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Escape to the wonderful Siskiyous at FWOC's 85th Annual Convention

Protecting Our Public Lands and Waters

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The Federation is returning this year to the Siskiyou Field Institute in southwest Oregon where we last held a Convention in 2008. That year our theme was "Forests, Fish, Farms and Fools: the Challenges of the Future." We were entering a time of "Change and Hope" politically. Now our times are "unprecedented" and more challenging than ever before. Many have nostalgic memories of the place where one feels very much a part of nature. The Siskiyous have a unique natural history with fascinating geology, forests, plants and river systems. Treasures of the area include the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, the Rogue River National Forest and the wild and scenic Illinois River.

It also contains a rural community that deeply cherishes and wants to protect what they have. That is reflected in the number of FWOC member groups besides the Siskiyou Field Institute that reside in the area including the Indian Creek Botanical Mission, The Siskiyou Audubon Society, the Friends of the Oregon Caves and Chateau, and the Rusk Ranch Nature Center. The Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center (KSWILD) is an outstanding environmental organization dedicated to protecting the areas wilderness, forests, and rivers.

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FWOC Welcomes Two New Members Groups

"Awesome" **BARK** located in Portland, Oregon is a tenacious advocate for the Mt. Hood National Forest. Bark's beginnings arose from witnessing and fighting the vast clear-cuts and old growth logging of the 1990s and was officially founded in 1999. Bark hasn't stopped since training forest advocates to ground truth and challenge timber sales and "Barking-out" on a wide range of issues affecting the forest. Many recall board member Amy Harwood's inspiring presentation at the FWOC 2014 Convention at Menucha.

The Loo Wit Group of the Washington Chapter of the Sierra Club

The **Loo Wit Group** of the Washington Chapter of the Sierra Club, headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, serves southwest Washington, including Clark, Skamania, Klickitat, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, and Pacific Counties. The group publishes a quarterly newsletter, *St. Helen's Rumbblings*, and sponsors many hikes and outings. Issues of particular concern to the Loo-Wit group include water and forests, as well as growth and transportation in Clark County.

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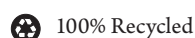
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

There appears to be a strategy by the President and congressional members to attack the conservation and environmental successes of the past. Their hopes, based on the old divide and conquer strategy, assume that individuals and organizations will only fight the local threats within their state or region. When multiple organizations and individuals are able to collectively focus on the wider range of issues there can be a broader impact. FWOC is a tool that can facilitate uniting all our members for a broader scope of opposition to these challenges. When we can add FWOC support to letters and appeals drafted by member organizations it does have an impact.

The FWOC 2017 Annual Convention will be hosted by the Siskiyou Field Institute in southwest Oregon. Our primary focus this year is keeping public lands in the public domain. However, there are many other areas where we can share ideas and form coalitions to strategize how best to participate in the opposition to the devastating agenda dominant in Washington, DC.

The escalating threat of turning our country's currently protected wonders to state or private ownership is a definite reality. The environmental and conservation efforts of us all will be required to overcome this threat. As we know, logging, mining, and drilling in any of these areas will have a negative impact on water, fish habitat, many endangered species, and air quality locally, nationally, and worldwide. Once the "takers" have done their

worst, it will never be the same. There is no mitigation that will be a viable solution.

There will be an opportunity to share your organization's priorities with others so strategies can be created to unite the efforts of so many capable organizations now operating on their own. Cooperation among the conservation community to speak for all who love a clean environment is growing and FWOC wants to help in that effort.

Also, please review the article regarding FWOC resolutions, and consider submitting a resolution on an issue you are working on or concerned about. FWOC resolutions have an impact on a vast number of concerns and have been used effectively over the years. Existing resolutions can be reviewed on our web site.

