
BROADCAST FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

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“Blue whales and Asian elephants can communicate over long distances with low-pitched infrasonic calls. In quieter eras, the whales’ calls could carry across entire oceans.”

- From *An Immense World* by Ed Yong

Hiking and Birding with Pat Fern Ridge Wildlife Refuge in Eugene Wednesday, September 11 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Come hike in one of the premier birding spots with Pat Boleyn who works part-time as a bird guide and teacher for Willamalane in Eugene and has worked in bird research for years. You’ll hopefully catch the fall migration of many shore birds and the return of many ducks and geese to the Willamette Valley wetlands.

The walk will be about five miles along an uneven grade of gravel and dikes. If the water level allows, hiking out to an island may be possible.

Click [HERE](#) for more details and to register.

**It's not too late
to SPEAK UP for old-growth forests. DO it by September 20th!**

The comment period is open for the National Old-growth Amendment and there are plenty of ways to learn more and advocate for our forests.

- Watch (and share) this great new documentary Crown Jewels about the effort to protect old growth across the country featuring the Flat Country project area in Oregon. Our own Chandra LeGue is in it! (click on the photo to watch it.)



- Submit a ready-to-go comment: [https://www.climate-forests.org/\(protect_our_forests\)](https://www.climate-forests.org/(protect_our_forests))

- Send your own comment straight to the USFS website: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//CommentInput?Project=65356>

The Old Growth Amendment is a proposed nationwide change in forest policy, but at this point the proposal does not include adequate protection for mature as well as old-growth forests. And vague language about “fuel reduction” and “forest management” could put Oregon’s mature forests at risk of increased commercial harvest. Thinning overstocked forests can be a useful tool to reduce fuel in some dry forests and in tree plantations, **as long as mature and old-growth trees are not cut down.**

However, in the mature forests of our wet, westside forests, the risk of wildfire cannot be addressed by thinning. Our rainy westside forests are some of the most productive in the world and they naturally store huge amounts of carbon. Thinning mature moist forests reduces biomass, compresses soil, accumulates unnaturally high levels of woody fuel, and opens the forest floor to rapid drying. All of this increases fire susceptibility, releases carbon into the atmosphere, and reduces shelter for species (such as northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets) while inviting predators (such as barred owls and ravens) that further endanger these threatened species. Fire in wet westside forests is a matter of weather and wind, not fuel level. **Thinning is a veiled excuse to increase commercial logging.**



Annual Meeting and Potluck 2023

**Annual
Willamette Valley
Broadband
Potluck and Meeting
Pioneer Park Pavilion
in Brownsville
Sunday, October 6th
12:00**

At our annual meeting and potluck gathering on October 6, we'll be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the passage of the Wilderness Act that has helped protect so many of the places we love. We invite Broads and Bros who are planning to attend to sign up for a spot to share about a protected Wilderness area you love and an experience you had there. You'll be able to share 3 photos/slides and have 3 minutes to share your story. We hope to get 10 Broads to sign up for this fun presentation. Reach out to Chandra with any questions or guidance or simply put WILL SHARE in the comments when you sign up below and she will reach out to you with instructions.

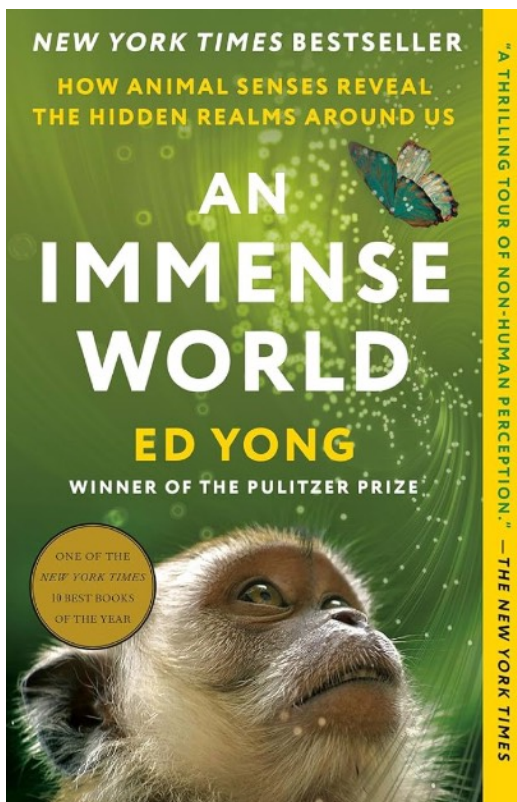
If you plan to attend the annual potluck and meeting bring something edible to share and your own tableware and mug for cider, tea or coffee which we will provide. Please sign up **HERE** so we know how many folks to set up for. Hope to see you in beautiful Pioneer Park on the Calapooia River in Brownsville on October 6th!

