
BROADCAST FOR JULY 2023

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"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul - and sings the tunes without the words - and never stops at all."

-Emily Dickinson

Public Comment for BLM EXTENDED to July 5!

It's down to the wire to submit your individual comments on the [Department of Interior proposed conservation rule](#). (The link goes to the government comment page.) This one due JULY 5.

And don't forget to also submit a comment on the [USFS Advanced Notice of Public Rulemaking to Build Climate Resilience \(ANPRM\)](#) (DUE JULY 20)

You can easily submit a comment to BOTH agencies at once (altering as you like to make it your own) with a focus on protecting mature and old-growth forests on the [Climate Forest Campaign website here](#).

If you want to focus on other aspects of the BLM rule that go beyond forest protection, check out the Broads website here:

<https://www.greatoldbroads.org/take-action/>

Wilderness Monitoring 2023

We received a grant from the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance thanks to the hard work of Lynn Humphrey and Maya Abels so we will once again be conducting Solitude Monitoring and Recreation Site Monitoring with perks! This time it will be in the Middle Santiam Wilderness and the Diamond Peak Wilderness.

Solitude Monitoring requires you to hike a certain trail for a minimum of four hours per day and is perfect for day hiking. Recreation Site Monitoring requires you to hike specific zones and identify the areas where people camp. Once the sites are identified there are specific data that needs to be collected into an app called Field Maps. To find most of the Rec Sites, it is likely that you will have to spend at least one night backpacking.



Get a Broads t-shirt, one of many perks for participating. Golden retriever puppy not included.

TRAININGS:

Solitude Monitoring training - Monday July 10 at 10:00 at Bald Hill Park in Corvallis. This training will also be available on Zoom.

Recreation Site Monitoring - Thursday, July 13 from 9:00 - 4:00 near Santiam Pass.

Please call, text or email either Maya or Lynn to receive more detailed information:

Maya: 541-231-4386, maya.abels@gmail.com

Lynn: 541-207-7379, lynnhumphrey@gmail.com

If you haven't already joined the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, please become a member so that you can participate.

<https://www.greatoldbroads.org/give-to-join/>



Hiking with Maya Tuesday, July 18 10:00 - 12:00 Jackson-Frazier Wetland

This hike is for everyone! Hike with us as we explore the Jackson Frazier Wetlands on the Jackson Frazier Boardwalk where you can experience nature within the city limits of Corvallis. The plan is to

hike this once during each season so we can register how things change throughout the year. A member of the Alliance for Recreation and Natural Areas (AFRANA) which is the friends of Benton County Parks will join us to talk about their plans for improving it and get your ideas. To join the hike please sign up [HERE](#).

Horse Rock Ridge

Broads from Crawfordsville, Brownsville, Albany, Corvallis and Eugene hiked Horse Rock Ridge, a Research Natural Area, on June 29. Led by Chandra LeGue, the hike afforded views of the Cascades as well as of the Willamette Valley. Though a bit late for the climax bloom, there were also many varieties of wildflowers. The view of the checkerboard BLM lands with clearcut private timber lands was quite visible here.



Roll Up Our Sleeves Round-up Stewardship Opportunities for the Broads

Beaver Monitoring

We are being offered the opportunity by the Mid-Willamette Beaver Project to assist with beaver habitat assessments in the five sub-watersheds of the Mid-Willamette valley. Full day training is required and will be held on July 20th in Lebanon or Sweet Home. We will learn about beaver ecology and how to conduct beaver habitat field surveys. Riverscape safety training will also be covered. The time commitment for participation has not been set in stone, but it would be something like 6-8 days, over a 6 to 8 week period.



Field work will be conducted throughout the Ash Creek, Marys River, Luckiamute and North Santiam watersheds on private and public land. This includes the outskirts of the cities of Corvallis, Monmouth, Falls City, Salem and Mill City.

All those who are interested please contact Cyndi Anderson by JULY 10 even if you can't go to the July 20 training. This program is in the developmental

stages and there may be opportunities to participate as the program unfolds.

Cyndi Anderson [541-570-1055](tel:541-570-1055) or thebrownsvillehouse@gmail.com

Stream Temperature Monitoring

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is working on a long term stream temperature and vegetation monitoring program. We have the opportunity to volunteer on this project as stream temp monitors at Hamilton Creek and McDowell Creek, both locations are just east of Lebanon. The Willamette Broads is putting together an interest list of folks that want more information. Please contact Nancy Mauter for more information nanmauter@gmail.com



Kayaking on the Alsea

Canal Creek Confluence A Willamette Valley Broadband Camping Experience August 1-4

We still have a few slots open to join this campout!