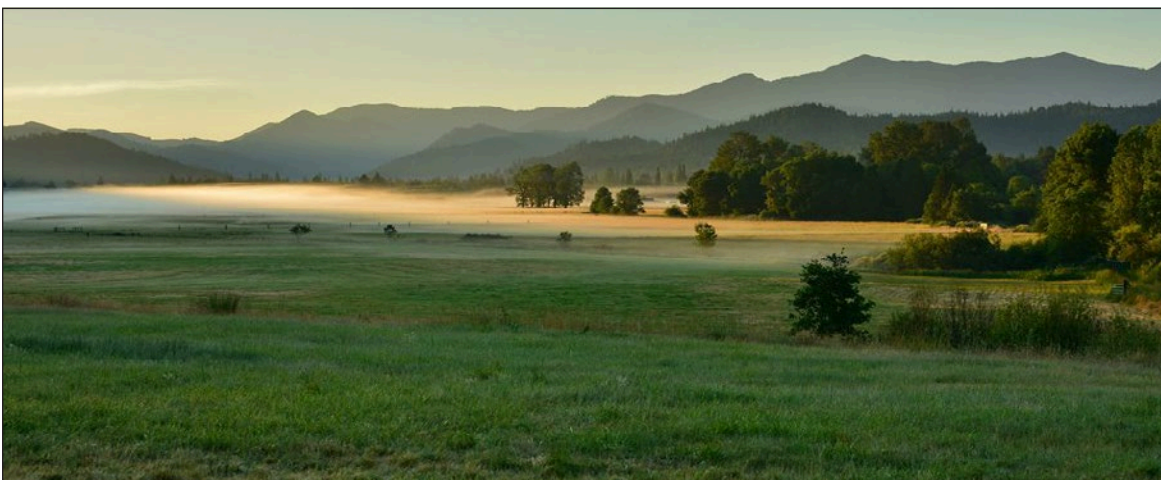
Please consider taking part in the important discussions at this year's event. We look forward to sharing the weekend with all of you.

Sincerely,

George Milne
FWOC President



George Milne
FWOC President



*Illinois Valley,
view from Siskiyou
Field Institute
by Kelly Leonard*

2017 FWOC CONVENTION INFORMATION

The Place – the Siskiyou Field Institute

The 850-acre Siskiyou Field Institute looks out on a glorious view of mist-draped mountains and forests. The lodge features pleasant indoor accommodations, three private bedrooms, an indoor dorm (that sleeps seven), two large outdoor yurts, a state-of-the-art solar bathhouse and meadow campsites where you can drift off to sleep hearing the music of the creeks nearby. There is a great room where you can relax in comfy chairs, get a cup of tea from the kitchen or enjoy the view and the morning sun from the terrace.

The Siskiyou Field Institute's mission is to increase the understanding of, and connection to, the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion through education, scientific research, and public engagement.

Their annual catalogue lists a myriad of classes on all aspects of the natural world. They also host groups like FWOC for meetings and conferences.

Situated between the Klamath and Siskiyou Mountain ranges, the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion is unique in its geology and serpentine soils, resulting in extraordinary plant diversity and its designated Wild and Scenic Illinois River. The nearby Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest includes the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. The wilderness' namesake plant is an endemic, pre-ice age shrub known as *Kalmiopsis leachiana*. In 2002 the 180,095 acre Kalmiopsis Wilderness was the victim of the famous Biscuit Fire, and has since become a testimony to recovery after wildfire.



If you do not stay at the Siskiyou Field Institute, these Motels are nearby:

Kerby, OR: Holiday Motel,
24810 Redwood Hwy, Kerby 541-592-3003

Grants Pass, OR: Coming from the north you come off
I-5 onto 6th Street
Flamingo Inn, 728 NW 6th Street 541-955-7096
Redwood Motel, 815 NE 6th Street 541-476-0878
Quality Inn, 889 NE 6th Street 541-479-8301

Grants Pass: Coming from the south you come off I-5
onto the Parkway which leads to 7th Street
Knights Inn, 104 SE 7th Street 541-479-5595
Discovery Inn, 748 SE 7th Street 541-476-7793
Lodge at Riverside, 955 SE 7th Street 541-955-1891
Motel 6, 1800 NE 7th Street 541-474-1331

Directions to the Siskiyou Field Institute at 1240 Illinois River Road in Selma, OR:

From Grants Pass: Take Hwy 199 (Redwood Highway) south to Selma (approximately 20 miles). Turn right at the blinking light in Selma onto Illinois River Road. There is a 76 gas station on the corner and the post office is on the right. Deer Creek Center (SFI) is on the left approximately 1.5 miles up Illinois River Road. Cave Junction is approximately 9 miles further south on 199.

