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*Lost Lake and Mount Hood by Ryan Hunter, courtesy of Oregon Wild*

## **FWOC's 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

### **Defending Our Environmental Legacy in the West**

**Mazama Lodge • Government Camp, Oregon**

**August 26<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Mazamas and Trails Club of Oregon are hosting the Federation's Annual Conference this summer at Government Camp where both have alpine lodges near the majestic Mount Hood. This summer also marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mazamas 1931 invitation to a number of outdoor mountain climbing and recreation clubs to bring stones from their own area mountains for the new lodge's fireplace. Members from over twenty clubs from Oregon, Washington and California came with stones for the dedication of the lodge fireplace. That meeting led to the founding of the Federation the following year in 1932 and began our long history of working together to enjoy and protect our conservation legacy. Today our public lands and the laws to protect them are being threatened. We again need to collaborate and unite in their defense.

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# FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

Established in 1932 for the Mutual Service and for the Promotion of the Proper Use, Enjoyment and Protection of America's Scenic Wilderness and Outdoor Recreation Resources

## PRESIDENT'S INVITATION

In 1931, the Mazamas invited about 20 mountain climbing and recreation clubs in the west to come to the dedication of their lodge and bring a stone from their home area for the new fireplace as a symbol of common interest and collaboration among the groups. This meeting led to the formation of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs the following year.

This year we have the idea of replicating the past, in the spirit of collective unity and cooperation, by asking each member club to donate a patch or pin with their logo to be added to a framed FWOC flag to leave with the Mazamas to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

I want to warmly invite all our member clubs and their members, as well as other recreation and conservation organizations and their members, and all other lovers and defenders of our great western outdoor legacy to join us at the Mazama Lodge on August 26-28 this summer.

Visit our updated FWOC website: [www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org) for updated information about the 2011 Conference. You will also find the resolutions adopted at the past conferences. We are trying to save a tree by not sending out hard copies of the Resolutions unless requested.

Regards,  
 Joan Zuber, President



Joan Zuber,  
 FWOC President and  
 Mazamas Conservation  
 Committee Member



The FWOC Executive Committee is looking for new members to add to our long standing membership. We are in need of both a Secretary and a new Treasurer to replace Jack Walker, who would like to retire after many years of diligent service. We also would like to add State Vice-Presidents to serve as liaisons with member clubs in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Please email or phone Joan Zuber if you would like to join us.

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# FWOC's ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AUGUST 26-28, 2011

By Michael McCloskey, Program Chair

## This Summer's FWOC Conference to Focus on Our Endangered Legacy

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs has chosen the theme of "Defending our Environmental Legacy in the West" for its annual conference this summer. It will be held at the Mazama Lodge on Mt. Hood on August 26-28 near Government Camp, OR. To appreciate our legacy, the Friday evening program features a scenic tour of the Oregon and the Northwest backcountry by expert photographer, Alan Bauer.

Key Saturday sessions to explore our theme will focus on "Keeping Coal and LNG Plants Out of Oregon," with presentations by **Cesia Kearns** of the Sierra Club's Oregon office and **Joan Zuber** of the Mazamas. Both have deep expertise on these issues. Another session will focus on "Limiting Damage to Environmental Laws and Programs," by the FWOC's senior policy advisor, **Michael McCloskey**. The topic of damage to programs to promote the recovery of wolves and grizzly bears will be by the regional representative for Defenders of Wildlife, **Suzanne Stone**.

"Controversial New Guidelines for Planning in the National Forests" will be examined by **Andy Stahl**, the knowledgeable Executive Director of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics (FSEEE). Not all environmental groups are in agreement about how to view these proposals.

Saturday morning's sessions will open with a review of some of the problems now stressing the environment of Mt. Hood. **John Rettig**, Conservation Chair of the Mazamas, will describe the problems with a proposal to introduce lift-assisted summer downhill mountain biking at Timberline Lodge via existing ski lifts. **Lori Ann Burd** of BARK will evaluate the latest plan of the Forest Service to regulate ORV use on the mountain.

On Saturday afternoon, **Professor Richard Waring**, Oregon State University Professor Emeritus of Forestry, will lead a field trip to inspect a forest disturbed by fire on Mt. Hood. His tour is entitled "Clues to Future Forests on Mt. Hood." His tours are always popular and will take three hours.



