

MAY 2023



“Our tools are better than we are and grow better faster than we do. They suffice to crack the atom, to command the tides, but they do not suffice the oldest task in human history, to live on a piece of land without spoiling it.”

-Aldo Leopold 1938

Broad Talk with Dr. Boone Kaufmann
Sacred Cows at the Public Trough During the Climate Crisis:
Ecological, Climate and Social Costs of Grazing Public Lands

Monday, May 1 at 5:00 pm (Come at 4:30 for social time)
Corvallis Community Center
2601 NW Tyler Ave, Corvallis
...and also on Zoom

Public lands of the USA can play an important role in addressing the climate crisis. However, common practices such as domestic livestock grazing contribute to greenhouse gas emissions and have profound impacts on native plants and soil. Halting grazing would decrease greenhouse gas emissions, improve soil and water resources, and enhance and sustain native species biodiversity, representing an important and cost-effective adaptive approach to climate change.

Please RSVP [HERE](#) for in-person or Zoom attendance.

Our members at the Dry Falls Regional Broadwalk



ABOVE: Eight Willamette Valley Broads attended the Broadwalk last month at Dry Falls in WA - Peg Herring, Pat Fischer, Cyndi Anderson, Gerry Lavelle, Maya Abels, Beth Malitz, Helen Sklar and Keller Kendall at Camp Delaney.



LEFT: Peg Herring taught a fun art class for all levels at the Broadwalk.

**Monday, May 8 at 3:00
Planning Meeting
Canal Creek Broadband Campout in August
Didn't Make the First Planning Meeting?
That's Ok, come to THIS ONE!
On Zoom - Sign up [HERE](#).**

We welcome your help to plan meals, activities, hikes and stewardship.

We have reserved the Canal Creek group campsite in the
Siuslaw National Forest near Waldport for
Tuesday, August 1 - Friday, August 4.

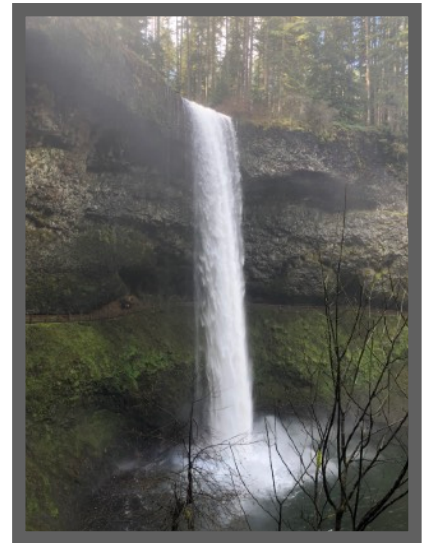
We will be sending out more information and how to register in a few weeks.



**Monday, May 8 at 6:00 pm
Advocacy Night: Climate and
forest protection comments for
BLM and Forest Service lands
On Zoom - Sign Up [Here](#).**

Maybe you've seen recent announcements about a Department of Interior rule-making process for climate resilience and conservation, or even more recently something about the Forest Service inventory of mature and old-growth forests. What does all of this mean?! Long story short, **it means an historic opportunity for the public to weigh in on policies that set our public lands and forests up for a better future.** Chandra and Helena with Oregon Wild will unpack the recent announcements, what they mean, and the best ways to comment and make an impact. Join us!

Monday, May 15
Hike to Silver Falls
with Carolyn Peterson
Please RSVP [HERE](#).



This 7.2 mile loop with 800 feet of elevation gain is rated moderate to difficult. We will take a combination of the Canyon Trail and the Rim Trail above, behind and around ten stunning waterfalls. The water fall trails are delightfully green this time a year and after our wet spring, there is likely to still be lots of water in the North Fork of Silver Creek in May. Wild flowers will beautify the trail. Much of the trail is flat, but significant parts are uneven and steep, so bring hiking poles if you need them for uneven rocky terrain. There will be opportunities for photos. If you have a fairly new Iphone, I can show you how to make a hand held long exposure of a waterfall of your choice. We will start at the North Falls trail head and walk and view the falls on our way to a late lunch (and restrooms) at the South Falls Lodge. After lunch we will meander along the Rim Trail for the final two miles back to the cars and have our final waterfall views.

If you have a Oregon state park pass, please bring it. Otherwise, please prepare to contribute to the \$5 per car charge to park, as well as driver costs for three hours of driving. Bring a small used bag in case you come across a bit of plastic litter. Bring water and lunch and possibly a snack. Be prepared for any weather and some muddy trails. Bring rain gear and wear sturdy boots or shoes that can handle mud and puddles. We may get damp behind a few of the falls. Meet behind Super 8 Motel in Corvallis on 1st and Tyler at 7:45 for a 8:00 departure. The drive to Silver Falls is about 1.5 hours each way. Return to Corvallis about 5 pm. **Limit of 12 participants.** If you plan to meet us at the North Falls parking lot (restroom is available), we should arrive between 9:30 and 9:45. **No dogs allowed on waterfall trails.**

For more information please contact Carolyn Peterson at peterson.carolyn@comcast.net

Tabling opportunity at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival in Eugene Sunday, May 21

We have the opportunity to have a tent/table at this fun outdoor festival to spread the word about Broads. We haven't committed yet, but need to SOON, so if you are interested and available to volunteer between 10am and 5pm please let Chandra know ASAP so we can decide if we are going to table at the Festival.

