

# Easy Current News

The Washington Water Trails Association Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2007

## Sea Kayak Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 28th

Renton Community Center

**Excellent Courses**

**Paddler's Market**

Keynote Speaker Jennifer Hahn

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## Speak Out for the Reach

Your voice is important in determining Hanford's final plan. Tell USFWS you agree that preferred Alternative E is best and you support camping in the Monument for non-motorized boaters.

**The deadline is February 23.**

### Mail:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Draft CCP Comments  
3250 Port of Benton Blvd.  
Richland, Washington 99354

### Email:

To: hanfordreach@fws.gov  
Subject: Draft CCP Comments

### Internet:

Submit comments online at  
<http://hanfordreach.fws.gov>

### Fax:

509.375.0196

## Camping Close at Hanford Reach

In a few years people will be able to leisurely paddle or row the fabled 51-mile Hanford Reach. Under a proposed U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Monument plan, Preferred Alternative E, there will be camping "somewhere in the middle of the Hanford Reach, allowing visitors to safely float the entire stretch in a two-day trip" on the only non-tidal free-flowing stretch of the Columbia River in the United States. Your help is needed to show support for camping for people using non-motorized boats in the Reach. Submit your comments by February 23 (see left inset).

2.10.8.10 Objective 7-10: *Camping* is part of the 889-page draft comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental impact statement (EIS) released December 2006. The Reach is a National Monument administered by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under agreement with the Department of Energy. USFWS oper-



*Kayaks parked beside Hanford's famous white bluffs.  
Photo Courtesy of Ron Crouse/USFWS*

ates refuges for wildlife and here must protect cultural sites, rookeries, migration stopover sites, steppe shrub and riverine habitats, rare plants, and other priority areas. Washington's Department of Fish and Wildlife manages some Columbia River islands within the Reach and a variety of governments have jurisdiction over the water surface.

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## Exploring New Waters

**Annual Auction & Dinner • March 23rd**



"Explore New Waters" during an evening of fine food, lively company, and festive bidding! Support WWTA while bidding on outdoor gear, getaways, artwork, and a variety of unique items and experiences!

**Friday, March 23rd**  
**Community Center at Mercer View**  
8236 SE 24th Street • Mercer Island, WA

6 pm Silent Auction & Champagne Reception

7pm Dinner by Balabuste Catering followed by keynote speaker Sally Jewell, CEO of REI & live auction hosted by auctioneer David Silverman

Advanced tickets \$60, After March 1st \$70

**Reserve your place today**, call WWTA: 206.545.9161  
Or purchase tickets online: [www.wwta.org/auction](http://www.wwta.org/auction)

*Normally, you'd be reading a message from WWTa Board President Bruce Farrar. Bruce wanted to let you meet and hear from other committed board members.*

## From Board Treasurer Carmelita Logerwell

As Treasurer I'm now reviewing the 2007 budget and keeping tabs on the progress of the Association's annual audit. These are important financial activities, but I am *most excited* about the Futures Task Force launched last month.

Over the next five months the Task Force will write a long-term fundraising plan with realistic goals and outline a development timeline for WWTa. We will also develop a plan to recruit fundraising expertise to the organization. Seven dedicated members have joined me in the task. They are former board members and officers Judy Pallagi, Barbara Sherrill, and Laura Woodcock, founding members Ingrid Hansen and Tom Steinburn, and longtime volunteers Dick Thurston and Liz Wilhelm.



At the first meeting Reed Waite reviewed the past year and President Bruce Farrar shared his vision for WWTa's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The future of WWTa is very exciting as we become more engaged with many other organizations creating shoreline access for recreational use plus expanding our work to the east side of the mountains in Washington on various rivers. Of course, it all takes money with a capital M.

A founding member told us that WWTa's founders initially thought that once the Cascadia Marine Trail was established that the organization would sunset. We are growing more water trails, expanding our network of alliances and partnerships, and we are also reaffirming stewardship obligations. As we explored ideas of what WWTa would look like in 5, 10, and 20 years, we realized how important it is to start planning ways to financially support the long-range vision.

