

# In the Footsteps of Leopold

A Conference Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of  
Aldo Leopold's Arrival in the Southwest



*Escudilla Mountain from the Hulsey Bench*

Join us as we celebrate the centennial of Aldo Leopold's arrival in Arizona. The conference will look at the Leopold's legacy and will celebrate the landscape that shaped his vision. We will look forward to what needs to be done to insure future generations will have the opportunity to experience this important ecosystem.

The conference will be held on **Labor Day Weekend, September 2009** (September 5th, 6th, and 7th) in White Mountains of Arizona, near the site of Aldo Leopold's first posting as a Forest Ranger. The date also marks the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Escudilla Wilderness and the 45th anniversary of the signing of the Wilderness Act that made permanent the Wilderness System that Leopold helped to create.

The conference has three parts:

1. A retrospective look at Aldo Leopold's impact on the conservation movement and literature.
2. A prospective look at what needs to be done to ensure that the landscape that helped shape Leopold's vision will be protected for future generations.
3. A celebration of the land itself. We will hold hikes and camp outs in the areas where Leopold traveled.



Aldo Leopold, 1909, upon joining the U.S. Forest Service. <http://www.aldoleopold.org/Resources/archives/photoChoices.swf>

*Sponsored by the White Mountain Conservation League <http://azwmcl.org>  
and The Arizona Wilderness Coalition <http://www.azwild.org/>  
We invite other organizations to co-sponsor this event.  
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## **Saturday morning session - The contributions of Aldo Leopold**

**8:45- 10:00 Aldo Leopold's contribution to  
the conservation movement.**

Julianne Lutz-Newton Visiting Professor,  
Department of Environmental Studies,  
Washington & Lee University, author of  
*Leopold Odyssey*.

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

**10:15-11:00 Aldo Leopold's  
impact on the Forest Service**

## **Saturday afternoon – Field trips in White Mountains**

While people are free to  
explore the White Mountains  
on their own, we have  
various field trips planned  
including; hikes up Escudilla,  
in the Blue River Primitive  
Area, along the Mogollon Rim, in the area  
that is proposed as expansion area of  
Escudilla Wilderness, and others. These  
hikes/trips will be repeated on Sunday  
afternoon and Monday morning so people  
can go to multiple locations.

## **Saturday Evening – The Fierce Green Fire Returns**

**7:00 – 8:00 Panel: Predators in the  
Southwest**

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

Dave Parsons – Rewilding Institute, Large  
Carnivore Biologist

**8:00- 9:30 Film**  
*Lords of Nature*, Green Fire Productions

## **Sunday morning Session – The work yet to be done**

**8:30 – 9:30 Enlarging the wilderness in the  
Southwest**

Doug Scott – Policy Director, Campaign  
for America's Wilderness, Author *Enduring  
Wilderness*

**9:45 – 11:00 - Creating a Quilt out of a  
Patchwork: Linking the wild lands throughout  
the West**

Matt Skroch – Former Executive Director,  
Sky Island Alliance

**11-15 – 12:30  
Panel: On  
Making Sausage:  
Political leaders  
speak about the  
possibility of  
public land reform  
in the Southwest**  
We plan to  
invite a number  
of members of  
Congress for  
Arizona and New  
Mexico.



## **Sunday Afternoon – Field Trips in White Mountains**

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

**7:00 – 8:00 Keynote speaker**

**8:00- 8:15 Closing remarks**

**8:15 – 9:00 Music**

**9:00 – 10:00 Bonfire – In the Footsteps of  
Leopold: On being a Wilderness Ranger in the  
White Mountains**

Don Hoffman, Retired Wilderness Ranger  
Myron Burnett, Wilderness Ranger

## **Monday Morning – Field Trips in White Mountains**