Mazama Lodge meeting site

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH

- 1 PM Registration opens at the Mazama Lodge
- 2 PM Field trip
- 5 PM Welcome Reception
- 5:30 PM Opening Session
- 6 PM Dinner
- 7:30 PM *Oregon's Outdoor Legacy*, by Alan Bauer, Photographer

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

- 8 AM Breakfast
- 9 AM THREATS TO MOUNT HOOD'S ENVIRONMENT  
*Timberline's Proposal for a Downhill Lift Assisted Mountain Bike Skills Park*, John Rettig, Mazamas  
*New ORV Controls on Mt. Hood NF*, Lori Ann Burd, BARK
- 9:30 AM HYDROCARBON DEVELOPMENT IN OREGON  
*Are LNG Import Facilities Behind Us?* Joan Zuber, Mazamas  
*Coping with Coal in Oregon at Boardman; Coal Export on the Columbia and Nationally*, Cesia Kearns, Sierra Club
- 10:30 AM Break
- 11 AM MOVES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CURTAIL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS  
*Damage Threatened and Done with Budgeting and Restrictions*, Michael McCloskey, FWOC Sr. Policy Advisor  
*Rolling Back Protection for Wolves and Grizzly Bears Under the Endangered Species Act*, Suzanne Stone, Defenders of Wildlife
- NOON Lunch
- 1 PM VIEWS ON THE CONTROVERSIAL NEW GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL FOREST PLANNING  
Andy Stahl, FSEEE
- 2 PM FIELD TRIP, *Clues to Future Forests on Mt. Hood; a Guided Inspection*, Professor Richard Waring, OSU Forestry Dept.
- 6 PM Social Hour
- 7 PM Dinner

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

- 8 AM Breakfast
- 9 AM FWOC Business meeting
- 10 AM Resolution presentations and voting  
Alternate field trip
- 12 NOON Adjourn

# OCTOBER 1–3, 2010 FWOC CONFERENCE

By David Czamanske, FWOC VP

## Partnerships for the West Protecting Public Lands in an Era of Climate Change

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs 2010 Conference, co-hosted by the California Alpine Club and the Contra Costa Hills Club, was held October 1–3 at the Alpine Lodge on the slopes of Mt. Tamalpais in Mill Valley, California. Field trips were to Mt. Tamalpais State Park and Muir Woods National Monument, an old growth redwood forests, established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906. Program presenters included:

**Dr. Tony Barnosky**, Professor of Integrative Biology at the University of California, Berkeley, kicked off the conference with a sobering presentation on the dramatic changes in wildlife species distribution that have occurred throughout the world due to global warming. Professor Barnosky has conducted extensive studies of small mammal fossils during the Pleistocene era. His studies have highlighted changes in the distribution of these mammals due to climate changes that have occurred during this period prior to mankind's emergence as Earth's dominant species.

Barnosky provided several examples not only of long-ago changes in species distribution, but also of more recent and more discernible changes in distribution due to climate change. For example, the distribution of the pika, a small mammal well known to mountain hikers, is under stress due to the increasing temperatures in high altitude mountains in the West. The pika is being forced to higher elevations to survive, and where there

are no higher elevations where it can escape to, it has become extinct. By the mid-1990s it had already become extinct on 5 of the 25 mountains in Nevada where it had existed a century before. Numerous other examples of relatively recent changes in species distribution, including those from Yosemite, Yellowstone, the Rocky Mountains, and the grasslands of Africa are described in Barnosky's recently published and highly readable book, *Heatstroke: Nature in the Age of Global Warming* (Island Press [2009], 229 pp).

**Bruce Hamilton**, Deputy Director of the Sierra Club, gave an excellent presentation on the Sierra Club's Resilient Habitats Campaign. This campaign focuses on forward-looking land use planning, through public ownership or partnerships with private landowners, that will facilitate protection of lands necessary for the movement of species to habitats where they hopefully will be more likely to survive current and impending climate change. An example cited is the need to protect the wildlife corridor, now in private ownership, between Yellowstone National Park and the Forest Service's Wind River Range. Then Grizzly bears in Yellowstone can move to the higher elevations in the Wind River Range that are more likely to retain cooler temperatures essential to the Grizzlies' survival.

