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FWOC ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, 10 am–noon
September 9th, 2023

Virtual Meeting
on Zoom



Klamath River in California by Shane Anderson, American Rivers (see page 6)

Nominating Committee's Proposed Slate of Officers:



President – John Rettig



Vice-President – Ann Menegucci



Secretary – Barbara Phalen



Treasurer – Raelene Gold

AGENDA

- Introductions of FWOC's Officers and Delegates for Member Clubs
- Review and accept minutes from November 13, 2022
- FWOC's Nominating Committee's Proposed Slate of Officers
- **Vote on 2023 FWOC Officers**
- Treasurer's report and Secretary's Membership report
- 2023 Program Presentations
- Issues with Eightmile Dam Draft EIS (Rick McGuire, ALPS)
- Mt. St. Helens Green River Drainage (Ashley Short, GRVA)
- State VP reports
- Website content updates
- Report on *Outdoors West* newsletter
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 Bark, Portland, OR
 California Alpine Club, Mill Valley, CA
 California State Park Ranger Association (CSPRA), Bowman, CA
 Chemeketans, Salem, OR
 Chinook Trail Association, Vancouver, WA
 Contra Costa Hills Club, Oakland, CA
 Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Portland, OR
 Friends of Mt Hood, Clackamas, OR
 Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Reno, NV
 Friends of the Oregon Caves and Chateau, Grants Pass, OR
 Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Durango, CO
 Greater Hells Canyon Council, La Grande, OR
 Hobnailers, Spokane, WA
 Indian Creek Botanical Mission, Selma, OR
 Klahhane Club, Port Angeles, WA
 Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, Williams, OR
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 Nature Friends, Mill Valley, CA
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 Obsidians, Eugene, OR
 Olympians, Hoquiam, WA
 Olympic Parks Associates, Seattle, WA
 Oregon Nordic Club, Portland, OR
 Oregon Wild, Portland, OR
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 Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter, Bakersfield, CA
 Sierra Club, Loo Wit group, Vancouver, WA
 Sierra Club, Mother Lode Chapter, Sacramento, CA
 Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter, Portland, OR
 Sierra Club, Tehipite Chapter, Fresno, CA
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 Siskiyou Field Institute, Selma, OR
 Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Salt Lake City, UT
 Tamalpais Conservation Club, Mill Valley, CA
 Trails Club of Oregon, Portland, OR
 Washington Alpine Club, Seattle, WA
 Whitman College Outdoor Program, Walla Walla, WA
 Wilderness Watch, Missoula, MT
 Winter Wildlands Alliance, Boise, ID



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FWOC NEWS

Fran Troje passed away on June 18, 2023 at the age of 92. Fran was a former FWOC State Vice-President for Washington and contributed to a number of our conventions. Fran was very dedicated to the Mountaineers and an advocate for all outdoor recreation, especially sea kayaking and access issues. Her memorial was held at the Mountaineers building in Seattle, where many younger attendees remembered Fran for her valuable mentorship to them.



Bugs and Joe Fontaine

Joe Fontaine, FWOC's former President and Vice-President for California, celebrated his 90th birthday on July 12th, 2023 at the historic Errea House, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in Tehachapi, California. Joe has been devoted to the preserva-

tion of California's iconic Sequoias. Congratulations Joe!

FWOC has been active working on a number of conservation issues including: sending comments on the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Eightmile Dam draft EIS; signing onto a letter to the Council of Environmental Quality on the Columbia River Treaty; responding to SUWU's request regarding the Bureau of Land Management's promised new rule implementing the conservation mandate; and signing on to a letter from Save Our Salmon to the Biden Administration urging the removal of the four Lower Snake River dams.

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FWOC CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where are we headed?

by John Rettig

I am seeking to become your new President, a position that will certainly be new for me, and one that will need me to stretch a bit. I have been your Secretary for the last 12 years and your Treasurer for the last three years, and while both positions are absolutely necessary to maintain us as an efficiently run organization, neither position involves much strategizing and goal setting. This will change.

I am also a long-term member of the Mazamas, and have been chair or co-chair of their Conservation Committee and served a full term on their Board of Directors. I was the 2012 recipient of their Parker Cup award for service to the organization and also the 2014 Montague Cup award for my Conservation activities. I have received climb awards for summiting all sixteen major northwest peaks, the seven Oregon Cascade Peaks, and the Guardian Peaks.