Our second meeting will focus on defining the elements of a long-term fundraising plan based on resources and materials distributed at the Futures Task Force initial meeting. We are all very intent on making WWTa stronger financially.

## From Executive Director Reed Waite

I love it when I go to the NOAA weather website for my daily fix and the screen looks like a full box of Crayons. December 14th was a Technicolor winter day with eleven colors: Blizzard Warning, Winter Storm Warning, Storm Warning, High Surf Warning, High Wind Warning, Avalanche Warning, Snow Advisory, High Surf Advisory, Small Craft Advisory, Wind Advisory, and Flood Watch. Luckily they weren't all centered on the Wallingford neighborhood where I live. There were times, though, when the winds made my stick frame house shudder and creak.



Volunteers will be needed this spring to work around the latest changes to our shores. A Corporation for National & Community Service study finds volunteering, in 2004, to be the highest it has been in 30 years. Teens, mid-life adults, and 65+ lead the growth. Episodic service, when people participate in short term or one-time activities rather than longer routine commitments, is growing in response to time pressures from work and family responsibilities.

Our thanks go to the hundreds of people, WWTa volunteers and supporters, who help their communities by working with us restoring shores, clearing trails, spreading the news, sharing resources, and helping review a multitude of plans from neighborhood to national levels. Thank you for the fabulous results of 2006. Now let's get working on 2007 and the future.

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## Camping Closer *Continued*

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Washington Water Trails involvement in the multi-year planning process goes back to the late 1990's with Joel Rogers and Mary Monfort communicating with the USFWS Arid Lands National Wildlife Lands Complex in Richland. At that time Senator Murray was pushing for Wild and Scenic River designation. In June 2000 President Clinton established Hanford Reach as a National Monument. WWTa staff and volunteers attended meetings of the Federal Advisory Committee from its first meeting in June 2001 through 2004 in Mattawa, Richland, and Seattle. This year WWTa attended the final public open houses in January and February.

The Federal Advisory Committee developed five different alternatives and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation another. Each varies in theme and degree of public access. Alternative E, the Committee's preferred which includes non-motorized boat camping, attempts to strike a balance between resource protection and the level of public access USFWS anticipates the public expects. While camping is not a priority public use of the National Wildlife Refuge System, it can support uses such as wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

The Tri-Cities will see an influx of water trail users with the Reach opening up. At least two water trails will converge at the planned National Monument Visitor Center at Columbia Point, the confluence of the Yakima and Columbia rivers in Richland. The terminus of the Northwest Discovery Water Trail's Bateman Spur is already marked and work has begun on the Greater Columbia Water Trail (see page 6).

The draft plan makes a number of points about how water trail travel will be a benefit to the National Monument. It provides an access option distinguished from the traditional auto tour routes or

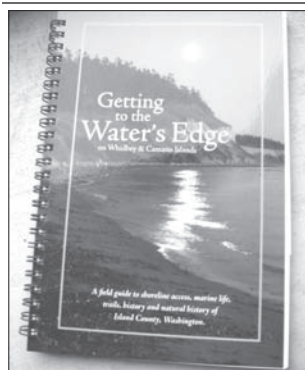


*Non-motorized boaters find solitude on the Hanford Reach.*

*Photo Courtesy of Ron Crouse/USFWS*

other non-motorized trails. The idea of solitude is a value included in Reach decisions. People in non-motorized boats who enjoy low impact camping also value pristine open spaces. Section 2.10.8.9 *Objective 7-9: Boat Launches* calls for management to "work cooperatively with the Northwest Water Trail partnership to include the Hanford Reach as a segment within the Columbia River Water Trail." 2.10.8.10 *Objective 7-10: Camping* directs USFWS to develop "three to six boat-in campsites within five years."