**Christy Davis**, Executive Director of the California Wilderness Coalition, outlined the recent accomplishments and ambitious goals of the Coalition, including support for the California Desert Protection Act of 2010 (S2821, introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein). This bill would create two new national monuments (a Sand to Snow National Monument to link Joshua Tree National Monument to San Bernardino National Forest, and a Mojave Trails National Monument in the Mojave Desert), several new wilderness areas, and five designated off-highway vehicle recreation areas. It would also expedite permitting of renewable energy projects in the desert while protecting environmentally sensitive lands from energy development. (See [www.californiadesert.org](http://www.californiadesert.org) for information about this legislation.) Although this bill has significant support from the environmental community, some groups, including the Sierra Club, have given it only qualified support because of the inclusion of legislatively created OHV recreation areas on federal lands, a designation never before authorized by Congress

**Shaaron Netherton**, Executive Director of the Friends of Nevada Wilderness, described the extensive and successful efforts by that organization to partner with a wide variety of government agencies and non-profits to establish and protect wild areas throughout Nevada. She reminded us of the many upcoming outings, work parties, and other events that the Friends will be sponsoring over the course of the next year, and encouraged our participation. (See [www.nevadawilderness.org](http://www.nevadawilderness.org))



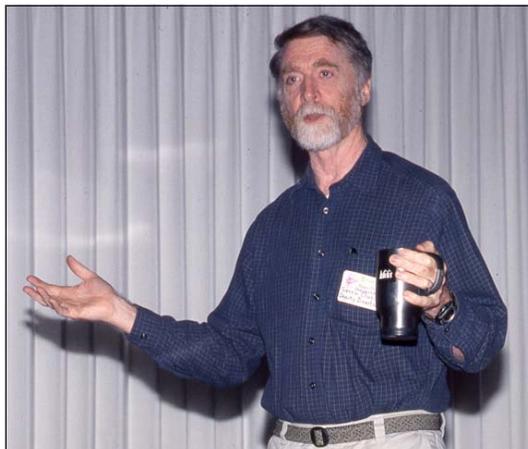
*Mt. Tamalpais State Park hike led by Contra Costa Hills Club's Co-President, Ron Van Dette*

# OCTOBER 1-3, 2010 FWOC CONFERENCE

By David Czamanske, FWOC VP



*Christie Davis – Executive Director, California Wilderness Coalition*



*Bruce Hamilton – Deputy Director, Sierra Club*

**Joe Fontaine**, long-time Sierra Club activist and past FWOC President, gave an update on the continuing campaign to protect forest habitat within the boundaries of the Giant Sequoia National Monument in the southern Sierra Nevada. Ever since this Monument was established by President Clinton, the Forest Supervisor of Sequoia National Forest, within which the Monument is located, has resisted the explicit directives of the presidential proclamation establishing the Monument. Instead the supervisor has proposed significant amounts of logging within its boundaries under the guise of protecting public safety, i.e., reducing the fire hazard to nearby communities by cutting trees up to 20 inches in diameter.



*Joe Fontaine – FWOC Past President and Conference Program Chair*

A federal judge declared the initial Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the Monument's Management Plan to be grossly inadequate and instructed the Forest Service to do it over again, yet the latest EIS repeats many of the erroneous claims of the original one by attempting continued justification of a substantially high level of logging. Conservation activists are asking concerned citizens to support instead the "Citizens Park Alternative," which would permit prescribed burning rather than logging as a fire management technique, and would still allow dispersed camping and continued group-use permits at designated locations. (Details of this plan are described at [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org) – enter "Giant Sequoia National Monument" in search window.)

## THANKS

Thanks to Mae Harms, President of the California Alpine Club, and the Club's volunteers for the wonderful meals and hospitable arrangements. Thanks to Beryl Vonderheid for arranging the Muir Woods field trip and to Contra Costa Hills Co-President Ron Van Dette for leading the hike in Mt. Tamalpais State Park.

## AWARDS

The Service Award went to Mae Harms for her work as Editor of Outdoors West and for her planning of the 2010 Conference at the Alpine Lodge owned by the California Alpine Club. The Conservation Award went to Susan Saul for her long standing work for the protection of the Mt. Saint Helens National Monument.

## NEW MEMBER CLUB

The Klamath Siskiyou Wildlife Center in Williams, Oregon was voted to be accepted as a new member club.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 2010 CONFERENCE

(The full text of the Resolutions can be found at [www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org).)

