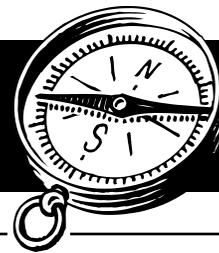


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PROPOSED STATE WATER PLAN LEAVES NATURE HIGH AND DRY



Club Needs Your Comments and Your No Vote in November Election

The Dallas Sierra Club and the Chapter Office needs your help by voting NO on Proposition 19 on November 6th on Election Day and in sending in comments on the proposed water plan by Monday, November 12th.

Water is vital to all aspects of our economy and the environment. The State Water Plan -- which directs state funding for water development -- affects all Texans. Unfortunately, the plan now under consideration by the Texas Water Development Board fails to balance human water demands with the needs of fish, wildlife, and the environment. We are encouraging all members to participate on Voting No to Proposition 19 on election day November 6th and in sending comments by the November 12th deadline regarding this flawed plan.

Here are 2 ways you can affect your water future in a positive way:

A) VOTE NO ON PROPOSTION 19

On November 6, there will be a Texas Constitutional Amendment Election providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion.

Sierra Club's and other groups arguments against this proposition are that:

- 1) The board's remaining \$490 million bond authorization fund should be sufficient for the state's needs over the upcoming biennium. Authority to issue more bonds can wait until the next legislative session.
- 2) The state should conduct careful analyses to determine economic and environmental consequences of proposed projects before authorizing additional bonds.
- 3) Building new dams, reservoirs, and pipelines are not the most cost-effective way of managing local water supplies. Water conservation and drought management uses less capital and there may be other more efficient alternatives.

B) WRITE COMMENTS ON THE WATER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

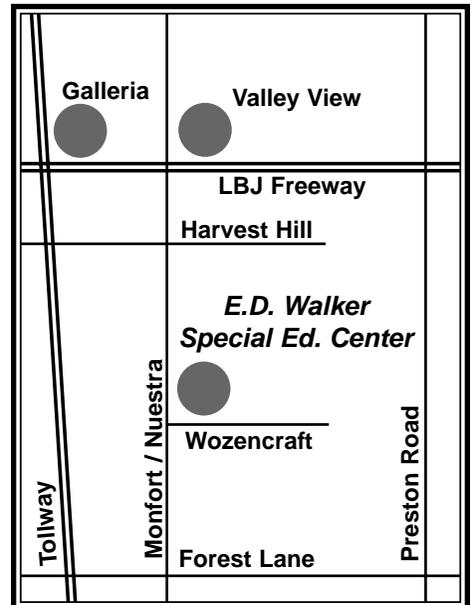
The following are the key shortcomings of the Water Development Plan and why we are urging you and others to write comments by Monday, November 12th:

The current State Water Plan:

- Neglects pro-active water conservation as a means to reduce future demands on water resources.
- Fails to address water needs for fish and wildlife, critical to our heritage and the Texas economy.
- Ignores the fact that many rivers and streams could stop flowing if all water withdrawals were exercised.
- Fails to guarantee freshwater inflows to sustain the productivity of our bays and estuaries.
- Calculates future water demand using outdated information for many cities. Some of these cities are already using water more efficiently than the plans says they'll do in 30 years.
- Offers no realistic strategy for reducing water demand during a drought.
- Allows for the eventual depletion of many large aquifers in the state.
- Includes projects that would reduce spring flows, which provide summer flows to many rivers and streams, therefore threatening wetlands and wildlife.
- Fails to examine whether project costs exceed their benefits.
- Doesn't rank projects across the state to see which ones make the most sense, both economically and for all the above considerations.

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The DallasSierra Club's general meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to all interested persons. The meetings begin at 7pm at the E.D. Walker School on the corner of Montfort and Wozencraft, MAPSCO 15S.



