
From the Director

This issue of our Newsletter focuses on industrial development. We are told we have a shortage, but it's easy to see why: land saved for industrial development is eaten up by commercial or residential uses. So we return to a shortage of industrial lands. It is a pattern that has been repeating itself all over Oregon for years. Now that we know better, we can do something about it by protecting the industrial land supply for its intended uses.

At 1000 Friends, we are saying good-bye to staff that are moving on, and welcoming new colleagues. For details on all the staff changes, see page 12 or go to our website at www.friends.org. At the state level, there have also been significant



changes in in the membership of the Land Conservation and Development Commission and at the helm of the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

The State of Oregon, its landscapes, and our communities face a profound threat from a dubious ballot measure this November, put forward by the extremists of "Oregonians in Action." It is described below. We all must be prepared to work hard for its defeat.

During these challenges and changes, our work continues apace. The Coastal Futures Project, underwritten by a generous challenge grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust, is building momentum as we interview coastal residents and plan a series of coastal forums to be held over the next two years. (see page 9 or go to www.coastalfutures.org) The Hewlett Foundation has funded

our Rangeland Protection Project, which featured a roundtable discussion in Prineville in April and a forum on May 21st in Portland. We are working with both the ranching and environmental communities to see if there is common ground around the fact that rural residential development harms both the environment and ranching. See our next issue for an update of this important project.

While we fight a dangerous effort to destroy Oregon's heritage, we will continue promoting livable cities and vibrant rural economies.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob".

Bob Stacey