

# Sierra Club



Appalachian Regional Office

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Mr. Lenny Kohm  
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Dear Lenny and Jeannie,

It has been six months almost to the day since we collaborated on two Capitol Hill showings of *The Last Great Wilderness*. I am writing to thank you for your good work in our region since then, and to say that Joan, Ken and I look forward to continuing to work with you, and will assist you in any way we can.

The program you present has been an answer to a real need in our region for a way to educate and inspire not only our members but the general public also about an issue that for many seems far away.

Nearly all of the 40 or so presentations you have made since March have had excellent turnout and excellent media, thanks to a number of factors including your coordination with local Sierra Club volunteers. People concerned about the oil spill in Prince William Sound and the threat of oil spills wherever oil is drilled or transported hear about a local presentation of *The Last Great Wilderness*, attend, and then channel their concerns into letters and calls to their representatives and senators. You leave behind people who are energized and inspired to action.

The most telling compliment I hear from Sierra Club volunteers who assisted in organizing local showings is a question: "When can *The Last Great Wilderness* come back?"

At least three congressmen have co-sponsored HR 39 since presentations of *The Last Great Wilderness* in their districts, and we believe that the publicity and the letters generated by the local showings had some influence on their decisions.

We appreciate your dedication and hard work. Here's to Arctic wilderness!

Sincerely,

Joy M. Oakes  
Regional Representative