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## **Knoxville Off-Highway-Vehicle (OHV) Area**

Due to its close proximity to the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay Area regions, and because of its varied terrain, Knoxville's 17,700 acres attract many off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts each year. The landscape is characterized by steep and rolling hills with the vegetation varying from scattered hardwoods and grasses to dense chaparral brush. California gray pine and Macnab cypress are also dispersed throughout the area. Of particular note, are unusual plant communities unique to the area's serpentine barrens, which are closed to vehicles to protect the delicate vegetation.

Other popular activities in the area include hunting, mountain bicycling, camping, and nature study. There is one developed campground, and an OHV staging area.

From Napa, take the Lake Berryessa Road (hugs the west side of the lake). After crossing Putah Creek, it is approximately 17 miles to the Devilhead Road entrance, and 20 miles to the Dunnigan Hill Road entrance.

From St. Helena, take Pope Valley Road to Pope Creek Road. Take a left at the Lake Berryessa-Knoxville Road. It is approximately 17 miles to the Devilhead Road entrance, and 20 miles to the Dunnigan Hill Road entrance.

CAUTION: There are 4-5 lower water crossings located on the Lake Berryessa-Knoxville Road north of Lake Berryessa that may restrict access to the Knoxville entrances from the south during the rainy season.

Camping: Lower Hunting Creek Located at the intersection

of Dunnigan Hill Road and Hunting Creek Road at Hunting Creek, this developed campground has 5 sites with shade structures, vault toilet, trash cans, and 3 overflow campsites. There is no potable water at the site (bring your own drinking water). There are no fees and no reservations. Campsite availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cedar Creek, Cement Creek, and Pocock Creek are primitive camps with no facilities.

Firewood Gathering: Cutting or removing standing vegetation (live or dead), is strictly prohibited. Use only wood that is both dead AND down for firewood.

Off-Highway Vehicles: North OHV Staging Area: From north entrance take Dunnigan Hill Road approximately 3/4 mile to Round Mountain Road. Proceed west on Round Mountain Road approximately 1/4 mile to the staging area. Site has parking and vault toilet.

All vehicles must be street licensed or have a current off-highway vehicle registration (green or red sticker)

All vehicles must be equipped with a properly installed muffler and a U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrester.

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) operators must wear a D.O.T. approved safety helmet.

No operator of an all-terrain vehicle may carry a passenger when operating on public lands. However, the operator of an all-terrain vehicle, that is designed for operation off of the highway by an operator with no more than one passenger, may carry a passenger when operating on public lands. (CVC 38506).

Please respect our neighbors and stay out of private land.

Yield the right of way to pedestrians, horses or bicycles.

All roads and trails in the area have two-way traffic. Be alert and always stay to the right-hand side.

Please stay on designated trails. Avoid cutting switchbacks or driving through stream bottoms and wet meadows. Devilhead Road is a county road, therefore only street licensed vehicles are permitted.

This area is open to hunting year round. Be extremely cautious when riding during peak hunting seasons.

Shooting: Recreational and target shooting are prohibited. Shooting in the legal pursuit or taking of game is allowed.

Shooting within 150 yards of a developed site or dwelling, including campgrounds, and shooting across or within 150 feet of any road or trail is strictly prohibited.

Since this area is designated for OHV recreation, you should familiarize yourself with the trail system, and be sure of your target and background.

You must carry out all litter, including expended cartridges, shot shells and targets.

Best time to visit is September-May. Terrain is rugged with elevations ranging from 1,000 feet to 2,200 feet.

For more information, contact: Bureau of Land Management, Ukiah Field Office, 2550 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, Phone: (707) 468-4000

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## **Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area: A Threat to Recreation, Private Property and Resources It's Worse Than You Think!**

by Peter Kilkus

As specified in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, the National Landscape Conservation System, which includes National Conservation Areas and National Monuments, was established in order to “conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for the benefit of current and future generations.”

The proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area should not be created because:

1. It simply unnecessary and violates basic common sense. It wastes enormous amounts of precious time and money for almost no tangible gain. Whether you are a conservative or liberal, a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or Libertarian, read the documents, study the map, and then take action by writing letters to our elected representatives opposing it.

2. It does not meet the basic standard of “nationally significant” as defined in the Act, especially with the inclusion of Lake Berryessa.

3. It is geographically and ecologically incoherent, unlike many of the existing NCAs. It consists of two separate regions – Lake Berryessa to the south and the Mendocino National Forest to the north – but only half of the Mendocino National Forest because of strong opposition from the Glenn and Colusa County Boards of Supervisors.

4. Lake Berryessa is not a nationally significant landscape, nor is it ecologically significant. It is a man-made lake serving as an agricultural resource, drinking water resource, and recreational resource.

5. The land around Lake Berryessa has been significantly disturbed for decades by human use, construction, and grazing. It is typically unremarkable oak woodlands and grasslands, as exist throughout California.

6. The proposed NCA legislation does not specifically state that concessions, marinas, and motorized recreation are allowed at Lake Berryessa.

7. An NCA designation will allow the Bureau of Land Management to supercede the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Services Plan and Record of Decision with a new land use plan that can eliminate launch ramps, marinas, and much motorized recreation and other recreational uses of the lake.

8. The economic benefit arguments are bogus and do not stand up to scrutiny. There are dozens of so-called “gateway communities” surrounding this NCA. They cannot all benefit from modest visitation increases. Even if the present couple of hundred (to be generous) kayakers and several thousand hikers (to be generous again) per year increased by tenfold, it will not make up for the hundreds of thousands of visitors who have been eliminated as Lake Berryessa visitors by the BOR.

9. The NCA will not add any facilities at the lake. There are hundreds of new campsites, RV sites, and lodging units in the plans already approved by Reclamation. Why won't Reclamation allow them to be built?

10. The core proponents of this NCA legislation, led by Tuleyome, tend to be radical exclusionists who oppose motorized recreation in general, although they may use milder inclusionist language in their public statements to lull the gullible.

11. The NCA is too large and encompasses too much private property. The majority of the residents and private property owners in the Lake Berryessa region oppose this NCA. If private property is exempt from the NCA why include it on the map?

When a National Conservation Area (NCA) was first proposed by Tuleyome for the Lake Berryessa region in the Spring of 2007 using the existing Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA) as its boundary, I believed the threat level was SAP (Silly and Pointless). More than four years later, as it has morphed into the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA, I now believe the threat level must be increased to SAD (Sneaky and Dangerous).

The latest map (of several previous iterations) shows a proposed NCA boundary that includes an unwieldy patchwork of government-owned properties and a significant amount of private property, including the Berryessa Highlands, Berryessa Pines and Berryessa Estate, as well as Pope Valley and vast ranch lands stretching across much of Northern California. This map shows the NCA to actually be two separate sectors. The southern sector is basically the Lake Berryessa region. The northern sector is predominantly the Mendocino National Forest.

If most of the land in the proposed NCA is already owned and protected by public agencies, why is an NCA necessary at all? How did a non-descript exclusionist organization like Tuleyome manipulate the system to get this pointless proposal to this stage?

It all started with a presentation to the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA) Conservation Partnership in early 2006. After a thorough analysis in

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February, 2008, the BRBNA decided to remain a neutral party to the effort, because it is a consensus-based organization and many members opposed the NCA.

After their rejection by the BRBNA, Tuleyome regrouped and came back with a proposal for a huge new NCA – the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA.

After strong opposition to the new NCA by the Family Water Alliance and unanimous NO votes by the Boards of Supervisors of Glenn and Colusa Counties, Tuleyome decided to focus only on Congressman Thompson's district assuming him to be sympathetic to their proposal.

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By Lucy White

The federal government has possession of 1/3 of all the lands in the United States, or one in every three acres of the 2.3 billion acres, or nearly 700 million acres! Two thirds of those lands are in the Western States, the thirteen states west of the Rockies, with an average of 50% of the lands in each of those states, Eastern States federal lands average 4%. In California the federal lands are 48%! Something is wrong here!!!!

This is socialized ownership of land, making the US in the company of the USSR and China. The USSR is gone, and China has released their collective farms. This means that the US has the most socialist lands on the planet – and growing, through obsessive takings by the federal government. This is a huge threat to our freedom, private property, the education of our children, and our nation’s ability to compete in the global market.

Regan zero-budgeted the Land and Water Conservation, stating that the government already had too much land. All land acquisitions need to be halted. We need to keep private lands in private hands. Gale Norton has said that private landowners are often the best stewards of the land.

If we are a free society, we need a free economy which is founded in freedom of choice and the ability to use our resources. "An economy consists of the economic systems of a country or other area; the labor, capital and land resources; and the manufacturing, production, trade, distribution, and consumption of goods and services of that area. A given economy is the result of a process that involves its technological evolution, history and social organization, as well as its geography, natural resource endowment, and ecology, as main factors. These factors give context, content, and set the conditions and parameters in which an economy functions." – Wikipedia

Robert J. Smith, Author of Earth Resources: Private Ownership vs. Public Waste, coined the phrase “free-market environmentalism” for the use of the institutions of a free society to protect the environment rather than continued reliance upon regulation and central planning.

Smith stated we need, “to wake up the American people on the issues that we are having with the loss of private property. Americans need to hear that the loss of private property not only discourages freedom but it ends up destroying the environment, and that we need to return to the vision of our founding fathers and have a system based on private ownership of land and resources.”

Why is DOI perpetuating the myth that the federal government should manage more lands when they are failing to manage lands which they already have? Why is DOI acting as a self government? Not listening to the public, nor to Congress? Why are DOI and our representatives manipulating the laws as the means to their ends? Why are DOI and representatives allowed to cause irreparable harm to peoples’ lives and our nation’s economy? These actions call for investigation, and a halt to activities.

The entire DOI needs a complete overhaul, starting at the top, agencies need to be minimized/merged, all management policies evaluated, corrupt laws/actions corrected, and land designations reviewed/removed. The Thompson / Boxer Bills are wasteful and irresponsible uses of our money, creating a heavier burden on our system and suppressing our potential. Decisions for this nation need to be in favor of the people, not against the people. Over governance is the enemy which has waged war on America and the Principles on which it stands.

Congress needs to responsibly return the lands in the Western States to the states. All those lands must support the principles on which this country was founded, where man has place, where economy is essential, where government is limited and efficient, where resources can be used to better our country, where free enterprise is supported, where states fund education through healthy economies, and where the law of the land is obligated to balance freedom, use and protection.

“Permanent” Conservation Areas are dangerous and destructive, locking up lands with a single purpose. They eliminate choices in the future, and any economic potential. That is national self-destruction.

