

KEEPING THE WILDERNESS ACT INTACT

by Lionel Di Giacomo

In July, Utah Senators Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee introduced a bill called the *Human-Powered Travel in Wilderness Areas Act (S.B. 3205*)*. If passed, it would be the first law to amend the Wilderness Act since its enactment in 1964. Wilderness lovers—mountain bikers or not—should oppose this bill.



The Sustainable Trails Coalition (STC), a self-described nonprofit, “working to reverse the ban on bicycles in Wilderness areas”, developed what they call a “modest proposal”, to enable federal land managers to allow bikes into wilderness at their discretion.

Senators Mike Lee and Orrin Hatch

agreed to sponsor STC’s bill. If the involvement of these particular senators doesn’t raise a red flag, then reading through the proposed bill should convince conservationists, including mountain bikers, that something is very wrong.

THE DIRT ON S.B. 3205*

The proposed law would alter the Wilderness Act to redefine mechanical transport as machines that contain an internal or external power source, effectively exempting pedal-power. The bill then declares all human-powered travel, even if mechanically assisted, to be “in accordance with the preservation and maintenance of the wilderness character of a wilderness area”.

The bill requires agencies to decide within two years whether to exclude bikes and other mechanical transport in specific wilderness areas. Any trails not excluded within that time frame would automatically ALLOW bikes. Such a decision will require analysis and public input on thousands of miles of wilderness trails, and will inundate agencies that are already

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Holding the Line

Today, there are roughly 110 million acres of wilderness in 765 federally-designated areas, yet that is only 2.7% of the lower forty-eight states. Is it too much to ask that this small percentage of our country remain free from the impacts of mountain bikes?

Broads believes that bikes and other forms of mechanical transport do not belong in wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas. In some areas, whether through lack of enforcement funding or sometimes a wink and a nod by agency staff, cyclists illegally ride—and get used to access—on trails where

they are not allowed. (By law, officially proposed wilderness is to be managed as wilderness to ensure there is no degradation of wilderness character.)

While the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) opposes S.B. 3205* and states that they “continue to respect both the Wilderness Act and the federal land agencies’ regulations that exclude bicycles from existing Wilderness areas”, they have made it clear they will lobby for legislation “to restore mountain bike trail access by redrawing existing Wilderness boundaries” and create

“alternative land designations that protect natural areas while preserving bicycle access.”

In the past IMBA has often been a positive partner for conservation, but this new direction could diminish new wilderness designations.

If you believe that bikes should not be allowed in wilderness, particularly if you are a dedicated mountain biker or a member of IMBA, voice your opinion! Contact IMBA at <https://www.imba.com/contact> or call their office at (303) 545-9011.

*Note: SB3205 was previously stated incorrectly as SB3250 in the print version.

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Andy Gulliford

IN A BROAD SENSE



Tweaking the Wilderness Act?

When I was in my twenties, a friend and I rode our mountain bikes along the scenic route from Portland to Seattle, around the Olympic Peninsula. As graduate students from the southern Arizona desert, we could not fathom the logging trucks and clear-cuts that would sadden our joyful journey. Camping one night in the Quinault rain forest, we had an idea—what if we took our bikes through the Olympic Wilderness and Olympic National Park to avoid getting smashed to smithereens by logging trucks on Highway 101? We were naïve and inexperienced, with limited concepts of wilderness and the near impossibility of taking our 1980s rigid bikes through the mountains. In the end, logic and lawfulness prevailed, and we decided not to attempt the adventure. Sheepishly, we accepted our campground neighbors’ kind offer to drive us, bikes and all, to Forks—where the welcome sign read “Logging Capitol of the World” and annual cuts averaged 250 million board feet.

Had mountain bikes been allowed in the newly protected Olympic Wilderness, we might foolishly have decided otherwise. Even as a student of natural resources (mind you, a very different animal in Arizona), I little understood what my impacts might be in going faster and further into the wilderness, startling wildlife, eroding trails, compacting vegetation, or silting stream habit. Or most importantly, that wilderness is one of the few areas on Earth where we must fully respect the attributes of

Plenty of our members—and those of other conservation organizations—are passionate about both wilderness and mountain bikes, just not in the same place.