1. Release of Bodie Wilderness Study Area
2. Oppose Categorical Exclusion for mining in USFS Roadless Areas
3. Quiet of Death Valley NP
4. In memory of Walkin' Jim Stoltz
5. Siskiyou Crest
6. Lake Tahoe
7. Nevada's coal fired plant
8. Northern Grey Wolf
9. Boardman Power Plant
10. Protect wildlife
11. Timberline Mountain Bikes
12. Oppose Ultra Heavy Truck Loads through ID and MT
13. Alternative Energy for Schools

# CONSERVATION UPDATES

By Raelene Gold, FWOC Past President

**Member Clubs are invited to send their conservation news to be included in Conservation Updates by email to [raelene@seanet.com](mailto:raelene@seanet.com))**

## FEDERAL

The newly elected US House of Representatives is putting long-standing protected public lands, environmental laws and the agencies charged with environmental protection at alarming risk through the budget process. The House Continuing Resolution 39 was the first assault on many environmental programs and/or their funding. House/Senate budget negotiations for the 2010–2011 Budget resulted in: Rocky Mountain gray wolves being removed from the Endangered Species list, the elimination of funding for a Climate Service (program to supply climate change data) at NOAA, and the elimination of protections for wilderness study lands. Negotiations for the 2012–2014 Budget will bring back many of the threats, including the reduced funding for the EPA to prevent their taking action against climate change.

### *Endangered Species*

The Congressional decision to remove the Rocky Mountain gray wolf from the Endangered Species list also puts the ESA at risk, being the first time a species has been removed from the list by Congress without a public hearing or debate.

In January, the **Endangered Species Coalition** issued a report identifying the *Top 10 Ecosystems to Save for Endangered Species in a Warming World*. The report examines how the changing climate is increasing the risk of extinction and the importance of protecting key ecosystems. Those in the West include: the **Arctic Sea Ice**, polar bear, Pacific walrus and 6 species of seal; **Shallow Water Coral Reefs**, elkhorn and staghorn coral; **Hawaiian Islands**, birds and many plants; **Southwest Deserts**, fish, plants and mammals; **San Francisco Bay Delta**, Swainson's Hawk, tiger salamander, Delta smelt; **California Sierra Mountains**, yellow legged frog; **Snake River Basin**, four runs of salmon and steelhead; **Greater Yellowstone Basin**, whitebark pine. The full report is at [www.stopextinction.org](http://www.stopextinction.org).

### *National Forests*

On February 10, 2011, the Administration and Forest Service released a proposal to revise the rules guiding the land management plans for all units of the National Forest System. Specifically it would change the National Forest Management Act (NFMA), which originally was passed in 1976, and was landmark legislation giving the public a much wider role in forest management and requiring the Forest Service to also manage for species diversity. To learn more about the proposed changes, the need for stronger protections and how to comment, go to the Oregon Wild website at [www.oregonwild.com](http://www.oregonwild.com).

## CALIFORNIA

The Sierra Club reports that California Governor Jerry Brown has signed a **renewable energy mandate** requiring the state's utilities to **get 33%** of their electricity from renewable sources like geothermal, wind and solar **by 2020**. This is the most ambitious clean energy standard in the nation. Californians are hoping it also jolts their economy and creates cleantech jobs as utilities seek contracts with renewable energy power producers.

The Sierra Club's California/Nevada Desert Desert Committee reports that the plan by Kaiser Ventures, LLC to build the largest garbage dump in the US next to **Joshua Tree National Park** has been stopped. The US Supreme Court refused to hear the corporation's appeal of a US 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals decision overturning the necessary land exchange. This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of Joshua Tree NP.

## IDAHO

Following the Federal delisting of the **Rocky Mountain gray wolf**, state game agencies in both Idaho and Montana removed state protections and began selling wolf hunting permits. Small still recovering populations of the Rocky Mountain gray wolf also reside in eastern Washington, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

Local residents, environmental groups and the Nez Perce Nation have opposed the shipments by Exxon/Mobil and Conoco/Phillips of **ultra heavy mining equipment by truck along Highway 12** through Idaho and Montana bound for the tar sands oil mining in Alberta, Canada. This is along the Lochsa River, a National Wild and Scenic Corridor, near the historic Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce National Trails, transforming the beautiful scenic area into an industrial corridor. Clearing a legal challenge in the Idaho Supreme Court and obtaining the permit from the Idaho Department of Transportation with the support of Governor Bruce Otter, some loads have already crossed Idaho. But public meetings are still being held and at this point it is unclear what Montana will decide. Marty Huebner, the FWOC Idaho State VP, recommends going to the All Against the Haul website: [www.allagainstthehaul.org](http://www.allagainstthehaul.org) for updates and to sign the petition.