From the south: Take Exit 55 into Grants Pass. Drive through Grants Pass on Hwy 199. Follow directions above.

From Highway 101 in California: Take exit 794 onto Hwy 199 towards Grants Pass. Drive approximately 70 miles to Selma. At second blinking yellow light, turn left onto Illinois River Road. Drive 1.3 miles, turn left onto DCC's driveway.

PHOTO:
Kalmiopsis leachiana at York Creek by Lee Webb

2017 FWOC CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- 1:00 **Registration opens at Deer Creek Center**, 1241 Illinois River Road, Selma – hosted by Indian Creek Botanical Mission
- 1:00–3:00 **FWOC Executive Committee meeting**
- 3:00–5:00 **Hike to Darlingtonia Fen and Deer Creek area**
- 3:00–5:00 **Registration and Room Assignments**
- 5:00–7:00 **Welcoming Reception and Social Hour**, followed by dinner of pizza, salad, dessert
- 7:00 **Evening program – TBA**

- 1:00–3:00 ***We the People 2.0***, Kai Huschke, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), NW and Hawaii Organizer, and Mary Geddry, Oregon Community Rights Network and Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), followed by discussion on Protection of Public Lands.
- 3:00–5:00 **Various local leader-led Hikes**: Westside Forks Park, Rough and Ready Botanical Wayside, Star Flat, Waters Creek
- 5:00–6:00 **Social Hour**, Member Clubs info sharing
- 6:00–7:00 **Dinner**
- 7:00–8:30 ***Women Working for the Wild***, inspirational short films about women working to protect wild places:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

- 8:00–9:00 **Breakfast**
- 9:00–9:30 ***Cascade-Siskiyou Monument Under Attack***, Jeanine Moy, Outreach Director, Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands (KSWild)
- 9:30–10:00 ***Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wildernesses***, Jenny Holmes, WA/OR Field Organizer, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. Multi-media slideshow documenting citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- 10:00–10:15 **Coffee Break**
- 10:15–10:45 ***Tourism and the Economic Benefits of Public Lands***, Roger Brandt, Chair, Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO)
- 10:45–11:15 ***The Natural Selection Alternative***, Serena Rittenhouse-Barry, Secretary, Deer Creek Association
- 11:15–12:00 ***The Threat of Privatizing Public Lands***, Erik Fernandez, Wilderness Program Manager, Oregon Wild
- 12:00–1:00 **Lunch**

- Maiden of the Mountain*** – about legendary activist Kate McCarthy, who played a key role in protecting Mt. Hood and the Columbia River Gorge.
- Operation Moffat*** – about Britain's first female climbing guide, Gwen Moffat
- Water Song*** – about Peruvian farmer Máxima Acuña, who stopped the Conga gold mine.
- Sagebrush Sisters*** – about the 50 mile hike of three Oregonian women, ages 65–80, along the pronghorn antelope migration route between Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge and Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge
- Think Like a Scientist: Boundaries*** – about conservation photographer Krista Schyler, who documented the environmental impact of the U.S./Mexico border wall.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 8:00 **Breakfast**
- 9:00 **FWOC Business Meeting** – Election of Officers
- 10:00 **Adoption of Resolutions**
- Noon **Convention Adjourns**

WEST COAST GOVERNORS MOVE FORWARD ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Following the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement, Governors Jay Inslee of Washington and Jerry Brown of California, along with Governor Cuomo of New York, formed the United States Climate Alliance. The Governors of Oregon and Colorado also joined. The Alliance now includes 14 member states representing 33% of the US population and \$7.16 trillion in GDP. Alliance members are committed to supporting the international agreement, and are pursuing aggressive climate action to make progress toward its goals. The Alliance has a website to inform Americans of state actions to address climate change. Check up on your state at www.usclimatealliance.org.

