
JANUARY BROADCAST 2024

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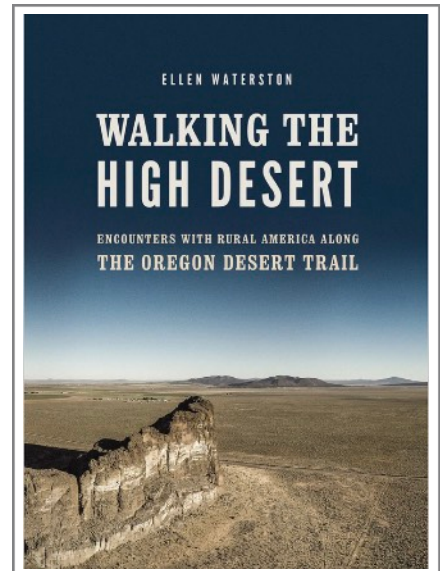
“We can make a little order where we are, and then the big sweep of history on which we can have no effect doesn’t overwhelm us. We do it with colors, with a garden, with the furnishings of a room or with sounds and words. We make a little form, and we gain composure.”

-Robert Frost

Book Broads Meeting with Carol
January 5
4:00 pm on Zoom

Sign up and get your Zoom Link [HERE](#)

Carol has selected “Walking the High Desert - Encounters with Rural America on the Oregon Desert Trail” by Ellen Waterson. Haven’t read it? Join us anyway!



This from Carol...Some of you may be familiar with Oregon writer Ellen Waterson. A central Oregon essayist and poet, she teaches writing workshops as well. Some of our Broads enjoyed her writing workshop while volunteering to plant beaver habitat on the South Fork of the Crooked River a few years ago. Ellen is no stranger to multiple perspectives, as she once lived the life of a cattle rancher in eastern Oregon. <https://onda.org/walking-the-high-desert/>

Advocacy Night is Back in Person!
Monday, January 22nd
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Calapooia Brewing in Albany
[RSVP HERE](#)

In the final weeks of 2023, two far-reaching policy processes were unveiled that could shape **the future of our forests for generations to come**. The Forest Service is developing a plan to amend the Northwest Forest Plan, covering over 24 million acres of national forestlands in Oregon, Washington, and Northern California. The Northwest Forest Plan, enacted in 1993, was a visionary policy that curtailed much of the reckless old-growth clearcutting that ravaged the region in the 1970s and 1980s and set a new standard for the conservation of wildlife, clean water, and public lands forests. At the same time, the Biden administration has announced a new plan to protect old-growth forests from commercial logging by amending forest plans nationwide. This proposal is a step forward in implementing the administration's Executive Order on conserving mature and old-growth forests as a climate solution.

Join us for **Advocacy Night** to learn about what is at stake with these two proposals. We'll dive into the importance of both policies, explore how they could be strengthened, and work on individual scoping comments to advocate for what we value about our public forest lands.

Let us know [HERE](#) if you will be joining us so we know how to set up the room. Plan to enjoy happy hour food and beverages or an early dinner at Calapooia Brewing Company. See their website and menu [HERE](#).

Wednesday, January 24th Hiking with Maya Hike Across McDonald Forest

This has become an annual January hike to kick off the new year and celebrate some birthdays. This year it's three special 80 year olds! This versatile hike has something for everyone. We'll start at Oak Creek at 9:00. For those more ambitious Broads, hike 11 miles; multiple options exist for those who want to hike shorter distances. Arrange your own shuttle if you hike all the way to the Arboretum. Text Maya: 541-231-4386 if you need help understanding the options. She will send out specifics about meeting location and time to all that sign up which you can do [HERE](#). Be prepared for all kinds of weather, bring a lunch and snacks.



January Birthday Hike Across McDonald Forest 2023

Saturday, January 27
A First Aid and MORE Broad Chat
With Beth Brown, Diana Barron & Laura Ouellette
1:00-3:00

Grand Oaks Club House in Corvallis

Beth is a retired nurse practitioner with a Wilderness medicine certificate. She will discuss first aid and what to have in your kit, differentiating between urban and wilderness hiking essentials. Laura is a retired MD and will touch on special concerns for mature hikers and offer an information card to keep in your pack. Diana is also a retired MD and she will discuss anticipatory planning should the hiker have a life threatening event.

This will be informative and participatory.

Please RSVP for this event [HERE](#).

T-Shirts for SALE!



Members of the Willamette Valley Leadership Team are modeling t-shirts with the new logo. Contact Maya (contact info at the end of this Broadcast) to snag one for the excellent price of \$15!

And also of interest:

From ONDA (Oregon Natural Desert Association)

Dive into the Hive: Explore the World of High Desert Bees

On Zoom January 23, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Register here:

<https://onda.org/event/dive-into-the-hive-explore-the-world-of-high-desert-bees/>

Intentional Hiking

An online discussion series focused on our relationship with the environment, our trails, and each other.

Twice a month Intentional Hiking will host a guest speaker on one of 5 themes about hiking with intention.

<https://www.intentionalhiking.com/>

Good News Corner

Last month marked the 50th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act. Watch “A Wild Promise Webcast” to see why there’s reason to celebrate.

<https://www.oregonwild.org/about/blog/wild-promise-celebrating-50th-anniversary-endangered-species-act>

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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