
BROADCAST FOR JUNE 2023

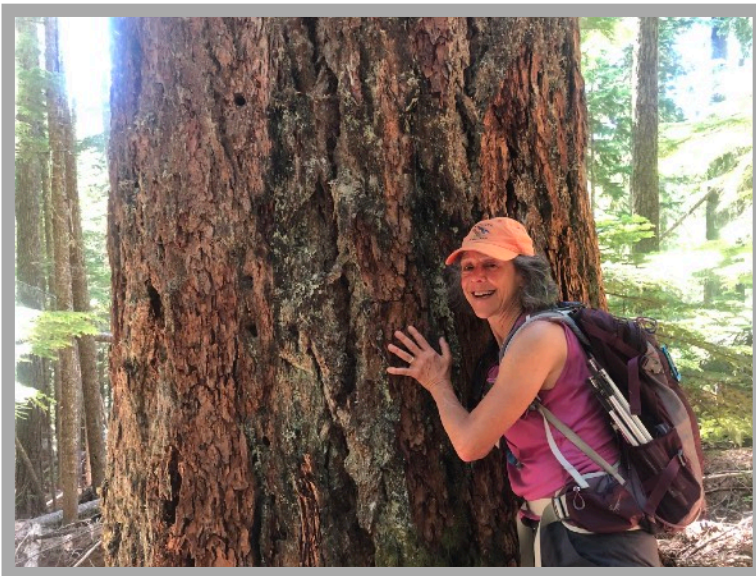
EDUCATION • ADVOCACY • STEWARDSHIP • FUN



“What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another.”

-Chris Maser

Public Comment Closing June 20!



Corvallis Broad, Pat Berman, appreciating a mature Douglas fir tree on Federal Land

Did you miss our Advocacy Night in May? Have you written your comments to BLM and USDA regarding proposed changes in rules and policies? No worries, you still have time and we have the resources. There is a link to the slides used by Helena & Chandra to explain everything including talking points with links (also mailing addresses if you prefer) at the end of the slide presentation to both agencies. Find that excellent resource [HERE](#). Please take a few minutes to do this. This is

a once-in-a-generation opportunity to call for permanent protections for mature and old-growth forests on federal lands. And if you want to do more, scroll down for info about Oregon Wild’s FIELD HEARING in Eugene on June 13th.

Hiking With Chandra Thursday, June 29 Horse Rock Ridge



Brownsville Broad, Nan Van Sandt, at Horse Rock Ridge in 2019.

Horse Rock Ridge is a Research Natural Area (RNA) managed by the Bureau of Land Management located southeast of Brownsville. It's recognized for its considerable diversity of plant species, many often found east of the Cascades. And speaking of the Cascades, on a clear day there is an incredible view of them along this hike. It's an easy, short out-and-back trail of 3.2 miles. Trekking poles are recommended for a few steep rocky spots.

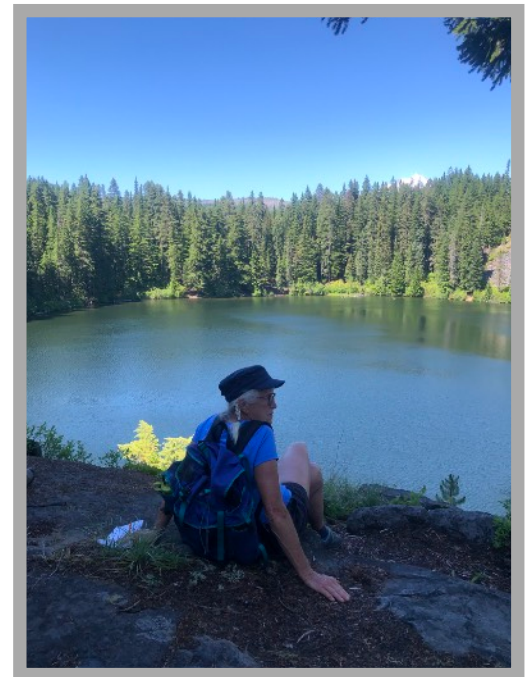
Sign-up for the hike and get more information [HERE](#).

