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A Note For You

Jan. 9, 2012

Dear Ivan,

While rummaging through some old files, I came upon this and thought you might get a kick out of it. I think Karen Sugh rue was producing a story for "60 Minutes," but I'm not sure.

Why was I rummaging through such old files? Unfortunately, Wilderness Society highups discovered they were \$6 million short of covering \$31 million in expenses. They figured they ~~could~~ could save \$ by eliminating the postage, paper,



etc. for Wilderness magazine (76 years old) and the newsletter. That meant the end for me. I had plenty of company; 32 people lost their jobs, most of them in our Colorado and DC offices.

So you appeared in the final issue of Wilderness.

I hope all's well.

Best wishes,

Ben Beach

P.S. I hope you like the stamps.

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To Karen Sughrue

Date Aug. 7, 1985

From Ben Beach

Tom Watkins, who edits our magazine and knows the literature, suggests two fairly recent books by Ivan Doig. One is a memoir titled This House of Sky; the other is a novel, English Creek. Both are set in Montana, where Doig grew up, the son of a sheep herder. Part of the novel is set along the Chinese Wall in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, but the book is not really about the wilderness experience. You may pick up some other ideas from the enclosed L.A. Times story.

I'm also sending:

- 1- Our special issue on the National Wilderness Preservation System, though it may be the issue you mentioned having read.
- 2- An article from an old issue of Wilderness: "On Bob Marshall's Landmark Article."
- 3- A Wall Street Journal story about a reporter's initial wilderness hike. We weren't thrilled with his handling of the wilderness debate, but his account of the experience is good reading.
- 4- A May speech by a wilderness expert here.

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To

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From

- 5- A story on Bob Cooney, who has been visiting the Bob Marshall for 50 years.
- 6- The first part of a series on Montana wilderness in the Missoulian. I'm sorry I don't have the other four parts. They are excerpts from a book published by the Missoulian.
- 7- An op-ed by our counselor, Gaylord Nelson, printed by the N.Y. Times last fall.

I've gotten carried away, as you can see. One other thought: if you need a good overview on wilderness legislation, you can get a piece from Editorial Research Reports, an arm of Congressional Quarterly. It was written by Marc Leepson and appeared last August, I believe.

Have a good trip, and call us if you need anything.