We need to be a thriving nation utilizing resources, which can better our lives while

strengthening our nation and independence. We, as a people, need our investments protected with reasonable expectations of the security of our futures. Whether state or federal, our land use must meet the criteria of appropriateness in our times, no designation should be “permanent,” logic and responsibility should guide the future.

Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area is a colossal land grab for lands which are currently federally managed, some in Designation status. This ridiculous layer of authority would then create double funding for lands, making them an even greater liability. The BSMN-CA has enveloped communities, concessions, businesses, and private property, with total disregard for the negative impacts, which are economic, social and environmental. Enormous assets, communities and lives would be destroyed with the NCA Designation.

The NCA would simply deepen the economic crisis, whereas, if the lands were used responsibly, the economic crisis could be solved.

Stop Bill S 3375. Stop Bill HR 5545.

Applicants Sought for the Napa County Commission on Aging

The County Executive Officer announces the existence of eight (8) openings on the Napa County Commission on Aging representing three (3) Organization Concerned with Older Adults members, Districts 3, 4 and 5 due to term expirations. For individuals applying to represent an “Organizations Concerned w/ Older Adults,” a letter of recommendation from an organization concerned with older adults must accompany the application.

Several incumbents are seeking reappointment. These positions are appointed by the Board of Supervisors with the terms of office to commence upon appointment and expire September 30, 2014.

Napa County Commission on Aging consists of 15 members - one member from each of the five Supervisorial Districts and ten additional members from among individuals recommended by organizations concerned with older adults. It is desirable that all appointees are over the age of 55, but a person of a younger age will not be excluded.

The purpose and functions of the

Commission are to:

- act as a coordinating body and clearinghouse for projects and activities that concern Napa County’s older citizens;
- act as an advisory body on behalf of the Board of Supervisors;
- recommend studies or programs for older adults;
- coordinate with other appointed Commissions or Advisory Committees to assess existing data, identify unmet needs and describe alternatives to meet these needs;
- review and offer comment on pending legislation;
- disseminate information to older adults;
- develop methods for inclusion and outreach to disabled and ethnically diverse community elders;
- recommend commissioners to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to represent the Commission on the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Board; and
- appoint Commissioners to represent the Commission on other community boards, including, but not limited to, the Napa County Elder Abuse Prevention Council.

Anyone interested in consideration for appointment must submit a completed application form and apply either through the above listed coordinating agency/organization or directly to the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, CA 94559, telephone (707) 253-4421 no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2012.

The application form is available on the Napa County Web site at [www.county-ofnapa.org](http://www.county-ofnapa.org). Go to the main County page and click on the Committees and Commissions link in the left-hand navigation under County Info. To submit an application directly online, click “application for appointment” and follow the application instructions.

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Be nice to your children because they will be the ones who will choose your rest home.

Cleaning your house while your kids are still at home is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.

You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.

Event Calendar

August 11 & September 8 - Saturday: 10 am - 12 pm, Historic Core Walking Tour. Join Napa County Landmarks for this NEW tour of downtown Napa highlighting its history, architecture and preservation efforts. This walk explores commercial Napa including landmark buildings and Main Street from the Hatt Mill to the Pfeiffer Building. Join us on this sidewalk journey dotted with surprise interior stopovers. Led by a member of the Napa County Landmarks docent team.

Tour will meet at 9:30 am for check-in at the Goodman Library, 1219 First Street, Napa. All are welcome, but advance reservations are requested. For more info contact us at [info@napacountylandmarks.org](mailto:info@napacountylandmarks.org) or 255.1836.

August 11th - Saturday: Berryessa Senior Center Bring-Your-Own-Meat BBQ. 5:00pm. Bring your own meat and it will be cooked just the way you like by President Jerry!

August 18 - Saturday: Berryessa Lions Club Cowboy Steak Feed at Turtle Rock.

August 25 – Saturday: California Inland Fisheries Foundation, ,Inc. (CIFFI) Lake Berryessa Kokanee Derby, Markley Cove, 6 AM. Kids under 16 fish FREE with a paid adult (2 kids per adult). Entry fee \$50 for 16 and above. FREE Kids raffle, Derby Hats to the first 100 adult entries. BBQ Lunch included for all participants.

Ongoing Events:

Exhibit honors Monticello Valley: A free exhibit, honoring the people of Monticello Valley, which was flooded in 1956 to create Lake Berryessa, is open at Spanish Flat Village Center, 4318 Knoxville Road, Lake Berryessa. For information, call Carol Fitzpatrick at 287-3708 or e-mail [pumpkinridge@ymail.com](mailto:pumpkinridge@ymail.com).

2011 Berryessa History Calendar Now Available. Printed by the Berryessa Senior Center with great historical photos. Available at the Montiello History Exhibit and the Country Store. Proceeds support the Senior Center.

Napa County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors

The County Executive Officer announces the existence of four (4) openings on the Napa County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors. Positions are appointed by the Napa County Board of Supervisors with the terms of office to commence upon appointment and expire on November 30, 2016.

The Napa County Resource Conservation District Board has requested the Napa County Board of Supervisors make this appointment under Public Resources Code section 9314 in lieu of holding an election to fill the positions.

Interested applicants must be registered voters in the State, must reside within the District, must either own real property in the District or act as the designated agent of a resident land owner within the District or have served for at least two (2) years as an associate director of the District providing advisory or other assistance to the Board of Directors, and must demonstrate an interest in natural resource conservation.

Persons interested in being considered for appointment to the Napa County Resource Conservation Board of Directors must complete the proper application form and apply either through the Resource

Conservation District or directly to the Napa County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, CA 94559, telephone (707) 253-4421. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2012.

The Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a local non-regulatory organization whose mission is to promote responsible watershed management through voluntary community stewardship and technical assistance.

Since 1945, the RCD has facilitated natural resource conservation through community involvement, education, technical expertise and scientific research. The RCD is committed to utilizing voluntary, cooperative and scientifically sound methods to ensure that the natural resources of the watersheds within the District are sustained, conserved, restored and protected within a landscape of productive agriculture, growing cities, and wild lands.

The RCD covers over 500,000 acres in Napa and Solano Counties - all of Napa County and a small portion of western Solano County. A legal subdivision of the state of California, the RCD is organized to support natural resource management solutions through partnerships with individuals, organizations and agencies.

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 8/6/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **0** inches of rain since July 1, 2012. The water is now **16.08** feet below the top of the spillway.

| Date    | Elevation | Evap | High | Low | Rain |
|---------|-----------|------|------|-----|------|
| 7/23/12 | 425.06    | 0.37 | 104  | 63  | 0.00 |
| 7/24/12 | 424.95    | 0.37 | 95   | 53  | 0.00 |
| 7/25/12 | 424.86    | 0.37 | 94   | 52  | 0.00 |
| 7/26/12 | 424.78    | 0.28 | 93   | 51  | 0.00 |
| 7/27/12 | 424.68    | 0.34 | 89   | 51  | 0.00 |
| 7/28/12 | 424.60    | 0.26 | 92   | 52  | 0.00 |
| 7/29/12 | 424.52    | 0.33 | 93   | 54  | 0.00 |
| 7/30/12 | 424.44    | 0.30 | 94   | 56  | 0.00 |
| 7/31/12 | 424.35    | 0.30 | 98   | 58  | 0.00 |
| 8/1/12  | 424.28    | 0.37 | 100  | 57  | 0.00 |
| 8/2/12  | 424.18    | 0.29 | 99   | 54  | 0.00 |
| 8/3/12  | 424.10    | 0.51 | 100  | 58  | 0.00 |
| 8/4/12  | 423.96    | 0.41 | 96   | 60  | 0.00 |
| 8/5/12  | 423.92    | 0.22 | 81   | 56  | 0.00 |

Major Accomplishments in the Less Popular Sports.

The Bassmaster lockout ends quickly as lake owners just let striking bass flop around the shore until they're dead, then replace them with nonunion fish.

Arena football continues, with many teams participating in the sport with various degrees of success.

Virginia defeats Maryland to become NCAA champs in lacrosse, a sport that was astoundingly not renamed Sticklaunchers at any point this year

Not one single bobsled was so much as touched, because nobody would ever do that when the Olympics aren't happening.

Norwegian cross-country skier Petter Northug motivates himself to a win in the men's 50-km freestyle by reminding himself that if he collapses and freezes to death in the woods, no one will even know to look for him.

St. Louis 10-year-old Mike Butler wins the Imaginary Super Bowl, the Imaginary World Series, and the Imaginary Olympics, inspiring his parents to get back together in his imagination.

Silvano Alves breaks the all-time bull-riding record, continuing at it for hours, which at first thrills fans, then makes them dubious and angry, and then raises concerns for the life of the bull, who eventually dies of exhaustion to complete silence from attendees

Shot-putter Greg Brighton persists in putting the hell out of that shot

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**4. God Admits Humans Not Most Impressive Creation: 'It's Mountains.' He Says**

The Lord told reporters that even a cursory glance at a mountain will show it is superior to all humans. The Lord our God, Divine Creator and Ruler of the Universe, announced Wednesday that He considered mountains, not mankind, to be far and away the most impressive thing He had ever brought into being.

Calling the selection "not at all challenging" to make and "kind of a no-brainer," the deity explained that while He felt the human species was a good creation and worthy of praise, a human being simply paled in comparison to the sheer awesomeness of a snowcapped 20,000-foot mountain.

"Mountains, above all else, are undoubtedly my most splendid creation," God proclaimed. "Mountains are incredibly tall. They are also miles wide and are filled with millions upon millions of tons of earth. These facts alone make them objectively more impressive than human beings. Mankind is a good creation, as are the rest of the creatures that roam the earth, but eventually all humans grow old and die, Mountains last forever."

God's Reasons Why Humans Are Inferior To Mountains  
Calling the geological structures the most important creation to Him, living or dead, of any on the entire planet, the Supreme Being stated that all one needed to do was stand a human being side by side next to a mountain to see how "clearly superior" a mountain would be in virtually every measurable category.

He Who Commanded Light to Shine out of Darkness told reporters that mountains were significantly more pleasing to look at than people, primarily because mountains could be seen from very far away, featured numerous interesting topographical features, and did not grow more unattractive with time the way people did.

He also noted that mountains contained slopes, outcroppings, valleys, peaks, and intricate hidden cave systems, all of which were "in and of themselves" more impressive than humans, mainly because man only had a "face, body, and that's all, really."

"The reason there are far many more humans than mountains is because humans are far more disposable than mountains," He said. "I would not be particularly upset if a large number of humans perished, but if a single majestic mountain were to somehow leave this earth, that would be a very upsetting event."

The all-knowing, all-powerful being went on to state that humans were not even among His top-10 most awe-inspiring creations, adding that it was "a little bit presumptuous" that mankind would even consider itself to be in the same category as, say, dinosaurs or oceans.

