sectors which means we need to get 40 pairs of eyes out there. If you cannot be in the field, you can record birds seen in your yard (feeder watch).

On Sun. Dec. 30 at 6PM a POT LUCK dinner countdown will be held at the Garden Center, 3105 Grant St. a fun gettogether for all, including the feeder watchers. even if you were unable to count you are welcome to enjoy the congeniality if these people. If you are unable to attend the Dec 10th meeting, but wish to take part contact the compiler Bob Johnson (h751-0125/757-1876).

On The Trail continued next page.

HUECO TANKS

Another happy gettogether, birding in the Park from 8 - 10 AM, trash pickup (we missed in Nov. due to weather) 10:30 - 12:30, and back into the Park for a picnic lunch with birds and good friends at 1 PM. Bluebirds are always possible in the winter, and other birds we should see are Curve-billed and Crissal Thrashers, Green-tailed and Rufus-sided Towhees, Robins and Jays are usually present. Trip departs from Avila's Restaurant, 10600 Montana at 7:30 AM on the 5th of Jan 91. Call Larry Jordan (833-5969) for details. Don't forget to bring your lunch.

WINTER VISITOR SUPRISE

The Rio Grande River area in winter, is always good for many species. Birding hot spots to be checked include Lombardy St., the racetrack area (usually good for Snow Geese), the River Levee, and we could possibly see the Wood Ducks on the Gary Lane Pond. Now here is the SUPRISE, you do not have to get up before sunrise as this will be a PM trip. Meet at the Cross-roads ponding area (Southwest corner of Mesa and Doniphan) at 2 PM on Sun. Jan. 13th. Info call Larry Jordan 833-5869.

WEST COTTONWOOD SPRINGS

Some the bird species found on the west side of the Franklins are different from some found on the east side. We will be looking for Black-chinned and other sparrow species, White throated swifts, scaled Quailed and Canyon and Rock Wrens, also we will keep one eye on the skies for Golden Eagles. The hike to the springs is about 2 miles, increasing in elevation about 700 feet. It is over loose stone and the last ½ mile is moderately steep. Bring water and a snack. Meet at the entrance to the Franklin Mt. State Park on the West side of Trans Mt. Rd. at 8 AM on Sat. Jan. 26. Call Larry Jordan for details (833-5969).

MORE DUCKS

Lots of duck species will still be present in early Feb. on the Fort Bliss Ponds, Out migration does not start until later in the month, and migration from further south has started. More details on this Feb. 9th trip in the next issue of THE ROADRUNNER.

COMING UP

Country Club/Randels Pool	Feb 24
Down the Valley	Mar 3

PACIFIC OCEAN BIRDS

Next fall a Pelagic (birds that stay out in the ocean) trip is being considered. This could be a Motor trip to San Deigo (about 5 days with a stop at the Salton Sea) or a flight to Los Angles (about 3 days). If you think this might interest you, let Larry Jordan know (833-5969).



American White Pelican

THANK YOU RAY

Our education programs have had another boost. Ray Waite has donated all his excess slides (over 800), this will let us make up a number of different and duplicate slide programs, so we can have overlapping presentations. He also has given us over 300 magazines (National Wildlife, Audubon, Texas Highways and others), these will be used in the Audubon Adventures classrooms.

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR FEB 17

Plan now to spend a special evening with us Sunday, Feb 17, 1991, at our Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. Once again, we have a first-rate event planned, featuring great food, a spell-binding speaker, deserving award recipients, and more. It all takes place at the Coronado Country Club, beginning at 6 PM. The price is \$15 per person. Please make reservations by sending your check, payable to Anne Hussmann, to Anne at 533 Stonebluff, El Paso, TX 79912 by the deadline, FEB 12.

Highlighting the evening will be the presentation of our Meritorious Service and Conservation awards. The Meritorious Service Award recognizes chapter members who have made outstanding contributions to El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon. The Conservation Award recognizes government officials, civic organizations, businesses or individuals outside the chapter for specific achievements that have furthered the Audubon Cause in Trans-Pecos Texas.

We want your suggestions on award recipients! Please submit nominations to Joyce Davis (581-9470), Jane Fowler (598-2448) or Joe Leach (584-2969), then join us Feb 17 for an outstanding evening.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS LOOM

With the national elections behind us, all eyes are now focused on the voting for our chapter officers and directors for 1991-92. Election night is Monday, Jan 21, at our general meeting. We will be electing a vice-president, secretary, treasurer and 3 directors. Nominations are now open. You can toss your hat in the ring or suggest other worthy candidates by contacting one of the Nominating Committee members: Sarah Dodds (533-4150), Betty Pagel (772-2686) or Bettie Roberts (591-0421). The new officers and directors will be installed at our Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on Feb 17.