I would like to see our direction proceed as follows:

1. **Strengthen the core officer positions** – President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. For this goal, the Nominating Committee has provided us a full slate of candidates this year, all of them experienced inside or outside the organization and well qualified, and we are well situated.
2. **Strengthen the State Vice-Presidents role.** This is where the real grassroots effort starts out, and it's one that this organization has a long, steeped history in. Three of our core officer positions are coming from our State VPs, and we will need some help to backfill these vacancies. I would ideally like to see at least three active State VPs from every state.
3. **Step up our advocacy** on issues of importance to us, our member clubs, and our mission-aligned organizations. We have a solid reputation and name, and we can leverage this much more than what we are currently doing. While our resolutions can remain our guiding principles, they don't foresee every important matter coming up. We need to be taking action that is current, relevant, timely, and high impact. This needs more than just setting down annual resolutions!
4. **Leverage our strong finances for conservation grants.** We have a strong financial position, thanks to the generous endowment left us by Winchell



Candidate for FWOC President John Rettig

Hayward, some careful funds investment management, and the recent lack of Annual Meeting expenditures due to the Covid epidemic. I would like to investigate giving out **conservation** grants to worthwhile nonprofits in our regions to further carry out important work that is in line with our mission.

5. **Set an example and serve as a resource** to our member organizations, most all of which have been weakened in membership and in spirit by the Covid epidemic.
6. **In-person Annual Meetings** have always been an important part of our history and well liked. But now with electronic meeting technologies, we should always provide this option regardless of whether we hold an in-person meeting. If local clubs offer to host a venue, we will support that financially and with our physical attendance.

This is an ambitious list. We ought to always be asking to do more and to stretch our goals. With renewed officer and State VP involvement, I believe it can be possible, and I ask your help in doing so.

Best Regards,
John Rettig

Evaluating Biden's Green Record

by Michael McCloskey

President Biden has done lots of good things in pursuit of “green” goals, but he has also done a few things that are not good from a such a standpoint.

Most of the good things are broad in nature and keep unfolding over time. Most of the bad things are specific, deal with only a single place and occur at one point in time.

And often, the bad things arose in a context that gave him few choices. They sometimes arose on bills dealing with many other issues – ones which he wanted to sign for their sake. Sometimes, rulings in lawsuits by opponents directed him to do things he did not want to do. Sometimes, he wanted to curry favor with a legislator whose help he needed to deal effectively with other green issues in her state.

Examples of the broad issues that he pursued are his cancelation of Trump rollbacks: he has cancelled over 100 of these rollbacks, and he is working on more. An example of these are his restoration of the 49 mpg fuel efficiency standards for cars. He is also trying to reduce use of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions by half by 2030.

In signing the Inflation Reduction Act, he has started the process of spending a record amount of nearly \$400 billion over time in reducing the use of fossil fuels.

On conservation matters, he is trying to achieve protected status on 30% of our land and waters by 2030.

Some of the good things he has done are not of the broad type, but very specific: e.g., re-joining the Paris Climate Accord, killing all the oil and gas leases Trump approved in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge, killing the Keystone/XL pipeline, restoring the Bears Ears NM, the Escalante NM, and setting up a new half million-acre one in Nevada (Spirit Mountain).

A few of the bad things he has done are broad in nature: signing a bill of many parts which included provisions calling for oil/gas leasing on 60 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf of Alaska, and permitting many bad timber sales to go forward in Oregon.

Most, however, have been narrow: e.g., allowing road building to go forward in Alaska's Izembek NWR, letting the Willows oil lease go forward in Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve, letting the lithium sale proceed on the Oregon-Nevada border (lithium is needed for electric car batteries), and signing a debt-limit bill that included a provision authorizing a bad pipeline through West Virginia.

And, some of his good measures could have been stronger. But in weighing the many good things he has done against the few bad things he has done, there is no question – the good far outweighs the bad. And the alternative is bound to be very bad.

Quick Update for Recent News of Court Victories

by Michael McCloskey

Recent victories in courts by Earthjustice have reaffirmed the President's right to set aside national monuments under the Antiquities Act. One on the Bears Ears NM in Utah did this (August 11, 2023). Two others did this with respect to the Cascade-Siskiyou NM in southern Oregon (on April 24, 2023 and on July 18, 2023).