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Wilderness Monitoring this Summer

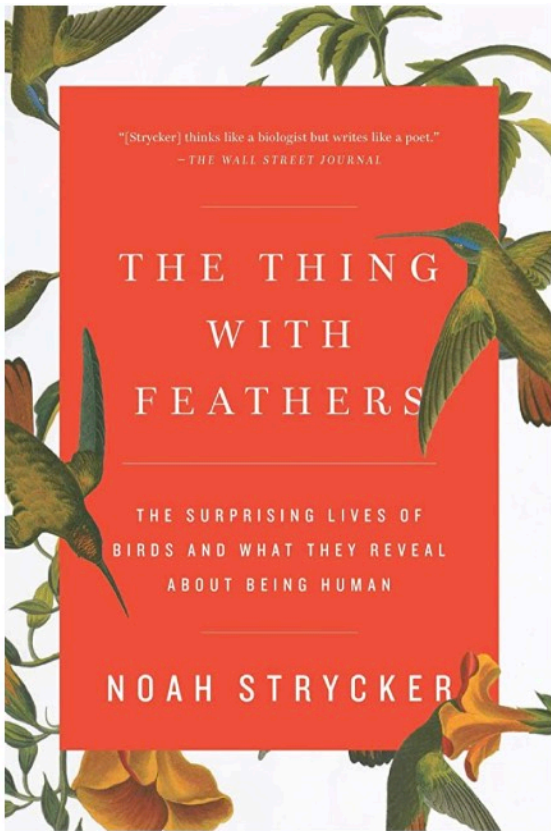
Come hike with a purpose this summer! If everything goes well this week, we WILL be doing both solitude and recreation site monitoring in the Middle Santiam and Diamond Peak Wilderness areas this summer! When you monitor, you will get a Broads t-shirt and reimbursement for your mileage to and from the trailhead. AND, if you put enough volunteer hours in, you could earn a Northwest Forest Pass or even a Central Cascades Wilderness Permit for next summer! We will be scheduling training sessions in June or early July and monitoring will happen before Labor Day with recreation site monitoring continuing into September.



Some of last year's trainers and trainees

If you haven't let us know you're interested, please email Lynn Humphrey,

lynnhumphrey@gmail.com, and we'll get you on the mailing list.



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

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.

Learning about issues important to PNW Broads



Sara Husby visits Oregon



Our leadership team hosted Sara Husby from Durango, new executive director for the Broads, on a hike to Alsea Falls and dinner in Brownsville, during her recent visit to Oregon. Co-leader, Chandra LeGue, above, is explaining the issues we have protecting mature forests and the remaining old growth in western Oregon while Lynn Humphrey, Laura Ouellette & Peg Herring look on.

Take lots of Action NOW!

Two action alerts [HERE](#) from the Broads' national office.

Take Action! Tell the Senate to pull the plug on the “Lower Energy Costs Act” and find out more about BLM’s “Conservation and Landscape Health Rule” especially if you can’t join us for a discussion including that topic for May Advocacy night.

Sign a petition [HERE](#) to tell Biden to include breaching Lower Snake River dams in the settlement for the lawsuit, *National Wildlife Federation v. National Marine Fisheries Service*, pending in Oregon right now.



Protect Beaver on our Federally Managed Public Lands

Join with 250 non-profit organizations, scientists and advocates who submitted [this letter](#) to President Biden on February 27, 2023 asking for an Executive Order to protect beaver on our federally managed public lands as a proactive emergency climate response!

Ending beaver trapping and hunting on our federally managed public lands is a nature-based climate solution that will help restore many of our streams and wetlands, and bring real, tangible benefits to our communities.

This petition will close on May 31, 2023 and be prepared for submission to the Biden Administration.

Drought, floods, wildfires, and crashing fish and wildlife populations are no longer confined to small areas but spill across state boundaries. State wildlife agencies have failed to act in our best collective interest as they continue to narrowly focus on select recreational user groups even as our human and wild communities are increasingly stressed by the accelerating impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss. It is time for action at the national level.

Beaver benefits include: More dependable water for cities, towns, farms and ranches; natural water filtration systems resulting in improved water quality; natural firebreaks creating refuges for wildlife during wildfires and protecting water quality post fire; temporary surface and groundwater storage that dampens flood peaks and improves stream flows during droughts; abundant quality fish and wildlife habitat; and drawdown of atmospheric carbon as wetland habitat expands.

Please sign the petition [HERE](#).

And also of interest:



Presented By:   

2023 Re-Wilding Oregon Conference

Limited to 160 Participants



May 13, 2023 @ Lake Creek Lodge
Camp Sherman, Oregon

Registration opens April 1st

<https://bit.ly/RewildingOregon>



Panels on:
Carnivores, 30x30, Forest Ecosystems,
Desert Ecosystems & Native Fish



Additional information about the conference [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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