Thanksgiving Bus Trip to Big Bend National Park

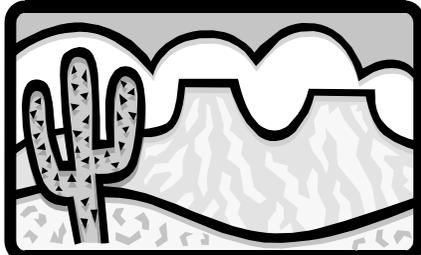
With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it's time to sign up for the Dallas Sierra Club's annual trip to Big Bend National Park. We've been going to Big Bend over the Thanksgiving Holiday every year for the last 25 years. Is the Dallas Group just crazy or is Big Bend National Park that good? Well, the answer is a little of the former and a lot of the latter. Big Bend is a place you don't want to miss this year, or any year.

Our sleeper bus leaves Dallas on Wednesday evening, November 21 and returns early in the morning of Monday, November 26. As buses go, our sleeper bus is about as comfortable as a bus can be. We will offer 5 different hiking trips, which you will select in advance, ranging from moderate day hiking and backpacking to strenuous backpacking.

If you've never been to Big Bend, you owe it to yourself to visit one of the most spectacular places in Texas. If

you've been to Big Bend before, either once or 50 times, join us for a return visit. Check the outings list for sign up details, or call the bus leader, Arthur Kuehne, at 214-902-9260 if you have any questions.

With all of the events of the last couple of months, many of you may be reluctant to leave home for four days in such a remote location, but we think it's just what the doctor ordered. The Big Bend bus trip offers a wonderful escape from the mind numbing news of the world. It will refresh your body and your soul and give you a fresh perspective on the important things in life. To quote John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club outings program: "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves."



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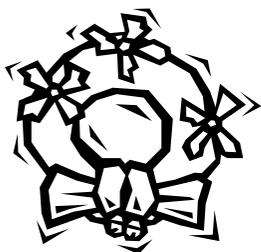
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Mark your Calendar Today!



Sierra Club Holiday Party



Saturday, December 15

Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake, 7-11 p.m.

Fun! Dancing! Pot Luck Dinner! Raffle/Silent Auction! Fellowship! Photo of the Year!

Tickets: \$6-Individual/\$10-Couple

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Bring a potluck dish to share, your plate and utensils, and your checkbook to get some of these great raffle/silent auction prizes!

*To Volunteer, Donate Prizes, or for further information contact
Mick Nolen, 972-991-9351, mick@DallasSierraClub.org
Check out the website for more details • www.DallasSierraClub.org*



Photo of the Year

A new addition to the Holiday Party this year will be a Photo of the Year contest. We need your photos. Anyone can submit a Sierra Club Themed photo! Please mail them to Dallas Sierra Club, P.O. Box 800365, Dallas, TX 75380. Or submit them electronically to party@DallasSierraClub.org

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Membership Potluck M•I•X•E•R

Sunday, November 18, All members and prospective members are invited to attend the monthly Membership Potluck. Leslie March is hosting our get together this month. She lives at 10631 Boedeker St in Dallas. We'll meet from 6:30 till 8:00 P.M. Bring a dish to share and your eating utensils. This is a great opportunity for new members to meet other members and for some good clean fun. For more information please call Mick Nolen at (H) 972-991-9351. E-mail :mickn@dallassierraclub.org

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Texas State Waterplan

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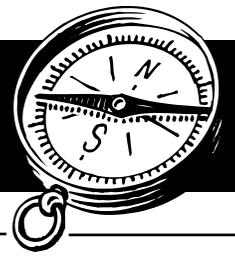
Please write the Water Development Board and tell them to "fix this plan, before we'll fund it," by writing: Texas Water Development Board, Office of Planning- Attention Phyllis Thomas, PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.

Their fax number is 512-463-9893.

Please have your comments in their office by Monday, November 12th.

For more info, call the Chapter office at 512-477-1729. Call Molly Rooke at 214-369-6667 or Rita Beving at 214-373-3808. To access the complete draft of the water plan, go to www.twdb.state.tx.us

Sierra Club Outings



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Notice: To receive this outings list monthly via e-mail, send message to:

outings.list@dallasclub.org

Type SUBSCRIBE OUTINGS LIST on the subject line.