In a settlement announced on August 4, 2023, Earthjustice reached agreement with natural gas giant

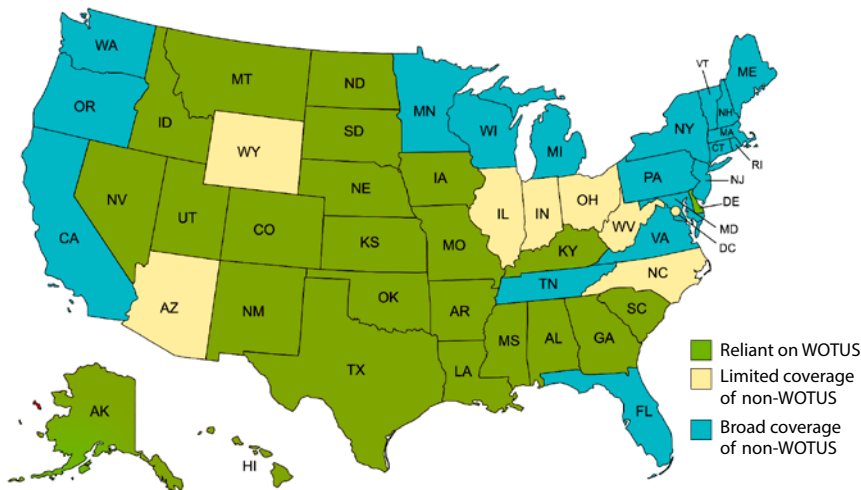
Avista to phase out subsidies for fossil fuels and to expand the low-income efficiency programs (WA).

In another victory in one of their suits, the court decided that Puget Sound Energy must strengthen its clean-energy plan (WA).

J. Michael McCloskey is FWOC's Conservation Policy Advisor and former Executive Director of the Sierra Club.

Worries Over Waters in the West

by Elaine Packard, Chair Water & Salmon Committee, Sierra Club WA State Chapter



State Wetlands/Waters Protection Laws

The May 25, 2023, Supreme Court of the US (SCOTUS) decision in *Sackett v. EPA* significantly limited the scope of the federal Clean Water Act’s (CWA) protection from pollution of the nation’s waters by redefining “waters of the US” (WOTUS) to exclude many bodies of water previously protected. It is a cause for alarm in arid western states that do not have broader protection of their waters than federal law, as seen in the map above. Washington, California and to a lesser extent Oregon have broader protective rules.

The Sackett’s case concerned whether or not there was a protected wetland on the couple’s property near Priest Lake, Idaho. The Sacketts began to fill the wetland without a CWA permit. EPA stopped their work and instructed them to remove the fill from the wetland. The Sacketts appealed the EPA decision through many years of lawsuits. The case eventually made it to the Supreme Court of the US (SCOTUS) to determine whether the wetland was protected under the CWA. If it was not protected, they could proceed with building a house on their lot without a permit; otherwise, they would need a permit to continue. Based on the SCOTUS decision which redefined WOTUS, their wetland was no longer protected so they could proceed.

The 1972 Clean Water Act established federal jurisdiction over regulating discharges of pollutants into

“navigable waters” in the CWA Section 502(7). It also made it unlawful to discharge pollutants into the waters of the United States, that is the oceans, lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands, without a CWA permit. The Sackett decision excluded wetlands without an observable surface continuity, such as intermittent or seasonal wetlands, as protected. This ignores underground connectivity and the vital wetland services of reducing pollutants, preventing flooding, augmenting low flow streams, and as fish and wildlife habitat. The functions of wetlands become

even more important with climate change heating and diminishing our streams, causing more flooding, and diminishing the viability of fish and wildlife.

Under the CWA, any citizen can file a suit against any person who is alleged to be in violation of an effluent standard or limitation. However, those state waters not protected under the CWA might not allow for citizen suits, as in Washington State. So, if the Clean Water Act isn’t involved, it’s up to the state to enforce protection. Consequently, citizens must monitor permitting as people can always request a permit to do something near a protected body of water.

Many states may want their environmental laws to be no stronger or weaker than federal laws. But states that do want stricter laws still have the ability for their state’s legislature to pass more protective legislation.