The **Winter Wildlands Alliance** in Boise reports that the US Forest Service denied their petition request for the removal of the over-snow vehicle exemption from the 2005 Travel Management Rule.

The **Idaho Conservation League** is raising concerns about possible water contamination from drilling for natural gas by "fracking" in western Idaho.

# CONSERVATION UPDATES

By Raelene Gold, FWOC Past President

## MONTANA

**Wilderness Watch** sends out their excellent monthly *Guardian* newsletter with alerts about any proposals or actions in wilderness not in compliance with the Wilderness Act. They joined other conservation groups urging the FWS to deny Montana's request to kill wolves in the Bitterroots including the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. They assert that, "The wolf killing plan is nothing more than a reflection of anti-wolf agency culture and an attempt to appease vocal wolf hating hunters in the Bitterroot Valley."

## NEVADA

**Walker Lake** in Northwest Nevada is gradually rising because of more inflow from the Walker River due to this year's increased snow in the Sierra Nevadas and the funds provided for sale of upstream farmer's water allocations. More water will decrease the salinity of the lake and could result in a healthy fish population, which would ensure the return of the migrating loons and other birds such as the white pelican.

## OREGON

**Friends of the Columbia River Gorge** alerts us regarding threats to the funding of the Columbia Gorge Commission in the Washington State budget, which would result in Oregon's contribution to the Commission also being cut. This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the **Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area**.

The **Mazamas** continue to work on opposition to attempts by energy speculators to site **Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)** facilities and the Palomar Pipeline in Oregon.

The Bradwood Landing site project near the mouth of the Columbia River is almost dead. Oregon LNG and Coos Bay sites are still alive. Abundant US resources and supplies of natural gas make imported LNG less financially attractive. The **Palomar Pipeline**, a NW Natural Gas project, remains a serious environmental threat. The route crosses the Cascade Mountains through key watersheds, wild and scenic streams, and the Mt. Hood National Forest.

## UTAH

**The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance** is working to protect the **Greater Canyonlands** area from ORV use in sensitive areas. They continue to work for the designation of the **Red Rock Wilderness**; the Bill has been reintroduced in Congress.

## WASHINGTON

This September is the date set for beginning the removal of the first of the two **Elwah River Dams**, which will eventually lead to the return of salmon up the two-thirds of the river in the **Olympic National Park**. Environmentalists are also hoping

that the removal of the **four dams on the Snake River**, returning salmon runs to Central Idaho, will be considered next. The Obama administration's Columbia-Snake salmon and steelhead Recovery Plan is again being reviewed in Judge Redden's US District Court.

Washington State's only **coal fired power plant, TransAlta, in Centralia**, run by a Canadian Company, is the source for 20% of the state's green house gas emissions. Its closure has been high on the list of priorities for the Environmental Priorities Coalition, a group of 25 environmental organizations that work together to set their state legislative priorities. This year the Washington State legislature approved a bill that would transition the plant from coal by 2025, five years later than hoped for, but nevertheless a victory. Environmental groups also worked hard on a successful **Oil Spill Bill** that will help the state prevent and respond more rapidly to oil spills coming from oil transported on Washington waters.

The Fukushima Nuclear disaster in Japan has increased concerns in the Northwest about Washington's **Hanford Nuclear Reservation**. There are heightened concerns about the safety of Washington State's one nuclear power plant Columbia (a Mark 2 type), which produces 20% of the state's electrical power and is run by Energy Northwest. There is also strong opposition to Hanford being selected as a National Radioactive Waste Dump for high level (GTCC) waste. There is insistence that USDOE clean up the existing radioactive waste at Hanford, which is seeping from corroding barrels into the Columbia River, before receiving any more waste. The truckloads of the extremely radioactive wastes would be transported over I-5, through Eugene, Salem and Portland to I-205 and I-84 and I-90 through downtown Spokane. To learn more and comment, go to [www.hoanw.org](http://www.hoanw.org).