Have you registered for the Wilderness & Beyond Conference?

Join Broads from around the country at this fantastic public lands gathering in Estes Park, Colorado October 14-17!

Find more info and register [HERE](#).

Let Chandra or Cyndi know if you plan to attend in case we can coordinate on anything!



Book Broads with Carol Friday, October 25 4:00 on ZOOM Get your book today!

We'll be reading the New York Times best seller, "An Immense World - How Animal Senses Reveal The Hidden Realms Around us" by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Ed Yong. This book is a multi sensory exploration of the many ways in which animals perceive their environment. Some of these senses are familiar to us others are utterly alien, all of them reveal that the world humans perceive through their senses is only a slice of a much larger world. "An Immense World" is an argument for empathy according to oprahdaily.com. It's a big book so you may want to start it soon!

We'll send the Zoom link out in the October Broadcast.

And also of interest from other partners....

Join Chandra for an Oregon Wild sponsored hike

Sunday, September 7 - South Waldo Lake - more information and sign up [HERE](#)
Other Oregon Wild hikes and webcasts [HERE](#)

Mary's Peak on Monday, September 16

The Old-Growth Forest Network and the Siuslaw National Forest invite the community for an interpretive ~2-mile round-trip hike to explore Marys Peak Day Use Area.

The hike will commemorate the induction of Marys Peak Scenic Botanical Area into the national Old-Growth Forest Network.

Attendees will park and gather at the Summit Parking Lot, approximately 45 minutes from Corvallis. A brief ceremony, including remarks by Siuslaw National Forest staff and OGFN will take place. Attendees will then travel to the nearby Marys Peak Campground parking area to hike the Meadowedge Trail. Attendees will have the option to hike the Summit Loop. The hike will end at approximately 1pm. Register and get details for the hike [HERE](#).



Elizabeth and Dennis Lazaroff campaigning to protect the Owyhee Canyon Lands with the mobile billboard's rolling ad sponsored by the Broads outside of Wyden's Town Hall meeting in Philomath last month.

Highlights from August

Mount St. Helens Broadwalk August 7-11

The volcano watched patiently as Broads gathered on the shoulders of Mount St. Helens for five days of learning, service, advocacy, and eruptive fun. We camped at the Coldwater Visitors Center within the National Volcanic Monument, with access to swimming in Coldwater Lake (created by the eruption's massive lahar) and hiking in the hummocks (a new forest growing on new land 100 feet above the old ground level.)

Our sisters, the Cascade Volcanoes (of course!), brought in experts and eye-witnesses to tell the story of the volcano, the people, and the continuing efforts to protect against mining, logging, and intrusions into a region that continues to feel the effects of the 1980 eruption. And in Broad style, we celebrated that eruption with music and costumes from the 1980s.



Broadwalk description and sketch by Peg Herring

Russian thistle and tufas and BEARS oh my at the Eastern Sierra Broadwalk August 19-23



Willamette Valley Broad, Diana Barron, shows off her very, BEARY big hole in her tent.

Three Willamette Valley Broads traveled to Northern California to camp between Mono Lake and Mammoth Lakes with over 35 other Broads from as far away as Minnesota & Georgia to learn about the Eastern Sierra Nevada mountains and the conservation issues associated with mining and water snatching in that beautiful landscape. They had their own LOCAL snatching issues associated with a bold, brave bear that frequented the campsite. Be bold, be brave, be a bear?

A goodly number of Willamette Valley Broads and Bros turned out to learn about the National Old Growth Forest Amendment and what and how to comment by the deadline of September 20th. Logging of mature and old growth trees on the west side of the Cascades on Federally managed lands needs to end! See what you can do to comment by September 20th on page 2 of this Broadcast.

Advocacy Night at Two Towns Cider House



Caption This!



Reply to this email with a caption for this photo and get a chance to win Broads logo merchandise. The winner and caption will be announced in the October Broadcast.



Happy hikers Beth Brown, Elizabeth Lazaroff, Janice Rosenberg and Maya Abels



Pacific NW Broadband leaders, Cyndi Anderson, Micky Ryan and Laurie Kerr hiking Lundy Canyon during the Eastern Sierra Broadwalk

**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/>

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