Nov 3 - 4
Sat - Sun

BACKPACK on BUCKEYE MOUNTAIN TRAIL Hike one of the most scenic Wilderness trails in Arkansas. Hike in to Caney Creek Wilderness on the ridge top Buckeye Mountain Trail, out along the creek bottoms of the Caney Creek Trail. Rated moderate, suitable for beginners in good shape. We'll camp Friday night near our cars, Saturday night near a nice little waterfall.

Leader: Bill Greer 972-964-1781(H) or wbgreer@worldnet.att.net



Nov 9 - 10
Fri - Sat

ICO CERTIFIED TRIP LEADER TRAINING Probable campout Fri. Nov. 9 for overnight camping and backpack trainees (optional for day hike leader trainees) at Dallas Nature Center. This once a year event is required for all ICO members interested in becoming an ICO Certified Trip Leader, and recommended for ICO volunteers wanting to improve their volunteer skills. Covers Sierra Club and ICO history, policies and insurance, trip planning, equipment, agency relations, working with youth skills, environmental games, and more. Cost tbd includes all written materials, food, and facilities.

For more information and to preregister contact Liz Wheelan at 214-739-2269 or lizwico@aol.com no later than Nov. 2.



Nov 10
Saturday

WILDERNESS NAVIGATION CLASS Learn the fundamentals of finding your way in the wilderness. Among the subjects covered are: purchasing maps, how to read maps, how not to get lost, what to do if you do get lost, GPS, dif-

ferent kinds of compasses, and how to use your compass. If you have a compass, bring it to the class. If you don't have one, we will show you what to look for when you purchase one. The class will be held at REI (second floor program room). REI is at 4515 LBJ Freeway, north side, between Midway and Welch. The class will start promptly at 10:30 AM and will finish at about 5:00 PM. Bring a sack lunch and whatever you want to drink. The fee is \$10 for Sierra Club members and \$15 for non-members. No reservations are necessary; just show up. For additional information please contact Arthur Kuehne at 214-902-9260 or arthur@akuehne.com or Bill Greer 972-964-1781(H) or wbgreer@worldnet.att.net



Nov 10
Saturday

WHITE ROCK LAKE CLEANUP Help clean up the Dallas Sierra Club's Adopted Shoreline. Meet at the For the Love of the Lake office parking lot on level below Eckerd's in Casa Linda Plaza (on Buckner facing Doctors Hospital, just north of Garland Road, Mapsco 38-J) at 8:00 AM for registration and refreshments.

Leader: Carol Nash 214-824-0244(H) or cnash@dallasisd.org



Nov 10
Saturday

TRINITY RIVERFEST at MCCOMMAS BLUFF NATURE PRESERVE Come any time. Picnic on the Bluff overlooking the Trinity River and enjoy this Dallas riparian treasure. Guided hikes throughout the day -- 9am - 3pm. Mapsco 68B. Located at the South end of Riverwood Rd. DIRECTIONS: From Downtown take I-45 South to the US-175-C F Hawn Freeway exit (exit #238). Take US-175 to the Buckner Blvd (Loop 12) exit and turn Right (West) on Buckner. Go for 2 blocks and turn Left (South) onto Longbranch Ln. Continue South on Longbranch (halfway to the park it turns into Riverwood) and follow the signs. Contact: Jim Flood 972-557-1144 or jdflood@airmail.net



Nov 10
Saturday

VETERAN'S WEEKEND DAY HIKE in TURNER FALLS, OK Come with us for a 2-hour drive to this small scenic park. We'll see stone house of side of cliff, 77-foot waterfall, small caves, and clear streams. Mostly easy hike of around 5 miles with short section of rock climbing. Bring \$2.50 per person entrance fee and water and food for lunch on trail. Meet for carpooling at 9:00 AM at REI store on LBJ Freeway. We should return to Dallas around 5:00 PM.

Leader: Neil King 214-739-6470 or neil_king@acd.org.



Nov 10 - 11
Sat - Sun

BACKPACK ON THE DAVID BOREN TRAIL at Beavers Bend in Oklahoma. The trail will cover 10 miles with spectacular views on a bluff overlook. Camp will be along a flowing stream. The trip will have some steep hills and stream crossing, and is rated as moderate.

