

Land Protection *news*

WESTERN VIRGINIA LAND TRUST

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First Read Mountain Easement Signed!!

The first easement to permanently preserve the top of Read Mountain has been signed by Dr. A. A. "Al" Durham, a Roanoke orthopedic surgeon. The Western Virginia Land Trust will hold the easement on 89 acres on the upper eastern slope overlooking downtown Roanoke.

Durham, owner of the wooded land since 1981, called it "a beautiful piece of property...It's so pretty. It should be preserved for future generations." The land extends on the eastern slope almost to the top of the mountain, near the onetime site of an airway beacon. He and his family once lived nearby in the La Bellevue subdivision and he "used to

walk, hike and run" on the mountainside. "It's so quiet, so beautiful." Durham once planned to build a home on the tract but he decided it was "too far out."

Ron Crawford, leader of the grassroots Read Mountain Alliance, said he's "really delighted" by Durham's action. He and WVLT staff have met with eight other property owners to explain the easement program and they're actively working with one of them. Crawford is pleased that "owners will receive some financial benefit through tax deductions and credits and, at the same time, make a contribution to the public good."

Durham will receive tax credits and retain ownership of the land, said A. W. "Skip" Brown, Durham's financial counselor. Durham stipulated that the easement prohibit subdivision, development, logging, grading and any building, except structures and trails appropriate for a public park. Durham has expressed interest in donating the land for public recreation and the easement terms leave open this option.

The long-range goal of the Read Mountain Alliance is to preserve the top of the mountain as it is, unspoiled and undeveloped.

McDonald's Mill Property Preserved

Ned Yost, a retired insurance agent of Cleveland, Ohio, and his wife, Janet Yost, are recording a conservation easement to preserve their 289-acre McDonald's Mill tract in the Catawba Valley at the eastern edge of Montgomery County.

Yost said their purpose is "to promote and preserve the multi-use character of the North Fork National Historic District, with its mix of forests, agriculture and historic sites, while preserving the property for our family's continued enjoyment." He hopes this example "will encourage others to take similar action to add their support to preserve the beauty of the valley which surrounds us."

His family first saw the McDonald's Mill property in the early 1950's when his parents were looking for a place in the country. They found the unused mill, the two-story McDonald log cabin and an abandoned general store building. Yost camped there in the summer of 1952 and later introduced his fiancée, now Janet Yost, to the valley of the North Fork of the Roanoke River. The property became a vacation and holiday destination for their children to visit their grandparents.

Yost said that on each visit he always looks forward to his first view of the familiar valley—from Luster's Gate on the west or Catawba in the east. His family has been welcomed to the community. He hopes Roanoke County will pursue the rural historic district designation for the North Fork and Catawba

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Ned Yost and Roger Holnback discuss easement terms during a visit to the Yost property.

Director's Report:

By Roger Holnback

A Day in the Life...

While trying to figure out what to put in the newsletter, I thought that you all may have no idea of what happens at your land trust every day. So, I present a day in the life of WVLT staff.

- 8:45 Lights on, open e-mail and check phone messages, the usual dozen since we left last night. A greenway meeting in Franklin County next Wednesday, can we participate.... copy of board minutes from Upper Roanoke River Roundtable easement language from a landowner expressing his vision for the future of his family homeplace...
- 9:15 Call to our Department of Conservation and Recreation grant manager about a stream restoration project to clarify acceptable use of funds before starting an engineering feasibility study. They will get back to us.
- 9:45 Board member calls to request that we contact a landowner; a friend of a friend heard about WVLT and easements and wants a follow-up. I get information to send package on easements, write cover letter, stuff one more envelope ... ready for the mail.
- 10:00 Call to Scott Martin, Parks and Recreation Director of Franklin County. Yes, I can attend a meeting next Wednesday at 10:00 in Rocky Mount. I join their effort to begin a visioning process for a countywide greenway plan.... and we have some grant funding which may help.
- 10:30 David has drafted another grant proposal that he thinks has a good chance. We confirm that we can deliver on the promises made in the proposal and that the project will further the mission of the trust. We're getting lots of grant proposals out there while being selective in what we ask for. Our mission is to preserve western Virginia's natural and cultural heritage, not save the whales, and with our staff of two we can only do so much or go in too many directions.
- 11:00 Mail's in! Two checks today ... write thank-you letters and update database.
- 12:45 A dairy farmer calls for help with finding money for conservation so he can reduce debt and keep farming. He tells of his hopes and frustrations and his desire to not have to sell the farm to retire. His sons went to college, moved away and don't want to farm ... they discuss conservation easements, their tax advantages and the new farm bill ... we send him some information ... maybe we'll hear back one day...
- 1:00 I struggle with *Dummies Guide to Front Page* to add content to our website (westernvirginialandtrust.org) while David and tireless trustee George Kegley divvy up writing assignments for next newsletter (the ones you'll read in this issue)...
- 2:30 Make copies and assemble mailing we do this every few days now from tax records. Today it's the owners of 200+ acres in Bedford County 130 people who control the destiny of 45,000 acres.... we send out packets with newslet-