Elaine Packard



One Down, Three Dams to Go on the Klamath River Restoration Project

The world's largest dam removal and river restoration project was begun last March by the Klamath River Renewal Corporation. The project undertakes the removal of four of the seven dams on the Klamath River in south central Oregon and northern California by the end of 2024 at an estimated cost of over \$500 million. Dam removal will open up about 400 miles of habitat for fish not previously accessible and hopes to restore the river's historic fish runs.

There have been over 20 years of headline grabbing conflict, especially between the tribes and farmers. In 2001 Federal Bureau of Reclamation cut off water to the farmers in order to protect endangered fish. That created a farmer rebellion and their opening of the gates to allow water to flow for irrigation. The resultant river low flows resulted in the biggest known US fish kill in 2002. By 2004 efforts were finally made to bring people in the basin together to get to know each other and focus positively on how they would all like the basin to be in the future. Eventually Klamath River tribes, irrigators, environmental organizations, the dam operator PacifiCorp, and government agencies came together to sign onto the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement to remove the J. C. Boyle (in OR), Copco No. 1 & 2, and Iron Gate (all in CA) hydroelectric dams in the upper basin. These dams produced 82 megawatts of hydropower annually which can be replaced, and do not provide irrigation diversions so will not affect water rights. The four dams to be removed were owned by PacifiCorp power company which chose not to renew its license because of the expense of upgrading the dams forming the Klamath Hydro Settlement Agreement.

The river is long home to the Klamath tribe in Oregon and Hoopa, Karuk, and Yurok tribes in California. They were long sustained by the river's migrating spring and fall Chinook, coho salmon, steelhead and Pacific lamprey. Fish runs plummeted since blocked by the dams, creating



Map of Klamath River Basin

warm reservoir water and polluting algae blooms. They led the movement for dam removal.

The Klamath River travels 263 miles from its headwaters in Upper Klamath Lake in south central Oregon down through northern California as it proceeds to the Pacific Ocean near the town of Klamath. The river drains an extensive watershed with the upper basin covered with freshwater wetlands and lakes. It provides excellent habitat for Pacific flyway migratory birds and migrating fish. Since the 1840s there has been rural farming and ranching and a growing population in the area. From 1908 through 1962, seven dams were built to provide irrigation and hydroelectricity. But the dams also block fish migration of what was the third largest fish migration on the west coast.

The river then flows through the Cascade and Klamath Mountains into the lower basin of the temperate rainforests of northern California, finally entering the ocean south of Crescent City near Redwoods National Park. Here in spite of the surrounding beauty, the river is so warm and polluted with toxic algae it is unavailable for boating, swimming, or fishing. So this area will also benefit from the upriver dam removal.

MEMBER CLUBS AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

Compiled by Raelene Gold

The Federation has a widely diverse group of member clubs and organizations. The 1932 founding members and early joiners were focused on getting outside into western landscapes and mountains climbing and hiking. They also had a strong interest in conservation and saw the Federation as a vehicle to address conservation legislation. Since the 1970s with the new environmental movement, new members, called environmental organizations rather than clubs, have tended to prioritize conservation of certain states or areas.

Please send your club or organization's news by November 1, 2023 to be included in the Winter issue to raelene@seanet.com or by mail to Raelene Gold, 10519 East Riverside Drive, Apt. 220, Bothell, WA 98011.

CALIFORNIA

California Alpine Club, Mill Valley, CA by Ann Menegucci

CAC recently noted its 110th anniversary at the April 29, 2023 Annual Members Meeting.

Effective May 1, 2023 CAC's BoD relaxed stringent COVID prevention requirements at Alpine Lodge. CAC BoD and Member meetings are once again regularly held in-person at Alpine Lodge. Sunday hikes from Alpine Lodge continue with pre-registration required to limit group size. Backpack trips, day hikes, camping, rafting, and kayak trips on CAC's Outings Calendar are very popular so waiting lists are usual.

Fire insurance is still needed for Echo Summit Lodge. Progress to get it is being made through a special source program. Heavy and frequent snows this past winter limited usage at the Lodge because of frequent road closures and storm conditions. A late snow melt will likely delay member activities at Echo Lodge this coming season.