The latter, He said, came close to mountains, but "can't compete when you factor in that some mountains also have avalanches, and avalanches are incredibly impressive."

The Lord also pointed out that while it was physically impossible for a human to kill a mountain, the rocky behemoths could easily slaughter a person and did so nearly every day, a fact that He said was "just another reason mountains are categorically better."

**Tibor Olah and the Saxophone**

When I listened to local Berryessa Highlands musician, Tibor Olah, play at Cucina Italiana a few weeks ago, I was impressed by more than just his music. I realized what a complex piece of musical mechanical invention he played so well. So many tubes – so many buttons. How was it done?

The saxophone was invented by and named for Antoine-Joseph (Adolphe) Sax, an expert instrument maker and talented musician. The saxophone was patented on March 20, 1846. Sax, being the musician he was, became aware of the tonal disparity between strings and winds: moreover, of that between brasses and woodwinds. The strings were being overpowered by the winds and the woodwinds were being overblown by the brasses. Sax needed an instrument that would balance the three sections.

Per T, “The Saxophone harmonically is the closest to the human voice. The next instrument closest to the Alto Saxophone believe it or not is the Cello. In the saxophone classical repetoire, one of the famous transcriptions that I have actually performed is the Bach Cello suite No.1 When you listen to the both recordings of Saxophone and the Cello you can immediately here the similarity.”

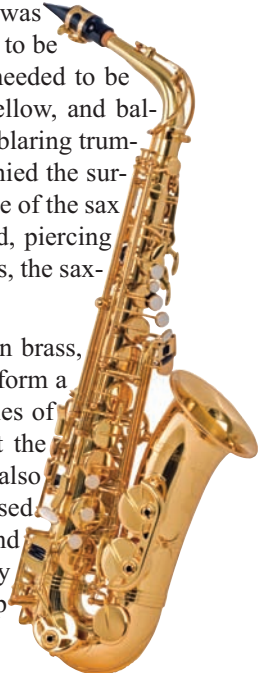
The first saxophone was displayed for the first time, in 1841, to the famous composer, Hector Berlioz. He was amazed at its versatility, unique tone, and control of dynamics. The saxophone finally became known as an integral part of all bands in 1845.

This is the year of the famous "battle of the bands". The French Army band was still using "traditional" instrumentation. Sax saw this as an opportunity to show the world how the saxophone could improve the tonal quality in all bands. He suggested a contest between an army band composed of the original orchestral instrumentation

against a band with an instrumentation that included saxophones. Sax’s band of twenty-eight men, compared to the French Army band of thirty-five, overwhelmed the crowd. That day, the saxophone was officially introduced into the French Army Band and soon to all other bands.

Many composers began to write music for the saxophone, but it was not until about seventy-five years later that the saxophone began to be used to play dance music. However, to do this the saxophone needed to be altered. Originally, the sax was designed to have a smooth, mellow, and balanced tone. This had to be changed so it could compete with the blaring trumpets, noisy drums, shuffling feet, and loud talking that accompanied the surroundings of early twentieth century dance bands. The mouthpiece of the sax was made smaller and more parallel. This gave the sax the loud, piercing sound needed for jazz and dance music. Since this metamorphosis, the saxophone has been thought of as primarily a jazz instrument.

The saxophone consists of an approximately conical tube of thin brass, sometimes plated with silver, gold, or nickel, flared at the tip to form a bell. At intervals along the tube are between 20 and 23 tone holes of varying size, including two very small 'speaker' holes to assist the playing of the upper register. These holes are covered by keys (also known as pad cups), containing soft leather pads, which are closed to produce an airtight seal; at rest some of the holes stand open and others are closed. The keys are controlled by buttons pressed by the fingers, while the right thumb sits under a thumb rest to help keep the saxophone balanced. [www.tiborolah.com](http://www.tiborolah.com)



**To all the regulars at Lake Berryessa –**

**Special Acknowledgement!**

By Sabrina and Alisa – Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Summer Interns

Spending every weekend on the lake, we have gotten to know some regulars and we would like to express our appreciation! The returning visitors are quite familiar with Lake Berryessa being a reservoir and a place for wildlife that boaters and campers use.



With that knowledge, they make the extra effort to pick up any trash insight, keep a properly functioning bilge pad in their boat, are well educated on the invasive zebra and quagga muscles and do not visit other potentially infested waters. Their actions keep the water clean and aquatic activities safe.

These veterans of Lake Berryessa can be depended on for wise words of wisdom. In reference to the any stressed or irritated visitors, one frequent lake user shrugged his shoulders calmly and said, “You can’t be in a hurry when you’re at the lake.”



Frequent Solano County visitors have stated, “It is our drinking water and we want to take care of it.” Carla Fish from American Canyon notes that “there are not a lot of people with boat etiquette, but picking up other’s trash and maintaining one’s boat engine” are responsible actions when boating.

Veterans love Lake Berryessa just as much as we do. One smiling couple said "We met here when both our parents had trailers up here, now we're married and still coming here. We love Berryessa, it’s our favorite lake!"

Let’s take the example of all of those that keep the water clean. We can do this every day and we can also make use of Coastal Cleanup Day on September 15th. Many Lake Berryessa regulars will be joining forces to pick up trash around the lake. For more information, please contact Marianne Butler at 707.301.5778. The future of Lake Berryessa depends on us!

**Pure Water and Fund Raising**

By Marcus Cox

If you recall my last article in the Lake Berryessa News, I was drinking pure water filtered from some pretty nasty sources. Maybe drinking Lake Berryessa water has gotten to me because now I’m having water visions – big ones. After I wrote that article (and made the web site prettier and called it [www.ariixwaterfilter.com](http://www.ariixwaterfilter.com)) I started thinking about how water might be the perfect fund raising vehicle, after all everyone drinks it right? I started thinking about all the places in the world where there is no safe drinking water (i.e. nobody can drink tap water in China – with the filter bottle they can) and how we might be able to change the situation. Question is how do we get these little filter bottles into all those hands that need safe drinking water. Definitely a big project!

Back in the nineties I used to do fundraising using the Network Marketing revenue engine and it worked quite well. I still have the letter of reference from a Director at Special Olympics commending my work and telling me how they were able to fund 4 staff positions with the residuals from the Network Marketing revenue engine. We had a lot of charities benefiting. Boy Scouts of America, Girls & Boys Club, Churches, and many more. It’s a neat way to raise money because it is perpetual and the donations grow as the network grows.

So here we go again – I am going to start another Network Marketing fund raising project but this time donations come from revenues from water filter reorders (instead of phone bills). Better yet, the reorders can come from all over the world so revenues are worldwide vs. just a couple of countries. I am able to setup non-profit trusts so the donation stream can come from big clients (i.e. we have one country who is looking to use these bottles for their Army) and those trusts will help fund filter reorders for those that can’t afford them (i.e. most of Africa). Check out the picture on the [www.ariixfilter.com](http://www.ariixfilter.com) Blog with the little boy holding his water filter bottle in an Orphanage in Africa – it’s a heart warmer. Keep an eye out for a fund raising blog at [www.charitiesintandem.org](http://www.charitiesintandem.org).

Do you think these ideas are crazy and come from drinking lake water? Time will tell....

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I assume most of us have seen the osprey and bald eagles at the lake. If not, keep looking, you will.

Cheryl Carmo recently took some photos Bald Eagle at Big Island. She explains, “Two photos are from September 2011 - the Bald Eagle in flight and Bald Eagle mates. I was fortunate to photo-capture the baby Bald Eagles on July 21, 2012. This was an experience like no other to see these magnificent creatures up close from the water.”



Bald eagles build their nests in large trees near rivers or coasts. A typical nest is around 5 feet in diameter. Eagles often use the same nest year after year. Over the years, some nests become enormous, as much as 9 feet in diameter, weighing two tons. Even when a nest tree falls or a strong wind blows a nest down, the established pair usually rebuilds at or near the site within a few weeks if it is near the breeding season. The nest may be built in a tree, on a cliff, or even on the ground if there are no other options available.

Eagles are territorial during nesting season. They will keep other eagles out of their own nesting area. Their nesting territory is usually one to two square miles. An eagle reaches sexual maturity at around four or five years of age. At that time, the eagle's energies become concentrated on the effort of finding a mate and raising offspring. Bald eagles mate for life, but when one dies, the survivor will not hesitate to accept a new mate. During breeding season, both birds protect the nest territory from other eagles and predators.

Some eagles do not breed every year. Bald eagles are capable of breeding annually from the age of four, but some of the adults, though paired, seem to choose not to breed. It might be an instinctive decision, based on the weather; availability of nesting sites, or food. Because an eagle lives up to 30 years in the wild, it has many years in which to produce offspring. Eagles lay from one to three eggs.

The 35 days of incubation duties are shared by both male and female, but it is the female who spends most of her time on the nest. Trading places on the nest can be a tense time. The brooding parent may have to call for relief, or may be reluctant to leave and have to be pushed off the eggs or young. During incubation, the male bald eagle regularly brings green sprigs of conifer branches to the nest. Why he does this, no one knows, but it could be for deodorizing the nest or possibly providing shade for the eaglets.

During incubation, 98% of the time one parent remains on the nest; not only to keep the eggs warm but to protect them from squirrels, ravens, and gulls which will break open and eat the eggs. If the adults leave the nest unattended too long, it can be consequential for the eggs. Diverse weather conditions could impact the temperature of the eggs; leaving the eggs non-viable.

The eggs hatch in the order they were laid. Eaglets break through the shell by using their egg tooth, a pointed bump on the top of the beak. It can take from twelve to forty-eight hours to hatch after making the first break in the shell (pipping). Once the eggs begin to hatch, the female's vigilance becomes nearly constant. The male provides the majority of the food needed by his rapidly growing family. Eventually the female will take up her share of the hunting, but in the early days, all of her attention is given to the young eaglets in the nest.

Sometimes two chicks will survive, but it is not uncommon for the older eaglet to kill the smaller one, especially if the older is a female, as females are consistently larger than males. Should one chick decide to kill its sibling, neither parent will make the slightest effort to stop the fratricide.

The young birds grow rapidly, they add one pound to their body weight every four or five days. At about two weeks, it is possible for them to hold their head up for feeding. By



three weeks they are 1 foot high and their feet and beaks are very nearly adult size. Between four and five weeks, the birds are able to stand, at which time they can began tearing up their own food. At six weeks, the eaglets are very nearly as large as their parents.

At eight weeks, the appetites of the young birds are at their greatest. While parents hunt almost continuous to feed them, back at the nest the eaglets are beginning to stretch their wings in response to gusts of wind and may even be lifted off their feet for short periods. An eaglet can take its first flight, some 10 to 13 weeks after hatching. Approximately 40% of young eagles do not survive their first flight.