This past July, two of the most anti-environmental senators in the country (Mike Lee and Orrin Hatch, both from Utah) introduced a new bill proposing to change the Wilderness Act. Their purported rationale? To give federal land managers the flexibility to allow bikes (not to mention chain saws) in wilderness areas (See front page article).

I do not believe there is such a thing as a small tweak to the Wilderness Act—any “tweak” is the proverbial camel’s nose under the tent. If mountain bikes were allowed, then off-road vehicles would demand entry, and other uses would follow. The whole point of wilderness

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humility and slowing down, beautifully expressed in the Wilderness Act as “where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man”. I knew how precious wilderness was, but was only beginning to appreciate my role and responsibility in keeping it that way.



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Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a national grassroots organization, led by elders, that engages and inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.

Conceived by older women who love wilderness, Broads gives voice to the millions of older Americans who want their public lands protected as Wilderness for this and future generations. With more than 8,000 members and friends, we bring voice, knowledge, commitment, and humor to the movement to protect our last wild places on earth.

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ADVOCACY CORNER

How to Be an Effective Public Policy Advocate

by Lauren Berutich

Ever wonder, “Can I, as one person, really make a difference?” Our backyards are changing quickly, and the environmental challenges we face are complicated and complex. True, having a positive impact is a daunting task, however, it can be done. In fact, Audrey Hepburn reminds us, “Nothing is impossible, the world itself says ‘I’m possible!’”

Officials at all levels of government make policy decisions every day impacting the rules, regulations, and procedures that affect public land protection and management. Getting involved in public policy campaigns is a meaningful, on-the-ground activity where you can make a difference in the protection and preservation of our wild lands.

“Yeah right!” you might say, fearing you may “mess up” or do something wrong because you aren’t familiar with how to interact with public officials. Don’t hide behind online action alerts! We can do this together! Our legislators are people just like you and I—and they, too, want to make a difference in their communities.

These tips were inspired by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (<http://bit.ly/TCDDTips>), however, I’ve summed it up for all of you chomping at the bit to have effective and impactful voices for change. Happy advocating!

10 TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE INTERACTION WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR

- ★ Meet with your legislator face-to-face. This is the most effective way to get your message across and develop a personal connection with him or her. If possible, schedule this contact when the legislature is NOT IN SESSION to receive the most time and attention. Letters, phone calls, and emails are a secondary alternative to meeting in person, however many of the following tips still apply.
- ★ If your legislator is unavailable, connect with a staff person who handles your issue.
- ★ Talk to your legislator *before* there is a vote on an issue that you want him or her to take a position on.
- ★ Be sure to share a heartfelt and sincere message. Be clear, concise, and tell your story.
- ★ Be specific and brief about your desired outcome. Remember to express WHY, HOW, and WHEN, and don’t be afraid to tell your representative what YOU would like them to do.
- ★ Don’t forget to tell your representative that you live in his or her district, if appropriate.
- ★ Be polite, professional, positive, organized, and respectful. You may not always agree with their stance on the issue, but you will get much further in your conversations by practicing this tip.
- ★ If your issue concerns a bill, be specific: provide the bill number, subject, and state your position clearly and why it’s important. Sharing a personal story about the impacts of the bill on your family, work, neighborhood, forest, favorite wildlife habitat or hiking area is most effective.
- ★ Offer to be a resource now and in the future, and follow up if necessary.
- ★ Thank them for their time, and if they agree with you, be sure to highlight that too! If appropriate, follow up with a public “thanks” in a letter to your local paper.

We’re here for you at Broads’ national office to offer advice on your advocacy challenges. Feel free to shoot us an email at grassroots@greatoldbroads.org or call (970) 385-9577.



