BROADCAST FOR JUNE 2024

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"God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches and a thousand tempests and floods.

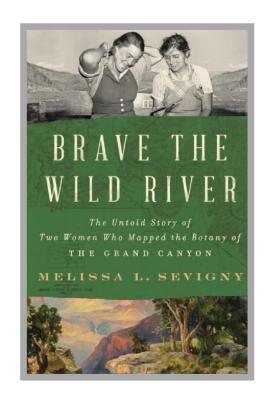
But he cannot save them from fools."

-John Muir

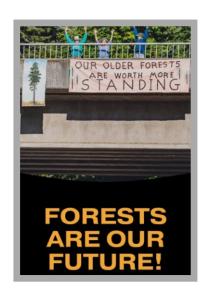
Book Broads with Carol Friday, June 7 4:00 pm on ZOOM

We'll be discussing "Brave the Wild River:The Untold Story of the Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon" by Melissa Sevigny.

The Zoom link is **HERE** and we'll send it again on Friday. No need to sign up in advance. Haven't read the book? Join us anyway. This has been a very popular book and we're sure it will be a fun discussion.



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Forests are our Future Rally Thursday, June 13 3:00 pm Portland

Join the <u>Pacific Northwest Forest Climate Alliance</u> and communities from across the PNW on June 13 for the Forests Are Our Future rally. We will call attention to the pivotal role our mature & old forests play in tackling climate change and demand that our leaders protect them.

- · WHAT: Rally with speakers, a community art project, tables for community orgs, and lots of ways to get more involved.
- · WHEN: June 13, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
- · WHERE: 1220 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, OR 97204 (outside the Region 6 Forest Service office).
- WHY: Demand the Forest Service & Biden Admin stop logging mature & old arowth forests and protect what's left!

The Biden Administration will set management policies in the coming months that will affect tens of millions of acres of PNW forests for decades to come, via the NW Forest Plan Amendment, the National Old Growth Amendment (EO 14702), and the Blue Mountains Forest Plan.

<u>We're rallying June 13th in Portland</u> to demand the Forest Service & Biden Administration to halt logging mature and old growth forests to protect our communities and climate.

Willamette Valley Broads and Bros will be there! Want to carpool to Portland from the park & ride at HWY 34 and I-5?

Please sign up and get more information <u>HERE</u>.

Hiking with Pat Friday, June 14 Horse Rock Ridge

Come hike with Pat on Horse Rock Ridge, a popular trail between Sweet Home and Brownsville. Horse Rock Ridge Research Natural Area was established in June 1995 to protect the best remaining example of a grassy "bald" (treeless area) on the western margin of the Cascade Range and its associated botanical, wildlife, and scenic values.

The hike is a 3.8-mile moderately challenging out-and-back trail with an elevation gain of 1135 ft. It takes an average of 2 h 15 min to complete. This is a very popular area for hiking, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash.



Horse Rock Ridge Hike 2023

Pat works as a bird guide for Willamalane, so she is more than happy to point out any of the birds that are key parts of this unique grassland and forest.

Meet at 10 am at the trailhead. Bring water, good hiking boots, dress for weather, bug juice, lunch. Trekking poles are recommended for a few steep rocky spots.

Directions to the trailhead:

https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/oregon/horse-rock-ridge--3

Please sign up for the hike here.

Special Gathering for Eugene Area Members! A Broads Happy Hour Social Tuesday, June 25 5-7 pm

Join your fellow Eugene-area Great Old Broads for Wilderness for a happy hour social at Capitello Winery Tasting Room. We'll meet outside under the tent at 540 Charnelton Street. Capitello is a fun downtown Eugene winery. Connect with members of the Willamette Valley chapter's leadership team, and find out what the local Broadband has to offer in education, advocacy, stewardship, and fun! Feel free to bring a friend who might be interested in Broads. (Capitello offers wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages, small food plates, and Italian food truck Beccofino.)

Let us know if we can expect you! SIGN UP HERE.

Wilderness Monitoring 2024

We're well on our way to a wonderful season of wilderness monitoring in Middle Santiam and Diamond Peak Wildernesses.

We had a Solitude Monitoring training last week with a lot of new Broads looking forward to monitoring. If anyone is interested in monitoring that hasn't already signed up, let Lynn or Maya know and we'll get you trained up.



Solitude Monitoring Training 2023

Lynn <u>541-207-7379</u> Maya <u>541-231-4386</u>

Hiking with Maya And Bitterbrush Broadband Members Cone Peak and Iron Mountain Tuesday, July 2



Scott Bowler, a Bitterbrush Broadband hike leader and leadership team member, will coordinate with us for a special wildflower hike to Cone Peak and Iron Mountain during the peak wildflower season. This special hike is a favorite of many Broads and we will be able to enjoy it with Willamette Valley and Central Oregon friends. Plan to meet behind the Super Eight in Corvallis at the north end of the parking lot at 8:00 AM. This earlier departure will be necessary in case we are experiencing hotter than usual weather. **The hike is limited to only 8 people** so that we can learn from each other and especially from Scott's expertise.

Sign up soon **HERE**.

Some highlights from May



Cyndi Anderson, Chandra LeGue, Maya Abels & Laura Ouellette are pictured at a Rendezvous in Goldendale, WA with other leaders from the PNW and staff members from the national Broads office.



Colleen McLaughlin, Cyrel Gable, Mandy Cole, Pat Boleyn, Beth Brown & Laura Ouellette hiked to the top of Mt Pisgah

Good News Corner

- Laura Ouellette suggested this "New leadership team member and hike leader, Pat Boleyn from Eugene is good news. She is knowledgeable, full of great ideas for future activities, whip smart and fun!"
 - Conservation partners got a win on a BLM logging project in southern
 Oregon that would have logged mature and old-growth forests!
 Read the press release <u>HERE</u>.

And also of interest:

• Elder Hiking Tips and Tricks with Mary "Fireweed" Kwart

The Intentional Hiking Webinar Series

June 19

4:30-6pm

Details and sign up **HERE**.

- Get a list of Oregon Wild's Summer Hikes on their website **HERE**
 - Cascadia Wildland's Basecamp

June 20-25

Join the Cascadia Wildlands WildCATs for their Field Checking Basecamp in the U.S. Forest Service's Divide Project, located within the McKenzie District of the Willamette National Forest. No experience is necessary, and breakfast and dinner provided! Find details **HERE**.



And last but not least...

Caption this photo of hike leader Maya with (part of) her dog Bodhi. Send us your caption(s). We'll pick a winner to announce in the July Broadcast. The winner will also get their choice of Broad's merchandise.

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 <u>greatoldbroads.org</u>.

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

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