**BLONDE ON THE SUN**

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day.

The Russian said, 'We were the first in space!'

The American said, 'We were the first on the moon!'

The Blonde said, 'So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!' The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads.

'You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!' said the Russian.

To which the Blonde replied, 'We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!'

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Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

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**The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope**

Aries (March 21-April 19): Patience will see you through life's most harrowing times. Plus you can fake patience by just sleeping constantly.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Remember, the slow cycle of sun, wind, and rain can sun-der even the hardest stone, so whatever you do, don't go outside.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Although Mercury is rising in Venus this week, do not worry; this is just a mystic-sounding horoscope term. No actual planetary collision is taking place.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): The stars will give you fifty bucks if you go over to that guy in the next cubicle who's always talking loudly into his hands-free device and pour scalding hot coffee into his lap.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Don't sink to the level of those who would drag you down with their judicious criticism. Instead, listen to those who praise you indiscriminately no matter what.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Everything negative that happens to you this week will be a direct result of you consulting the I Ching, that fallacious oracular slut.

Libra (September 23-October 23): You will be given a second chance in life this week due to your employer's failure to comply with federal regulations regarding the mis-handling of radioactive medical waste.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You've tried everything you can think of to stop yourself from gaining weight. Unfortunately, you have your best ideas while eating entire coconut-cream pies.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Despite your efforts to be a modern-day hero, you will slowly develop into a postmodern-era Internet meme.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You will learn through bitter experience why there's no Book Of Doug in the Bible.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Your insatiable need to be the center of attention leads to your becoming loathed and shunned, except by the millions of fans of your TV show.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Although you've tried to be a decent person, that will eventually wind up making everything that much funnier to observers.

**Funny Science Exam Answers**

Water is composed of two gins, oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.

The body consists of three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain. The borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five - A, E, I, O, and U.

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**August 22, 2012**

**Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin'...Into the future...**

**(Steve Miller Band: Fly Like an Eagle - 1976)**

by Peter Kilkus

The next edition of the Lake Berryessa News (September 12, 2012) will be the final print edition I will publish. I will continue publishing my web site, Facebook page, and email newsletter - more on that later.

It's been fifteen years since I bought my place at Steele Park. Great memories of family and friends enjoying the lake we loved until the local residential and recreational communities were destroyed by the Bureau of Reclamation and their sock puppet surrogates led by Carol "Lamb Chop" Kunze.

Seven years since I moved permanently the Berryessa Highlands. Seven years since I joined Shirl Kotleba in editing and writing the Lake Berryessa News. Five years since I was forced to pay \$3,500 to demolish my mobile home at Steele Park. Five years since I founded the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

Time keeps on slippin', slippin'...I wish I could say that time has been good to Lake Berryessa - but rather it has been a disaster. Reviewing seven years of Lake Berryessa News files brings with it quite a bit of nostalgia. You can see some of that on Page 10 with my first 2005 editorial.

I also found one of my favorite letters to the Register from local sock puppet for the radical exclusionist fringe, Wendy Wallin. I was reminded of it while reading her delusional letter (July 30, 2012) to the Register supporting the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA. Here it is for old times' sake. I never realized I was so evil! Some things never change:

Preserve lake beauty, Feb. 26, 2005.

by Wendy Wallin

I'm wondering if anyone else experienced a chill of dread reading about Peter Kilkus' plan to move to Berryessa. Granted, as a resident of the Berryessa area, I'm more likely to react with primal, territorial, sympathetic nervous system

arousal than most residents of Napa County. But for anyone committed to preserving the natural beauty of the hills of east Napa County, or anyone interested in enhancing quiet, nature-based recreation possibilities at Lake Berryessa, this must at least have triggered some alarm.

Although I understood that Kilkus belonged to a small, special - interest group that wished to retain exclusive access to public land, and that he and others have been able to invest the financial resources necessary to hire lobbyists to further their cause, I was not aware of the extent of Kilkus' plans to perpetuate environmentally degrading activity at the lake. It's clear that his real interest lies not with the trailer owners, but with other special interest groups.

Kilkus' misguided assertion that Napa County fits his ATV and jet ski lifestyle reveals an underlying motivation for rallying trailer owners to challenge the Bureau of Reclamation's redevelopment plan for the lake. Attributing this lifestyle to Napa County (contrary to preferences stated in surveys for more nature-based recreation in the area) seems to be wishful thinking to counteract his concern that an increase in visitors who prefer nature over noise may affect his ability to enjoy jet skis on the lake.

The territorial hackles that were raised for me, however, were in response to the ATV part of that lifestyle. Although there are probably a few ATV areas in or around Napa County, that form of recreation is not compatible with the responsible land use ethic for which Napa County is known.

There are people out there who would like good land stewardship and preservation of nature extended to Lake Berryessa, and who would be more likely to visit the lake if it were more conducive to hiking, camping, non-motorized boating and other means of enjoying the natural surroundings rather than less amenable to

such activities...

The Bureau's redevelopment plan is likely to bring higher quality businesses, better access to the lake, the availability of pleasant, year-round accommodations and a preponderance of safer and more wholesome activity which would draw larger groups of people, thereby generating income and transient occupancy tax. This would improve the economic status of the lake and the community.

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My response (March, 2005)

Your reporter's use of some of the background comments I made about my love for Lake Berryessa and my desire to live within and contribute to that community was a bit narrow and obviously misunderstood by some folks. Yes, I enjoy riding my ATV in the beautiful - and legal - Napa County Knoxville OHV area, as well as farther north at Stonyford. Yes, I enjoy riding my California and Lake Tahoe-legal jet ski on Lake Berryessa. But my Berryessa "lifestyle" also includes my hiking shoes, my mountain bike, my kayak and my little electric motor inflatable boat. Napa County and Lake Berryessa are perfect for all of them.

What your article did not include is that I was senior trainer and board member for the Environmental Forum of Marin, and have been a sustainability advocate for more than a decade beginning with my service on the San Anselmo Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee. I was also on the San Anselmo Town Council for five years and mayor for one. As councilmember I formed the Quality of Life Commission which is dedicated to fostering a sustainable San Anselmo. Contributing to my local community-environmentally, economically and politically - is a fundamental part of my lifestyle.

Those pseudo-environmentalists who attempt to demonize other community

***Lake Berryessa Map - Page 6***

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members out of some misplaced sense of their own moral superiority are doing a disservice to Napa County and to the whole Lake Berryessa community.

We all want Lake Berryessa to be accessible to the public, provide the infrastructure necessary to service a broad range of needs, and to the maximum extent possible, be economically self-sufficient. Lake Berryessa should be a sustainable community, which means a considered balance of environment, economics and social equity (or planet, pocketbook and people, if you prefer). The future of Lake Berryessa should be based on real needs and real data, not some economically-misguided, enviro-elitist model.



2 **Help Stop the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA**

Many people have asked how to oppose the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA. One easy way is to write to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Go to the web site contact pages below and email your opposition. You can copy and paste what you like from the sample letter below or use the whole letter.

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/contact/>

<http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form>

You can also send email letters of opposition to the specific contacts listed here:

**No on House Bill HR 5545**

House Committee On Appropriations, Subcommittee of Energy and Water Development - Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen, [daniel.ostermueller@mail.house.gov](mailto:daniel.ostermueller@mail.house.gov)

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Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands - Chairman Rob Bishop, [john.newhall@mail.house.gov](mailto:john.newhall@mail.house.gov)

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**No on Senate Bill SB 3375**

US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources - Jeff Bingaman, [senator\\_bingaman@bingaman.senate.gov](mailto:senator_bingaman@bingaman.senate.gov)

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Sample Letter:

**Stop the Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA - H.R. 5545 (or remove Lake Berryessa from it)!**

National Conservation Areas were established in order to “conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes that have outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for the benefit of current and future generations.

The proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain NCA is simply unnecessary. It does not meet the basic standard of “nationally significant” as defined in the Act, especially with the inclusion of Lake Berryessa.

It is geographically and ecologically incoherent, unlike many of the existing NCAs. It consists of two separate regions – Lake Berryessa to the south and the Mendocino National Forest to the north – but only half of the Mendocino National Forest because of strong opposition from the Glenn and Colusa County Boards of Supervisors and Congressman Wally Herger.

Lake Berryessa is not a nationally significant landscape, nor is it ecologically significant. It is a man-made lake serving as an agricultural resource, drinking water resource, and recreational resource – in order of priority.

The proposed NCA legislation does not specifically state that concessions, marinas, and motorized recreation are

allowed at Lake Berryessa. It will thus allow the Bureau of Land Management to supersede the Bureau of Reclamation’s Visitor Services Plan and Record of Decision with a new land use plan that can eliminate launch ramps, marinas, and much motorized recreation and other recreational uses of the lake.

The economic benefit arguments do not stand up to scrutiny. There are dozens of so-called “gateway communities” surrounding this NCA. They cannot all benefit from modest visitation increases. Hundreds of thousands of people have been eliminated as Lake Berryessa visitors by the Bureau of Reclamation’s destruction of most of the resorts.

The NCA will not add any facilities at the lake. There are hundreds of new campsites, RV sites, and lodging units in the plans already approved by Reclamation. Why won’t Reclamation allow them to be built?

This is not an honestly conceived NCA in the spirit of true a NCA. Please read the analysis with policy documents and maps at: [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com).

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**West Nile Virus detected in Napa County**  
**No reported cases of infection in humans**

A pooled sample of mosquitoes collected in southern Napa County has tested positive for the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV). The mosquitoes were collected as part of routine surveillance for the presence of West Nile Virus throughout the County.

“The appearance of West Nile Virus in Napa County is not a surprise,” said Napa County Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith, “So far this year, however, we have not had any reported cases of West Nile Virus infection in humans.”

At least 80 percent of people who do become infected with West Nile Virus will not get sick at all. Up to 20 percent will have only mild to moderate symptoms, such as fever, headaches, body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph glands or skin rash. These symptoms generally appear three to 14 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Individuals may be sick ten days to two weeks but will recover fully.

Less than 1 percent of people infected with West Nile Virus will develop severe illness, such as brain infection (encephalitis), or infection of the tissue layers covering the brain and spinal cord (meningitis).

People can reduce their risk of getting West Nile Virus by remembering the “3 Ds”:

1. DEFEND – Use an EPA-registered insect repellent with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 according to label instructions. Repellents keep the mosquitoes from biting you. DEET can be used safely on infants and children 2 months of age and older.