The club's recent newsletter *Trails* just reported that the California Alpine Club Foundation awarded their 2023 Grants to the following organizations:

- Sugar Pine Foundation: for two plantings in the Caldor Fire Scar.
- Tahoe Institute for Natural Science: for environmental education.
- Tahoe Rim Association: for signposts and trails in Desolation Wilderness.
- Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Center: for funding repairs for winter storms.
- Alpine Watershed Group: for water monitoring, restoration and education programs.

- Pacific Trail Association: for repairs to damages to the Trail.
- Marin Audubon Society: for funding irrigation in Bahia Levee Enhancement Project.
- Pt. Reyes Seashore Association: for funding for the Youth in Parks program
- Slide Ranch: for funding for storm damage and school visit to the ranch.



The Contra Costa Hills Club, El Cerrito, CA

The Club has a very active day hiking schedule in the San Francisco, Berkley, Alameda, and Oakland area. Their Overnight Outings Committee plans longer outings to farther destinations. This year they ventured to the Pinnacles National Park, only 2 hours south of San Francisco, but a world away in its volcanic geology with tall pinnacles and captivating talus caves. The April trip found unexpected high water in the creeks and caves, but also an outstanding show of wildflowers including Padre's Shooting stars (white), Henderson's Shooting stars (purple), Baby Blue-eyes, Checkerbloom, and Star Lily. A second overnight is planned to the Columbia River Gorge and Silver Falls State Park in Oregon in September.

Beryl Vonderheid, Chair of the Conservation Committee, announced that through donations the group was able to give to a number of organizations who are saving land and building trails. The organizations receiving donations included East Bay Parks, Save the Redwoods, Susal Creek, and Citizens for East Shore Parks.



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California State Park Ranger's Association CSPRA,
Bowman, CA, by Ann Menegucci

CSPRA's victory in a lawsuit about improper usage of Jack London State Historic Park last October was welcome but possible resumption of unapproved activities is being watched carefully.

CSPRA is studying possible legislation that may affect operations and resource protection at some California state parks. Preparations have been made to testify about some proposed legislation at California State Senate and Assembly hearings.

CSPRA has joined with other groups to oppose a proposal to construct a tramway over an urban state park unit in Los Angeles.

CSPRA continues to be concerned about the request to reopen a mine in-holding that is surrounded by beautiful Red Rock Canyon State Park in the Mojave Desert. The Old Dutch Cleanser mine was closed about 75 years ago and has been inactive for decades but its owner has requested county supervisors to allow new mining activity.

CSPRA members will attend the International Ranger Federation's annual July 31 World Ranger Day event at Drake's Bay in Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Rangers from many regional, city, and county agencies will also be there along with park professionals of the National Park Service and California State Parks. The event honors rangers who died during the previous year while working in parks and protected areas around the world.

In November CSPRA will hold its Parks Rendezvous and Annual Meeting at the Lake Perris area with activities at nearby state park units including Mt. San Jacinto. 3 days of special tours, activities, and hikes are on the agenda.



Sierra Club, Mother Lode Chapter, Sacramento, CA by Margo Praus

The Conservation Committee and Executive Committee of the Mother Lode Chapter of the Sierra Club continue to meet quarterly – now as a hybrid event with in-person or Zoom options. They have an ambitious

conservation agenda. There has been ongoing monitoring of: National Forest Issues, Water Fix and Delta Tunnels Updates, and Tahoe Keys Weeds Valley's Edge project in Chico. The Chapter also participates in the 30 x 30 Sierra Club effort and the Chapter's 30 x 30 indigenous subcommittee.

MLC has a grant to organize a Tobacco Control and Environmental Justice Project around the intersection of tobacco control, Tobacco Product Waste (TPW), and environmental justice. In June, The Young Adult Advisory Board is hosting a conference in Sacramento which will focus on toxic tobacco waste and environmental justice and the impacts on communities.

The annual MLC Awards Banquet has been on hold during the pandemic but this year the planning is under way for an event in August.

IDAHO

Winter Wildlands Alliance, Boise, ID

WWA is a national non-profit working to protect America's wild snowscapes. Their Snow School engages over 33,000 kids in field trips and education. In June, climate change struck them with an unprecedented storm that hit their office, destroying nearly everything there. They requested help with donations to their FloodFund to cover the estimated \$7,500 in damages. To their surprise they raised \$14,766.22 in donations.