TIMBER SALE LAWSUIT

At this writing, the El Paso/Trans-Pecos and Mesilla Valley Audubon societies are about to file suit in U.S. District Court challenging the Scott Able and Poison timber sales on the Lincoln National Forest. This action comes on the heels of the Regional Forester's denial of our appeals of the two sales in September.



What is the reason for the lawsuit? According to the Lincoln National Forest Plan, there are 18 timber sales scheduled on the Forest for the years 1990-1996. The average annual harvest would be 16.9 million board feet (MMBF), compared to an annual average of 8.4 MMBF for the years 1976-1985. Most of this logging would involve methods designed to create even-aged stands of timber and eliminate the mixed-age stands found in natural forest communities.

If you suspect this level of timber harvest would have serious adverse impacts on wildlife populations on the Forest, you are not alone. Your suspicions are not shared by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), though. At least not for the record.

In the environmental assessments for the Scott Able and Poison timber sales, the USFS concluded neither sale would have significant adverse effects on wildlife. In each case, though, the USFS treated the sale largely as an isolated event and failed to take a hard look at the cumulative impacts of the many upcoming sales taken together.

Federal regulations for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) mandate an evaluation of cumulative impacts of related actions, as do USFS policies for NEPA implementation. The USFS has consistently avoided

making such an evaluation for its timber program on the Lincoln National Forest. It appears the agency will look seriously at cumulative impacts only if so ordered by a court.

Hence the lawsuit. We hope it will force the USFS to re-evaluate forest management practices on the Lincoln and live up to its mandate under the National Forest Management Act to maintain wildlife populations and a diversity of plant and animal species.

To pursue this lawsuit successfully, we need your help. Special contributions in support of the suit will be most appreciated. They may be sent to: El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society, P.O. Box 9655, El Paso, TX 79986. Please note on your check that it is for the timber-sale lawsuit. Many thanks.
/John Sproul/

GRACIAS

Many folks have helped our organization in a variety of ways this fall. In line for special thanks are:

- JOHN BECKER, Executive Director of the International Society for Endangered Cats, and DONNA HOWELL, noted authority on bats, for two outstanding programs at our general meetings in September and October;
- SID SHEPPERD, for contributing one of his highly coveted, limited-edition, custom-made, one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted belt buckles for the raffle at our September general meeting;
- ANNE HUSSMANN, BOB JOHNSON, JOHN SNELLING, HELEN STOUGHTON and NANCY WILSON, for taking part in the erosion-control project at Hueco Tanks State Park on Oct 27;
- GEORGE BARNETT, CAROLYN BROWN, JOYCE DAVIS, BETTY DUGGAN, JANE FOWLER, JOE and LIZ GUINN, HUGH JAMESON, JO NAGEL, BETTIE ROBERTS, JOHN SPROUL and NANCY WILSON for staffing our Book Fair

display at B Dalton Bookseller on Nov 10; and

- BECKY POWERS of the EL PASO TIMES and JOANI KNOWLES of KVIA-TV Channel 7, for recent news features on our Feather Lake Wildlife Sanctuary.

Finally, extra-special thanks are due:

- JUDY COONS and B DALTON BOOKSELLER in Cielo Vista Mall for their much-appreciated support of our chapter's programs through the Nov 10 Book Fair; and
- RAYMOND REED and the good folks at SAM'S WHOLESALE CLUB, 7970 North Mesa in El Paso, who nominated our chapter for a generous \$1,000 contribution we recently received from the WAL-MART FOUNDATION to further our environmental work. /John Sproul/

EL PASO ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

The El Paso Environmental Center is now a reality, and you're cordially invited to check it out. A gala open house is tentatively planned for January. Watch the national news media for details, and drop on by!

Located on Paisano Dr. at the foot of Piedras, the Center is designed to serve as a focal point for environmental action in El Paso. Initial funding for its operation is through a grant the El Paso Regional Group of the Sierra Club secured from the Governor's office. The City of El Paso provided the building (the old Energy Information Center).

Volunteers continue to be needed to help staff the office. If you can contribute in this way, please contact John Hamilton at 532-0374 or Terese Garcia at 833-4946. The basic work shift is 4 hours, once a week. If you can't cover a given time period every week, consider teaming up with someone else, with each of you covering alternate weeks.