ters, brochures, flyers on the new state tax credit. They seem to be working as calls keep coming.

- 4:00 Call Jefferson National Forest with status report of helping to secure a large tract in Catawba Valley that might soon be developed and lost forever... there is hope if the pieces all fall into place.
- 4:30 Have to write my newsletter piece...What about "a day in the life" of WVLT staff?

- 5:00 Take last minute calls and head out in separate directions for dinner and later meetings... David to speak to a local Farm Bureau group and me to an Upper Roanoke River Roundtable meeting.

And so another day has gone by... time to rush home and walk Max.

Have a great Holiday Season!!

Roger B. Holnback

WVLT Executive Director

MILESTONES

LEONARD A. MUSE - Leonard A. Muse, a charter trustee of the Western Virginia Land Trust, died Oct. 3. Muse, who was 69, was an engineer and co-founder of Fabricated Metal Industries of Roanoke and a driving force in the formation of Center in the Square. Surviving are his wife, Betty Carr Muse; a daughter, Elizabeth Muse; two sons, John Muse and Chris Muse, and a sister, Page Langhammer.

CHARLES BLANKENSHIP - Charlie Blankenship, WVLT Advisory Council member and former Land Trust trustee, was selected as an "Everyday Hero" by The Roanoke Times because "He Chases Greenbacks to Make Valley Greener," according to a newspaper headline. He has secured more than \$400,000 in grants for tree planting and he has made the valley greener, one tree at a time, since he retired from the Jefferson National Forest 13 years ago. His goal is to get at least 40 percent of the valley under a canopy of trees, up from an average of 35 percent in 2000. He started the Roanoke Valley Urban Forestry Council and he has been a leader of Roanoke Valley Greenways Commission since planning began.

LIZA FIELD - Liza Field of Wytheville, Advisory Council member and former trustee, received a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) award for the best Conservation Project of the Year from a five-state and District of Columbia region. She was recognized for preserving the Big Survey, an 8,300-acre tract of mountain land in Wythe County. Earlier, she received a Conservation Award from the DAR National Society for her work in conservation awareness. The Western Virginia Land Trust played a major role in saving the land which was acquired by the State Department of Game and Inland Fisheries last year.

Conservation Catches on in Bedford County

Conservation easements donors are powerful ambassadors for land preservation, as a recent Bedford County conservation easement proves.

Hugh Bond and his wife Anne first heard about conservation easements when friend and distant cousin Barbara Hatcher became the first WVLT easement donor in Bedford County by preserving her 158 acres near the Peaks of Otter. Wishing to see Hugh's 77-acre rural homeplace preserved, the Bonds spoke with Hatcher, who put them in touch with WVLT.

After two visits and several conversations with land trust director Roger Holnback, the Bonds decided to preserve their property through a conservation easement with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF).

As Holnback explains, "Our mission is to promote conservation and good land stewardship. While WVLT can hold and co-hold easements, we usually suggest that landowners donate their easements to the VOF, which further protects the property through the power of the Attorney General's office. VOF seemed to be a good fit for Mr. and Mrs. Bond and their land."

The Bonds are happy to know that their family homeplace will forever be part of Bedford County's landscape. Nestled in a valley along Goose Creek Valley Road and visible from long stretches of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Bond property can never be subdivided. As with most easements, traditional uses for agriculture, forestry and recreation were retained, along with the right to maintain or replace the existing home.

