Mr Carl Pope became Chairman of the Sierra Club in 2010, after serving for more than seventeen years as Executive Director. A veteran leader in the environmental movement, Mr Pope has been with the Sierra Club for more than thirty years. In that time, he has also served as Associate Conservation Director, Political Director, and Conservation Director. Under Mr Pope, the Sierra Club helped protect nearly 10 million acres of wilderness, including such highlights as the California Desert, Utah’s Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and California’s Giant Sequoia National Monument. The Club brought the litigation challenging the right of Vice-President Cheney’s Energy Task Force to conduct its policy-making in secret negotiations with major energy interests. The Sierra Club also collected more than a million comments—the most public comments on a single regulatory issue in history—in support of protecting the remaining roadless areas in America’s National Forests.