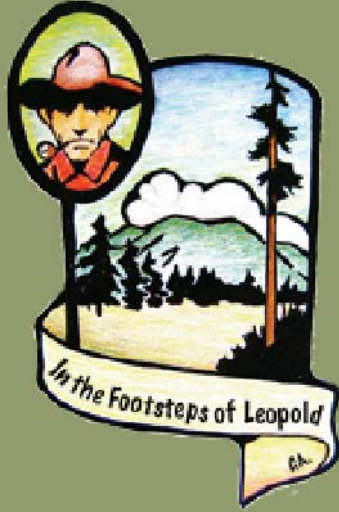


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# In the Footsteps of Leopold

## A Celebration of Land and Legacy

The White Mountain Conservation League is hosting a very special conference over Labor Day weekend celebrating the 100th anniversary of Aldo Leopold's arrival in the White Mountains. In 1909 Leopold disembarked from a train in Holbrook and took a stage to Springerville to begin his illustrious career as a forester/ecologist on the Apache National Forest.

The conference is very affordable - \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family which includes entry to all of the presentations, afternoon activities and your campsite at Luna Lake. For an added fee you can sign up for a flexible catered meal plan that will simplify your weekend and help you to fully participate at the various events and venues. Many conservation organizations and institutions from Arizona and New Mexico have come together to sponsor this celebration. Local businesses are also pitching in to make this a great event! We have a silent auction for a guided fly fishing trip, a wildlife tracking workshop, a guided tour of area springs and an archeological outing. Guided hikes and bike tours are also scheduled.

This year not only marks the 100th anniversary of Leopold's arrival in the southwest but the Labor Day Weekend (September 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>) is the 45th anniversary of the signing of the Wilderness Act (signed September 3rd 1964). Leopold was instrumental in establishing the first federally recognized wilderness area and he was one of the founders of the Wilderness Society. The conference also coincides with the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Escudilla Wilderness (signed August 28th 1984).

### Join us for a free lecture

Dr. Susan Flader, Leopold Biographer

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

5:30 - 7:00, Round Valley Public Library

Susan Flader is professor emerita of history at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she has taught American and world environmental history and the history of the American West. She has published widely on the career and thought of Aldo Leopold, including *Thinking Like a Mountain* (1974/1994) and *The River of the Mother of God* (1991), as well as numerous other works of forest and environmental history. She has served as president of the American Society for Environmental History, currently chairs the board of the Aldo Leopold Foundation, and she has received numerous national and state awards for publications, service and conservation action.

# Schedule, Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> The Contributions of Aldo Leopold

## 8:45-10:15 Aldo Leopold's contribution to the conservation movement

**Susan Flader**, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, University of Missouri, author of *Thinking Like a Mountain*.

**Julianne Lutz Warren**, Faculty, Liberal Studies, New York University, author of *Aldo Leopold's Odyssey*.

**Curt Meine**, Director at the Center for Humans and Nature. Meine has edited and authored several books including his biography *Aldo Leopold: His Life and Work* and *Correction Lines: Essays on Land, Leopold, and Conservation*.

## 10:30-11:15 Aldo Leopold's impact on the Forest Service

**Steve Dunsky**, Film Maker. Producer of *The Greatest Good*. Steve is currently working on a documentary on the life of Aldo Leopold titled *Green Fire: The Life and Legacy of Aldo Leopold*.

## 11:30-12:00 Aldo Leopold listens to the Southwest

**Dan Shilling**, Co-directed NEH Aldo Leopold Summer Institute, author of *Civic Tourism: The Poetry and Politics of Place*.

## Saturday afternoon - Field trips in White Mountains

While people are free to explore the White Mountains on their own, we have various field trips and activities planned including; wildlife tracking, spring assessments, archeological outings, and hikes up Escudilla, in the Blue River Primitive Area, along the Mogollon Rim, in the area that is proposed as expansion area of Escudilla Wilderness, and others. (See back page for more information.)

## Saturday Evening - The Fierce Green Fire Returns

**5:30-7:00 Dinner (Purchase at registration or bring your own)**

Music by Linda Lou and the Desert Drifters

**7:00-8:15 Film *Lords of Nature*, Green Fire Productions**

**8:15-9:30 Predators in the Southwest**

**Michael Robinson**, Center for Biological Diversity author of *Predatory Bureaucracy*.

**Dave Parsons**, Rewilding Institute, Large Carnivore Biologist

# **Schedule, Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

## **The Work Yet to be Done**

### **8:30-10:15 Creating a quilt out of a patchwork: Linking the wild lands throughout the west**

**Matt Skroch**, President, Board of Directors, Arizona Wilderness Coalition

**Kurt Menke**, Co-Chair, Tijeras Canyon Safe Passage Coalition

**Janice Przybyl**, Wildlife Linkages Coordinator, Sky Island Alliance

**Mark Watson**, Terrestrial Habitat Specialist, New Mexico Game and Fish Department

### **10:45 - 12:00 “The Way Forward: Policy and the possibility of public land reform in the Southwest**

**Curt Meine** – Director at the Center for Humans and Nature.

**Courtney White** - Executive Director, Quivira Coalition

**Kim Crumbo** - Conservation Director, Wilderness and Land Planning Professional

**Doug Scott** - Policy Director, Campaign for America’s Wilderness

### **Sunday Afternoon-Field Trips in the White Mountains**

#### **Sunday Evening - Where do we go from here?**

**5:30-7:00 Dinner (Purchase at registration or bring your own)**

**7:00-8:00 Enlarging the wilderness of the Southwest**

**Doug Scott**, Policy Director, Campaign for America’s Wilderness, Author of *Our Wilderness: America’s Common Ground* and *Enduring Wilderness*

**8:00-8:15 Closing Remarks**

**8:45-9:30 Bonfire at Luna Lake: Music by Linda Lou and the Desert Drifters**

**9:30-10:00 Bonfire In the Steps of Leopold: On being a wilderness ranger in the White Mountains**

**Don Hoffman**, Retired Wilderness Ranger

**Myron Burnett**, Wilderness Ranger

**10:00 Sing along at the bonfire**