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BROADBANDS IN ACTION

by Lauren Berutich

After years of facilitating grassroots advocacy, I know a great recipe for effective wildlands protection when I see one—and our ladies have it: get outside, explore an area, fall in love with it, become educated on the issues, and then, take action.

Our national office has offered a variety of Broadwalks and Broadworks across the country over the years, connecting hundreds of women and men to national campaigns to protect wild places through education, stewardship, grassroots advocacy, and fun.

In the past few years, our Broadband chapters have shown a growing interest in hosting their own Broadwalks and Broadworks focused around regional or state issues. Each event has a flavor of its own, but includes many of the same elements as national events.

BUMPING INTO A WATER CHALLENGE

Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband

On June 10, Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband in Washington, held the *Bumping Lake Regional Broadwalk*, a three-day educational gathering at the American River Guard Station and Campground in the eastern Cascade Mountains. The primary topic of discussion was the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Plan, which has been a controversial proposal that includes projects such as the damming of Bumping Lake. The dam would flood over 1,000 acres of critical spotted owl habitat and ancient forest, displace the spawning grounds of bull trout, eliminate the campground and 15 historical cabins, and submerge trails and access roads. Guest speakers discussed the proposal and informed participants about expected impacts. The event also included hikes to show first-hand what is at stake. Lastly, attendees wrote letters to their congressional representatives to express opposition to the proposed dam.



A GATHERING WITH "HART"

Willamette Valley Broadband

On June 9–12, twenty-five Oregon Broads spent four days at Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). It was a celebration, service, and learning trip coordinated with Jeremy Austin of Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA).

There were a variety of interesting presenters including Sheldon-Hart NWR manager Jeff Mackay, who spoke about the land management history of the refuge. Cattle were removed



20 years ago, and the native riparian and grassland recovery has been staggeringly successful. This recovery is demonstrated in the abundant

aspens, return of native forbs, shrubs, and bunch grasses, and increased bird diversity. Other speakers included Phillip Street (University of Nevada, Reno doctoral sage-grouse researcher) and Renee Patrick, ONDA's Oregon Desert Trail Coordinator. Renee shared her work advocating for (and hiking!) the 750-mile-long Oregon Desert Trail, which traverses some of the most spectacular natural areas of the region, including Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge, Steens Mountain, and the Owyhee Canyonlands.

One evening, Broads welcomed Julie Weikel and Helen Harbin, two of the three "Sagebrush Sisters" who spoke about their fifty-mile walk in 2015 from Hart Mountain to Sheldon NWR in Nevada. Participants learned why it is so important to expand protection for wildlife in the land between the two refuges, which is a migration corridor and critical habitat for pronghorn and sage-grouse.

THE TIMES, THEY ARE A CHANGIN': CLIMATE CHANGE AND PUBLIC LANDS

Phoenix Broadband

In April, the Phoenix Broadband took the lead organizing an Arizona Regional Broadwalk that included the Yavapai-Prescott and Tucson Broadbands. It was held at the Biosphere II in Oracle, Arizona. This three-day event focused on the relationship between climate change and public lands and how our public lands can be a part of the solution to climate change rather than contributing to the problem.

The Broadwalk featured a special tour of Biosphere II, with a behind-the-scenes look at climate change experiments facilitated by the University of Arizona. Educational



"I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in."

—John Muir



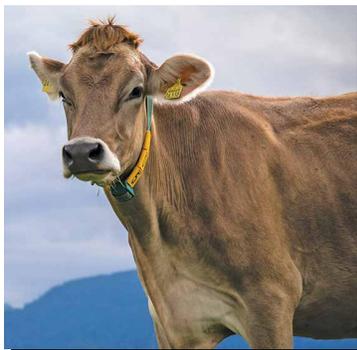
presentations included author Todd Miller, who discussed his research on climate change and border militarization; Sierra Club's Dan Millis, who gave a *Beyond Coal* presentation; and Tucson artist Kimi Eisele, who shared a fabulous presentation derived from the recent Paris Climate Talks and street activism. Grassroots Leadership

Director Lauren Berutich, from Broads' national office, shared the latest actions from the WILD (Women in Loving Defense) Care Climate Action Project; and Jenny Cobb, Yavapai-Prescott Broadband leader and passionate foodie, discussed menus for a sustainable planet. Of course, Broads love to get outside, so the group hiked a section of the Arizona Trail and assisted with a trail maintenance project.

