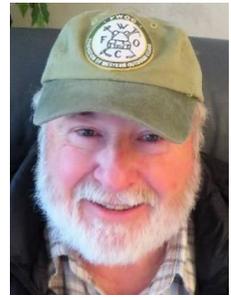




President's Message

January 30, 2022



Hello everyone,

Last year was a time of celebration for the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) and many of our member organizations with many of the previous administration's devastating environmental actions being reversed. However, the future has the potential for all we recovered to be again under attack.

Last year I spoke of a brighter future for the environment following the election of Joe Biden as President. It appears I was celebrating prematurely after witnessing the struggle the President is experiencing in getting his agenda approved. We must keep the public aware of the impact of global warming and the effect it is having on the environment worldwide. The pro-environmental agenda must be addressed to national leaders as well as local and state leadership and the public.

The brutal fire season in the West and the Tornadoes and storms experienced in the South and East are indicative of what global warming has for us in the future. Already in January, another major fire is burning in California's Big Sur along scenic Highway 1, which had to be closed.

Several states are working on plans to maintain water levels in rivers to prevent them reaching excessively low levels again in the future. Washington State has plans under discussion that will trap more rainwater in reservoirs and lakes that can, if needed, be released into rivers that supply water for many communities.

I am hoping FWOC can safely plan our annual conference towards fall if the pandemic can have less of an impact on safe gatherings. We will need volunteers to organize the convention if we can have one. I encourage all organizations and individuals to maintain your FWOC membership and plan to help further implement our Strategic Plan. Please fill out and return the enclosed information form with your dues and contact me if interested in outreach efforts. Also, of great importance for organizations is to include your current number of members and the names of delegates chosen to vote on this year's upcoming resolutions. For details on organizational delegates, please consult FWOC bylaws on our website.

Please stay safe while continuing the good work you do and remember to share it with Raelene Gold, our editor.

Thanks to all for continuing good works,

George Milne
President

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Uniting Western Conservation groups in a shared agenda.**