In spite of their Governor's leadership and strong support from the environmental community, the Washington and Oregon state legislatures were not able to pass related legislation. In Oregon a Clean Energy Jobs bill (HB 2135, SB 557) which put a price on greenhouse gas emissions and created a "cap and trade" program did not even reach the floor for a vote. However a late introduced revised improved bill, SB 1070, looks like it will be reintroduced in the 2018 session.

In Washington a number of carbon tax and carbon emissions reduction bills were introduced, but none were passed. Efforts to get a carbon tax to increase revenue was also rejected by the Republican controlled Senate. It looks like a state-wide Initiative, supported by the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy, will be on the November 2018 ballot.

With strong support from Governor Brown, the California state legislature did renew their Cap and Trade program until 2030. The program provides a financial incentive for companies to pollute less, requiring oil refineries, power plants, food processors, and other facilities to buy permits to release greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere. California's economy has continued to grow even as it ratchets down pollution. Last year California passed greenhouse gas legislation reducing emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030.

MONUMENTAL REVIEW

In April, President Trump issued an Executive Order for a Review of 26 National Monuments for reduction or elimination, to be carried out by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. There seemed to be no clear criteria to evaluate the monuments under review or public process for public input. Nevertheless, two listed monuments were already removed from consideration. The Hanford National Monument in Washington State got a Zinke mention for its great hunting and fishing. Craters

of the Moon National Monument in Idaho was credited with having great geology.

Other western monuments include: Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Oregon; Missouri Breaks National Monument in Montana; Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in Colorado; Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments in Utah; Grand Canyon Parashant in Arizona; and the Giant Sequoia, Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Carrizo Plain in California.

By the comment period deadline of July 10th, 2.7 million comments were received by the Secretary with 98% in favor of keeping our monuments intact. The recently designated Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is the Administration priority for reduction, received over one million comments of support. Secretary Zinke has said that he will make his recommendations by August 24th, then it will be up to President Trump to make the final decision.

WARNING FROM WILDERNESS WATCH: MONUMENTS UNDER REVIEW CONTAIN WILDERNESS

by George Nickas, Executive Director, Wilderness Watch

President Trump's executive order demanding a review of all national monuments larger than 100,000 acres and established since 1996 portends serious consequences for the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Within those 27 monuments are 29 Wildernesses in six western states. While the president can't undo the Wilderness designations – that would require an act of Congress – the protections national monument status affords to the lands surrounding these Wildernesses undoubtedly help preserve the conditions within them. Healthy wildlife habitat and populations, biodiversity, water quality, scenic vistas, silence, solitude, remoteness, and dark skies are all values within these Wildernesses that benefit from the surrounding national monuments.

But there is an even greater threat to Wilderness from President Trump's monument repeal effort: it is the first shot across the bow of the Administration and Congress to undo many of our nation's greatest conservation laws. There are already more than a dozen bills introduced in Congress to weaken the Endangered Species Act. And as I write this the House of Representatives has an oversight hearing scheduled to discuss the "overreach" of the Wilderness Act and Federal Land Policy Management Act, which they claim have "gone astray." Any day we expect to see the latest incarnation of the "Sportsmen's Heritage Act," legislation that would effectively repeal the Wilderness Act. Previous versions have passed the House, but stalled in the Senate, partly due to the Administration's opposition. That opposition has likely vanished.

CONSERVATION NEWS

Compiled by Raelene Gold

While the national media and public attention is focused on issues like the health care debate, tax reform, and Russian meddling in our elections, it's easy to fall into the trap of thinking the Trump Administration is failing and its agenda is stalled. To those involved in protecting our endangered wildlands, threatened wildlife, and our nation's natural legacy, the Trump agenda is anything but stalled. It's full speed ahead.

This is why every wildlands and wildlife conservationist should be alarmed and ready to do battle over the Administration's efforts to repeal any of our nation's national monuments. Should Trump, Secretary Zinke, and their allies in Congress succeed, the monuments will be only the first to fall.