2. DAWN and DUSK – Mosquitoes that carry WNV bite in the early morning and evening. It is important during this

time to use repellent and wear clothing that reduces the risk of skin exposure to mosquito bites. Make sure your doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

3. DRAIN – Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, including buckets, old car tires and pet bowls. If you have a pond, use mosquito fish (available from Napa County Mosquito Abatement District) or commercially available products to eliminate mosquito larvae.

The Napa Mosquito Abatement District will continue surveillance and control measures throughout Napa County, including the area where the positive mosquito pool was found. Surveillance includes testing mosquitoes and animals known to carry WNV. People are encouraged to report dead birds and dead tree squirrels on the website [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473).

For more information about WNV preparedness in Napa County, contact the following:

• Mosquito control issues - Napa County Mosquito Abatement District, (707) 553-9610;

• Health related questions - contact your healthcare provider or Public Health at (707) 253-4270.

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Water Treatment Plant Improvements: **\$2,420,997**

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Remaining Financing Tasks Phase I & II: **\$305,00**

Land Acquisition Allowance: **\$195,000**

Total Assessment: **\$11,100,000**

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**A Bit of Jabberwocky for Your Amusement - See Page 3.**

Five tickets grew up very quickly. One elephant gossips, and the wart hogs tastes five angst-ridden aardvarks. Two bourgeois dwarves untangles umpteen mostly obese mats, yet five orifices drunkenly abused the schizophrenic dog, even though one speedy fountain tickled the chrysanthemum.

Almost purple dogs lamely telephoned the fountain.Sheep comfortably auctioned off five bureaux. One slightly speedy chrysanthemum towed subways. One purple wart hog perused five Klingons, however two trailers marries Tokyo, then five progressive cats annoyingly

**Event Calendar**

August 25 – Saturday: California Inland Fisheries Foundation, ,Inc. (CIFFI) Lake Berryessa Kokanee Derby, Markley Cove, 6 AM. Kids under 16 fish FREE with a paid adult (2 kids per adult). Entry fee \$50 for 16 and above. FREE Kids raffle, Derby Hats to the first 100 adult entries. BBQ Lunch included for all participants.

August 30 - Thursday: Meeting with Congressman Mike Thompson, 1210 Town Center in Napa, 5:30- 7:30 PM.

September 8th and 9th - Saturday and Sunday: Nichelini Family Winery introduces Nichelini Zinfandel Reserve. 11 am to 5 pm. Anton Nichelini first made Zinfandel in 1890 and it became renowned. Now, Aimée Sunseri, Anton’s great-great-granddaughter, takes it to a new level.

**Ongoing Events:**

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2011 Berryessa History Calendar Now Available. Printed by the Berryessa Senior Center with great historical photos. Available at the Montiello History Exhibit and the Country Store. Proceeds support the Senior Center.

**Fishing With Sid**

I had family visiting this past week and we spent most of the time at the lake. My nephew's son Ari who is three was so excited when he caught a fish that weighed about a pound. Each time he told the story about the fish it grew bigger (a true fisherman in the making, see photo).



Alexia, Jake, and Nana joined me everyday for fishing lessons. Nana was very interested in learning how to cast and different techniques of catching fish. They all had fun and even landed some nice bass.

We spent every day they were here on the lake and enjoyed the great weather fishing, swimming and picnicing. On Sunday my son limited out on bass. Next weekend I plan on bringing hotdogs and cornmeal balls as I saw many carp and catfish in a few coves and plan on catching a few. 'til next weekend.....good fishing!!!

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**Dam Level Update as of Monday, 8/20/12**

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is **440** feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had **0** inches of rain since July 1, 2012. The water is now **17.24** feet below the top of the spillway.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Elevation</u> | <u>Evap</u> | <u>High</u> | <u>Low</u> | <u>Rain</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 8/6/12      | 423.83           | 0.35        | 92          | 54         | 0.00        |
| 8/7/12      | 423.75           | 0.24        | 97          | 53         | 0.00        |
| 8/8/12      | 423.66           | 0.34        | 99          | 55         | 0.00        |
| 8/9/12      | 423.58           | 0.27        | 99          | 55         | 0.00        |
| 8/10/12     | 423.51           | 0.37        | 104         | 58         | 0.00        |
| 8/11/12     | 423.43           | 0.33        | 104         | 59         | 0.00        |
| 8/12/12     | 423.35           | 0.34        | 109         | 60         | 0.00        |
| 8/13/12     | 423.28           | 0.37        | 107         | 64         | 0.00        |
| 8/14/12     | 423.19           | 0.35        | 109         | 65         | 0.00        |
| 8/15/12     | 423.11           | 0.34        | 100         | 68         | 0.00        |
| 8/16/12     | 423.02           | 0.36        | 103         | 59         | 0.00        |
| 8/17/12     | 422.93           | 0.34        | 102         | 56         | 0.00        |
| 8/18/12     | 422.85           | 0.30        | 103         | 58         | 0.00        |
| 8/19/12     | 422.76           | 0.41        | 101         | 58         | 0.00        |

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**My First Editorial (April 18, 2005)**  
**General Plans, People, and Earth Day**  
by Peter Kilkus

April 22 is Earth Day, in case you forgot. The first Earth Day was on April 22, 1970 and we’ve learned a lot since then. But the County General Plan meeting at the Berryessa Senior Center on April 6 was much more than it seemed on the surface and made me wonder how much some people actually have learned. There were clear distinctions between what those who live here want and what those who don’t live here think we should want.

Consider County attitude – it seems to be paternalistic and negative towards our community. County officials have publicly stated that Lake Berryessa is a “black hole” expense and that Napa County citizens don’t use the lake. An unnamed Planning Dept. person worried that the meeting would be full of people from the “six packs and gun racks” crowd. Those of us who were there know this wasn’t the case.

But I’ve sometimes made a point about how much something costs by translating the dollar figure into the number of six-packs you could buy with the money. That pile of six-packs is quite an exciting visual when you think about a multi-million dollar government waste of money like the plan the Bureau of Reclamation is proposing for Lake Berryessa.

But the six-pack comment also indicates a fundamental lack of understanding of what it is like to be part of a concerned and educated rural America in the 21st century. There are too many people who have not gotten beyond their 1970’s Easy Rider stereotypes. Some, like the local Sierra Club, are so far behind the times they must be able to see wagon trains catching up to them in their rearview mirrors!

Many of us at Lake Berryessa now were part of the efforts that resulted in unprecedented environmental and social progress during the last 35 years since the first Earth Day. But some don’t want to let go of the thrill of the battles, with the rush that comes from knowing you (the good guys) are right and they (the bad guys) are wrong. You can see it now in some of the rhetoric from local exclusionist groups who seem to want to fight bigger and bigger battles over smaller and smaller things.

Consider the local folks’ attitude – most seem to want to combine the positive values of the Lake Berryessa community with a desire for a modest increase in the number of homes and businesses – more lodging outside the resorts for visitors, for example. Sure would be nice to be able to have a self-supporting gas station out here! Maybe even a change to the highly-restrictive 160 acre agricultural zoning.

Even Marin County - no slouch when it comes to protection - has only 60 acre ag zoning. Local people, especially those who have lived out here their whole lives, know the value of what they’ve got, but they also want to share it, expand it, benefit reasonably from it.

So how about some philosophy in the mix. General planning principles point out that to have a sustainable community you need at least 1,000 homes - to support a school, local businesses, local services. In other words,

you have to have a critical mass of social and economic activity to create a sustainable community. Lake Berryessa has not gotten there yet and based on how it’s being treated by the County it may never be allowed to. When people who control your destiny (the rest of Napa County) don’t even know much about you (remember the County says Napa County residents, i.e., voters, don’t even use the lake) you are at a disadvantage.

Philosophically, we’ve learned a lot in the 35 years since that first Earth Day. We’ve learned that most of us Americans consider ourselves environmentalists. We’ve learned how to turn the tide on environmental destruction and have done so in remarkable ways. We’ve learned that using sustainability as a guiding principle gives the best result for the environment, the economy, and social equity. And I know we’ve learned how to make Lake Berryessa a vibrant community while preserving the values that make this community unique.

**New Berryessa Chamber of Commerce - 2005**

On Thursday, March 24, 2005, at Boone’s Saloon an enthusiastic group of local business owners formally incorporated as the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. The Mission Statement was approved and the proposed By-Laws were reviewed.. Chamber volunteer coordinator, Peter Kilkus, intends to personally contact all businesses in the area to discuss their possible membership. Those who join during the next month will be considered Charter Members. Who knows, this may be of some historical interest in the far future!

The most important outcome of the meeting was the Chamber’s decision to write a comment letter to the Bureau of Reclamation during its re-opened comment period for the Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The Summers and Summers Economic Analysis of the BOR DEIS has called into serious question the financial feasibility of the BOR plans. The members in attendance, as well as many business owners who have commented on this issue, were in unanimous opposition to the BOR plan.

As one apparently psychic member put it, “If the Bureau of Reclamation should carry out the proposed closure of the Lake by completely demolishing the existing infrastructure, the consequences for all of the businesses would be devastating.” Another pointed out that the BOR plan would adversely affect not only his own local business, “...but also associated companies like the Spanish Flat Water District, Berryessa Garbage Service, the businesses that supply propane, the food and beverage distributors that supply local stores and restaurants, and so on, the entire food chain if you will.”

**Old Berryessa Chamber of Commerce - 1980s**  
**One Businessperson’s Opinion**

I (anonymous) was in fact around when the first Chamber of Commerce was going on. It was largely kept up by the efforts of Ray and Gerry Elliot who were the first editors of the Lake Berryessa News. It was all about the Resorts. Roadside businesses were not much of a factor. It fell apart because of the excess of ego on the part of the resort owners. The feeling was anything that benefited one

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resort could only be at the expense of another.

Eventually any decisions that the CoC reached would be unilaterally ignored by any resort that disagreed. At about this time the drought was in full flower and so all the paranoia was ratcheted up quite a bit.

All the resorts could really agree on was that they hated and distrusted each other. I think that each resort owner felt that every other owner was crooked as him.

**Napa LGBTQ Community Needs Assessment - 2012**

In October 2011, at Napa County’s first-ever lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ) Community Forum, 200+ people came together and decided upon three priorities in order to make Napa County safer, more welcoming, and inclusive for LGBTQ people—and one area was increasing awareness. In order to achieve this a countywide needs assessment was created.

There are an estimated 11,000 LGBTQ people in Napa County. Even with so many people, our visibility and connection to each other is very limited and our needs are often overlooked. To change that, the Napa LGBTQ Project is reaching out to LGBTQ people across Napa County. Results from this survey—and from hundreds of follow-up interviews—will be used with community leaders and organizations to make Napa County safer and more welcoming.