Wilderness Monitoring 2023

Exciting news from Lynn Humphrey -

We will likely get the grant to do both Solitude and Recreation Site Wilderness Monitoring in both Middle Santiam and Diamond Peak Wildernesses for 2023 and 2024. And...trailheads for many of the Diamond Peak trails are closer than the trailheads on Hwy 242 that we went to last year. We will be scheduling training for both solitude and recreation sites monitoring soon, and starting monitoring in July. More details to come very soon.

Thank you Lynn for writing this grant to the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance.



Laura Duncan relaxing on Marion Lake during training last summer.

Canal Creek Confluence

A Willamette Valley Broadband Camping Experience

August 1-4

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 here 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](#):

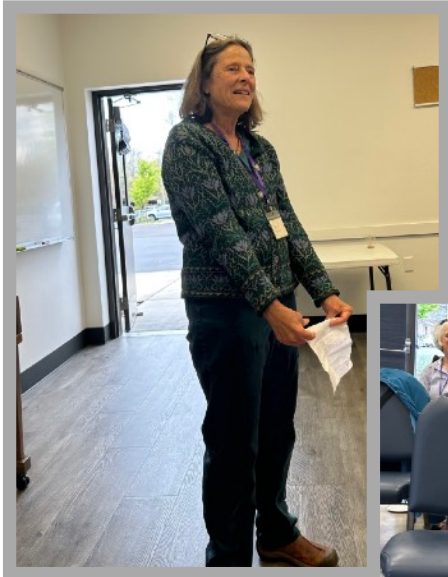
Full refunds will be given, minus some handling fees, up until July 15. Refunds will be given beyond that date if we can fill your spot. For more information contact Cyndi at [541-570-1055](tel:541-570-1055) or thebrownsvillehouse@gmail.com.

"Canal Creek is a group campground shaded by Douglas fir and spruce trees with two group campsites, each providing a tranquil, scenic setting. Canal Creek flows through the campground, dividing the two sites. Site 1 is accessed by fording the gentle creek. It has a large open field with a picnic shelter, tables and a campfire circle. The site accommodates up to 100 people and 20 vehicles. RVs are not recommended. Site 2 is bordered by the creek. It is made up of 10 separate campsites surrounding a central dining area with tables and a campfire circle. The site accommodates up to 50 people and 10 vehicles. RVs are welcome. Vault toilets are provided, but no drinking water or electric hookups are available at either site. Nearby activities include fishing and crawfishing, hiking, tubing and swimming."



