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"Promoting wholeness in our forests and our community."

Our Mission is to permanently protect the last remaining roadless cores in the Yaak Valley, to support the development of a sustainable local economy based increasingly on value added forest products and ecological restoration; and to maintain and restore the valley's ecological integrity by conserving and enhancing habitat for populations of sensitive species. We are dedicated to cultivating and encouraging meaningful dialogue between historically polarized groups; bringing these groups together to find common ground on ecologically sound, stewardship based forestry management practices.



Notes from the Director.....

Dear Friends,

The spring rains have begun and are slowly and surely melting the heavy snow from winter. It's amazing to me that underneath 4 plus feet of snow at our cabin that nature has begun to "wake up". The small larch trees have a yellow/gold glow about them, the willow trees are popping buds even though our temperatures are still in the 20's or lower overnight and the birds and squirrels are up bright and early nesting and foraging for food. The winter was long and at times it felt as if I lived in a snow cave. The windows had to be shoveled out three times and we finally just gave up trusting that the spring rains would do the work for us.

I'm grateful today for the generous outpouring of private donations we've received in response to our funding ask in February. You've helped us keep the doors open over the long winter. As the sun breaks through the clouds today melting the mounds of snow in the yard, I'm thinking about the spring and summer field season and, besides making my seed list for the garden, I'm making check lists for our staff.

The Headwaters project begins its season with field training in June, and then the work begins in July.

Our Community Forest Watch program has a busy season of pre and post harvest monitoring for projects such as North East Yaak, Grizzly and South Fork Fuels. The Conservation Education program will begin the school garden this spring with the addition of a new greenhouse and is making plans for outdoor classroom sessions over the summer months.

Lisa and I are busy planning our summer celebrations beginning with the annual meeting June 26th and a wilderness jam-fest July 30th – a celebration of wilderness, restoration and collaboration.

Thank you all for believing in and supporting our work in this beautiful and wild place.

Peace,
Robyn King



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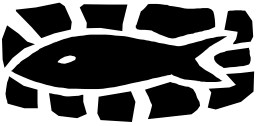
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HEADWATERS RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP

PROJECT by Pete Leusch

The Headwaters Restoration Partnership Project is in the process of preparing for a busy field season. We are excited to start several new projects and to continue with our monitoring efforts on the Kootenai National Forest (KNF). The monitoring component is the key data gathering aspect of the Headwaters Project. Specialists from the KNF and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, mostly hydrologists and fisheries biologists, have designed the studies and trained our crews to do the work accurately. Watershed Consulting, an independent group of fisheries and watershed specialist contribute to the project as well. This year we plan to:

- Install 15 stream thermographs in the Yaak valley to monitor stream temperatures throughout the year. The thermographs will measure and record the water temperature every hour and the data will be downloaded remotely twice a year and used in a database to analyze temperature changes over time. Native trout species have very specific temperature ranges and this data can be invaluable in determining habitat changes due to management activities and climate change. We will be working closely with KNF Fisheries Biologists to choose the sites and analyze the data.
- We will be assisting KNF Fisheries Biologists in fish distribution surveys. There are several streams where fish species are still unknown. Our crew will work with nets while the biologist uses non-lethal shocking techniques to identify and count fish species in specific areas of concern. For example, we plan to survey above and below a barrier culvert at Grizzly creek to determine if replacing the barrier with a better culvert will jeopardize genetically pure West Slope Cutthroat trout above the culvert.
- Sediment Source Surveys. We will revisit some sites that were identified as high priority sediment sources in the past to assess changes and possible remediation. We also have areas of concern, for example, a washed out culvert at Turner Creek that has been identified but never surveyed. Sites such as the Turner site are high priority for restoration but are not currently in the database.
- We will continue a partnership with Wildlands CPR from Missoula to monitor wildlife use of closed and decommissioned roads. Last summer, we placed motion sensitive cameras on two roads slated for decommissioning in the Callahan Creek area. Photos of wildlife using the roads and vegetation surveys that were conducted will

be compared with data collected after the work is completed next summer. WCPR is using the data along with similar data collected on other National Forests to advocate for more road decommissioning and higher standards.