**Susan Saul** reports that a Canadian Mining Company, Ascot Resources, is proposing to build a copper mine adjacent to the **Mt. St. Helen's National Monument**. Environmental groups oppose the mine citing the impacts to the scenic and recreation values of the Mt. Margaret backcountry and Green River Valley, as well as the contamination of soil, groundwater and downstream drinking water.



Outdoors West accepts calendar items and club and conservation news from our member clubs. We also entertain submissions of brief opinion pieces and articles on conservation issues in the West from those who would like to see their view and interests in print. Please email submissions to Raelene Gold at [raelene@seanet.com](mailto:raelene@seanet.com).



# MEMBER CLUB NEWS

Compiled by Shirley Cameron



To have your Club news included, please remember to send your club's newsletter by mail to Shirley Cameron, 4059 Donald St., Apt. 1, Eugene, OR, 97405

## CALIFORNIA

Mt. Tamalpais was the scene of the CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB'S "Hike and Bike" ride last May. The bikes are left at 2,460' on the mountain. Next, participants drive down to Stinson Beach, and then, hike ten miles back up to the bikes and have an exciting ride down to the beach ("Coast to the Coast").

The *Trails* reports that due to heavy April rains, all Marin County reservoirs are full for the first time since 2006. Unfortunately, this helped the water-loving pathogen responsible for Sudden Oak Death.

Grants of \$13,250 were approved by the CAC Foundation for projects such as trail maintenance and repair, tools and supplies, habitat restoration, education, and backpacks for a summer camp program.

We learn that growing populations of western gulls, Brandt's cormorants, and other seabirds have occupied large portions of Alcatraz Island. Birds are nesting in areas that hamper tours and degrade structures. Management strategies are being investigated.



*The Knapsack* of the CONTRA COSTA HILLS CLUB mentions two of the many interesting places on their hike schedule: In south San Francisco stands the Wind Harp. It is 94 ft. high and is visible from the San Francisco airport. Of course, the wind has to be blowing to hear the music! The other place is the Fox Oakland Theatre. It took \$75 million dollars to restore this 1928 theatre to the stunning art deco glory of the original. 30% of the original plaster work had to

be replaced but was carefully matched to the Moorish design. There are warrior guardians on either side of the stage.

East Bay Regional Park District has acquired 320 additional acres. The property is covered with several types of oaks, buckeyes, and has 400 species of plants and animals. The Save Mt. Diablo group will lead private groups into the area until it is open to the public.

The club's Conservation Committee selected 22 organizations for donations in 2009-2010.

## COLORADO

It was Wilderness Week when two leaders of the GREAT OLD BROADS FOR WILDERNESS, Ronni Egan and Rose Chilcoat ventured to Washington DC to meet with USFS and BLM personnel. Their goal was to introduce them to the Healthy Lands Project, an important source of qualitative data helping to inform new Travel Management Plans and for tracking grazing impacts.

BROADS are simplifying this project to one of a "Storyteller." Stories will be illustrated and referenced through an activist's own geotagged photos. The Healthy Lands Project website ([www.healthylands.org](http://www.healthylands.org)) will provide tools and tips on creating the story and communicating the results with land managers. We are urged to pick up our cameras and GPS and advocate for the places we care about!

Great Old Broads are multiplying their influence by all of the Broadbands they have sponsored from Coast to Coast. Among them is the Silver City, NM group raising awareness about the endangered Mexican Gray Wolf with a wolf parade downtown. Another is

a Florida group hiking through the difficult swamps and cypress stands to explore the Everglades ecosystem as a prelude to the 2011 Swampwalk/Broadwalk.

## MONTANA

Doing a good job of keeping up with threats, WILDERNESS WATCH opposed the filming by Idaho Public Television of a crew of students doing trail work in the Salmon-Challis National Forest, even filming into the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. Although initially denying the request, political and media pressure forced the Forest Service to approve it and to issue an interim rule approving more commercial filming, including in Wilderness.

A proposed reconstruction project in the Emigrant Wilderness of California was modified due to the efforts of the Central Sierra Chapter of Wilderness Watch. The trail project would have fundamentally changed the area's wilderness character, causing erosion problems and meadow impacts.