Leaders: Wendy Lambert 817-251-0016(H) or wlambert@concretepipe.org and Marcos Jorge



Nov 10 - 11
Sat - Sun

BEGINNER BACKPACK on the BUCKEYE MOUNTAIN TRAIL in the Caney Creek Wilderness, Arkansas. We'll hike from the ridge to waterfall. Rated moderate for Beginners in good shape.

Leader: Mick Nolen 972-991-9351(H) or mick@dallasclub.org



Nov 10 - 11
Sat - Sun

BEGINNER BACKPACK TRIP on the LOST PINES TRAIL at Bastrop State Park near Austin: 9 miles total through a forest of unusually tall (for this area) pine trees. This is a loop trail. We will hike about 4.5 miles on Saturday and camp near a small stream. Hike 4.5 miles back to the cars on Sunday. There are no hills on this trail, but it will be necessary to carry all the water you will need for the 2 days.

Leader: Martha Ohlson 972-727-5778(H) or mjohlson@yahoo.com



Nov 10 - 11
Sat - Sun

BEGINNER BACKPACK TRIP in BEECH CREEK SCENIC AREA Backpack about 10 relatively flat miles (round trip) in this beautiful area of southeastern Oklahoma. We'll hike in the basin area of this 8,000-acre Oak-Hickory-Pine-Beech forest near the

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HOW THE OUTING PROGRAM WORKS

Dallas Sierra Club Outings are open to members and non-members. Some trips may require special qualifications and capabilities. The leaders of each outing / trip are serving in a volunteer capacity and assume no responsibility above that of trip organizer. If you have a medical problem, it is your responsibility to inform the leader before the outing / trip. Outing / Trip leaders are encouraged to participate in training and classes to increase their skills, but they are not paid professionals. They will assist you within their limitations. It is the responsibility of the participant to be aware of any personal limitations before going on an outing.

Radios and firearms are prohibited from all outings. Pets are not allowed unless specifically stated. All outings officially begin at the trail head or outing start point. Leaders cannot assign carpools, but may help coordinate ride sharing for energy conservation and to promote fellowship. All non-commercial transportation is the responsibility of the individual. Car-pooling is SOLELY voluntary, but the costs are shared. The usual method of sharing transportation cost is for all riders in the car, including the driver, to divide the cost of transportation equally. The recommended method of computing cost is to multiply round trip mileage by \$0.13 a mile for small cars, \$0.16 for large cars and \$0.19 for vans. Before leaving, be sure this or some other method is agreed upon.

Most outings require reservations. To participate in an outing contact the leader, who will decide if the trip you are interested in is suitable for you based on your capabilities and the demands of the trip. There is usually a limit to the number of people allowed on a given outing / trip. Reservations are necessary for outings unless otherwise noted. If you must cancel, inform the leader as soon as possible so that someone else can go in your place.

Please respect the wishes of your leader who has volunteered his / her free time to allow you to go on the trip of your choice. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in becoming a leader, contact either the Outings Chair or the appropriate Outings Committee Coordinator on the newsletter back page.

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**Nov 17
Saturday**

DAYHIKE on the NORTH SHORE TRAIL at LAKE GRAPEVINE We'll hike about 7 1/2 miles over slightly hilly terrain on dirt trails. The hike begins at the Rockledge Park trailhead, next to the restrooms, just north of the dam/spillway. Bring water, a trail lunch, and a change of shoes if muddy. Meet at the trailhead at 10:00 AM, or for carpooling at REI at 9:15 AM on the west side of their parking lot at 4515 LBJ Fwy (I-635). No reservations necessary, just show up. Leader: Steve Longley 214-824-1128(H)

NOV 21 (WED) OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. No committee meeting this month. We're all going to Big Bend on Wednesday evening!

