
BROADCAST FOR AUGUST 2024

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“The forests are the flags of nature. They appeal to all and awaken inspiring universal feelings. Enter the forest and the boundaries of nations are forgotten. It may be that some time an immortal pine will be the flag of a united peaceful world.”

-Enos Abijah Mills, 1870-1922



Hiking With Maya Thursday, August 15 8:30 am - 11:00 am

Are you ready for an ambitious August amble? Starting at the Oak Creek parking lot in the MacDonald Forest, we will hike up Directissima (named by Julia B) to the top of Dimple Hill. Most routes are about 3.5 miles, this one is only 1.5 miles because it's steep. We'll take an easier route back that will be 3.5 miles long, depending on the weather and the interest of the group. This hike is intended to challenge your stamina and to have fun. Hiking poles are recommended but not required. Dogs are welcome to join us. There is some poison oak along the way so plan to decontaminate yourself if you are susceptible like Maya is. Please do not consider this if you get systemic poison oak because this is a social trail that is not maintained. Please sign up [HERE](#) for the hike.

**Speak Up For Old Growth Forests!
Advocacy Night
Tuesday, August 27th
4-6 pm
2 Towns Cider House
33930 SE Eastgate Circle, Corvallis**

We'll be meeting in person at a new-to-us venue to hear about the **National Old Growth Forest Amendment** and learn how to comment to make our voices heard. 2 Towns is located on Hwy 34 just a few miles east of Corvallis so it's easy to get to for folks coming from other parts of the valley. There's a room reserved just for us called The Barrel Room. 2 Towns has all kinds of tasty beverages and bites to eat and there's a food cart parked outside serving a variety of soul food. Please [RSVP HERE](#) so we know how many to set the room up for.

**Here are additional ways
to SPEAK UP for old-growth forests:**

The comment period is open for the National Old-growth Amendment and there are plenty of ways to learn more and advocate for our forests.

- Watch (and share) this great new documentary Crown Jewels about the effort to protect old growth across the country featuring the Flat Country project area in Oregon. Our own Chandra LeGue is in it!



- Check out <https://www.climate-forests.org/protectourforests> to submit a comment OR go straight to the USFS website.

- Come to "Foliage Fest: Summer concert for protecting our forests" in Eugene, 6-9pm, Wednesday, August 14 at Lamb Cottage, 130 Cheshire Ave. (in Skinner Butte Park) Family friendly games and art projects, pizza, music, nature walks, and taking action to protect our oldest forests around the country! [RSVP here](#)

**Annual
Gathering
2023**



SAVE THE DATE
for our Annual Willamette Valley Broadband Gathering
in Brownsville
Sunday, October 6th at noon

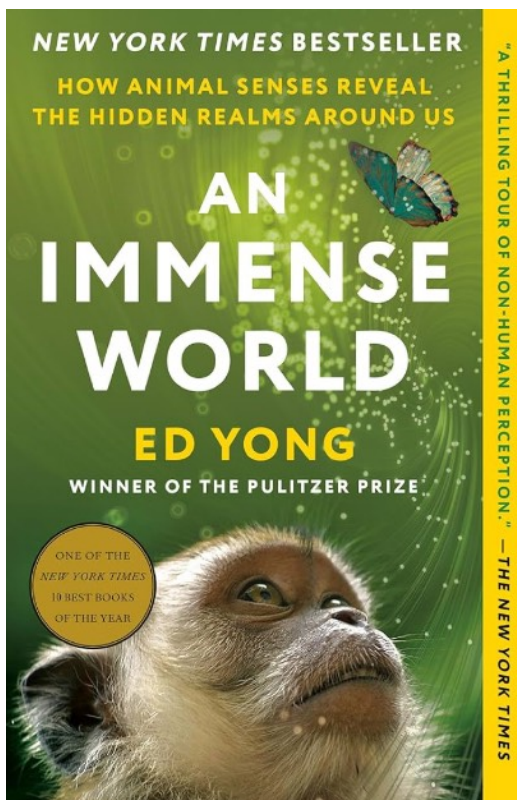
We'll have a lunch potluck in lovely Pioneer Park on the Calapooia River in Brownsville and celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Details to come in the September Broadcast.

Have you registered for the Wilderness & Beyond Conference?

Join Broads from around the country at this fantastic public lands gathering in Estes Park, Colorado October 14-17!

Find more info and register [HERE](#).

Let Chandra or Cyndi know if you plan to attend in case we can coordinate on anything!



Book Broads with Carol Friday, October 25 4:00 on ZOOM Get your book today!

We'll be reading the New York Times best seller, "An Immense World - How Animal Senses Reveal The Hidden Realms Around us" by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Ed Yong. This book is a multi sensory exploration of the many ways in which animals perceive their environment. Some of these senses are familiar to us others are utterly alien, all of them reveal that the world

humans perceive through their senses is only a slice of a much larger world.

"An Immense World" is an argument for empathy according to oprahdaily.com.

It's a big book so you may want to start it soon! We'll send the Zoom link out in the October Broadcast.

Wilderness Monitoring UPDATE 2024

Unfortunately, the lightning storms in mid-July caused fires in the Diamond Peak Wilderness and near the Middle Santiam Wilderness, so the Forest Service has closed all of Diamond Peak Wilderness and Middle Santiam Wilderness. This means that we cannot do any of our wilderness monitoring at this point.

There's always hope that the fires get put out and we can do some work in the wilderness areas this season, but it's unlikely that they will reopen this season.

We're working on getting the grant money to roll over to next year, but it may not happen. In that case, we would need to apply for a new grant. Is anyone interested in leading this effort?

Maya and Lynn have been doing it for 3 years and need a break!

Also in August

Thank Senators Wyden and Merkley for reintroducing the River Democracy Act in June. Learn more and send a thank you here: <https://oregonwild.org/senators-wyden-and-merkley-re-introduce-river-democracy-act-in-congress/>

Join Chandra for an Oregon Wild hike

[Marys Peak Forest Hike](#), Saturday, August 17

[Oregon Dunes Hike](#), Monday, August 26

Caption Contest

And the winner is……

Elizabeth Lazoroff!

Elizabeth submitted:

Clifford the Big Red Dog says, "Be prepared and bring plenty of water and sun screen up for your hike! Do I get my dog treat now?"

Please contact Maya at 541-231-4386 to collect your prize.



Laurie Kerr and friend,
Cascade Volcanoes Broadband
leader

**Great Old Broads for Wilderness (Broads)
is a women-led national grassroots organization
that engages and inspires activism
to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.**

For more information about the Great Old Broads for Wilderness and to join for just \$35 per year, visit the website [greatoldbroads.org](https://www.greatoldbroads.org).

Willamette Valley Broadband page is: <https://www.greatoldbroads.org/chapters/oregon-willamette-valley-broadband/>

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