As Bedford County faces rapid change, Hugh and Anne Bond follow his cousin's lead in bucking the suburban sprawl trend by saving the land they love with a conservation easement.

Bedford Citizens Organize for Preservation

WVLT welcomes a new conservation partner to western Virginia – Bedford Citizens for Land Preservation.

Formed in 2001, Bedford Citizens for Land Preservation (BCLP) is a citizen-based public foundation with the mission of supporting responsible growth in Bedford County while maintaining a rural quality of life. BCLP is committed to supporting growth in a manner that honors Bedford's unique natural heritage and agricultural tradition.

This committed group of citizens has been quite active. They have placed literature about land conservation in all Bedford County libraries, regularly contribute articles to the local newspaper, and have hosted community meetings.

With the fastest growing population in our part of the state, Bedford County faces a critical challenge in the coming decade. Prime farmland is converted to subdivisions, historic sites are endangered, and scenic views from the county's signature landmark – Peaks of Otter – erode year by year. BCPL is determined to meet these challenges by promoting a wide range of options to preserve open space and develop land in a sustainable fashion.

David Hurt, WVLT project manager, has been working with BCLP to plan cooperative efforts to further our mutual goals of preserving Bedford County's rural landscape.

For more information, visit bedfordpreservation.org or write to BCLP at PO Box 86, Bedford, VA 24523.

More Easements Pending

WVLT is working with owners of the following properties to complete conservation easements. Look for further details in future issues of Land Protection News as these exciting projects progress.

- 405 acres of a Franklin County cattle farm and sustainably managed timber operation
- A 170-acre Franklin County tobacco and tree farm
- A 36-acre historic village in Bedford County
- 60 Bedford County acres within view of the Peaks of Otter
- Over 200 acres along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Roanoke County
- Many other promising leads



Stewardship Column in the Works

Starting next issue, WVLT project manager David Hurt will begin a regular column focusing on conservation from a landowner's perspective.

As Hurt says, "The key to preserving our rural landscape is to understand the goals of rural landowners. Conservation easements are completely voluntary, so it's critical that we understand where the folks who own the land are coming from."

David brings a unique and important perspective to land trust work, as he persuaded his family to permanently preserve the 175 acres of Franklin County land that he now calls home.

"I think that my family's process of working through a conservation easement is pretty typical. We were all raised with a sense of responsibility as stewards of the land, but transferring that land ethic to donating a conservation easement was a long and gradual process. I've been through most of the questions and doubts that any prudent landowner has about giving up development rights. We know that we made the right choice, but we made it with eyes wide open."

"As a land trust worker, I strive to make sure that prospective easement donors understand every detail of what they're getting into. I also work hard to dispel the many misconceptions that prevent some landowners from considering an easement when it may be the best tool for them to achieve their goals."

Hurt's column will address common stumbling blocks with land trust/landowner negotiations. As he says, "This column will hopefully give land trust supporters a better appreciation of the issues families struggle with as they determine the future of their land. I also hope that some landowners will see themselves in the column and be inspired to further explore conservation options by contacting WVLT."

Stay tuned for the debut of this regular feature.

LANDSAVER: *Ron Crawford Has a Mission to Save Read Mountain*

Ron Crawford has a mission to save Read Mountain.

How did an architect who designed big retirement homes during a 40-year career become interested in saving a mountain top? That's an easy question for Ron Crawford, who has gathered more than 700 supporters to help save the top of Read Mountain.

As a boy growing up near Round Hill, above Williamson Road, he looked out a window, admired the mountain and took his first hike up there 50 years ago. His parents later lived at the north side of the mountain and he hiked again. And in 1996, he and his wife, Betty, built a retirement home with a scenic view on the east side, above the new Bonsack School site.

Two years ago, Crawford began organizing the Read Mountain Alliance to keep the top of the mountain unspoiled "because it needs to be done" and he enjoys the task. As towers and clear-cutting disturb many of the surrounding mountains, "this is a one-time opportunity to preserve an important landmark."