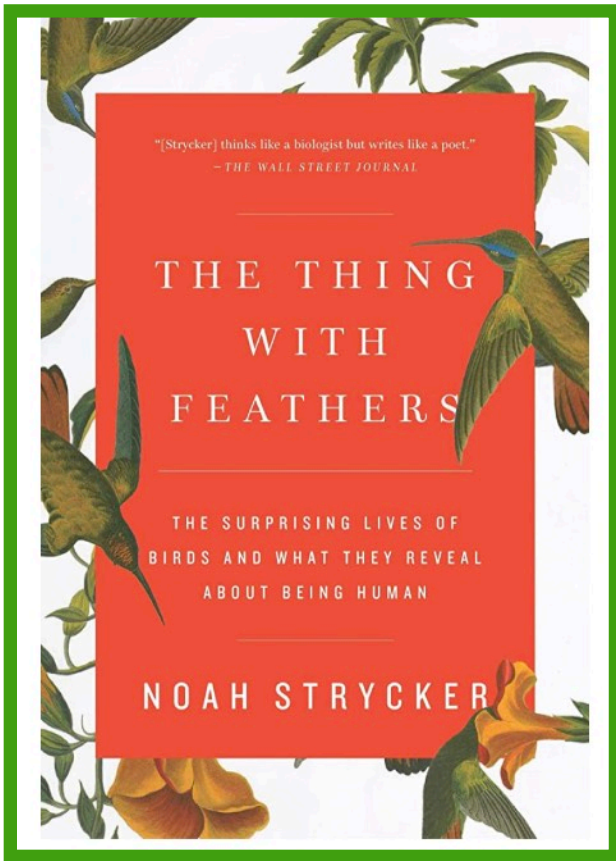
Join Great Old Broads and Bros from the Willamette Valley Broadband (and beyond) to explore the area where the Coast Range and its streams and rivers meet the sea. The confluence of human history and management (both indigenous and settler) and forest ecosystems and watersheds in the Siuslaw National Forest will be our classroom and playground. We'll learn about the indigenous people who inhabit this land, how logging and roads have impacted the forest and native species, and how efforts to restore these ecosystems are progressing - for the benefit of salmon, marbled murrelets, and human communities. Join us at the confluence of these issues for hikes, meetings with biologists and land managers, habitat restoration projects, and the excellent camaraderie of your fellow Broads.

The registration fee for this campout is \$50 to cover the campground cost and incidentals. Your membership with the Great Old Broads for Wilderness must be current to attend. We're limiting it to 30 participants so sign up as soon as you can [HERE](#):

Full refunds will be given, minus some handling fees, up until July 15. Refunds will be given beyond that date if we can fill your spot. For more information contact Cyndi at [541-570-1055](tel:541-570-1055) or thebrownsvillehouse@gmail.com.



Canal Creek Campground



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

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, published in 2014 before that amazing feat, should be easy to find at your local library or favorite independent book seller.

We may meet in person to discuss the book. We'll include details in our August Broadcast.

Sandy Riverman with her sun parasol, visits with Oregon Wild intern, Helena Virga on the recent hike to Horse Rock Ridge with a view of the Cascades behind them.



Good News Corner

‘Beaver Believer’ bill passes legislation, awaits governor’s signature

House bill 3464, or the ‘Beaver Believer Bill,’ is said to give more protections to the state animal. The bill would allow the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to manage beavers on private lands like it does other species.

ODFW will now require landowners to get permits to remove or kill a beaver under certain conditions.

State Representative Pam Marsh (D-Southern Jackson County) says this bill was a collaborative effort for officials on both sides of the political aisle.

“We worked carefully with one of my Republican colleagues Representative Mark Owens from Eastern Oregon,” Rep. Marsh said. “He was extremely helpful in helping me understand some of the amendments that we needed to make to make (the bill) more palatable for certain land owners.”

Marsh said the support received from her Republican colleague was crucial to helping the bill pass.

She says this bill holds a special place in her heart as her late husband, who passed away near the beginning of the legislative session, was a strong advocate for beavers.

Marsh said she sponsored the bill because of the policies, not her personal connection to the issue.

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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