Willamette Valley Broadband members & friends camping at Lost Prairie in 2021

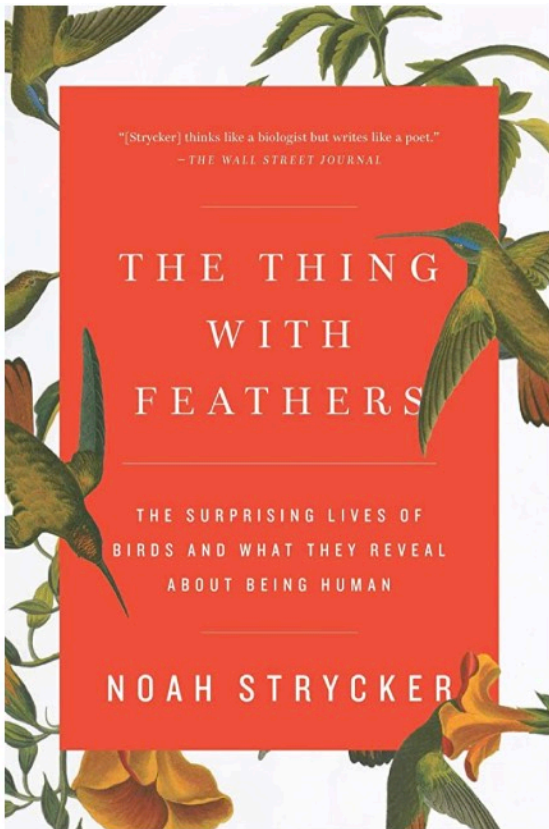
Some highlights from May



Carol Savonen introduces Dr. Boone Kaufmann for our Broad Talk on May 1 in Corvallis. His presentation on the ecological, climate and social costs of grazing on public lands was informative, and though serious stuff, he also made it entertaining.



Carolyn Peterson, Julie Stenson, Becky Garrett and Barbara Andersen enjoying their hike at Silver Falls on May 15.



Get your book and save the date! Summer Book Broads with Carol Friday, September 8 4:00

Let's read 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 2014 before that amazing feat, should be easy to find at your local library or favorite independent book seller.

And also of interest:

Oregon Wild is sponsoring a **Field Hearing for Forests and Climate on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00 in Eugene** for an opportunity to submit testimony to the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to ensure new national rules protect mature and old-growth forests on federal public lands from logging. For more information and to RSVP please go [HERE](#).

Tipping Point for Salmon
Saturday, June 24, 2023
9:00am - 3:00pm
Billy Frank Jr. Conference Center at
Eco-Trust in Portland, OR

Purpose: Educate people about current issues surrounding orcas, salmon, dam breaching, wolves, grizzlies.

Free Lunch & Admission

Presenters:

Felice Kelly - Will discuss climate arguments for breaching the LSRDs

Lucii Simpson - Tribal Elder of Nez Perce Tribe, discussing ancestral ties with land (Bitterroot Mountains - Salish Sea), land preservation

Bill Moyer - Will concentrate on their work related to rail as an alternative to barging

Dan Serres - Conservation Director for Columbia Riverkeeper

Will focus mostly on the Hanford Nuclear Site & fossil fuels and how it affects salmon

Debra Ellers - Will provide update on Southern Resident Orcas, including returning the captive orca Tokitae/Skalichechenaut home to the Salish Sea

Steve Hawley - Author of Cracked: The Future of Dams in a Hot, Chaotic World

Register here: <https://forms.gle/GfocL3asSHcxCssZ9>

FYI - Two of the presenters, Felice and Debra, are leaders in their Broadbands in Portland and Port Townsend respectively. They make us proud!

Good News Corner

This from the Greenbelt Land Trust

THINKING BIG. CREATING CONSERVATION CORRIDORS. CONNECTING COMMUNITY.

<https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/>

- 110 acres protected at Luckiamute Confluence, connecting two units of Luckiamute Landing State Natural Area.
- Oak Creek Preserve is officially acquired – 144 acres with potential trail connections between Bald Hill, MLK Park, and MacDonald Forest – and now we are raising money for the future trails and site stewardship.
- The Owens Farm Partnership – Greenbelt Land Trust, City of Corvallis, Benton County, Good Samaritan Health – unveiled the plans to build trails and make community connections across 477 acres from Jackson-Frazier Wetland to Owens Farm in a recent webinar recoded [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](https://www.greatoldbroads.org).

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

Willamette Valley Broadband Leadership Team

Cyndi Anderson, Co-Leader	thebrownsvillehouse@gmail.com
Chandra LeGue, Co-Leader	chandralegue@gmail.com
Maya Abels	maya.abels@gmail.com
Lynn Humphrey	lynnhumphrey@gmail.com
Beth Malitz	beth.malitz@gmail.com
Nancy Mauter	nanmauter@gmail.com
Carol Savonen	carol.savonen@icloud.com
Marjorie Stuart	marjorie.stuart@gmail.com
Laura Ouellette	logizmos@gmail.com
Kelly Burnett	kellymarieburnett@gmail.com
Peg Herring	peg.herring@oregonstate.edu