- Pacfish/Infish Biological Opinion Assessment Monitoring (PIBO). PIBO was developed by the U.S. Forest Service in response to the 1999 listing of Steelhead and Bull Trout as endangered species and is an in-depth method of assessing changes in fish habitat over time. A huge undertaking, the PIBO program monitors thousands of streams throughout the Columbia River watershed. YVFC has the only crew that is not employed directly by the USFS. We have ten PIBO sites in the Yaak watershed and plan to establish five more this year.
- North Fork Weed Abatement. We plan to remove a spotted knapweed infestation at this recreation site. The site is used by campers, boaters and water trucks and is adjacent to the river where seeds are falling in and being carried downstream. Our crew will hand pull weeds on the 1/2 acre site in early summer and will release two types of predatory weevil that have been approved by the USFS and are effective at destroying knapweed. The site will be evaluated for further action throughout the growing season. We may replant natives here if needed, but the site should recolonize when the knapweed is gone. Removing this infestation will help minimize the spread of knapweed in the Yaak and can be used as a demonstration site for further eradication efforts.
- We will continue to maintain and improve the Dodge Summit Trail. With assistance from the US Forest Service and our other partners, YVFC helped to coordinate this Dodge Summit Road-to-Trail Project and turn a crumbling, old road into a non-motorized trail in some of the wildest country in the Yaak Valley, home of grizzly bears, wolves, moose and elk. Our crews will clear winter blow downs in spring and will be working rough sections of the tread to make the trail more user friendly for hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers.

Yaak River Assessment and Restoration Plan: The YHRPP, with help from Mobile LoGistics Mapping of Whitefish, Montana and Watershed Consulting of Missoula Montana, has incorporated all sediment source inventory data into a database with queries designed to summarize variables relevant to road and stream restoration planning. The database contains data from 1,303 sites on roads and stream banks throughout the U.S. portion of the Yaak watershed, each with multiple variables related to stream crossing structure and condition, fish passage, and sediment source severity and risk. Queries developed for

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FOREST WATCH

by Matt Bowser



Deep snows and not a single active project on the Three Rivers District supplied the Yaak woodlands with a well-deserved quiet this winter. The weather has put nearly all of my duties in the field on hold and provided a great opportunity to research and prepare for the spring “break-up” of activity on our Federal Lands. The Forest Service is releasing major plans and projects this spring / early summer that will carry lasting management decisions into the Yaak Valley and surrounding Kootenai North Fork. Some highlights include:

- USFS Planning Rule—Comment period on the DEIS ends on May 16th
- K.N.F. Plan Revision—DEIS scheduled for release Early June
- Access Amendment—FSEIS scheduled for release Late April/Early May
- Grizzly Project—Comment period on the FSEIS ends Late April
- Sparring Bulls Project—FSEIS/ROD scheduled for release mid-April
- East Reservoir Project—EA scheduled for release in May/June
- South Fork of Yaak Project—EA scheduled for release in June
- Pilgrim Timber Sale—EA scheduled for release in May

This “flood” of activity and acronyms is enough to make your mind swim aimlessly, so if you need help understanding or if you want to become involved with a particular project – please contact me and I’d be happy to help. Forest Watch is monitoring and commenting on all of these projects; however, the K.N.F. Plan Revision is a priority concern for our organization and will soon demand a high level of engagement from our supporters. If you were unable to view the alert regarding Forest Plan Revision that I sent out back in February, no worries because you’re certain to hear my call to action in the near future. Our collective voice must be LOUD; the revision process only rolls around once every fifteen years.

Winter hibernation and a lack of active projects enabled me to turn Forest Watch attentions inward and address some big picture components of the program. With all of the huge agency decisions about to be made at the national and

local level, our organization needs to have a very clear set of principles to operate from as we enter the debate. I have been working on compiling YVFC philosophies and our history into an on-the-ground-reality document. These vegetative management guidelines have been crafted in order to “walk the talk” and ensure that a high degree of consistency flows through all Forest Watch work, no matter what project I’m working on.