For now, Hanford Reach access remains difficult. Current information is available at [www.fws.gov/hanfordreach/boating.html](http://www.fws.gov/hanfordreach/boating.html). The White Bluff boat launch is closed November 1 through June 30 for over-wintering waterfowl. Soon, public access and water trail camping will be the norm and Washington residents and visitors will experience the grandeur of this section of the Columbia River as it has been for centuries, quietly and respectfully by boat.



## New Books Highlight Public Access

WWTa is proud to showcase two new books that highlight shoreline access opportunities in Puget Sound. "Getting to the Water's Edge" is the definitive field guide to shoreline access on Whidbey and Camano Islands, with helpful information on where to go bird-watching, kayaking, clamming, hiking and more. The beautiful full-color guide includes 18 trail maps, an intertidal life identification guide, and 67 beach access site descriptions

Another must have is "Kayaking Around the Key Peninsula." Published by the Key Peninsula Trails Committee, this guide highlights points of interest, access, camping and lodging opportunities along the Peninsula's 40 miles of marine shoreline.

You can find both of these books, and other fine publications, at the WWTa Store. To place an order, call WWTa at 206.545.9161, stop by the office, or visit [www.wwta.org/shop/books](http://www.wwta.org/shop/books).

## Charity Dollars & Sense

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 doesn't sound very exciting. For Washington Water Trails Association the Act is thrilling as it meant nearly \$20,000 in contributions from long time members in 2006. One of the charitable reforms *H.R. 4, Public Law 109-280* brought is that taxpayers over 70.5 years old can donate to charities directly from their IRA account. The distribution is tax-free if it goes to a charity.

Under the law the President signed last August, contributors can avoid early IRA withdrawal penalties and can donate up to \$100,000 a year in 2006 and 2007 only. As always, in the case of donations, it is best to consult with a financial advisor about exact tax benefits and limitations.

One of the ways many people help is by volunteering. The IRS standard mileage rate driving for charitable work is 14 cents per mile in both 2006 and 2007 for those who itemize deductions on their federal tax return. The Pension Protection Act makes taking deductions for donations a bit harder. Now a receipt from the charity, a canceled check, or credit card statement to prove the donation is required as supporting documentation, regardless of the amount. Taxpayers don't mail the receipts with their return, but keep the documentation, if an IRS audit occurs.

WWTa appreciates the many ways its members and supporters help. Going forward in 2007, every effort will be made to send you a receipt each time you make a direct donation to Washington Water Trails Association.

## Vote for Water Trails

Many of us use water trails to escape the paperwork, bills, and technicalities of our daily lives. Upon landing your kayak at a quiet and unpopulated campsite, you likely are thinking of a few basic things: getting warm and dry, finding the dry bag full of food, setting up your tent, and locating the vault toilet. As you establish your campsite and settle in for the evening, however, remember to look for the Iron Ranger.

Who is the Iron Ranger, you ask? No, it is not a heavy metal band or a modern art sculpture, but a metal slotted box mounted securely to a bulletin board or post in the ground. Even if your campsite does not require an overnight fee, it may have a registration box for you to deposit your information.

But the water trail site is empty and not a park ranger is to be seen.... Does it really matter if you register your campsite? Absolutely. Registering your campsite is like voting "yes" for water trails. Registration is the only way to quantify the use a water trail site receives. Data

collected from site registrations helps allocate funds for water trail maintenance and demonstrates the demand for new sites.

So, next time you travel the water trails, remember to make your mark – on the registration form – and encourage your fellow paddlers to do the same.

Check-out time 1:00 p.m.

### WASHINGTON STATE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Campsite/Moorage is occupied only when fee has been paid and site is physically occupied by registered camping party.  
**No reserving or saving campsite/ moorage.** Information provided is for park use only and is important in case park staff have to notify you regarding an emergency or camp evacuation.