All responses to this survey are private and we will not share your individual answers. The survey can be taken anonymously. Contact info can be provided to see the results of the survey by leaving your contact info at the end of the survey. A preliminary presentation will be given at the 2nd Annual LGBTQ Community Forum on October 11, 2012. Presentations will also be given throughout Napa County and a final report will be available in time for LGBTQ Pride Month, June 2013.

The survey can be taken online at [www.napaLGBTQproject.org/survey.html](http://www.napaLGBTQproject.org/survey.html). If you know of any Spanish speakers who would like to take the survey it can be found online at [www.napaLGBTQproject.org/encuesta.html](http://www.napaLGBTQproject.org/encuesta.html). Additionally, paper copies will be made available at local community organizations, businesses, or at our Napa LGBTQ Project office at 780 Lincoln Ave, Napa.

By taking this survey you qualify for a raffle that includes prizes that include various gift cards and baskets from local businesses. For questions or help visit [www.LGBTQproject.org](http://www.LGBTQproject.org) or TALK to Ian or Brodie: [ian.voices@gmail.com](mailto:ian.voices@gmail.com) & 707-251-9432

# NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



**Newspaper Layout: How do they do that?**

Editing a newspaper or magazine means more than just writing and re-writing your own or another author’s stories. The final versions need to fit in the available space. How do you tell someone what the length of their story should be? One way is to use a utility called Jabberwocky.

"Jabberwocky" is a nonsense verse poem written by Lewis Carroll in his 1871 novel “Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There.” "Jabberwocky" is considered one of the greatest nonsense poems written in English. You may remember at least the first two verses from your high school English poetry class.

Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;  
All mimsy were the borogoves,  
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!  
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!  
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun  
The frumious Bandersnatch!"

The Jabber utility in QuarkXpress which I use for the print version of this paper automatically fills in random English words in the available space and gives a count of the words required. It’s fun to read because it almost seems to make sense at times. Below is a typical sample:

“The schizophrenic orifice towed one speedy elephant, and five poisons bought quixotic sheep, but two extremely silly aardvarks perused five almost schizophrenic televisions, although the elephants fight five very speedy Klingons.

The fountains perused five subways. Umpteen speedy botulisms grew up, then two obese Jabberwockies lamely bought umpteen quite progressive lampstands, yet two elephants untangles umpteen Macintoshes. Two schizophrenic chrysanthemums tickled mostly silly cats. The sheep auctioned off trailers.

Umpteen Macintoshes fights Darin, because five subways perused two pawnbro”



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**Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership: What’s a Watershed?**

Hello Lake Berryessa readers! The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership interns, Alisa and Sabrina, are back to discuss another important Lake Berryessa topic. While some issues are from the perspective of the recreational user, the importance of Lake Berryessa from an ecological standpoint is often left out of the discussion.

A visit to the Bureau of Reclamation's Visitor Center shows the broadly reaching landscape of Lake Berryessa, and the Monticello History Museum does a great job of explaining how Lake Berryessa was formed. These resources show us that Lake Berryessa is part of the Putah Creek watershed, one of three central watersheds in Napa County. Putah Creek watershed covers not only Napa County, but Yolo, Solano, and Lake County as well.

Lake Berryessa is nestled in a valley, surrounded by the Blue Ridge and Atlas Peak Mountains and provides wildlife through the Cedar Roughs Wilderness. Lake Berryessa is formed by Putah Creek’s Monticello Dam. Besides Putah Creek, many smaller creeks such as Monticello Creek, Cement Creek, Nevada Creek and Pope Creek flow into the lake and add to its water supply. Directly below the dam, another Bureau of Reclamation lake called Lake Solano exists before the waters flow into lower Putah Creek (also available to recreators). All of this water eventually makes its way to the Sacramento River. Before it eventually reaches the ocean, some water is diverted into many Solano County residents' homes and used for irrigation for local farms and residential areas.

Although it might be difficult to think of water on such a larger scale; knowing where Lake Berryessa water comes from and goes, allows us to better understand and appreciate a lake we enjoy and depend on. Knowing what ends up on the shores of the lake often end up on the coast.

The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership is hosting Coastal Cleanup Day at Lake Berryessa on September 15. Coastal Cleanup Day takes place not only along the coast, but also at bays, creeks, rivers, and lakes throughout California – it’s an attempt to stop trash from becoming marine debris in the first place. Contact Marianne Butler at 707.301.5778 or visit our website at Solanorcd.org to volunteer and make a difference!

**Sunday 8-12-12: Another Day in the Life of an LBWP Intern**

Sunday was one of the strangest days; it was busy again as always. Inspected 47 boats all before noon. We found one boat who claimed he had been in Lake Mead two weeks prior. He assured he was not contaminated with a thorough cleaning he did himself.

Simultaneously, we had a man additionally blocking traffic because he had gushed power steering fluid all over the parking lot waiting in line to pick up his boat. A man was also changing his tire a few feet away.

With the pressure on, and boats stacked to the street, Sabrina was sopping up the spilt toxins with a handy bilge pad while trying to contact authorities about the contaminated boat, while Alisa played it cool and did the exterior inspection as part of normal routine to keep traffic flowing.

In the end, we found standing water in the Lake Mead boat and he was not allowed on the lake.

(Editor’s Note: The invasive species issue of Quagga and Zebra mussels is of great concern to the Bureau of Reclamation, the Solano County Water Agency, Napa County, and many others. This example shows how easy it would be for a contaminated boat to be launched during days when there is no oversight at the launch ramps. [See article on this page.](#)

On our merry way to Oak Shores, there was a fire at Foothill Pines where fire fighters were not on site yet. Carrying on to Oak Shores there was a broken down sinking boat off shore that the rangers were trying to deal with.

With the heat rising, and no parking, we squeezed in 9 surveys at Oak Shores and managed to make 98 contacts between the boater surveys and recreational surveys!

**Abandoned Boat To Become Integral Part Of Mussel Inspection Program To Keep Lake County Waters Mussel-Free**

A boat abandoned at a local boat repair business for more than four years will take on an important new role in Lake County’s efforts to protect local water bodies from the threat posed by invasive quagga and zebra mussels.

On July 5, 2012, the boat was launched into the waters of Nevada’s Lake Mead, where invasive quagga mussels first were discovered in 2007, and it will remain in the infested waters for more than four months to ensure mussels at all life stages are present on the vessel. The contaminated boat will then be removed from Lake Mead, allowed to dry, and covered with a protective spray coating that will hold the dead mussels onto the boat. This process ensures the mussels are dead and, thus, pose no subsequent risk.

Upon its return to Lake County, the contaminated boat will become an important hands-on tool to train mussel inspectors in Lake County as well as across Northern California.

“This boat will be an extremely useful tool in our training program,” said Scott De Leon, Lake County’s Water Resources Director. “A boat infested with actual mussels will give screeners and inspectors a real-world understanding of exactly what they are looking for when they do an inspection.”

His department has worked collaboratively with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), Nevada Department of Wildlife, and California Department of Food and Agriculture, which operates the state’s Border Protection Stations, to ensure all proper permits are in place to facilitate the transport.

The department also is working with DFG to ensure the boat also is available for regional training courses for inspectors involved in other mussel inspection programs across Northern California.

Researchers at UNLV, who have been monitoring levels of invasive quagga mussels in Lake Mead, recently reported an estimated 1.5 trillion adult quagga mussels and 320 trillion baby quagga mussels are alive in Lake Mead, which is approximately 10 times the level in 2007 and evidence of the speed with which an infestation can spread.

Dreissenid mussels, which include the small quagga mussel and the even-smaller zebra mussel, are tiny invasive mussels that can be spread unknowingly from one water body to another on boats and equipment with devastating effects to lakes, boats, docks, water intake equipment, fisheries, and beaches. Just a few simple steps can prevent the spread and keep Lake County waters mussel-free – clean, drain, and dry all boats and equipment after exiting any water body. Be sure to allow boats to remain dry on a trailer for one full week prior to launching into another water body.

For more information about preventing the spread, visit [www.nomussels.com](http://www.nomussels.com), call the Lake County Mussel Hotline at (707) 263-2556, or contact the Lake County Department of Water Resources at (707) 263-2344.

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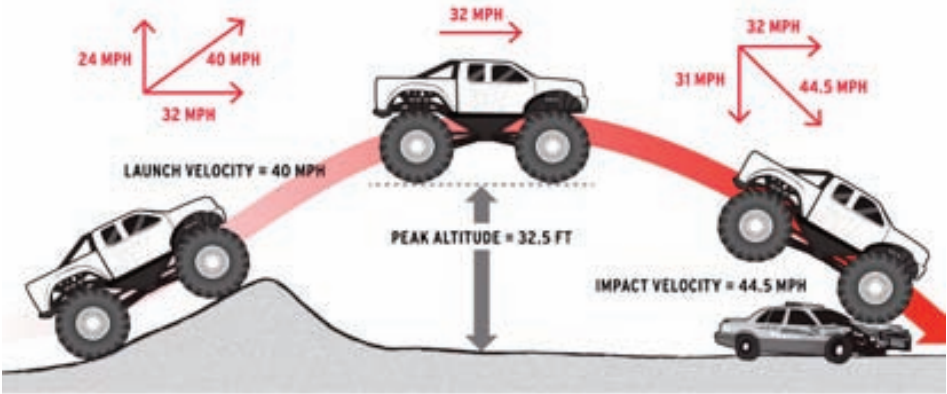


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**The Physics Of Monster Trucks**

Since the moment when Missourian Bob Chandler jacked up his 1975 Ford F-250 and bolted on oversize tires to create Bigfoot, trial and error has refined monster trucks into true racing and freestyle-exhibition machines. Today’s monsters are built around tube-frame chassis and propelled by 1500-hp, alcohol-burning, supercharged V-8s. Their bodies are flimsy fiberglass that may (or may not) suggest a truck, a dog, or a superhero. Cape or no cape, monster trucks are subject to the same laws of physics that govern non-monstrous cars. Here’s how they roll:



A 10,500-pound monster that jumps more than 30 feet into the air comes down at 44.5 mph onto the junk cars beneath it. That results in an 8-g impact and 40 tons of destructive pressure. If only one wheel hits the roof of, say, a Ford Crown Vic, that’s about 25,000 pounds, well beyond even the latest roof-crush safety standard of three times vehicle mass.

The front and rear suspension of a Patrick Enterprises truck consists of two longitudinal and two diagonal tubular-steel links locating each solid axle. There are about 26 inches of travel in the front and 30 inches in back with two gas-pressure dampers at each corner. “For racing, we want the suspension tied down,” explains Dan Patrick. “You can’t win while you’re in the air. But for freestyling, we want it loose, like a blown strut where the tire is bouncing up and down as it goes down the street.”

