
BROADCAST FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

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“If you have ever gone to the woods with me,

I must love you very much.”

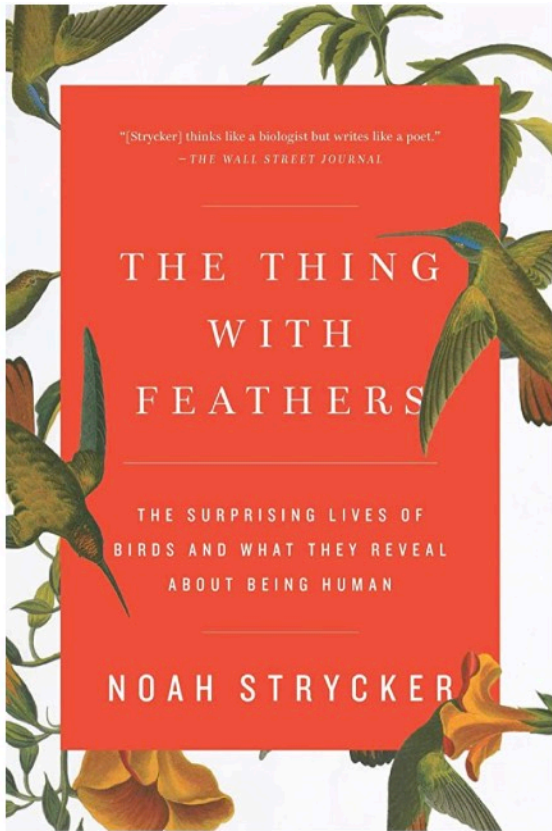
-Mary Oliver

Wilderness Monitoring ‘23

Thanks to EVERYONE who participated in our Wilderness Monitoring in the Middle Santiam and Diamond Peak Wilderness areas this summer! It’s been a frustrating year with the wildfire smoke and the new requirements for field maps for recreation site monitoring. But, many of you have enjoyed your time out and we’ve gotten some great data. (There is even a rumor that Diamond Peak is just as nice as Three Sisters without the crowds.)

We’ll be finishing up Solitude Monitoring for this season on Labor Day, but volunteers will continue with recreation site monitoring until the weather turns. We have another year to finish up our work, so if you weren’t able to get out this year, join us next year!

Lynn Humphrey and Maya Abels



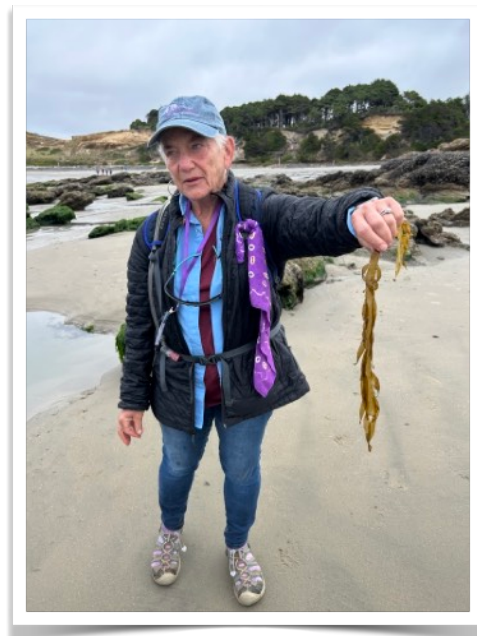
Summer Book Broads with Carol Friday, September 8 4:00 On ZOOM

We're reading another book by an Oregon author about birds. Noah Strycker was born in Eugene and grew up in the woods near Creswell and in 2015 broke the record for seeing the most species of birds in one year at age 28. This book was published 2014 before that amazing feat. Haven't read it? No worries. Join Carol anyway. Get your Zoom link here:

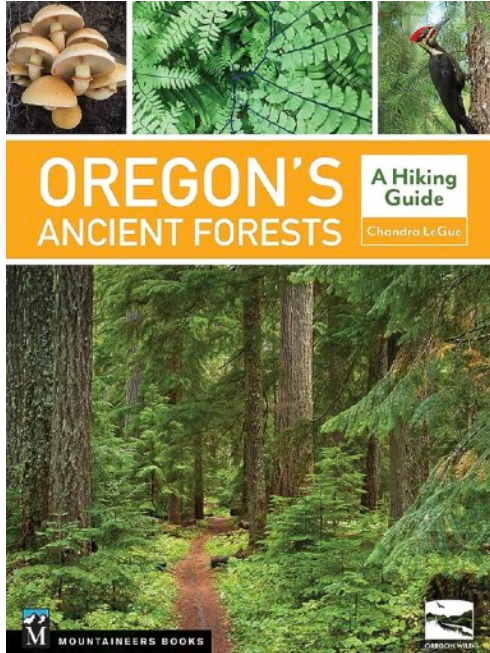
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In our August Broadcast we asked readers to send in captions for this photo. See the winning caption, a perfect one for Maya, sent in by Eileen Tokuda. Congratulations Eileen! Maya will contact you so you can claim your prize from a variety of Broads merchandise.

And the winning caption is.....



The secret ingredient to my best homemade sushi



Hiking with Maya Friday, September 22 Mary's Peak

Celebrate Public Lands Day on Marys Peak in the Siuslaw National Forest amidst old growth trees. Chandra LaGue, our Broadband Co-leader and author of "Oregon's Ancient Forests: A Hiking Guide" will join us to talk about how we can continue to advocate for critical issues regarding our public lands.

This hike is about 6 miles roundtrip with an elevation change of 1700 feet. The trail is in good shape but at times rocky and uneven. If it's a nice day, 13 volcanoes from Mt. Ranier to Mt. Thielsen are visible and the Pacific Ocean too.

Join us and get more information by signing up [HERE](#).

Paddle and Pick Up Saturday, September 23 Foster Lake 10:00 am

We'll meet at Sunnyside Camp ground boat launch east of Sweet Home with our kayaks. We'll paddle, pick up trash, and have a picnic lunch at the conclusion. For more information contact Laura Ouelette at logizmos@gmail.com and/or sign up [HERE](#).

Let's Do Some Paddling!



Willamette Valley Broadband Annual Picnic and Meeting Sunday, October 1 Pioneer Park in Brownsville 12:00 - 3:00

Join us in Brownsville and bring a potluck dish and table ware. We'll supply a variety of beverages. Come visit with fellow Broads and Bros, bring a friend and ideas for activities for the coming year. We'll highlight the various activities, projects and advocacy actions from the last several months. Please RSVP [HERE](#) so we know how many tables to set up. Hope to see you there!

Annual Potluck Meeting of 2022



Please join us on October 1st in Brownsville!

Broads Rolling Their Sleeves Up

Beaver Monitoring



Nancy Mauter and Pat Fischer on the South Santiam River

Some of our Broadband members are working with the Mid-Willamette Beaver Project and several Watershed Councils to survey perennial streams for beaver activity. This project gathers the information needed to restore and protect beaver suitable streams. This beaver monitoring has taken them to some very pretty streams and they've seen signs that beavers are present on Moose Creek and Channel Creek, they just haven't seen a beaver complex yet. They

plan to continue the effort through September. We hope to be able to offer training again in 2024 for continued beaver monitoring.



Coleen McLaughlin on Hursted Creek



Pat Fischer on Channel Creek

Good News Corner

Judge rules Forest Service violated the law in rolling back forest protections.

On August 31, a federal judge made a sweeping recommendation to set aside an illegal Forest Service rule change made under the Trump administration. Conservation groups (including the Broads), with support from the Nez Perce Tribe, challenged a change to the Eastside Screens, a longstanding set of rules to protect old growth on six national forests in Eastern Oregon and Washington.

The Screens protected trees over 21” in diameter on over 7 million acres of public lands. These represent the largest 3% of trees in the region. Just days before President Biden took office, a political appointee of the Trump administration illegally changed the rule and allowed those trees to be logged. The Forest Service was joined by the timber industry in defending the change.

Read the full story with links [HERE](#).

Actions to Take NOW

Under pressure from the logging industry, Oregon Governor Tina Kotek and the Board of Forestry are on the verge of rushing through a newly weakened Habitat Conservation Plan for our state forests that puts imperiled salmon and other species at risk. Tell them to reject more clearcuts and extinction in favor of a plan that actually safeguards our water and wildlife [HERE](#).

Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list to focus on [wildlife issues](#) contact Su Libby at bigwiscon@gmail.com

Did you know that the Willamette Valley Broadband has a FaceBook page? It's right [HERE](#).

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.

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

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