GIANT SEQUOIA MONUMENT THREATENED BY TRUMP

by Joe Fontaine, Past President of the Sierra Club and FWOC

(reprinted from the *The Roadrunner*, the newsletter of the Kern Kaweah Chapter of the Sierra Club)

On April 15, 2000, President Bill Clinton, sitting under a Giant Sequoia tree in the Long Meadow Sequoia Grove of Sequoia National Forest, signed a Proclamation creating the Giant Sequoia National Monument. Designation of the Giant Sequoia National Monument was the climax of a hard fought campaign. For many years our Sequoia Task Force and the Kern/Kaweah Chapter of the Sierra Club have worked tirelessly to protect the Giant Sequoias in Sequoia National Forest by trying to stop the detrimental logging which threatened their survival. The Monument consists of 328,000 acres in two parts, one north and one south, with Sequoia National Park sandwiched in between.

The Monument is intended to protect the naturally occurring giant sequoia groves, their associated ecosystems, and individual giant trees. The groves and individual trees cannot be protected unless the ecosystems of which they are an integral part are protected as well. The ecosystems include a diverse array of animal and plant species all interdependent upon each other.

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors felt access for logging was more important and went to court to challenge the new Monument claiming the Antiquities Act President Clinton used to designate the Monument was improperly used. The court turned them down and they appealed again and again until their case reached the United States Supreme Court. Finally they were turned down by the Supreme Court and had no further legal options to challenge the Monument.

The United States Supreme Court explicitly stated that the boundaries were appropriate for protection of the groves and are consistent with the Antiquities Act, and it ruled against the Tulare County lawsuit. They declared the Monument was consistent with the requirements of the Antiquities Act of

1906 that President Clinton used to designate the Monument. Consequently Sequoia National Forest after many years finally adopted a Monument Management Plan that complied with the requirements of the Proclamation.

Economic statistics show that visitors to the Monument have contributed to the economy of Tulare County which has experienced a steady rate of growth since the designation of the National Monument. Gateway communities like Porterville and the Kern River Valley are using the natural features of the Monument to encourage public visitation.

However, we belong to a coalition of environmental groups challenging the legal authority of the President to reduce or eliminate National Monuments, which by the Antiquities Act, only Congress can do.

MONUMENTAL DECISIONS TO BE MADE IN THE CALIFORNIA DESERT

thanks to Seth Shteir, former Program Manager
and California Desert Field Representative,
National Parks and Conservation Association

In February of 2016, President Barack Obama used the Antiquities Act to create three new California desert monuments that totaled 1.8 million acres: Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains. The monuments were first described in Senator Feinstein's California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act, but the bill stalled in Congress.

The designations enjoyed overwhelming support from desert businesses, chambers of commerce, recreational groups, Native American Tribes, energy companies, and a diverse array of local officials. They protect remote canyons, archaeological sites, sand dune complexes, spectacular geologic features, unusual desert flora and fauna, as well as significant historical areas.

Now, two of the monuments, Sand to Snow and Mojave Trails, are under review by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and the Trump Administration. Such a review could conclude that acreage should be removed from these monuments.

Although the comment period closed on July 10, 2017, you can still make a difference! Contact your city council member, county supervisor, state assembly member, or state senator and ask them to write a letter to the Secretary of the Interior urging him to retain the original boundaries of these national treasures, as correspondence from elected officials can be considered after the comment period closes. In addition, write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper demonstrating your support for our California desert national monuments!

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CLUBS IN ACTION

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FWOC Organizations Defend National Monuments Under Review!

Following their strong opposition to the privatization of public lands, many of our member groups more recently focused on the protection of the national monuments on Trump's hit list under review for reduction or elimination, many only recently designated or enlarged by President Obama. This is another of Trump's efforts beyond health care to obliterate the Obama legacy and turn over our public lands to the oil and gas industry. The Federation is proud of our many member groups that took strong action to protect our National Monuments. Here is a sample of the actions they took to protect the Monuments they loved. A number gave strong support for Bears Ears, others rallied support for their local National Monument.