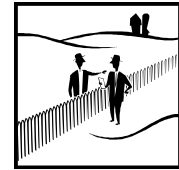
I have been participating in the Kootenai Forest Stakeholder Coalition on two different levels. I’ve taken the lead position on the Three Rivers Team, where we continue to inch towards common ground on the South Fork of the Yaak Project. I remain hopeful that we can resolve our differences over the proposed treatment of FS Road # 68, which would provide the green light to the Forest Service on that project. I’m also on the Silvicultural Guideline Committee of the KFSC. This group brings representatives from the timber industry, county and conservation community to the same table in attempts to find agreement on vegetative management protocols. It’s challenging. We’ve had some recent set-backs, but we remain committed to pushing on, adapting our approach, and I hope to update you soon on our success.

Forest Watch monitoring will kick into action with the arrival of warming temperatures in our valley. The Northeast Yaak project still has units that are in need of further investigation. And it’s likely the Grizzly project will resume with timber-harvest activity this summer as well. Monitoring is a vital component of the Forest Watch position because it completes the feedback-loop between YVFC and the Forest Service, while establishing our credibility as an “on-the-ground” organization. We are the only consistent conservation presence in the Yaak woods making intelligent observations and documentations that improve our dialog with the agency and hopefully affect future land management decisions. With each project, there is room for improvement and monitoring is the key to the realization and attainment of adaptive measurements.

Stay involved! I’ve been adding alerts to our website on a regular basis. So, if you need talking points for your comment letter on the Planning Rule or you’d like to sign up for this summer’s co-sponsored wilderness walk with Montana Wilderness Association, check out the YVFC website!

FOREST JOBS AND RECREATION ACT UPDATE

Neighbors working with neighbors across Montana



In mid-December 2010, Senator Jon Tester attached the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act to an omnibus appropriations bill and for about two days we stood ready to celebrate the first ever wilderness designation in the Yaak—the land that the wilderness act forgot. Roderick Inventoried Roadless area would be a wilderness area and portions of North West Peaks and Mt. Henry would be protected forever for nonmotorized-recreation. The omnibus bill didn't make it out of the Senate and fell victim to the polarization in Washington, DC.

The good news is that it's not over by a long shot. Thanks to Senator Tester's courage, conviction and commitment to made-in-Montana solutions for jobs, restoration and recreation; he has reintroduced FJRA in the 112th Congress. We'll celebrate wilderness, recreation and restoration in the Yaak this year. Because of the success of the Three Rivers Challenge, other stakeholder groups in our community are becoming interested in using this template on other areas of the Kootenai National Forest. As we wait for FJRA to pass this year, we continue to work to protect the remaining roadless areas on the KNF, propose projects that restore and maintain wildlife and fisheries habitat, restore and maintain old growth forests and promote forest health and to build a restoration workforce to implement the restoration work generated from local collaborative efforts.

Why conservationists support Senator Tester's Forest Jobs and Recreation act:

- The bill protects as wilderness nearly 700,000 acres of Western Montana's most spectacular backcountry.
- It steers logging to areas already roaded and requires habitat restoration and reducing fire risk near communities.
- Allocates funds to improve fisheries, water quality and wildlife habitat.
- Projects must comply with all environmental laws, policies and regulations including NEPA, ESA, habitat protections for grizzly bears and the national roadless policies and directives.

For details about the **Three Rivers Challenge** portion of the bill contact Robyn King at claymtn@hotmail.com or 406-295-9736.

For more information about the other partnerships included in the bill go to www.montanaforests.org.

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PINK MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS WALK

On July 23rd, 2011, the YVFC, in conjunction with the Montana Wilderness Association, will be sponsoring a hike up Pink Mountain, deep within the heart of the Zulu Inventoried Roadless Area. The walk begins with a steep 2+ mile ascent to ridge line. From there, it's about 2 more miles to the summit of Pink Mountain. Like all hikes in this area, be prepared for a challenge and elevation gain. We're not scaling rock or anything crazy like that but this hike is in steep country. The ridge-walk offers amazing views of the surrounding Purcell Range, including the proposed Roderick Wilderness, and is a great representation of "the Yaak."

