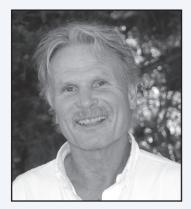
## George Wuerthner Joins WW Staff

Tilderness Watch is pleased to welcome noted author, ecologist, and conservation activist George Wuerthner to our staff. As our new Advocate-Organizer, George will play a key role in advocating for wilderness protection and advocacy around the country.



George is a well-known writer on conservation issues, having published 38 books and innumerable articles, essays, and opinion pieces for newspapers, journals, Internet blogs and a variety of other online sources. A polished speaker, he's given hundreds of presentations around the country on Wilderness, wildfire, livestock grazing, wildlife protection, and other public land issues.

George is also a wildlands explorer extraordinaire, having hiked and paddled in more than 400 designated Wildernesses and more than 180 national park units. He's worked in Alaska as

a backcountry ranger for the National Park Service in Gates of the Arctic National Park and as a river ranger for the Bureau of Land Management on several Wild and Scenic Rivers, and as a recreation staff for the Forest Service in Idaho, He also worked as a wilder-

ness guide in Southeast Alaska and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness in Montana. As part of the Foundation for Deep Ecology he worked the past dozen years for wildlands philanthropist Doug Tompkins. With his ecological training and experience in wildlands throughout the country, George brings passion, knowledge, and ecological humility to wilderness advocacy.

His travels and his work for wildlands around the country have helped George build an incredible network of activists, upon whom he can draw to help spread the word about Wilderness. Expect to see and hear a lot more from George in the coming year.

George Wuerthner will be hitting the trail this fall and winter to raise awareness about Wilderness and the threats and challenges facing it. If you would like to help organize or schedule a presentation in your community—to an organization or civic group to which your belong, a classroom, an open house or any other venue—please email info@wildernesswatch.org. We can help! George's road show schedule will be posted on our website so you can see when and where he's going to be in your area.