**Nov 21 - 26
Wed Eve - Mon Morn**

ANNUAL BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK BUS TRIP Sign up now for this Dallas Sierra Club holiday tradition. If you've never been to Big Bend National Park, you owe it to yourself to experience one of the most beautiful and spectacular places in Texas. If you've been to Big Bend before, join us for a return visit. Our chartered sleeper bus leaves Dallas on Wednesday at 6:30 PM and returns about 4:30 AM on Monday. We will have trips from moderate to strenuous. Some backpacking experience is required. The trip cost is \$160 for Sierra Club members and \$175 for non-members. (Note that the trip cost is \$15 higher than in the last outings list. This is to cover recently increased park fees.) A \$10 fee is charged for cancellations and no refunds will be made after November 11 unless a replacement is found. Bus Trip Leader: Arthur Kuehne 214-353-2927 or arthur@akuehne.com. To sign up, send a check payable to: Dallas Sierra Club to Arthur Kuehne, 3363 Darbyshire Dr., Dallas, TX 75229-5912.

**Dec 1 - 9
Sat - Sun**

WEEK LONG CANOE CAMPING TRIP on the PEARL RIVER in Mississippi. This canoe trip will be on the Pearl River, the largest river contained mostly in the state of Mississippi. The trip will involve 6-7 days on the river and cover a distance of approximately 80-90 miles in the area of Monticello, Mississippi to Bogalusa, Louisiana. The exact river dates and locations are to be determined (dates listed include driving time from Dallas). Camping will be at primitive sites along the river. There are no rapids on this river, but due to the length of the trip, some canoe camping experience and intermediate canoeing skills are required. For more information on this river, see <http://members.aol.com/mmcbs2/pearl.html>. Leader: Mark McClain 972-253-4449(H) or mmcbs@aol.com

DEC 19 (WED) ANNUAL OUTINGS COMMITTEE HOLIDAY PARTY. Bring a potluck dish to share, you eating and drinking utensils and photographs or slides from your favorite trip this year. Soft drinks provided - bring anything else you want to drink. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans welcome. The party will be held, starting at 7:00 PM, at the home of Arthur Kuehne, 3363 Darbyshire Dr, Dallas TX 75229 (Mapsco 23L). Contact Arthur Kuehne 214-902-9260(H) for details.

**Dec 1 - 9
Sat - Sun**

BACKPACK in the GRAND CANYON during the Holidays. Celebrate the Holidays in the largest canyon in the world. Experience hiking through an alpine environment to desert in one day. We'll enjoy the magnificent vistas on the way down to the bottom on the first day of the trip. We'll do a day hike during our rest day at Phantom Ranch then take two days to climb back up to the South Rim. The

backpacking mileage will be about 18 miles and will be on steep trails. Some portions of the trail will be exposed. Because of the nature of the trip, it is rated as "strenuous". The trip will be limited to 10 people and only to those who have had multi-day backpack trips on rugged terrain. Participants should not be afraid of heights and not become dizzy when looking into a precipice. Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP) charges \$5 per person per night for the permit. There is also a \$10 processing fee. To sign up please contact one of the leaders for availability. A \$16 check made out to Wendy Lambert will need to be received by July 15, 2001 to make the permit deadline. The GCNP has no provisions for refunds. Therefore, no refunds will available even if we do not get a permit. If we obtain the permit, a refund for the fee will only be given if there is someone on the waiting list willing to take your place. Leaders: Wendy Lambert 817-251-0016(H) or wlambert@concrete-pipe.com and Marcos Jorge 972-394-2546(H) or mkkj@hotmail.com

**Nov 11
Sunday**

WILDERNESS FIRST AID CLASS Check-in 8:30 AM. Class 9 - 5pm. Required for Inner City Outings (ICO) backpack leaders, recommended for all other ICO and Sierra Club leaders, ICO volunteers, and all who enjoy the wilderness. Class will cover extensive wilderness first aid issues, first aid preparation for remote wilderness travel, and wilderness expedition medical kit. Bring crazy creek chair, sleeping pad, and/or extra shirts to help with hands on simulations. Class price includes handouts, lunch, and beverages. Please bring own mug and/or water bottle. Class taught by Michael Heald, Wilderness Medicine Institute's Wilderness First Responder graduate. (National Outdoor Leadership School.) Cost \$30 for ICO and Sierra Club members, \$40 for nonmembers. Space priority to leaders in training. Class will be held at St. Mark's School of Texas, Science Bldg. Room 110, 10600 Preston Rd, Dallas. (One block south of Royal Lane, Mapsco 25K.) Reserve your spot by sending check payable to Dallas ICO to Liz Wheelan, 8200 Southwestern Blvd, # 510, Dallas, TX 75206. Questions contact Liz Wheelan at 214-739-2269 or lizwico@aol.com

