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I have been impressed with the recent efforts of our member organizations and individuals to promote protection of existing public lands and resources in the political turmoil this last year. In addition efforts to promote inclusion of current unprotected lands has had success in a few places as well.

I have represented FWOC in joining the Sierra Club in the opposition to the Jordan Cove LNG Export Terminal in Southern Oregon. We have addressed this issue in the past, but it keeps coming up.

Also, I have represented FWOC in support of KS Wild in reference to the Shasta Agness Timber sale in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in the Oregon Coast Range.

We have also signed on to a letter addressed to the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Chelan National Resources Department regarding the Icicle Creek Water Resource Management Strategy. The letter refers to outstanding gaps and deficiencies in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. There are 33 other organizations that have added their name to this letter.

FWOC members, and member organizations, have been active in addressing issues throughout the Western States.

Unfortunately, I suffered an internal infection that seriously impacted my ability to plan and react to FWOC needs. Several ExCom members have been carrying the load, and doing so successfully. We have now been restored to our 501-C4 status with the Federal Government thanks to Sylvia Milne, John Rettig and Robertson Miller along with our accountant Troy Reichlein.

We will not have the usual 3 day annual conference this year. We will have a one day meeting September 28th in Centralia, Washington to conduct necessary business for 2019. Raelene Gold and Shelley Spalding have worked to arrange for our meeting place at the McMenamin's Olympia Club which is a block from the Amtrak train station in Centralia. Several members have already committed to come by train.

It is important to have as many organizations participate in this meeting as possible to enable us to pass new resolutions as well as elect officers for the next year. Sylvia and I are planning to stay overnight to visit with those that want to do the same to facilitate a longer drive home the following day. We will research facilities for an overnight stay and if you are interested please email me at georgemilne44@gmail.com or Sylvia at

sylviamilne@msn.com. Admittedly, it is a late start but your presence is needed and appreciated. Keep a watch for the next Outdoors West for more information.

Sincerely,

George Milne