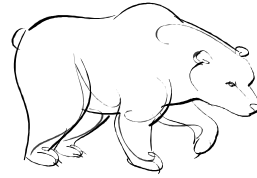
Please join us for a mid-summer walk into one of the Inventoried Roadless Areas that the YVFC is trying hard to permanently protect. For more information and to reserve your spot, please call Matt Bowser at 406.295.9736 or e-mail at leave.earth@gmail.com.



Aerial Photo—Pink Mountain Photo by Beacham Photography

Bear Corner

Kim Annis, Wildlife Management Specialist, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 406-293-4161 ext 207, kannis@mt.gov



Last year was a poorer than average food year for bears. As a result, I had a higher than average number of bear-related conflicts near people's homes in the Cabinet-Yaak region during 2010. Residents will need to be extra careful to secure attractants this spring. We don't want bears that were food stressed last year to continue their pattern of seeking food near homes this year.

Starting in mid-March, with the emergence of adult males, bears will begin their wandering; searching for new spring vegetation and winter-killed animals. Since bears are opportunistic foragers, they may also take advantage of the easy meals found in developed areas, bringing them into conflict with people. Prevention is the key to stopping a conflict before it begins. April 1st is a good date to remember; it is the time to take down your birdfeeders and secure those attractants, *before* all the bears emerge from their dens.

Anything that might attract a dog, cat, bird, raccoon or skunk will also attract a bear. Here are some common attractants that are found around many of our homes:

garbage, birdfeeders, pet food, grills, outdoor refrigerators and freezers, gardens, compost, fruit trees, chickens and chicken feed, small livestock, livestock feed, and beehives.

The easiest way to prevent a bear from accessing most attractants is to secure them behind a *closed door*. Attractants that cannot be easily placed behind a door can be secured using a bear-proof container or placing it behind an electric fence. A properly constructed electric fence can effectively deter a bear from accessing just about anything. An easy to follow fencing guide for deterring bears is available on the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks website (<http://fwp.mt.gov>) under the Living with Wildlife, Be Bear Aware page.

I encourage residents who have had a bear visit them in the past, or have a bear visiting them in the present, to call me for assistance. Timing is critical; the earlier a problem is addressed, the easier it will be to solve.

SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

Join us this summer to celebrate the great work we're doing in the Yaak. We'll begin Sunday June 26th in the Yaak at the Forest Service Upper Ford Ranger Station for our annual meeting. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about our on-the-ground program work and what our future plans are. It's your opportunity to talk with our staff and board, make suggestions and ask questions. Join us to visit with old friends and meet new ones. As always, we'll have plenty of maps and the staff will be available to answer your questions about pending legislation, Community Forest Watch, Headwaters Restoration and Conservation Education. Joanne Linehan will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres and feel free to BYOB.

On Saturday July 30th we'll be at the Hot Club in Troy for a foot stomping jam-fest evening of music with Alan Lane and the Meadow Blasters. The Hot Club will have their usual delicious food and beverages available for sale. Door opens at 6:00pm. Donations at the door will help support our staff and on-the-ground program work. Check our website for more information about both events. www.yaakvalley.org or contact Lisa at 406-295-9736.

Event schedule:

Annual meeting June 26th	4pm – 7pm	Upper Ford Ranger Station
Wilderness Jam-fest July 30 th	6pm-10pm	Hot Club – Troy, Montana

Join us in celebrating our conservation efforts.

A YEAR IN THE YAAK

Please join the Yaak Valley Forest Council and the Montana Wilderness Association for an evening exploring a year in the heart of the Yaak Valley. Don't miss this multimedia presentation of one of the wildest corners of Montana featuring: **Rick Bass**—reads "April" from his book "The Marsh"; **Randy Beacham**—shares a photo essay documenting a Year in the Yaak; and **Robyn King**—presents on the collaborative work of the *Yaak Valley Forest Council*.

April 13th—MISSOULA May 17th—WHITEFISH Check out www.yaakvalley.org for more details!