MONTANA

Wilderness Watch, Missoula, MT

WW's current President, Mark Peterson's last message reviews the many threats to Wilderness. There are the headline threats that require a legal or legislative remedy. But there are also the more common and insidious types of threats at a local level that are the ill-advised decisions sometimes made by field level officials in our land management agencies that can damage wilderness. He reminds us that it was to "monitor the numerous decisions from the field level to the national level" that Wilderness Watch was established in 1989 to be a watchdog for Wilderness in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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Recent efforts in the West show that local concern and include:

- Urging the National Park Service to adopt wilderness-compatible alternatives for its plan to reroute a trail plus relocate/build additional campsites in the Stephen Mather Wilderness in the North Cascades National Park.
- Urging submissions of comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) which proposed a new Public Lands Rule that could significantly affect Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas the agency administers.
- Urging comments to the Washington Department of Ecology on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) opposing the use of helicopters to repair the Eightmile Lake dam in the Icicle Creek watershed in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the Central Cascades.

OREGON

Klamath Siskiyou Wildland Center, Ashland, Oregon

The Siskiyou in southern Oregon are famous for their wildfires. So KS Wild has prepared a “Forest & Fire Toolkit for Rural Living in the Siskiyou Mountains.” The toolkit includes helpful sections on : A resource directory for national forest and fire districts; How to prepare your property; Funding opportunities; Planning for wildfire emergency evacuations, Indigenous fire management and forest stewardship, and Engaging in forest planning.



Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club

Located in Portland, the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club represents the organization’s 73,000 members and supporters in Oregon. Conservation priorities include the Columbia Snake River and many issues around Oregon’s federal and state forestlands.

Their Conservation Committee aims to preserve and protect the people and land of Oregon we love! They work on specific campaigns including:

- The Columbia Snake River Salmon Campaign to help restore abundant salmon runs and to pass this heritage to future generations.

- The Forest Team is busy working on forest carbon and climate change, the Elliott State Forest, Oregon Forest Practices Act, federal forest management policy, forests and wildfire, Oregon timber and severance taxes, and OFRI (Oregon Forest Resources Institute).
- The Legislative Team advocated for all of Oregon during this year’s “long session.”

UTAH

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Salt Lake City, Utah

SUWA is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and continues its longtime efforts to protect southern Utah’s red rock country. It recently completed its efforts to secure comments on the Biden administration’s Public Lands Rule to the Bureau of Land Management to update its rules and priorities upgrading conservation.

They are also working towards the passage of H.R. 3039, the Bears Ears National Monument land exchange bill, which would allow agencies to manage the monument as a single, unified landscape to better care for and preserve the landscape’s treasures for future generations.

The Redrock Wilderness Act is a citizen’s wilderness proposal for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in Utah. It includes lands in southeast Utah surrounding Canyonlands, Arches and Capitol Reef National Parks, and near Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks. It also surrounds the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Most importantly it would designate the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments as wilderness. It would also provide for important wildlife corridors for wildlife and keep a significant amount of fossil fuels in the ground, mitigating climate change.

SUWA continues its efforts for passage of the Redrock Wilderness Act. They are seeking more Senators and Representatives to sign on to be a sponsor. Please check the SUWA website at <https://SUWA.org/cosponsors-of-america-red-rock-wilderness-act> to see if your Senator and/or Representative has signed on. If your Senators and Representative haven’t signed on, please urge them to do so. If they have already signed on, please thank them. SUWA greatly appreciates your help with this this.

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WASHINGTON



Polly Dyer Broadband at Campout

Polly Dyer Broadband, Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Broads priorities are to protect public lands, know those lands through recreation, and to have

fun. The Polly Dyer Broadband had all at their July campout in the Camano Island State Park on Puget Sound. Their advocacy efforts are to protect the Elwha River from a nearby timber sale and supporting the removal of the Snake River dams.

The Broadband book group read Supreme Court Justice William O Douglas's *Of Men and Mountains*. As the only Supreme Court Justice from Washington State, as well as the longest serving justice (from 1939–1975), his record was of high interest. He is known for his conservation efforts and for introducing the idea of the rights of nature, asserting that natural resources ought to have standing to sue for their own protection, which is only now of great interest. A surprise was his writing the major decision on privacy that led to *Roe v Wade*.