The Center is gradually getting furnished, but a variety of items are still needed. Among the most important are folding or stacking chairs and shelves or bookcases. Donations of any of these items would be greatly appreciated. Please contact John or Terese if you can arrange a donation.

TEXAS NONGAME STAMP/DECAL

Enclosed with this newsletter is a brochure describing the Special Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). This is the fund that provides needed support to the Nongame Resources and Endangered Species programs of the TPWD. It is the fund you contribute to when you buy a Texas Nongame Stamp or Decal.

Please read the brochure, then make a natural investment in Texas wildlife by contributing to the Special Fund. If you wish to buy a nongame stamp or decal, they are available at our monthly meetings. If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Special Fund, note that contributors of \$10 or more receive an attractive ocelot poster. The poster, a cooperative production of the TPWD and the Audubon Council of Texas, will also be on display at our monthly meetings.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ENDANGERED CATS

If you attended our September general meeting, you know all about the work of the International Society for Endangered Cats (ISEC). If you missed it, the ISEC is a conservation organization well worth your attention. Numerous cat species are in trouble worldwide. Through education, research and breeding programs, the ISEC is totally dedicated to saving endangered cats from extinction. Annual membership dues are \$25 (\$18 for



students or senior citizens) and may be sent to: ISEC, 4638 Winterset Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43220.

SEEN ANY GOOD FROGS LATELY?

From the rainforests of the tropics to the boreal forests of the North, and from the steppes of Asia to High Sierra of California, wild populations of frogs and other amphibian populations seem to be vanishing from the Earth.

No one knows for sure why this has happened. There are many suspects: Global warming, pesticide/herbicide contamination, acid rain, cadmium/mercury fallout, epidemic disease, competition with introduced species, massive habitat destruction or maybe some combination of these. Perhaps some factors as yet unidentified.

Frogs are indicators of fairly healthy aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. Their disappearance without a clear reason has many thoughtful persons concerned, not to mention ecologists and wildlife biologists. Do frogs and other amphibians represent a "canary in the coal mine" for the biosphere? Or are they simply yet another casualty to our own species' careless squandering of the planet's biodiversity?

In the unlikely event that you aren't familiar with the Leopard Frog, here is a description from Harper and Rowe's Complete Field Guide to North American Wildlife: "The only frog with irregularly distributed round or oval spots above and white underthighs. Above brown, gray or green; below white; legs with dark bands; light line along upper jaw toward shoulder."

If you have seen this handsome fellow, contact:

Margaret Jackson - 532-6477
or Carl Lieb, C/O UTEP Department of Biological Sciences, 747-5164

If you do see this frog, be careful! The Field Guide goes on to say: "Will urinate on collector's hand."

OBSERVATIONS

Sept., 10 - Nov., 3, 1990
uncommon, rare & casual sightings

AL - Ascarate Lake
CaP - Canutillo Flood Pond
CP - Crossroads Pond
DP - Doniphan Playa
FL - Feather Lake
FB - Ft. Bliss Ponds
FM - Franklin Mountains
KP - King Place
LT - La Tuna
ML - Madden Lake
RG - Rio Grande, Country Club
RP - Railroad Drive Pond
SR - Sunland Park Racetrack
UV - Upper Valley Field

Sightings by a field trip member are noted by a (+) after the leader's initials; sightings in an observer's yard or area are indicated by an (*) after his or her initials.

LOONS - FALCONS

American white pelican - 9/29 RG, 10/14 AL (TZ, UC)
Double-crested cormorant - 9/8 - 10/13 FL, 10/2 UV (JD, JS, JZ)
Least bittern - 9/8 FL (JS)
Great egret - 10/20 FL (JS+)
Cattle egret - 9/20 LT, 9/30 - 10/7 FL (JD, JS, JZ)
Green back heron 10/3 (JZ)
Black crowned night heron - 10/2 Vinton (JZ)
Snow Goose - 10/6 RP, 11/3 SR (JD+, BJ)
Osprey - FB (JD+)
Mississippi kite - 9/14 DP (PR)
Golden eagle - 9/14 I-10 (PR)

QUAIL - WOODPECKERS

Sandhill crane - 9/27, 10/6 FB (BJ, JD+) 10/14 (JZ*)
Black necked stilt - 10/2 (JZ), 10/6 FB (JD+)
Upland sandpiper - mid-August UV (TB)
Caspian tern - 10/6 FB (JD+)
Common tern - 10/15 CP (JZ)
Forster's tern - 10/6 FL (JS)

FLYCATCHERS - VIREO

Scrub jay - 11/3 Anthony to FL
Black billed magpie - 9/27, 10/3 KP
Carolina wren - 9/15 (LJ)
Great horned owl - 10/1 (JZ)
Rufous hummingbird - 10/6 (JZ*)
Belted kingfisher - 8/26, 8/29 EP Country Club (JD, JZ)
Phainopepla - 10/2 (JZ), 11/3 (TB)

WARBLERS - WEAVER FINCH

Rufous sided towhee - 10/5 (JZ)

Note: a long tailed weasel spotted in Canutillo (JZ)

OBSERVERS: Tom Baker, Joyce Davis, Bob Johnson, Larry Jordan, Martha/Paul Milios, Peggy Reide, John Sproul, Unidentified Caller, James Zabriskie, Ted Zegarro.