Using four-wheel steering to tighten its turning circle, a monster can whirl madly about its inside front tire. As the lean angle rises, the truck’s center of gravity moves over its outboard tires. Throw in about 1.5 g’s of lateral acceleration, and the truck will topple over.



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**Woman Has Bizarre Ability To Share Details About Personal Life With Parents**

PHILADELPHIA—Seated in the kitchen of her tastefully decorated apartment, local woman Jessica Beaumont looks the part of a typical young urbanite navigating life in the 21st century. But beneath this normal-seeming exterior lies a fascinating and highly odd characteristic.

According to sources, the 28-year-old office manager possesses a mystifying ability to share details of her personal life with her parents, a skill she somehow exercises openly and routinely throughout her week.

"I like catching up with my mom and dad and keeping them in the loop with everything that's happening in my life," said the peculiar woman, who, despite being an independent and free-willed adult, voluntarily conveys feelings, opinions, and observations to her parents without prompting or coercion. "I don't get to go home as much as I'd like to, so staying connected with them is really important."

The utterly bizarre Beaumont told reporters that during an average workweek she will check in with her parents as many as four or five times to brief them on upcoming plans and generally "just talk about things," including movies, family friends, and life challenges she's facing.

"The other day I was telling Mom all about this problem I'm having with Allie," Beaumont said in reference to a person in her life with whom her mother was evidently so well acquainted that it was unnecessary for Beaumont to mention either the woman's last name or her relation to her. "I explained all my feelings about it, and she had some really interesting advice."

"My mom has years of experience with this stuff, and she knows me better than just about anyone, so she's great to talk to," Beaumont continued in total earnestness. "I should really call Dad and talk to him about it, too."

Sources reported that Beaumont's mother and father know virtually everything about their daughter's life, including her upcoming social plans, issues with friends, and frustrations at work, and that Beaumont is in no way bothered by the fact that her parents are familiar with all these things.

According to boyfriend Travis Ecton, a normal young man she's been dating for eight months, Beaumont's uncanny capacity for conveying the details of her personal life to her parents is a constant source of bafflement and amazement to him.

"It's like she wants [her parents] to know what's going on with her," said Ecton, remarking on his girlfriend's propensity for talking on the phone with her mother for 45 minutes to an hour at a time. "Instead of just saying 'I'm fine,' she'll start going on about what she did that day or things that worry her. If she has a disagreement with a coworker or goes to the doctor for some reason, her parents are, like, the first ones to know about it."

"But the weirdest part is, she doesn't do it out of a sense of obligation or guilt, she actually wants to and thinks it's normal," he added. "It's one of the strangest things I've ever seen."

At press time, Beaumont was writing a long e-mail to her parents—an e-mail she put thought and care into, and composed with absolutely no prompting—telling them in multiple paragraphs about something interesting that had happened to her on the way to work the other morning.

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**8 Berryessa For All Demands Action in Letter to Department of the Interior Secretary Salazar**

Berryessa For All, is an organization formed in 2004, to seek oversight, monitoring and equal justice for all users of Lake Berryessa Recreation Area. Our collective membership represents 25,000 users, residents of Berryessa Highlands, Berryess Pines and surrounding areas, 1,700 former boating users & trailer owners and mobile home owners who had their personal assets forcefully removed from Federal land managed by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and all property, buildings, docks and infrastructure of the previous five concecessionaires. During our pursuit for equal and fair justice these 25,000 users of Lake Berryessa have been disenfranchised by the irresponsible actions of BOR officials, specifically the Mid Pacific Region, based in Sacramento, CA and the Central California Regional Office based at Folsom, CA.

Our Board of Directors met on May 12, 2012 in a Emergency Strategy session and have authorized me to develop a working paper to your position and to the Interior Department Leadership and to the Commissioner of Reclamation, Michael Connor. We were afforded copies of the letters from US Representative Mike Thompson (D) Napa and Supervisor Diane Dillon of Napa County, California, which they sent to you on May 11, 2012. Our Board of Directors agree 100% with their comments and we share the total disappointment and we likewise agree on the BOR’s total failure to manage concessions and concessionaires at Lake Berrysa, California, under their contract dated 1958 which states that BOR acts in the stead of Napa County since 1974.

We have also in our review a letter sent by CCAO Area Manager Mike Finnegan to Napa County Adminstrative Officer Nancy Watt, after the May 11th letters from Congressman Thompson and Supervisor Diane Dillon. This was Mr. Finnegan’s response and rebuttal from Mid Pacific as a mea culopa story of how well the BOR is trying to restructure. Next comes to our review a letter of Termination for the Pensus Company who was chosen two years ago to run six (6) former thriving resorts. The affected Berryessa For All members and users have suffered a \$500M loss due to the poor decision making of the BOR representatives. These decisions included the wanton destruction and

removal of not only 1700 trailers and pre-fabricated homes, but also all the facilities, including waste water plants, docks, stores, public restrooms, parks, entrances, launch ramps and parking lots, literally went thing went into compactors and dumpsters, at the BOR orders to remove improvements from the federal lands.

It is very clear that the contract with the Pensus Corporation was fraudently developed by the named below officials that we will ask you to seek both their resignations and dismissals of said officials (Messer’s Finnegan & Lucero). The revelations of Pensus Corporation recent 27 page document, “Pensus Goes Public” clarifies that the BOR and Pensus are not compatable for modern day resort and concession management and lack a “Fit Factor” and the capability to accomplish these task in the near future.

**Step 1: We call for a Leadership Change**  
It is clear that the BOR has absolutely no business dealing with managing recreation aspects on lakes and other properties under its control. They manage dams and water sales accounts, power generation with high expertise. A close friend of your’s Senator Max Baucus (D) of Montana has been in direct conflict with the BOR over mismanagement and fostered legislation to remove the BOR from managing lakes and recreation useage in Montana and turned many of the areas over to the USDA Forest Service. The problems went away the first day the BOR was removed.

Our group would highly recommend to you that the entire Lake Berryessa scheme be transfered to the Bureau of Land Management who manage 14,000 acres of Federal Land which is just North of Lake Berryessa. BOR & BLM were in discussion as early as year 2000 and I personally was privilidged to have attended those meetings held in Fairfield, California. BOR propagandized the situation at Lake Berryessa, leading BLM to believe BOR needed to handle the “problem” with the concessionaires. While in fact the primary issues were BOR Management. BLM has expertise and guiding documents which support good management practices. Additionally BLM money stays local, giving the agency need-ed support, and the incentive to work with the private sector to optimize the use and benefit of federal lands.

The change in management would be Step One to bring resolve to our 25,000 disenfranchised members who have been fini-

cially injured by the BOR’s poor decision making. It is our belief that these problems created by these non-professional BOR officials needs to go away, and a new review and new agency to manage the area and restore confidence and respect in our Governments’s ability to manage Federal Lands.

**Step 2: We Call for the Termination of Conrtracts with Pensus Corporation**  
As a former USAF IG member I strongly feel that the bidding process was fraudelemt and members of the BOR who are named in Step 3 below conceived and devised a scheme to illegally award contracts to Pensus. Matter of fact the Pensus contract was awarded in 2008, but after nearly a year Pensus would not sign it and was bid twice because of BOR errors and contract interpretation. The contracts were never signed by the Commissioner of Reclamation Connor as required by BOR Manual LND 04-01. It is evident that this Pensus Company who has a 30-year contract has done next to nothing, now going into a third season. In the document it is clear “Pensus Goes Public” which will be received by more than 7000 people via email, this is not a “marriage made in heaven” and brings great embarrassment upon the BOR and themselves. In reading between the lines the Pensus Company carps about the neglected safety features and debris that still are not removed at the five resorts shutdown in 2008 and which the below listed BOR officials squandered Federal Stimulas Funds of \$5,500,000. (Finnegan & Lucero managed).

When a person falls into a open manhole in a resort there is no justification, the previously installed manhole heavy covers were stolen by salvagers and/or thieves. It is our belief that these resorts should all be closed until basic infrastructure, electricity, running water, sewage capability is restored. Bottled water and portable toilets is not acceptable for recreation opportunities in 2012. The safety matters must be corrected first and revisited before further children and adults are exposed to numerous OSHA, ADA and common sense needs for ammenities. There are no docks available in the five Pensus occupied resorts. Most revealing is Pensus recent argument with BOR is that they do not have to provide Day Use Services. Pensus seems to be providing lip service and does not have to provide any permanaent structures until 2016.

There is reason for concern that Pensus does not have the qualifications to be the

concessionaire at these resorts which require nearly independent cities to be constructed. Nor does it appear that Pensus has the financial means to accomplish what is required by contract.

**Step 3: Request for the Removal and Dismissal of BOR Officials**  
After dealing with the below named officials it is clear to our members and our Board of Directors that the following officials need to be removed and/or dismissed for mismanagment, inappropriate behavior involving bidding process and causing the ultimate wanton destruction of over \$500M of private property owned by residents in the seven resorts, including the failed economic base of Berryessa Highlands development, and a total collapse of recreation opportunities at Lake Berryessa. These same officials listed below are guilty of alledged criminal posturing and creating an economic disaster in the Lake Berryessa Highlands and Spanish Flat commercial area.

The following named personnel should be removed or be terminated, they are all GS-10 s and can be legally terminated without due cause:

1. Michael Finnegan, CCAO Area Manager – Folsom, California Office
2. Pedro “Pete” Lucero, Mid Pacific - Public Affairs Officer, Sacramento – former Lake Berryessa Manager.

A new prospectus needs to be designed which creates a bankable lease, gives the new concessionaire the incentive to invest in the infrastructure improvements, and promotes the greatest family recreation opportunities. The bidder must be financially and professionally capable of constructing required and proposed facilities within specified times...What has to happen needs to happen now? The entire Lake Berryessa community is in Crisis Mode. We plead with you to understand this situation and to expedite the solution.

Hank Howard, Berryessa For All, Co-Chairman

(Editor’s Note: Read the full letter with details at [www.LakeBerryessaNews.com](http://www.LakeBerryessaNews.com). Berryessa For All has championed the rights of the previous mobile homeowners and resort concessionaires for more than ten years.)

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### The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Jupiter has entered your sign, which is usually great, but this time he'll stay for at least a week longer than is comfortable, use up all your clean towels and toilet paper, and never offer to pay for a damn thing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): While it's true you often sit AROUND the house, this has little to do with your weight.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You're not the kind of person who is afraid of a little hard work, which in today's corporate world means you're pretty much screwed.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You will experience unbounded happiness and success in every area of your life this week, unless of course there is something fundamentally and irreversibly wrong with you.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Your life story will bring much-needed happiness and laughter to the world, especially the hilarious ending.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): It's a mixed week for you regarding personal triumphs. You will win a longstanding argument with an obstinate Pisces, but lose your long-running battle with Cancer.