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## Trails Conference Review

Over 200 people attended Trails for Future Generations, the two-day 2006 Washington State Trails Conference held in Yakima early November. Author Jeff Rennie gave the keynote address *Growing Up Wild* with slides of kayaking Lake Superior. WWTa's Outreach Director Sarah Krueger headed the Marketing Committee, designing the conference brochure.

WWTa board member Carmelita Logerwell and Bromley Henningsen handled inquiries from across the state at WWTa's table and spread out to cover the conference's three tracks: Urban Trails, Activism & Outreach, and Funding. Board member Fran Troje and Reed Waite also assisted in planning the event.

The goal of the Washington State Trails Coalition (WSTC) is to protect, promote and enhance a statewide system of trails for both motorized and non-motorized outdoor recreation and transportation. The 2008 conference will be in the Spokane area. WWTa hosts the WSTC web page, where you can download a summary of the 2006 conference. Visit [www.wwta.org/wstc](http://www.wwta.org/wstc).

## WWTA Goes Global



This photo was submitted by Jim Emery, former Board Secretary, now living in New Zealand. He writes, "I have attached a picture of our van here in New Zealand complete with WWTA sticker. I like to think of us as the Southern Hemisphere branch of WWTA." Indeed, Jim is volunteering long-distance to coordinate speakers for WWTA's Sea Kayak Spring Seminar. Thanks, Jim!



# 2nd Annual Sea Kayak Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 28th

8:30am - 5pm

Renton Community Center

1715 Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA



## Course Topics Include:

On-Water Photography © Reading Charts © Paddle Design & Technique © Navigation Skills  
Paddling Destinations © The Surf Zone © Capsize Recoveries © Kayak Repair & Maintenance © & Much More!

Seminar Registration \$35 · Free Admission to Indoor/Outdoor Paddler's Market  
Registration & Details online: [www.wwta.org/seminar](http://www.wwta.org/seminar)



Whether you are an avid sea kayaker or just getting started, it's time to brush up on your skills and get ready for the water! The Sea Kayak Spring Seminar will begin with keynote speaker Jennifer Hahn. Throughout the day, you will enjoy expert instruction in your choice of courses, browse an indoor/outdoor Paddler's Market, and network with fellow kayakers. The Sea Kayak Spring Seminar is the ideal launch to a successful season of safe and enjoyable paddling!

### Keynote Speaker Jennifer Hahn

Award-winning writer, naturalist, illustrator, avid wildharvester, and solo kayaker Jennifer Hahn will share slides and stories from *Spirited Waters: Soloing South Through the Inside Passage*. In a kayak named YEMAYA with a cedar wreath lashed to the stern, Jennifer Hahn launched from Ketchikan, Alaska on a solo voyage home to Bellingham, Washington. With 26 years of wilderness kayak travel under her hull, Hahn chronicles more than her intrepid 750-mile solo journey through the Inside Passage over two springs and summers. Besides meeting lightkeepers, loggers, Kwakwiltl carvers, migratory gray whales and bears--you'll learn all about wildharvesting from forest to sea. Ever eat a raw sea urchin? Chocolate Ocean Pudding thickened with Turkish Towel seaweed? Hahn's inspiring, humorous, and natural-history-packed presentation includes an interesting tongues-on treat: nutrition-rich sea veggies and land plants dried for kayaking expeditions. So come feast on flotsam and far-off tales!

## REDUCE YOUR PADDLE PRINT



Northwest beaches are host to a variety of shore plants including dune grass, beach pea, pickleweed, seashore lupine, saltmarsh dodder, and beach carrot, among others. Like a Washington paddler, beach vegetation endures the elements and exposure to winds and waves. Despite their tolerance of harsh conditions, shore plants are extremely sensitive to trampling.

You can do your part to protect shore plant communities, essential for stabilizing the shore and providing valuable habitat. Avoid trampling vegetation by resting your boat on durable surfaces such as sand, pebbles, or beach logs and stick to established trails and tent pads.