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ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVES TO COMMONLY USED HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

Air Fresheners: Open windows or place open containers of baking soda around the house as a deodorizer.

Cleaners for rugs and upholstery: Sprinkle with dry cornstarch and vacuum, or use soap based, non-aerosol cleaners.

Drain Openers: Use a plunger and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar with 1 cup baking soda. Cover tightly for one minute and flush with boiling water.

Furniture Polishes: Use mineral oil or use a mixture of two parts olive oil or vegetable oil with one part lemon juice.

General Cleaners and Disinfectants: Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Borax in 1 gallon of water. Can also be used as a toilet bowl cleaner.

Glass Cleaners: Use 2 teaspoons white vinegar in 1 cup warm water.

Moth Balls: Use cedar chips or lavender flowers.

PUT YOURSELF ON A DIET

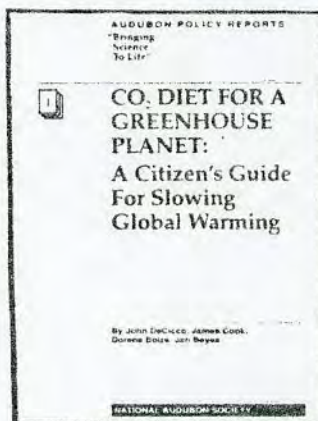
As winter approaches, the problems of pollution and global warming are brought close to home. Too close, in fact. Temperature inversions during the winter months often trap pollutants and greenhouse gasses so that there is a brown pall covering our city. Much of this is from emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and related particles and emissions. So, now it's time for a diet.

This diet is about how to reduce your global warming calories -- the carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions associated with our lifestyles. Audubon's CO₂ Diet for a Greenhouse Planet shows you how to tally up your personal emissions of the major greenhouse gasses (from your cars, appliances, houses, and trash) and how to cut your excess "CO₂ calories".

By following these diet tips, you will learn how to cut your greenhouse gas emissions by 20% over the next ten years. That's a significant step toward the 75% or more that is required to make a dent in global warming.

Audubon's CO₂ Diet for a Greenhouse Planet quantifies common sources of CO₂ emissions, provides a "diet plan" for individuals who want to help cut down on CO₂ emissions, and gives a personal account by an Audubon staffer who followed the proposed plan. Use the coupon below to order the diet.

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NOTE: All policy report and/or poster orders must be prepaid. PS-8043-651

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- Sat. 1 - Feather Lake open, 8 AM to 11 AM.
1 - 2 - Field Trip to Bosque Del Apache, see page 3.
Sun. 2 - Feather Lake open, 3:30 PM till dusk.
Mon. 3 - Board meeting at Helen Barto's home, 3312 Moonlight, 755-4744.
Sun. 9 - Feather Lake open, 3:30 PM till dusk.
Mon. 10 - General Meeting, see page 1.
Sat. 15 - Christmas Bird Count at Hueco Tanks, see page 3.
15 - Feather Lake open, 8 AM till 11 AM.
Sun. 16 - Feather Lake open, 3:30 PM till dusk.
Sat. 29 - Christmas Bird Count in El Paso, see page 3.

JANUARY

- Sat. 5 - Feather Lake open, 8 AM till 11 AM.
5 - Field trip to Hueco Tanks, see page 4.
Sun. 6 - Feather Lake open, 3:30 PM till dusk.
Sat. 12 - Feather Lake work day.
Sun. 13 - Field trip to the Upper Valley, see page 4.
13 - Feather Lake open, 3:30 PM till dusk.
Mon. 14 - Board meeting at the El Paso Environmental Center.
Sat. 19 - Feather Lake open, 8 AM till 11 AM.
Sun. 20 - Feather Lake open, 3:30 PM till dusk.
Mon. 21 - General Meeting, see page 1.
Sat. 26 - Field trip to West Franklins, see page 4.
Sun. 27 - Feather Lake open, 3:30 PM till dusk.

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