CHEW ON THIS! PUBLIC LANDS GRAZING

Yavapai-Prescott Broadband

Arizona Broads gathered for another regional Broadwalk in Prescott, AZ to discuss grazing practices and management in the Prescott National Forest with Sierra Club Conservation Chair, Tom Slaback. The gathering included a hike and drive to the Jordan grazing allotment northwest of Phoenix, where the participants spent the day exploring an actively grazed landscape. The Broads observed the impacts of overgrazing on National Forest lands, taking note of the extensive erosion and absence of grass. They compared conditions to a neighboring parcel of private land, where abundant species of grasses grew.



Education and connection to our public lands is key. Want to join a regional Broadwalk or Broadwork? Contact your local Broadband chapter for more information or visit our website calendar to see what's on the schedule. Stay tuned for information about our 2017 National Broadwalks and Broadworks, which will be announced early in the new year. Want to host your own event? Contact us at grassroots@greatoldbroads.org and we'll get you started.



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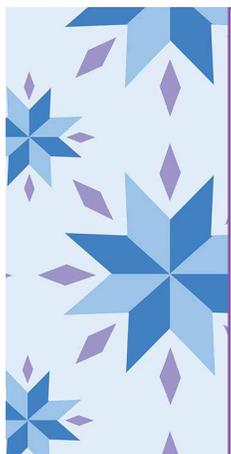
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THE BROADER WILDERNESS

by Carrie King

USFS CLEAR-CUTS IN ADVANCE OF A WILDFIRE THAT NEVER CAME

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) clear-cut a more than 50-mile-long by 300-foot-wide swath of trees in Washington this summer under the pretense it was an “emergency” firebreak. As such, they side-stepped environmental permits, environmental review or public comment, and evaded using best management practices designed to minimize resource damage. Yet the Wolverine Fire never came anywhere near the devastating firebreak. The action turned out to be a free-for-all for loggers, all under the supervision of Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest Supervisor, Mike Williams.



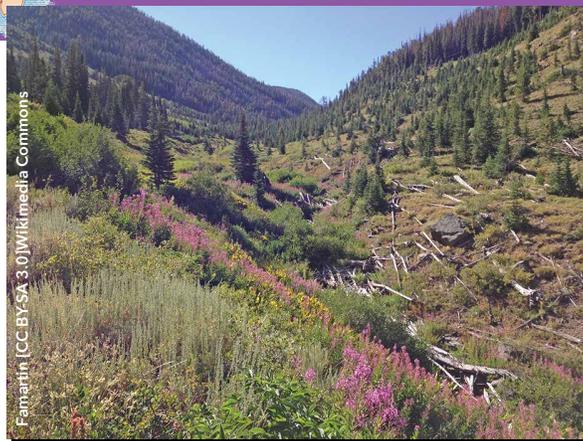
When the logging began, the fire was eight miles away. The weather had changed; it was cool and rainy, calming the fire to no more than a smolder. The Forest Service’s own fire computer model showed less than a 1% chance of

the fire reaching the area. And, as visitors were being allowed back into the Forest, the “emergency logging operation,” continued. When Forest Service biologists and botanists expressed concern that there was no emergency, they were told, “the fire line is happening—accept it.” It was wholesale havoc—stream buffers were ignored as trees were cleared right up to the river banks, habitat for endangered species was devoured, and heavy machinery went willy-nilly across the landscape.

Some disturbing facts:

- The timber was sold as salvage, even though the fire never touched it. \$769,913 was paid to the Forest Service.
- The logs filled more than 930 logging trucks. One tree was so large it filled an entire truck.
- Ten linear miles of the firebreak (furthest from the fire risk!) violated high value, critical habitat for the spotted owl.