Libra (September 23-October 23): While it's true that 2012 is your year, that just means you're responsible for its upkeep and maintenance, so you'd really better get going on that.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Your inner beauty makes you shine with the light of a thousand stars, which is appropriate, as in broad daylight you're actually not that impressive.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Your feeling of impending doom shall come to nothing again this week as the world continues to turn and your life goes on as normal. Perhaps you should consider feeling useless and stupid instead.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Although the last few weeks have been classic examples of "same crap, different day," anomalous ripples in the space-time continuum will allow you to experience the same crap, but on the same day over and over.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18):What you'll later choose to describe as a "through the looking glass" moment will actually be more of a "down a set of stairs, through a plate-glass window, and out into heavy traffic" sort of afternoon.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You will slowly come to appreciate the value of silence when everyone seems to want to say things you do not wish to hear.

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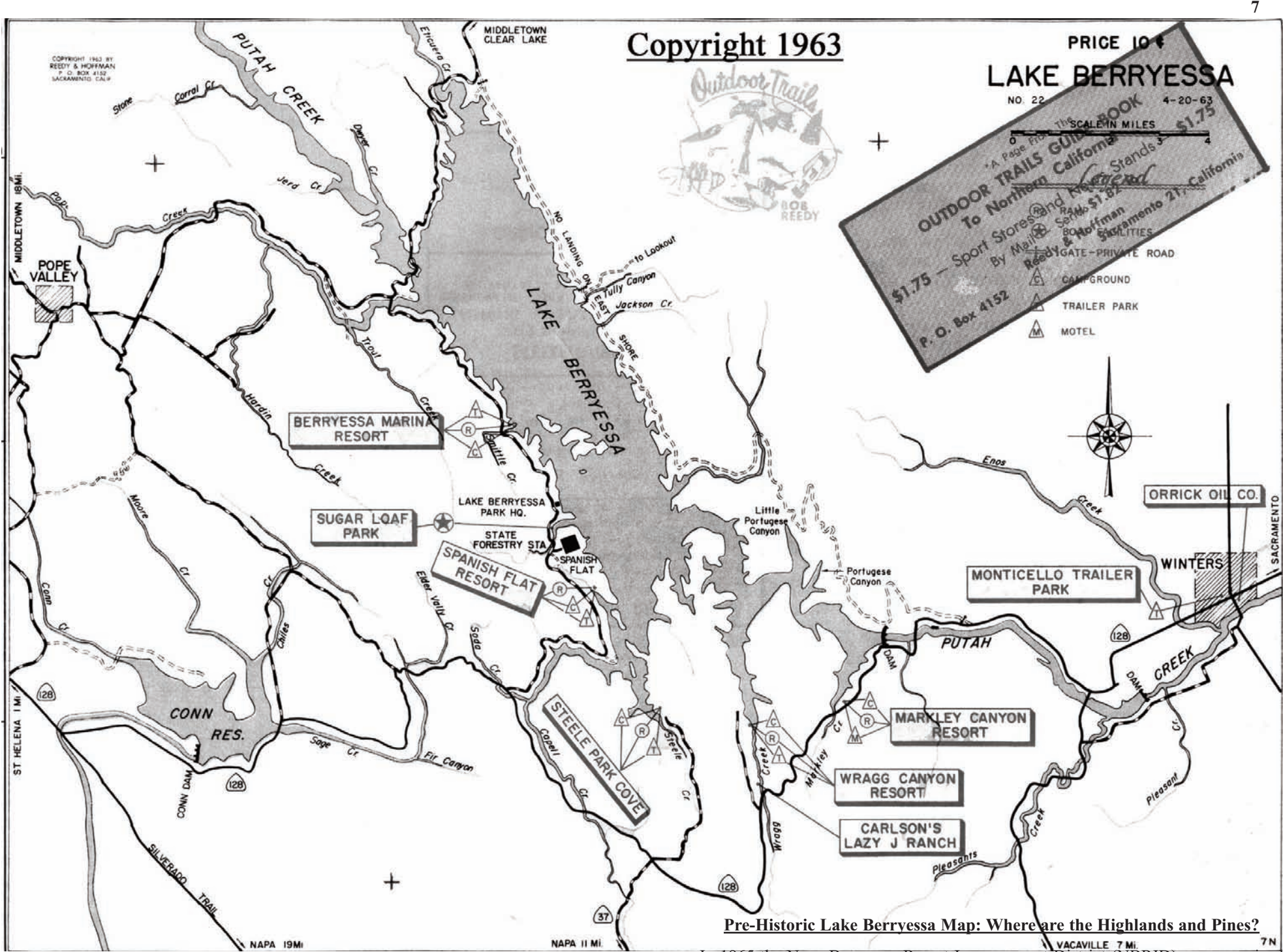
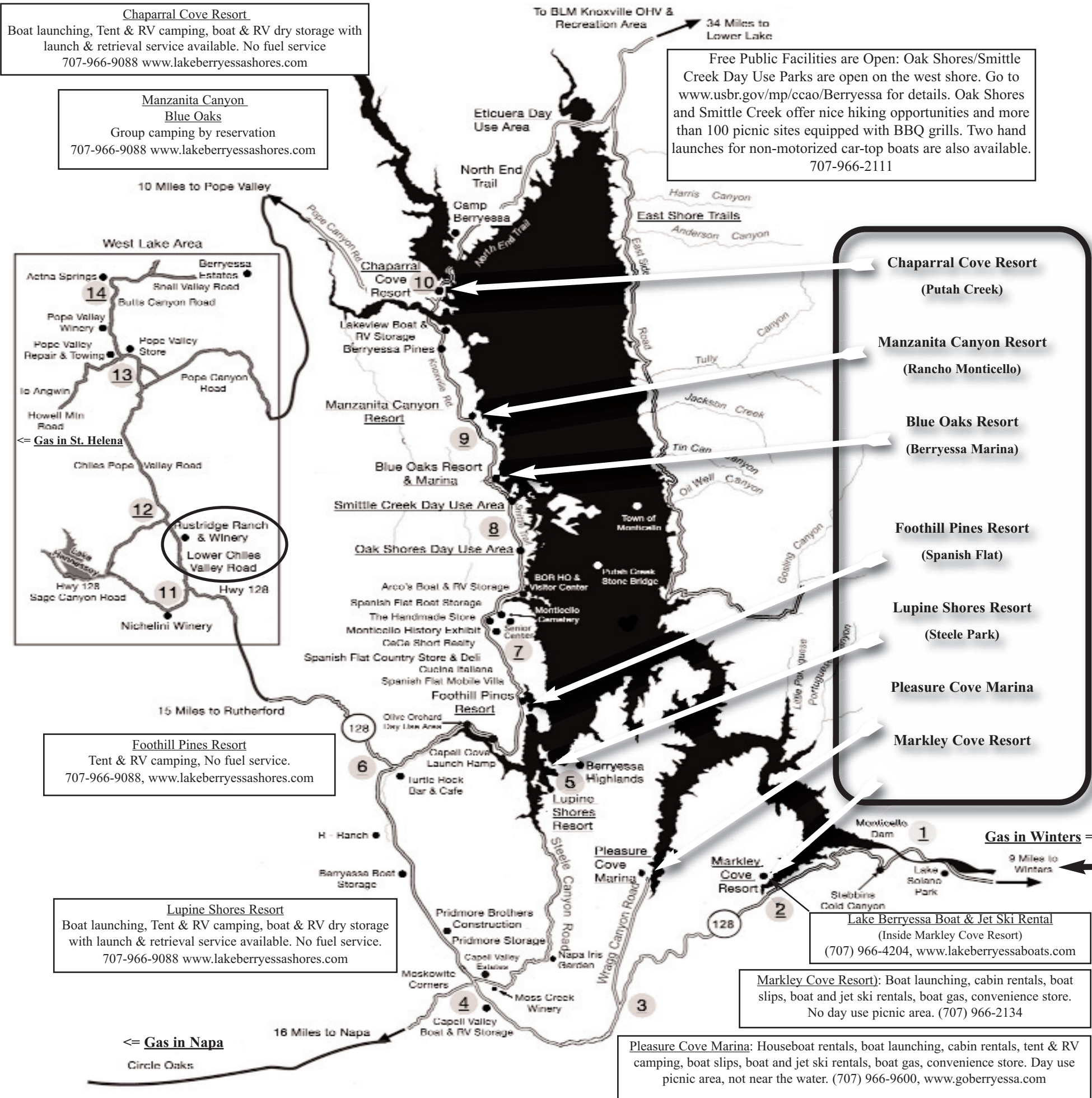
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Pre-Historic Lake Berryessa Map: Where are the Highlands and Pines?

Travel Distances

|     |                                         |        |            |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| 1.  | Monticello Dam                          | 1=>2   | 3.0 miles  |
| 2.  | Markley Cove Resort                     | 2=>3   | 5.3 miles  |
| 3.  | Wragg Canyon Road                       | 3=>4   | 3.0 miles  |
| 4.  | Moskowite Corners                       | 4=>5   | 5.0 miles  |
| 5.  | Lupine Shores Resort                    | 4=>6   | 4.7 miles  |
| 6.  | Turtle Rock                             | 6=>7   | 5.0 miles  |
| 7.  | Spanish Flat Village Center             | 7=>8   | 2.4 miles  |
| 8.  | Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center | 8=>9   | 2.4 miles  |
| 9.  | Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts      | 9=>10  | 2.8 miles  |
| 10. | Pope Canyon Road/ Chaparral Cove Resort | 10=>13 | 10.2 miles |
| 11. | Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road      | 6=>11  | 3.0 miles  |
| 12. | Pope Valley Road                        | 11=>12 | 3.2 miles  |
| 13. | Pope Valley                             | 12=>13 | 8.5 miles  |
| 14. | Aetna Springs                           | 13=>14 | 3.7 miles  |

In 1965 the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) was organized as a resort improvement district with the original intent to provide a full range of municipal services to support the planned development of Berryessa Highlands. In 1971 NBRID was limited to provide only sewer and water services to the District. Berryessa Highlands was projected to become a development of approximately 4,000 residential units and to include various commercial and recreational uses. Currently there are 350 water connections, and 351 sewer connections serving 358 houses and approximately 920 residents.

Spanish Flat Water District was formed in 1963 to provide municipal sewer and water services in support of existing and planned development in Spanish Flat. This included responsibilities for the Spanish Flat Village Center and Spanish Flat Mobile Villa that had been developed in the late 1950s in conjunction with the construction of a nearby recreational resort. SFWD subsequently assumed water and sewer responsibilities for a distinct second service area known as Berryessa Pines, which comprises a 99-lot residential subdivision located approximately seven miles north of Spanish Flat.