Raelene Gold, Editor

The intrepid **Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance** led the defense of the recently designated Bears Ears National Monument by President Obama, along with the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument designated by President Clinton. SUWA Executive Director Scott Groene stated that defense is "a superbly united conservation community, alongside the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and the outdoor industry." www.suwa.org



Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Executive Director, Shelley Silbert, announced that "Great Old Broads for Wilderness is outraged that Secretary

Zinke has recommended reducing the size of the Bears Ears National Monument. We respect and uphold the years of work of five sovereign tribal nations who initiated the protection of Bears Ears, along with more than 30 tribes who adopted resolutions to support the monument's creation.

"Our staff and members have long worked to protect the cultural and ecological treasures of the Bears Ears region. We will not stand by if the Trump administration decides to reduce the size of the monument from its original designation, and we will join in a legal challenge of such an action. The Bears Ears are listening – and they hear the resounding voices in favor of the monument as it stands today. We stand with Bears Ears, with the Antiquities Act, and with the protection of our nation's natural and cultural heritage for future generations." www.greatoldbroads.org



Winter Wildlands Alliance in Boise, Idaho urged its members to write letters to protect the Bears Ears National Monument as it is. Michael Whelan, in an article *A Skiers View of Bears Ears National Monument*, adds pristine powder skiing in the Abajo Mountains to all the other recreational opportunities in Bears Ears. "Bears Ears National Monument was designated as a monument to protect the archaeological and cultural sites contained within its boundaries, but the region holds fantastic recreation opportunities as well. Much has been written about the world class climbing, mountain biking, and hiking within Bears Ears and, as I learned, the monument holds great ski terrain as well." www.winterwildlands.org



KS Wild in Grants Pass, Oregon led the opposition to proposed reduction of the

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in southwest Oregon and northwest California. KS Wild had worked hard for the recent expansion of the Monument known for its biodiversity. Monument supporters on foot, kayaks, and horseback showed up everywhere along the way of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's tour intended to meet with timber executives, anti-monument supporters, and Representative Greg Walden, a Republican opposed to the Monument. Even Governor Kate Brown took part and met with the Secretary with a message that Oregonians love their public lands and want to keep the Cascade-Siskiyou protected for future generations.

KS Wild's Executive Director, Joseph Vaile also got an opportunity to meet with the Secretary and told him that the Cascade-Siskiyou is a landscape full of life and like no other.

He also reports that among the 200,000+ comments asking for protection of the Cascade-Siskiyou were letters from Oregon Governor Kate Brown; U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden; U.S. Representatives Earl Blumenauer and Suzanne Bonamici; 32 state representatives and senators; mayors of the two closest towns; 220 scientists, and dozens of local businesses, myriad local landowners, and sportsmen who hunt and fish in the monument.

www.kswild.org



Friends of Nevada Wilderness joined others to defend Nevada's recently designated Gold Butte and the Basin and Range National Monuments. Protesters showed up at Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's visit to the state in late June at a closed door meeting in Lake Tahoe and a press only event. The next day as the Secretary held another closed door meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, protesters also showed up with signs



CLUBS IN ACTION

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proclaiming their love of the two Monuments and chanted “save our public lands,” making it clear that Nevadans love their national monuments.

www.nevadawilderness.org



The **Montana Wilderness Association** urged Montanans to “Hold their ground” and “protect the threatened Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, which Montanans spent decades working together to protect. President Trump’s ordered review threatens to undo that monumental effort, undermines Montana’s cultural heritage, jeopardizes world-class hunting and outdoor recreation access, and imperils the economies of local communities.”