## Volunteer Appreciation Party



*Lively discussion about techniques for using the infamous "poop tube."*

Volunteers are the foundation of WWTa's success. Every year, dozens of dedicated people help with everything from mailings and event planning to water trail stewardship. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, WWTa hosted friends new and old for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party. Guests enjoyed a slideshow review of 2006 and looked forward to volunteer activities during the year ahead.

In November of 2007, WWTa will combine the Volunteer Appreciation Party with the Annual Meeting. The event will serve as a forum to update and involve members while recognizing those who helped WWTa accomplish its goals this year.

Want to get more involved with WWTa? Volunteers are needed for a number of work parties, events, and symposia this spring. Stay updated on volunteer opportunities by joining the volunteer email listserve and receive notices approximately once a month. To get on the listserve, send an email to [volunteer@wwta.org](mailto:volunteer@wwta.org). Volunteer opportunities are also posted on the events calendar at [www.wwta.org/news/calendar](http://www.wwta.org/news/calendar).

## Greater Columbia Water Trail

The next great water trail in Washington State will be greater. It will be the Greater Columbia Water Trail, so named at a Wenatchee meeting in December. Subcommittees are now at work defining the partnership (Coalition), leadership (Management & Steering Committees), vision, mission, and goals for the network of water trails in the Columbia River watershed from Canada through the Hanford Reach.

At the same meeting held in the Port of Chelan County Confluence Technology Center the steering committee agreed to trail development in three parts. From the Canadian border to Wells Dam would be the northern section or region. Rock Island Dam will be the joining point of the central and southern sections of the water trail. Terminus will be the Columbia Point Reach National Monument visitor center and confluence with the Yakima River in Richland.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) is an early supporter. DFW artist Peggy Usakoff, who designed orca and bald eagle Washington State license plates, will complete the water trail

logo in February. DFW has a \$25,000 grant for signage on the Similkameen that will be used to mark public water access and place interpretive kiosks on the Sinlahekin Wildlife Refuge, Washington's first game refuge that was established in 1939.

Western Washington based Washington Water Trails Association, Washington State Parks Statewide Trails Program, and National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program staff provides bridges to other Columbia River water trails and years of long distance trail development know-how. Working cooperatively, the various staffers carpool to Eastern Washington meetings, reducing each agency's travel expenses.

In 2007 there will be designation events, outreach meetings, and many ways to participate in the Greater Columbia Water Trail. To receive electronic updates, send an email to [aimee@ccpd.com](mailto:aimee@ccpd.com) with subject "GCWT email news" and ask to be added to general distribution.

## Record Newsletter Mailing Party

160 flying fingers breezed through the collating, folding, and labeling of WWTa's fall *Easy Current News* November 1, 2006 at WWTa's office. The group was so efficient and quick it had to wait for pizza, usually delivered and eaten before beginning labeling. Not this night! The entire operation took a mere 68 minutes.

Cheesecake, baked by Tom and Laura Deschner, enticed volunteers to remain for a few more minutes, catching up on past trips and learning a bit more about new friends among the volunteers who help WWTa get out the news. For a list of the committed and talented mailing squad, see the last page of this newsletter, and extend them our thanks.

*Right: The mailing party "dream team" hard at work.*



## Volunteers

### Stewardship Reports

Bruce Farrar  
Gayle Austin  
Jan Hillyard & Lynn Gray  
Mark Levensky & Michelle Connor  
Tim Hallmark

### Newsletter Mailing Party 11/1

Ken Clark  
Lynn Clark  
Laura Deschner  
Tom Deschner  
Bruce Farrar  
Tim Garton  
Taylor Hanby  
Carmelita Logerwell  
Keith Martin  
Fran Rehrmann  
Gene Rowland  
Barbara Stahler

### Appeal Mailing Party 11/15

Mark Levensky  
Keith Martin  
Anne Monteforte  
Alice Romero

### Auction Invitation Mailing Party 1/30

Bruce Farrar  
Mark Levensky  
Judy Moyer  
Rachel Van Noord

# THANK YOU

Kayak Point  
Fort Ebey  
Laughlin Cove  
Possession Point  
Deception Pass

## New Website Highlights Wild & Scenic Rivers

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was established by Congress in 1968 to designate and protect free-flowing rivers and river sections for their "remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values."