Crawford, a model Landsaver, says Read Mountain, extending from northeastern Roanoke County into southern Botetourt County, is "one of the few mountains in our viewshed that has no man-made structures, towers or roads on its upper slopes and ridges." The mountain is named for the Read family who lived nearby along Tinker Creek for about a century in the 1800's and 1900's.

His crusade began with volunteers distributing flyers to hundreds of homes around the foot of the mountain and more than 700 people said they will help. Action committees have been formed and a fall Hike-a-thon on a rainy Sunday afternoon attracted more than 100 walkers who contributed over \$10,000 to the Alliance. The next steps are a campaign seeking support from companies and organizations and a series of Sunday afternoon hikes for small groups.

Crawford's vision is to raise \$500,000 to purchase land or easements to protect more than 500 acres of the steep slopes above 1,800 feet. The top is at 2,353 feet. After expenses, about \$25,000 has been raised. One easement has already been secured (see page 1).

The Alliance is working with the Western Virginia Land Trust, receiver of contributions because of its tax-exempt status. Endorsements have come from Roanoke and Botetourt county supervisors, the City of Roanoke, Sierra Club and the Appalachian Trail Club in Roanoke.

Crawford wants to get public and private sectors working together because neither can do it alone. Taxpayers' dollars will not be used to buy mountain land. He would like to come up with a workable process that others can replicate to save a natural resource. Planners from the county and city, Liz Belcher, Greenways coordinator, and Dr. Bill Gordge, expert trail builder, have helped. Gordge and a team of Wednesday workers constructed more than 3,000 feet of trail on the mountain.

Crawford has taken the Read Mountain message to a number of civic clubs and he's enlisted school support for service projects. The Read



Ron Crawford, Landsaver

Mountain School Builders Club and Lord Botetourt High School Builders Club groomed the trail for the Hike-a-thon.

Crawford retired as a partner in SFCS, a major Roanoke architectural, engineering and planning firm. He had worked with Eubank & Caldwell, Garry Clay and Frantz & Chappellear. He's a graduate of Virginia Tech and an American Institute of Architects college fellow. Specializing in retirement homes, he was the principal in charge of designing Brandon Oaks in Roanoke, Westminster-Canterbury in Lynchburg, Richmond, Winchester and Rappahanock and he worked on more than 30 other homes across the nation.

A native of Baltimore, he moved to Roanoke as an eight-year-old when his father came as district manager for Fruit Growers Express. At Oakland Elementary School, he met Betty Ballantine and they began dating in William Fleming High School and married while he was at VPI.

Their daughter, Cathy, married another Crawford named Jim and she operates Kaleidoscope, a Roanoke landscaping firm. A son, Ken Crawford, is a builder who lives at Smith Mountain Lake. He and his wife, Sharon, presented the Crawfords with their first grandchild, Cade Benjamin, in September, a proud time for granddad.

After a heart attack in 1986 and bypass surgery in 1990, Crawford took a doctor's orders to exercise and climbed the mountain regularly. Using his carpentry skills, he built a sturdy bridge 75 feet long and 25 feet above a ravine on his 7-acre tract behind his home.

He and wife Betty travel to Key West and Phoenix occasionally when his Read Mountain jobs permit.

Crawford faces a major task but he has a popular cause. Almost everyone wants to save a mountain. In the Alliance, Crawford has the ingredients for a model, grassroots environmental organization.

Help Save Read Mountain



Read Mountain Alliance

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WVLT trustee Liz Belcher and Stephen Wagner tour easement site.

New Owners Preserve Traditional Landscape

144-acre Floyd County Conservation Easement Protects Little River

After 25 years of searching, Stephen and Melinda Wagner found the perfect piece of land. Now, a year after closing the deal to purchase 144 acres in Floyd County, the Wagners are closing the deal on a conservation easement to forever preserve the place that was such a long time coming for them.

In 2001, WVLT attended a Woltz and Associates auction of High Mountain Farm. Eager to educate prospective buyers about land conservation, WVLT trustee Jim Woltz invited fellow trustee Liz Belcher and WVLT executive director Roger Holnback to work the crowd and observe the auction. When they met the Wagners, they knew that conservation wouldn't be a tough sell. As Stephen recently said, "We kept looking for land and wanted to make sure that whatever we bought to enjoy also advanced our conservation goals."