Incidents like this are inexcusable! Emergency declarations in the name of wildfire do not mean the Forest Service can revert



to the good ol’ days of hogging and logging. We must remain vigilant and hold public land agencies (and their leaders) accountable for their actions—both well-meaning actions and dirty backdoor deals clearly not in the interest of our Mother Earth. We put Broad trust into land management agencies to manage our public lands, and this was a gross violation of our public trust.

To add insult to injury, Senator Pat Roberts [R-KS] introduced legislation to the Senate to relax environmental standards under the *Emergency Wildfire & Management Act of 2016 (S.3085)*. The Broads’ national office has joined with other groups to oppose this bill, and you can, too. Write Senator Roberts to express your opposition to this legislation that seeks to limit judicial review, streamline NEPA, and cuts some of America’s most iconic forests misguidedly in the name of wildfire management. <http://bit.ly/emailPR>

BULL TROUT WIN AT JARBIDGE RIVER

Some victories take decades. At long last, this summer a U.S. District Court in Nevada ruled that Elko County failed to demonstrate its claim to a tiny road on the Jarbidge River. Some of you may recall that all hell broke loose in the 1990s when the Forest Service decided not to rebuild a 1.5-mile section of South Canyon Road, proposing to replace it with a non-motorized trail. The dead-end road had been washed away in a flood in 1995 for the fifth time in 25 years.



Broads were on hand to sweep up the mess left by the Shovel Brigade.

USFS closed the road, placing a boulder in the stream to prevent vehicles from driving through the river, banging undercarriages on rocks, leaking oil into the water, and contaminating fish habitat.

Broads applauded this common sense approach, but Elko County Commissioners passed a resolution asserting the road was county-owned and directed county road crews to rebuild it with heavy equipment in July 1998.

In 1999, a gang of scofflaws, like those who took over the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, claimed they had the right



Duane Raver



to decide the fate of these public lands. Calling themselves the Shovel Brigade, they proceeded to

illegally open the road. Some 20 Broads arrived to protest the spectacle, brooms in hand to symbolically clean up the mess. According to an article in the December 2001 *Broadsides*, "...the Shovel Brigade made a big show of moving the boulder and driving their trucks down the road, basically trespassing on the National Forest and daring the Forest Service to stop them."

Also in 1999, the County sued to claim right-of-way authority, and a tangled series of court battles followed. In two separate lawsuits over the years, Broads and the Wilderness Society fought deals made between the County and USFS to open the road, asserting the Forest Service's responsibility to protect the threatened bull trout. Let's hope this summer's court decision puts the issue to rest in this victory for bull trout and the Jarbidge River!

TAKE A STAND AGAINST NOISE POLLUTION IN GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Broad Mary McClelland spearheads the *Quiet! Glacier Coalition* campaign to eliminate noise pollution from recreational helicopter flights over Glacier National Park. She had a very special opportunity on the National Park Service's 100th birthday to walk and talk with Department of Interior Secretary, Sally Jewell, who came to Glacier to observe the impacts of climate change.

Mary introduced herself as a Great Old Broad representing the *Quiet! Glacier Coalition* (comprised of 19 conservation organizations including Broads). Hearing that, Jewell gave her a big smile, as Mary handed her a *Quiet! Glacier* petition and supporting information that included Broads' position statement on climate change.

Even though noise pollution has long been a concern to park staff, visitors, and local residents, the problem has continued to escalate despite passage of the *National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000*. The Act was intended to ensure the cooperation of the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Park Service to "establish an air tour management plan". The coalition believes the Act should prohibit commercial tours over the park, which is 95% de facto wilderness. These tours make a racket, with more than 500 flights per month during the summer—disturbing visitors and adversely affecting wildlife feeding, migration, and mating.

As part of a group that hiked with Secretary Jewell, Mary said, "We talked about the soundscape and importance of its preservation. Jewell was receptive, interested, and encouraged us to continue our advocacy—because that is how the Department learns about the issues."