## OREGON

Our new member, the KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER (KS Wild) in Williams, Oregon, works to protect and restore the extraordinary biological diversity of the Klamath-Siskiyou region in southwest Oregon and northwest California. They are an advocate for the forests, wildlife and waters of the Rogue and Klamath Basins. One of their projects was working for the removal of the antiquated Gold Ray dam on the Rogue River near Medford, OR. The dam was removed in August



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2010 and the Rogue River now flows free for 157 miles from the Cascades to the Pacific.



The SISKIYOU FIELD INSTITUTE in Selma is offering a wide range of field based natural history classes this summer on the geology, botany and birds of the beautiful and biodiverse Siskiyous.

Their Program Coordinator, Karen Phillips invites you to check out their offerings at [www.thesfi.org](http://www.thesfi.org).



Three CHEMEKETAN paddlers accepted a First Place award for "Best Educational Film" in the West Coast Film Awards 2010. Featured in the film was the Chemeketan Fish Lake and Hackelman Creek paddle trip with fifteen participants led by Laurelyn Schellin who also narrated the film.

From their newsletter, we learn of the requirements the Forest Service is placing on trail maintenance volunteers. At a minimum, a trail maintenance crew should have a person certified in crosscut saw, first aid and CPR. Certification is required every year when using a chain saw. Eight hours of training the first year, then 4 hours thereafter. Several Chemeketans have earned certification. More information is at [www.highcascadesvolunteers.com](http://www.highcascadesvolunteers.com).

CHEMEKETANS have a presence on Facebook for photos, videos, comments on trails and hiking experiences.

August 5, 1928 is an important date for the club. Salem YMCA sponsored a Mt. Hood climb which brought a small group of "outdoors" people together. Meetings followed and their constitution was adopted on September 25, 1928.



The MAZAMAS conservation committee knows the importance of coalitions. They can learn about issues, track them, and determine the right action. A few of the coalition connections are: Oregon Wild, Friends of Mt. Hood, Crag Law Center, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Wild Salmon Center, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, and Molalla River Alliance.

Conservation Grants totaling \$12,500 were given to some of the coalition partners mentioned above. Also, the Mazama Research Committee funded eight graduate student grants.

When the club moved into their Mazama Mountaineering Center, it was with a dream to build a climbing wall. After nearly two years, \$63,000, 48 volunteers and 800 volunteer hours, there are two spectacular instructional climbing walls inside the Center. The Design Task Force included every instructional element that could be used in the classes.

Congratulations to the Mazama Lodge for celebrating its Golden Anniversary in 2010!



An OBSIDIAN won the grand prize in the Gore-Tex Experience More Challenge, designed to recognize someone who was using the outdoors to create unique and meaningful experiences for others. Peter Green's entry told how he had been climbing with a group of blind and visually impaired athletes known as "Team Sight Unseen." With the prize check of \$10,000 and a gift of Gore-Tex gear, Peter funded the 2010 team trip to climb Wyoming's highest mountain,

Gannett Peak. For information on the climb, visit [www.teamsightunseen.com](http://www.teamsightunseen.com).

From the club's Bulletin, we learn that the High Cascades Forest Volunteers completed work on the blue diamond marked ski trails in the Willamette Pass area. It was part of the Middle Fork Ranger District winter recreation plan. With the adoption of trails by volunteers, blue diamonds have been replaced and added along with new signs. Limbs and branches have been removed to make signs and diamonds visible. A new waterproof Willamette Pass Winter Recreation Map is being produced and they hope it will be ready by the 2012 Winter season.



Hike-N-Dine events are a tradition with the TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON. An All-day mountain hike is scheduled to terminate at one of their lodges in time for the hikers to rest before the gourmet dinner, which is prepared by volunteers.

In the morning, a country breakfast is served for those who stay overnight.

The *Trail Blazer* reveals a gluten-free weekend at Tyee lodge.

There will be art activities and hikes for kids, as well as the gluten-free kitchen.

The Adventurous Young Mazamas were guests for a weekend at the Nesika lodge.

A class titled "When Help is Delayed First Aid plus CPR Day" (one hour or more from help) to be taught by Northwest Responder.

On their website, a printable form of the Emergency Contact Information Card is available. All hikers are encouraged to carry it when participating in club events.



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## WASHINGTON

The CASCADIANS in Yakima send out a monthly newsletter listing the many hiking, mountain climbing, backpacking, birding, bicycling and photography trips they sponsor, most on the trails and peaks in the Pacific Northwest. They also are offering Cascadian Urban Walks focusing on urban cultural offerings and local pathways. The first planned this year on July 19–20, features the Columbia Gorge and McMenamins “Cracked Pots” Garden Art Show.