Northwest states contribute well over half of the rivers in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. In Washington, portions of the Klickitat, Skagit, and White Salmon Rivers are designated as Wild and Scenic..

Learn more about the Act and the rivers it protects by visiting the newly launched Wild and Scenic Rivers website.

[www.rivers.gov](http://www.rivers.gov)

## Supporters

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NW Outdoor Center  
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Odyssey Builders  
Olympic Kayak Club  
Olympic Raft & Kayak  
Outdoor Adventure Center  
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The Mountaineers Foundation  
The Trust for Public Land  
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WA State Parks & Recreation  
Werner Paddles  
YMCA Camp Seymour

## The WWTa Convenience Store

(For more Washington Water Trails merchandise, visit our website: [www.wwta.org/shop](http://www.wwta.org/shop))

### WWTA T-Shirt

Unisex size: M L XL XXL 3XL \$20 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Women's Fit size: S M L XL \$20 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

WWTA Patch \$4 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

WWTA Decal \$2 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

### Lakes-To-Locks Trail Map: West Region

\$6 (member), \$9.50 (non-member) x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_



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# Calendar

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## February

- 21: Northwest Discovery Water Trail Meeting. 10am-3pm at Bonneville Dam. RSVP to [info@ndwt.org](mailto:info@ndwt.org)
- 26: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm Seattle Flagship REI (222 Yale Ave N)

## March

- 10: **Blake Island Work Party.** Restore native dunegrass to the Cascadia Marine Trail site. Call 206.545.9161 or email [volunteer@wwta.org](mailto:volunteer@wwta.org)
- 23: **Exploring New Waters:** WWTA's Annual Auction & Dinner. 6-10pm at Community Center at Mercer View. Food, friends, and spirited bidding! For tickets, call 206.545.9161 or purchase at [www.wwta.org/auction](http://www.wwta.org/auction)
- 26: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm, location to be announced.

## April

- 13-15: Port Angeles Kayak Symposium. Info at [www.raftandkayak.com](http://www.raftandkayak.com). To volunteer at WWTA's booth, contact [volunteer@wwta.org](mailto:volunteer@wwta.org)
- 18: **Easy Current News deadline.** Submit your articles & photos to [editor@wwta.org](mailto:editor@wwta.org)
- 21-22: **Lake Ozette Cleanup.** Help remove litter from the shore by kayak. Free camping. Info and sign up, contact [volunteer@wwta.org](mailto:volunteer@wwta.org)
- 23: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm Seattle Flagship REI (222 Yale Ave N)
- 28: **Sea Kayak Spring Seminar.** Full-day of high-quality instruction, \$35. Paddler's Market, free. Registration online: [www.wwta.org/seminar](http://www.wwta.org/seminar)

## May

- 1: Greater Columbia Water Trail Steering Committee Meeting. Details TBD. Contact Aimee Pope at [aimee@ccpd.com](mailto:aimee@ccpd.com) or 509.663.5159.
- 2: **Easy Current News mailing party,** 6-8pm at the WWTA office.
- 5: **Blind Island Work Party.** Remove invasive species with WWTA. Contact [volunteer@wwta.org](mailto:volunteer@wwta.org)
- 11-12: Paddlefest. Instruction and demos in sunny Richland, WA. To volunteer at WWTA's booth, contact [volunteer@wwta.org](mailto:volunteer@wwta.org)
- 19-20: Puget Sound Sea Kayak Symposium. Pt. Defiance Park, Tacoma. To volunteer at WWTA's booth, contact [volunteer@wwta.org](mailto:volunteer@wwta.org)



*Preserving access to Washington's waters for future generations*

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