Stephen is a Blacksburg attorney and Melinda is a Radford University anthropology professor who acquired her land ethic while growing up on a Midwestern farm.

Ready to leave after viewing a mountain tract that wasn't quite right for them, the Wagners were persuaded by a friend to view a piece by the river. That was it. Stephen and Melinda fell in love with Floyd's Little River and purchased a tract with two and a half miles of frontage on the winding New River tributary.

Soon after the purchase, the Wagners began talking with Roger Holnback about conservation options. Eager to be good stewards of their lengthy section of Little River, the Wagners signed up for a riparian easement purchase program run by WVLT with a grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Under the agreement, 11 acres of the Wagner property will remain in forest and permanent grassland buffer to help prevent erosion and filter runoff before it enters the river.

The river wasn't the Wagners' only concern. They also wanted to assure that the remainder of their 144 acres would always retain its rural Floyd County charm. To achieve this goal, they have arranged to donate a conservation easement to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, a state agency chartered with open space protection.

Under the easement terms, the Wagners agreed to permanently forgo rights to any commercial or industrial development on the property, including mining and the erection of billboards or communication towers. The property can never be subdivided and the carefully sited home that the Wagners plan to build will be the only structure other than agricultural buildings.

The Wagners look forward to moving from Christiansburg onto their new land. Appreciative of Floyd County's beauty and its strong history of good land stewardship, they hope to spread the word about conservation easements and how they can help preserve the local countryside. After all, it can take a while to find such a place.

WVLT Trustee Donates Second Easement

Jim Wilson, veteran trustee of the Land Trust, has raised the bar for his conservation easements—He's signed up for a second easement on his Franklin County mountain land near Smart View Recreational Area on the Blue Ridge Parkway. This makes him a model for the board.

Wilson, a Martinsville real estate man, has a good but simple reason for his action. "I like land, enjoy it and I want to conserve it in the same state for my children and grandchildren." The father of four and grandfather of seven is an avid grouse hunter, a fisherman and a man who does a lot of planting for grouse and turkeys.

He and his wife Esta are placing an easement on 195 acres of forestland across the road from 122 acres which was the first property in Franklin County under easement in 1998. Wilson said he's been acquiring mountain land since the 1970's. He believes in managing the land for timber, wildlife and esthetics. He has a cabin and a pond on the property and he's interested in fishing, hiking and hunting there. Wilson, a true environmentalist, is a longtime board member of the American Chestnut Foundation, an organization seeking to revive the time-honored tree.

He hopes his easement activity will lead fellow landowners to consider conservation easements.

Claytor Lake Cliffs Preserved

Scenic views and sensitive watershed areas of Claytor Lake, an important public recreational resource, will be preserved through a conservation easement with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

Jason Wilson and his wife Debbie Lineweaver have preserved their family's 78-acre Pulaski County tract through discussions with WVLT. Their land contains high rocky bluffs along Claytor Lake and is an exceptionally scenic spot enjoyed by lake visitors.

Terms of the pending easement allow for one building site in addition to an existing home. Both building locations are carefully sited to protect views from the lake and a public road.

With shoreline development a hot topic on many of Virginia's lakes, Wilson and Lineweaver have assured through their actions that at least one more lakefront area will remain in its present natural state.



Year to Date Giving

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the following people who have invested in WVLT's activities since the start of our fiscal year on July 1, 2002.

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Beirne Carter Foundation Supports WVLT

The Beirne Carter Foundation of Richmond has awarded WVLT a \$25,000 grant in support of efforts to secure conservation easements.

This generous support will help to expand WVLT efforts in reaching the owners of priority lands along the Blue Ridge Parkway, Roanoke River, greenway corridors and mountainsides and ridgetops.

Beirne Blair Carter, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Carter Machinery Company, Inc. of Salem established the Beirne Carter Foundation on August 25, 1986. Mr. Carter pointed to health, education, local history, nature, ecology and youth as the areas where he foresaw opportunities to help.

The foundation has supported WVLT in the past and, with this most recent grant, reaffirms its support of natural resource conservation in western Virginia.