WHY IT MATTERS

BY PETE LEUSCH

Walking up the Turner Creek road on a sunny morning in July, we came across a scene straight out of a post-apocalyptic nightmare. The Headwaters Partnership Project field crew was out surveying decommissioned roads, but this was an unexpected encounter with one of the common tragedies of industrial logging. The road was covered in a twelve foot tall mass of jumbled trees, rock, and dried mud. The stream had washed out the heavily-logged slope above, clogged the culvert, and shredded the road during that year's spring runoff. Tons of road fill had been deposited into the water heading down to the Yaak River, destroying spawning beds and clogging fish gills all the way. Imagine trying to breathe as your lungs slowly fill with dirt.

Climbing over the debris, we continued up the road to our work for the day. We took photos and shared the details of the washout with our Forest Service partners at the Three Rivers District in Troy. While the Headwaters Project has surveyed hundreds of miles of stream and road, the simple presence of seasoned, capable conservationists in the field can be of the greatest importance.

The Headwaters partnership consists of a diverse group of government agencies and conservation groups, spearheaded and organized in 1999 by YVFC. In conjunction with our research work, we have implemented over 40 miles of road decommissioning, hand cleared 40 culverts that were badly plugged and at risk of blowout, turned old crumbling roads into trails and brought nearly \$1,000,000 in restoration-based work into Lincoln County, Montana, most of which was paid to locally based contractors. Never satisfied with past accomplish-

ments and constantly driven by our tireless director, YVFC currently seeks to expand the project to encompass terrestrial aspects as well as the aquatic. There is excitement in the air as a new and innovative District Ranger, Linda Ellet-Fee has recently taken the reigns of the Three Rivers District. We met with Ellet-Fee and others on March 15th to lay the groundwork for this new initiative.

Through this unique partnership we have collected and processed a tremendous amount of information on the health of our forest streams. Culvert crossings, fish habitat and species distribution, mass road failures, and surveys of impenetrable alder jungle roads – all valuable data used to protect and restore these vital yet overworked lands. There is nothing more satisfying than seeing a smile on the face of Kris Newgard, a committed, visionary Forest Service hydrologist, as you hand her a stack of new data forms. Data she would have never had the time to gather. Data she will use to effectively and efficiently plan projects that enhance and restore our mountain streams – the lifeblood of this rich, rare and irreplaceable forest.

Many challenges remain. The site at Turner Creek and others like it still need to be replanted and restored. We continue to work to connect our efforts across the international border with an amazing, dedicated volunteer, Melissa Fuller, who runs the Hawkins Creek Stewardship Committee in British Columbia. Our field crews will be out again this summer – pulling weeds, fixing trail, monitoring stream temperatures, employing the latest cutting edge fish habitat surveys and always keeping ears and eyes open for old threats and new opportunities to deepen our relationship with this timeless landscape we call the Yaak.

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analysis of this data have been used to populate data summary tables and GIS shape files, which have been displayed in GIS-based maps along with other relevant data, which include watershed boundaries, roads and streams, and distribution of pure populations of sensitive native trout species. This first level of analysis provides the foundation for building a more comprehensive dataset and data mapping tool that can help guide planning and restoration in support of fire, transportation, recreation, and terrestrial wildlife management, as well as fine-tuning restoration priorities for native trout populations. We continue to work with the Hawkins Creek Stewardship Committee in British Columbia to extend these efforts into the northernmost part of the Yaak watershed.



Yaak River Photo by Pete Leusch



CONSERVATION EDUCATION UPDATE

BY SHAWNA KELSEY

The last few months have brought some additions to the Conservation Education Program. While I have continued the weekly nature and community lessons in K-3rd grades, I have also begun working in the high school and junior high school, implementing a classroom version of the Conservation Education Program at that level.

Before Christmas break, I worked in a high school English class discussing different examples of environment-themed poetry. The students then had some time to write their own poems describing their relationships with the local environment. Another lesson took place in February in the junior high communications class. Over the course of several class periods, the students researched local history and designed scavenger hunts (or quests) that lead to important historical locations around town. In order to test the accuracy of the scavenger hunt clues, we trekked around town, hopping over mud puddles and searching for landmarks. The students showed a surprising amount of interest in the history of our town and possible future quests that they could design.

