

products industries, is for sale in the park. It includes significant acreages along river corridors that have not been open to the public for more than a hundred years. With revenues from a state Environmental Protection Fund and a 1996 Clean Water, Clean Air Bond Act, and vigorous support from a governor with strong environmental convictions, the state is in an excellent position to negotiate purchase or easements for these lands to ensure their

permanent protection for wild land and open space uses.* **IJW**

*On December 9, 1998, Governor Pataki announced a plan to protect 144,000 acres of land put up for sale by Champion International Paper Company, by purchase of easements and acquisitions with U.S. \$25 million from state environmental bond act money.

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EXTRA

News from the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute Non-native Fish Stocking in Wilderness

Over the past century, sport fish have been introduced into most of the naturally fishless lakes in U.S. wilderness areas. Fish introductions have changed entire lake ecosystems and communities, often with detrimental impacts to native fish and amphibians. However, people who enjoy fishing have come to expect fish in these lakes as part of their wilderness experiences. Wilderness managers must make difficult and controversial decisions about how to balance this recreational opportunity with preservation of the native fauna and flora threatened. The Leopold Institute supports several ongoing studies related to this issue, including studies on the impacts of exotic trout to amphibians in wilderness lakes in Idaho, California, and Montana, and a study of exotic trout impacts to native invertebrates in Utah.

The Leopold Institute co-sponsored a workshop, entitled Effects of Fisheries Management on the Amphibians and Other Biota of Wilderness Lakes, on October 16–18, 1998, in Polson, Montana, to provide managers with the latest research results

and to facilitate discussion among managers, scientists, and wilderness users. As a result of this workshop, a compilation of research results and management recommendations is in preparation for publication. In the interim, presentation abstracts and a reading list can be viewed through the Leopold Institute's website at <http://www.wilderness.net/leopold>.

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