Ten Ways to Invest in Land Preservation

WVLT depends upon membership dues and contributions in order to sustain and expand our efforts to preserve more of western Virginia's swiftly vanishing landscape. Though writing a check to WVLT is always appreciated and perhaps the best way for you to give, please consider the following options in planning a gift that will bring the greatest tax benefit to you while helping us to preserve more valuable open space. As you will see, some of the most valuable gifts may not require any financial investment.

- 1. Time** Volunteers are a gold mine for non-profit organizations. Consider sharing your skills with WVLT by contacting our office. Web-page maintenance, clerical and data-entry work, workshop hosting, envelope stuffing, fundraising and writing are just a few of the tasks that could help further our mission.
- 2. Real Estate** The full value of a real estate gift is tax deductible. If land is given with conservation or open space value, WVLT can preserve it through a conservation easement.
- 3. Retained Life Estates** You continue to live on the property for life, but give it to WVLT for future income.
- 4. Gifts of Stock or Bonds** Gifts of securities may provide donors with greater tax benefits than cash gifts. Call WVLT for details.
- 5. Life Insurance** WVLT can be named a beneficiary, assuring your legacy of land preservation.
- 6. Bequests** You can reduce inheritance tax and support conservation by designating a gift to WVLT in your will.
- 7. Matching Gifts** Many companies offer to match employee charitable contributions. Check and see if your employer will multiply the power of your gift.
- 8. Life Income Gifts** Annuities and charitable remainder trusts are two ways you can assure income for yourself, reduce your taxes and support WVLT.
- 9. Cash** Monetary gifts are deductible from your adjusted gross income. Contributions can be made in honor or memory of others and make lasting holiday gifts.
- 10. Talk** Spreading your enthusiasm for WVLT can be a powerful investment in conservation. Our members' conversations often lead to new members, additional gifts and, most exciting, gifts of conservation easements.

Holiday Gifting

Please consider a seasonal gift to WVLT to help further our mission of preserving western Virginia's natural and cultural landscape.

Contributions may be made in honor or memory of others. What better way to celebrate someone's love of the farms, mountains, and rivers that define this special place on earth?

Contributions deducted from 2002 taxes must be received by WVLT by December 31, 2002. Please send your check to WVLT at 722 First Street SW, Suite L, Roanoke, VA 24016-4120.



Mill Preserved *(continued from page one)*

Creek watersheds, as recorded by neighboring Montgomery County. He expects to complete processing the open space easement, to be co-held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation and the Western Virginia Land Trust, in December.

Avid WVLT supporters, the Yosts helped the land trust host a neighborhood cookout and meeting about conservation easements last fall. Neighbors were excited to tour the mill and the Yosts hope that some will join them in permanently preserving their historic valley.

At least three mills were operated by five generations of the McDonald family at this site from the 1790s into the 20th century. The McDonald family sold the present mill, dating from about 1861, to the Yosts in 1952. A log fort with a limestone foundation once stood nearby. When the fort fell apart, the stone was taken for a Christiansburg home. When the mill was a center of business activity, big wagons, pulled by eight horses, hauled 300-pound barrels of flour, beef, hams, chickens and cheese to a Lynchburg market and returned with many supplies. A neighborhood dinner honoring young men leaving for service in the Civil War was held on the mill's second floor.

If here today, those young soldiers might still recognize the mill and its surrounding landscape. Due to the Yosts' foresight, so will young people generations from now.

Conservation Tax Credit Clarified

Attorney General Jerry Kilgore has responded to questions regarding the status of Virginia's conservation tax credit.

Since 1998, Virginia has offered donors of land or easements for conservation purposes a state tax credit for 50% of their gift's value. Beginning in 2002, contributors can also sell their credits. This has provided a powerful new conservation incentive for Virginia's many "land rich and cash poor" property owners.

In a letter dated November 19, 2002, Kilgore says that out-of-state owners of Virginia land may sell their credits to Virginia taxpayers.

Another significant opinion states that, although any individual taxpayer may not use more than \$100,000 credit per year, there is no limit on the value of tax credits that a landowner may sell per year. For example, a \$300,000 tax credit could be sold to three different buyers in one year.

Please contact WVLT for more information on the state and federal tax benefits of conservation or a copy of the Attorney General's letter.



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