They urged members to let Secretary Zinke know Montanans stand opposed to shrinking or revoking the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument and that they want to keep it the way it is. www.wildmontana.org



Oregon Wild has thought of a creative approach to fundraising, called “Total Eclipse of the Wild,” a 3-day weekend camping event to observe the August 21st Solar Eclipse in Florence, Oregon. They invite others to join them for a special weekend of camping, fun, and inspiration! For \$400, you’ll get three nights (Saturday through Tuesday) at a spacious campsite for up to six people in a beautiful southern Willamette Valley setting. With the town of Corvallis and plentiful outdoor recreation options nearby (including the river!) Peoria Gardens is the perfect spot for eclipse viewing. Oregon Wild staff will be on hand for expert conservation talks and guided trips. It’s a wild eclipse weekend unlike any other! To sign up go to: www.oregonwild.org



Olympic Parks Associates

was one of the sponsors of “An Evening with former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley and former Washington Governor and Senator Dan Evans,” June 28th at a packed Benaroya Hall in Seattle. The *Seattle Times* reporter and author of *Elwha: a River Reborn*, Lynda Mapes, interviewed the men regarding their role in the passage of the Elwha bill. Then Senator Bradley co-sponsored the legislation for the removal of the two Elwha dams that passed in 1992. A Republican, former Governor and Senator, Evans is regarded as one of the most distinguished leaders in Washington State, especially in the designation of wilderness in the state. The evening was a nostalgic reminder of past political environmental leadership and bipartisanship. www.olympicparkassociates.org



California State Parks and Retirees Association (CSPRA) is busy getting ready for its 2017 Annual CSPRA Membership Meeting and Retirees Rendezvous to be held September 25 to 28, 2017 at Ft. Tejon State Historic Park. On June 20 seven CSPRA members joined other volunteers at the State Capitol to lobby for increased state park support. The 100+ degree weather didn’t keep them from discussing hot topics during their scheduled appointments with California legislators. Increasing park access and affordability for all and preventing privatization of public park lands were the focus of the meetings.

CSPRA will be co-hosting (with the **California Alpine Club**) the FWOC 2018 Annual Convention to take place August 17–19, 2018 at the Jesuit Retreat Center (JRC) in Los Altos overlooking San Francisco Bay and the Santa Clara Valley. JRC features 38 acres of grounds with gardens, trails, views, and a labyrinth for relaxing, strolling, and contemplation. The Center is within easy reach of the San Jose and the San



Breached Gline Canyon Dam on the Elwah River

Francisco International Airports. Also, it is near beautiful redwood parks and the spectacular San Mateo Coast. Please make your plans to join us in California next summer.



Chemeketans in Salem, Oregon has been focused on the protection of Opal Creek and its adjacent environment. They also played an active role in responding to proposed developments at Silver Falls State Park and have provided input into the master planning process for this park. The committee will continue to monitor implementation of the Silver Falls plans and provide comment, if necessary, to assure the protection of the scenic and recreation values of Oregon’s largest state park. The welfare of Opal Creek and Silver Falls are of major concern to the Chemeketans because they are the closest natural setting recreation areas to Salem. Also the management of Salem’s watershed resources has been a recent focus and concern. www.chemeketans.org

2017 FWOC RESOLUTIONS

by Sydney Herbert

An important part of the annual meeting program is the adoption of resolutions which guide the actions of the President and Vice Presidents in carrying out the interests of the FWOC. Member clubs and organizations in good standing and individual members are encouraged to submit resolutions representing the regional, state, and national concerns of their member clubs and organizations.

The format is simple: The name of the submitting club or member, the date, a section called BACKGROUND which details the nature of the problem and possible solutions; the resolution which recommends action: e.g. the FWOC supports, the FWOC opposes. We welcome all resolutions, but urge member clubs and organizations to research the policies and past resolutions (which will be found on the website) for conflicts and duplications. FWOC is not just a discussion group, but an action group which is guided by the resolutions.

If you wish to have your concerns considered as a resolutions, create a draft or fill out the Resolution Form and send it by email it to Sydney Herbert, FWOC Resolutions Chair at psdneyh1@msn.com by August 20th.

FWOC 2013 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.)