Cooking s'mores at Campout

In its newsletter, *Broadsides*, national Broads highlighted its litigation policy as for the failure of a land management agency to meet the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, or the Clean Water Act (CWA) legal requirements, Endangered Species Act (ESA) or the Wilderness Act. Now that is a BROAD agenda!



North Cascades Conservation Council, Seattle, WA

The North Cascades Conservation Council (NCCC) was created in 1957 and was dedicated to the preservation of the North Cascades and a campaign for the establishment of a North Cascades National Park. That effort was supported by a number of environmental groups including the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. The North Cascades National Park was established in 1968, the third national park in Washington. In 1984 93% of the Park became wilderness when the 1984 Washington Wilderness Act was passed by Congress. The Park is 3 hours north of Seattle abutting British Columbia. At 505,000 acres it is a large national park that has only one road crossing it. Most of the rest is wilderness containing old growth forests, high jagged peaks, and over 300 remaining glaciers, though now with climate change there are wildfires and melting glaciers also. NCCC has long been focused on dogged advocacy protecting the park, as well as a plan to expand it called the American Alps Legacy Project.

NCCC's newsletter *the Wild Cascades* reports on some of the issues NCCC is working on now which includes:

- Opposing the Eightmile dam rebuild plans to use helicopters in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.
- The reintroduction of grizzly bears to the North Cascades.
- Opposing the use of helicopters in Wilderness.
- Opposing the Skagit River Hydroelectric Project relicensing of 3 dams owned and operated by Seattle City Light.
- Opposing Forest Service's logging in the Twisp River Watershed that is a part of the Methow River Watershed in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

For more information on these issues, see the NCCC newsletter at: www.northcascades.org.

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed 2023 Resolutions

- 2023-1: Controls Needed on Pollution from Kootenai Coal Mines along the U.S.-Canadian Border
- 2023-2: Thanking President Biden for Banning Roads on Nine Million Acres in the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska
- 2023-3: Stopping Old Growth Logging by the BLM On O & C Lands in Southern Oregon
- 2023-4: Opposition to Putting a Big Pipeline in the Red Rocks Lakes Wilderness in Montana
- 2023-5: Opposition to De-Listing the California Sea Otter
- 2023-6: Opposition to the Grasshopper Timber Sale on the Mt. Hood National Forest
- 2023-7: Opposition to Work on a Dam on Eightmile Lake in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in WA
- 2023-8: Restoration of Habitat in the Klamath Drainage
- 2023-9: Use of Natural Gas should be Reduced because of the Effects of all its Methane
- 2023-10: Re-Thinking what we should do at Hanford
- 2023-11: Getting EPA to Intervene in a Nitrate Problem in Eastern Oregon Counties
- 2023-12: Support for Wilderness Designation of Oregon's Owyhee Canyonlands
- 2023-13: Problems with Newest Inventories of Mature and Old-Growth Forests on Federal Forests
- 2023-14: Mount St. Helens and the Green River Valley are No Place for a Mine

FWOC member clubs and organizations and individual members in good standing may submit resolutions representing regional, state, and national environmental concerns. The format includes the name of the submitting club, organization or person, date and background of the problem, possible solutions, and the resolution which recommends a stand or action. Please send proposed Resolution before September 9, 2023 to: J. Michael McCloskey, FWOC Conservation Policy Advisor, at: jmmccloskey@aol.com.

FWOC 2023 RESOLUTION FORM

Submitted by: _____

(Member organization or Individual member only)

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Website: _____

Contact person: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Resolution Title or Topic: _____

Background of Issue (explain the issue, its history, current status...):

Proposed Resolution (use an action verb, such as: FWOC supports, opposes, etc....):

Suggested Actions (who to write, where to testify etc....):



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR



Canyonlands National Park in Utah

Saturday, September 9, 2023, 10 am–noon
FWOC Virtual Annual Meeting
Please Zoom In

Saturday, September 9, 6:30–10:00 pm
SUWA 40th Anniversary
Natural History Museum of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah
www.suwa.org

Saturday, October 7, 2023, 5 pm
Greater Hells Canyon Council Fall Gala
Catholic Church Parish Hall
La Grande, Oregon
www.hellscanyon.org

PLAN AHEAD!

Tuesday, November 5, 2024
US National Election