**Nov 11
Sunday**

INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION OUTING Park your car and join us for this "Neighborhood Walkability Tour" around various DART stations, starting at the Mockingbird Station, near Central. Have you ever wondered how easy is it to leave your car at home? Would we really need more freeways and toll roads if more of us could choose not to drive (alone)? Meet at Jasons on Mockingbird, East of Central at 11:11 AM on Sunday 11/11 for a closer look at how to help stop sprawl, and promote more sensible infill development. Short discussion during lunch. All Day DART pass costs \$2.00 -- plus bring money for lunch at Jason's before we depart. Wear sturdy shoes, sun block, water and a camera. We'll return to Mockingbird DART Station by 4:30 PM. Long-time Dallas-area biking and walking advocates will show you a station hopping tour to document ways to improve sidewalk accessibility from neighborhoods to DART. Contact the leader to sign up. All Aboard! Leader: Bud Melton 214-828-2144 or melbow@swbell.net

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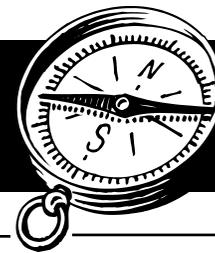
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Conservation Calendar

OCTOBER 27 (SAT) WATER CONFERENCE: WATER FOR PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

(One of the Best Water Conferences in Years!), at the Dallas Public Library, Downtown Dallas, 1515 Young St., across from City Hall from 9-4 pm. Dallas uses more water per capita than any city in Texas. With today's growing concern about future water shortages for our city and other North Texas areas, come listen to civic, government, and environmental experts-discuss Texas water – the needs of North Texas, the proposed solutions and alternatives. What are the impacts on residents, land, wildlife, etc?

For info, call Rita Beving at 214-373-3808 or Molly Rooke at 214-369-6667. Cost: Only \$15 for preregistration by October 23. Registration fee includes lunch.

NOVEMBER 4 (SUN) NO NOVEMBER PROGRAM - Conservation Coordinator's Retreat for next year's planning of programs and priorities.

NOVEMBER 6 (TUE) VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 19 - ELECTION DAY- Conservation Coordinator's Retreat for next year's planning of programs and priorities.

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NOVEMBER 12 (Mon) WRITTEN COMMENTS DUE ON WATER DEVELOPMENT PLAN- See article within this newsletter. Your state Water Development Boards seems to think reservoirs and piping water in from Oklahoma to the tune of \$2 billion is the answer to our future water supply. It isn't - and we need to tell them so.

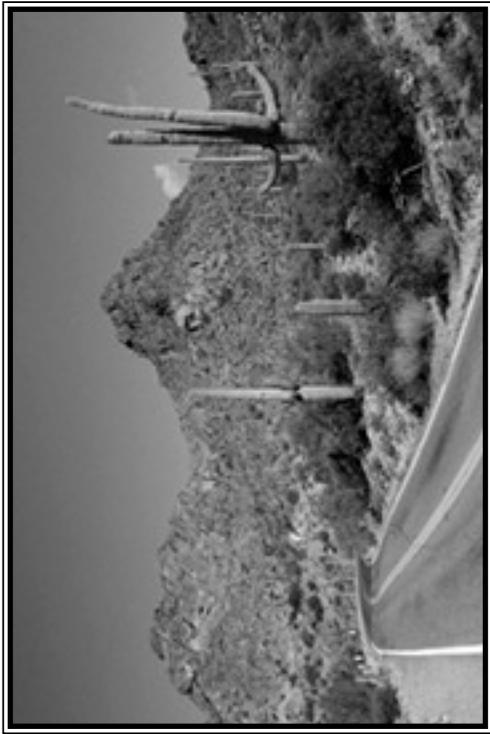


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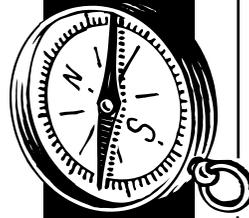
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