At the elementary level, the classroom lessons have become an expected part of student routine, providing a great opportunity for creative learning. For example, I am currently working on a stream ecosystem mural in the 3rd grade. Also, in the 2nd grade, we just performed a Chippewa coming-of-age play.

Finally, with spring heading our way, I have been working with the local afterschool program on some exciting gardening ideas for the season. Between the high school and elementary students, we have plans for an expansion of the garden project with native plants, more raised beds, an outdoor classroom, and a seedling fundraiser. In order to give the seedlings a healthy start for the new year, we will be setting up a small greenhouse at the school. The greenhouse addition is an exciting step for the garden, giving the garden more visibility and room to grow more tomatoes and peppers.

Over the last few months, I have been impressed by the flexibility and interest from school staff regarding this program. Troy students are lucky to be in a learning environment that promotes hands-on, creative learning. I am lucky to work in this environment, throwing rocks, digging in dirt, and building child-sized red-breasted robin wings with students.



2010 Garden Photo by Shawna Kelsey

A poem from a high school English student:

long day at school.
stressful day at home.
forget it all and saddle up
alone in the wild with my girls.
loyal dog Zöe.
faithful horses Dusty and Splash.
alone for miles.
gazing at the small
remote city below.
feel the cold winter wind
pressed against your body.
steam rising from beneath you.
birds chirping away for winter.
wind howling and trees creaking.
feeling like the only human being out there.
never wanting to go home.
all alone in the beautiful wilderness.

Help us help the Yaak

By Andrew Duffin

Dear Supporters and Friends,

We wish to thank all of you who have invested in our work protecting the wild Yaak over the years. Thanks to those of you who have been able to continue your support this year. We could not do what we do without your help. I'd like to ask for your continued financial support this year to keep the Yaak Valley Forest Council running and allowing us the chance to fight for the land and people of the Yaak.

Your continuing investment will help us cross the finish line with the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act. Senator Jon Tester has made an unrelenting effort to push this through in spite of the more difficult political climate.

We also need your support for several new and ongoing programs geared toward improving the Yaak landscape. We've recently hired a dedicated, highly-skilled new member to our force—Matt Bowser—as our new Forest Watch Coordinator, who plays a vital role in representing the Forest Council during Forest Service meetings

and who is busy conducting “ground truthing” surveys before, during, and after timber harvests.

Pete Leusch, our Headwaters Project coordinator, will be organizing our work crews for the 2011 field season as part of our Headwaters Project, improving water quality and ecological integrity. We've decommissioned 40 + miles of Forest Service roads already and have surveyed over 500 miles of stream in the headwaters of the Yaak watershed. We've completed the Yaak Watershed Assessment and Restoration Plan, teaming up with our partners in Yahk, BC. Part of this work involves collecting data on riparian and aquatic ecosystems, and integrating core grizzly bear habitat into an overall restoration plan. As I'm sure you know, empirical research *and* the hard manual labor of these endeavors takes money, and we'd be grateful if you could help defray some of these costs.

In addition, we're planning our annual meeting and hope to have a party for all of you—complete with food, drink and live music! Supporters and friends, thanks for all that you've done for us in the past and thank you for continuing to help us in the future!

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All Lincoln County residents and property owners are welcome to add their names to our list of supporters.

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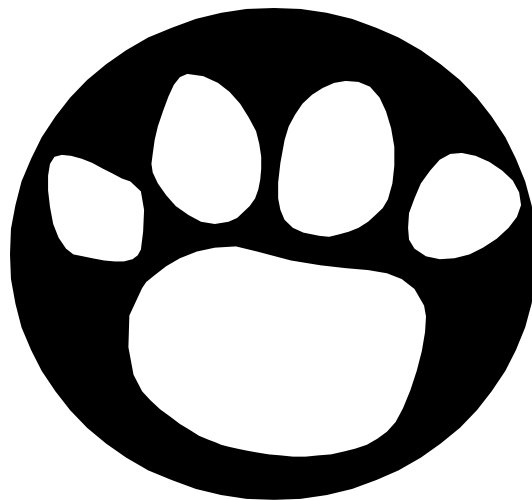
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