Please email completed Resolution Form by August 20th to:

Sydney Herbert, Resolution Committee Chair, at

psdneyh1@msn.com

CONSERVATION NEWS *Continued from page 7*

REALLY ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL BILLS IN CONGRESS

In the House Natural Resource and Environment Committee:

Resilient Forest Act of 2017 (Westerman Bill) – Expands size of logging projects that are “categorically excluded” under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) excluding environmental analysis and public input. Undercuts the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by removing the requirement that the Forest Service consults with Fish and Wildlife on projects affecting endangered species. Limits judicial review of timber sales. Call your Representative and ask to oppose.

Thanks to Bark

In the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

Energy and Natural Resources Act of 2017 (SB 1460) – Locks in dependence on fossil fuels for decades, increasing

fracking, speeding up exports of liquified natural gas, and gives the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission expanded authority over approving new oil and gas pipelines. A gift to the oil and gas industry and a death blow to efforts to address global warming. Call your Senator and ask to oppose.

Thanks to Great Old Broads for Wilderness

ELLIOTT STATE FOREST IN OREGON FINALLY PROTECTED

The State Land Board’s decision to reverse course and keep the Elliott State Forest in public ownership meant passing bonding authority and a Trust Lands Transfer bill through the legislature. While questions remain about the future management of the Elliott, those challenges are better answered with the forest remaining wholly public. Both SB 847 (Trustlands Transfer) and \$100 in bonding passed with a healthy amount of bipartisan support.

Thanks to Oregon Wild

2017 FWOC CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs 85th Annual Convention

Protecting Our Public Lands and Waters

Deer Creek Center at the Siskiyou Field Institute

Selma, Oregon • August 25, 26, 27, 2017

Name _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Club or Organization: _____ Delegate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Conference: Make Lodging reservations on your own

Registration and meals\$85.00 _____

Meals only (commuter): Lodging not included, on own

Individual meals, please select below: Total \$ _____

Sat Lunch _____ @ \$12 Sat Dinner _____ @15

Lodging at the Deer Creek Center: Call 541-597-8530 (M-F 9-4) or email institute@thesfi.org to reserve

Camping	\$ 8 per campsite per night
Small Yurt (6 bunks, 6 beds)	\$10 per person per night
Large Yurt (9 bunks, 9 beds with Heat/AC/Lights)	\$12 per person per night
Dorm Room (sleeps 8)	\$18 per person per night

Lodging at Motels in Area: Call motel to make your reservations

Holiday Motel, 24810 Redwood Hwy, Kerby	541-592-3003
Quality Inn, 889 NE 6th Street, Grants Pass	541-479-8301
Sunset Inn, 1400 NW 6th Street, Grants Pass	541-479-3305
Shilo Inn, 1880 NW 6th Street, Grants Pass	541-479-8391
Discovery Inn, 748 SE 7th Street, Grants Pass	541-476-7793
Lodge at Riverside, 955 SE 7th Street, Grants Pass	541-955-1891
Motel 6, 1800 NE 7th Street, Grants Pass	541-474-1331

FWOC 2017 Annual Dues:

Individual Membership (if not submitted for 2017)\$20.00 _____

Family Membership\$25.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make check payable to FWOC and send with Registration Form by August 20th to:

George Milne, Registrar
1864 SE Anspach St.
Oak Grove, OR 97265-2619

Need more info: Contact Jan Walker at spooky7@frontier.com



FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

1864 SE Anspach St.
Oak Grove, OR 97267

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



CALENDAR

August 25–27, 2017

FWOC 85th Annual Convention,
“Protecting Our Public Lands and
Waters,” Deer Creek Center at the
Siskiyou Field Institute, Selma, OR

**September 28, 2017
7:00 pm**

Stories from the Columbia River –
Reflections on the Treaty in the 21st
Century, The Mountaineers, Seattle,
WA. For info: www.wildsalmon.org

LOOKING AHEAD!

August 17–19, 2018

FWOC 86th Annual Convention,
hosted by the California Park Rangers
Association and California Alpine Club,
The Los Altos Center, Los Altos, CA

*PHOTO: California Pitcher Plant or Cobra Lily –
Darlingtonia californica by Kathleen Pyle*