Fourteen members of the WASHINGTON ALPINE CLUB braved the rain to participate in the Olympic Wilderness Beach Cleanup. Their assignment was from the Hoh River to Jefferson Cove and Hoh Head. One of them found a bottle with a New Year’s 2001 message from a merchant marine vessel off the Coast of Chile.

Their Bulletin announces guided snowshoe walks offered by the Forest Service on Snoqualmie Pass from January to March. Walks are for 20 people and last about 90 minutes.

Hog Loppet (Swedish for “Citizen’s high country ski trek”) is a big event for Washington Alpine Club members.

The only idea is to have fun and finish. (Some wear exotic capes!) Along the way there are aid stations with snacks and drinks. The hog loppet is 21 miles from Mission Ridge to Blewett Pass in the Cascades.

WAC was started in 1893 advocating for the creation of a National Park at Mt. Rainier. Many say the best thing about the club is Guye cabin on Snoqualmie Pass. The cabin’s name came from Guye Peak. The club now offers an additional way to keep up with events and to send messages: Facebook.



THE MOUNTAINEERS honored Polly Dyer and her late husband, John Dyer at their annual An Evening of Legends on April 8<sup>th</sup>, for their many contributions to northwest conservation over a 50 year time span. North Cascades National Park Supervisor Chip Jenkins,

former Washington State Governor and Senator Dan Evans, Doug Scott, Mike McCloskey and Raelene Gold presented tributes to the Dyers. The Mountaineers also planted a shore pine in the Dyer’s honor near the entrance of the stunning new Mountaineers Mountaineering Center on Sand Point Way, which also boasts a magnificent climbing wall.



*Legacy Award Winner Polly Dyer and Mountaineers staff at Tree Planting Event, April 27, 2011*

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# 2011 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

*The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*  
**Defending Our Environmental Legacy  
in the West**

Mazama Lodge at Government Camp, Oregon  
Noon Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> to Noon Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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	<b>Conference Package without onsite lodging</b>	\$ 92	\$ _____
	<b>Friday only:</b> Includes conference registration, social hour and dinner	\$ 30	\$ _____
	<b>Saturday only:</b> Includes conference registration, lunch	\$ 30	\$ _____
	<b>Saturday night special socializing and dinner at Mazama Lodge</b>	\$ 25	\$ _____
	<b>Annual FWOC Individual Membership</b>	\$ 10	\$ _____
	Check for vegetarian meals <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

Send Registration form, one per person, and check payable to the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs by August 16<sup>th</sup> to: Joan Zuber, 44731 S. Elk Prairie Rd., Molalla, OR 97038

For a map and list of other nearby accommodations and campsites, please see our website:  
[www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org)

For more information: email Joan Zuber at [zuberj@juno.com](mailto:zuberj@juno.com)

## 2010 RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ (Member Organization or Individual)  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
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Resolution Title or Topic \_\_\_\_\_

**Background:** Explain the issue, how the matter arose, why it is important, where it stands now.

**Proposed Resolution:** This is the FWOC's position or stand. Use the appropriate action verb. (For example: The FWOC urges... The FWOC opposes... The FWOC supports... The FWOC condemns... etc.)

**Send Resolutions to:** Joan Zuber at [zuberj@juno.com](mailto:zuberj@juno.com)

Deadline for submissions is August 5, 2011



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- June 24, 2011**      **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY:** Join your member organization to help out with a trails project.
- August 26–28, 2011**      **FWOC 2011 CONFERENCE:**  
Defending our Environmental Legacy in the West,  
Mazama Lodge, Government Camp, OR  
**Updated info:**  
[www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org)
- September 24, 2011**      **AMERICAN ALPS CHALLENGE:**  
A cross-North Cascades relay race (bike, run,  
kayak and bike) plus family nature events,  
North Cascades Highway (Hwy 20), WA  
**Details:** [www.americanalps.org](http://www.americanalps.org)
- November 11, 2011**      **SCIENCE CONFERENCE:**  
**Mount Adams in a Warming Climate**  
Trout Lake School, Trout Lake, WA  
**Info:** [www.mtadamsfriends.org](http://www.mtadamsfriends.org)



*Mazama Lodge in summer*