Mary McClelland and Sally Jewell following their hike and chat.

Mary shared that less than 1% of Park visitors take recreational helicopter air tours—which destroy natural sounds for more than 99% of park visitors (and ALL resident wildlife). She also emphasized how the commercial helicopter tours contribute to the destruction of the glaciers through added greenhouse gas emissions.

You can help by raising your voice in support of eliminating the recreational over-flights. Learn more and sign the petition at <http://quietglacier.wixsite.com/coalitioninformation>.

NATIONAL MONUMENT WINS

In June, President Obama made a historic designation with the **Stonewall National Monument** in Greenwich Village, New York City. The site includes Christopher Park, The Stonewall Inn, and the streets where the Stonewall Uprising occurred. For decades, Christopher Park has hosted lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) marches, parades, and celebrations. The uprising began on June 28, 1969 at The Stonewall Inn, when New York City police raided the popular gathering place and safe haven for the LGBT community. After years of harassing raids, the Inn's patrons and employees decided it was time to fight back, hold their ground, and demand their civil rights. It became a six-day-long uprising that marked the beginning of the modern LGBT civil rights movement.



In another nod to the 100th birthday of the National Park Service, on August 24, President Obama designated the **Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument** in the North Maine

Woods area of north-central Maine, including a section of the East Branch of the Penobscot River. This newest monument is truly a gift to the nation, comprising more than 87,500 acres donated by Elliotsville Plantation, Inc., a foundation established by Burt's Bees founder Roxanne Quimby. In addition to the \$60 million dollars worth of land, the foundation gave another \$20 million to fund initial operations, with \$20 million more committed towards future support—quite a generous gift to America's public lands. Say thanks at: www.quimbyfamilyfoundation.org/contact/.

Another August action resulted in the increase of the **Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument** in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands to more than half a million square miles—making it the largest ecologically protected area on the planet! And, just as we were going to print, the first U.S. marine national monument in the Atlantic Ocean, the **Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument** was designated, protecting 4,913 square miles.

With these designations, President Obama has protected more than 551 million acres of federal lands and waters—more than twice that of any previous administration. Be sure to thank him at www.whitehouse.gov/contact.



Study A Broad Cut from the Same Cloth

"Sisters, sisters, there were never such devoted sisters." – Irving Berlin

by Susan Kearns

Broadness is not just a state of mind—it's also a family affair. It seems that sisters and sisters-in-law members are more common than you would think.

We didn't have to look far to find these kinfolk connections...there's a lot of shared DNA in the Broad pool, spread from one end of the country to the other.

BRINGING BROADS ON BOARD

Usually it's a chain reaction...one family member joins and the rest follow. Often gift memberships are involved. Broads' Board Chair Di Allison, who resides in Utah, gave her sister in Oregon a gift membership and convinced her to donate a weekend at her B&B to the Wild for

Wilderness Online Auction. Sis Cyndi Anderson had never heard of Broads, but saw the group as a way to help older friends stay involved in beloved wilderness once they couldn't hike much anymore. But, Cyndi was the one who was hooked after she hosted a potluck where Willamette Valley Broadband co-leader, Carol Savonen, spoke about Broads. Cyndi jumped in with both feet—today, she and Carol co-lead the Broadband.

Our Membership Maven, Joyce Thomsen, was the first of her family to join—shortly after she started working for Broads. Her sister, Laura, knew of Broads through former Associate Director Rose Chilcoat, but did not come aboard until Joyce gave her a gift membership. Their sister Anita (and hubby), who live in Minnesota, recently joined after Joyce sent them a brochure that Anita "read cover to cover"—prompting her to immediately go to the website and join.

Jane Heisler is another Oregonian who received a gift membership from her sister Rebecca, who lives in Colorado. "So I guess you could say, as my big sister, she is still looking out for me," Jane

says. Both are active in local Broads: Jane is part of the Cascade Volcanoes Broadband, and Rebecca participates with the South Park Broadband.

Jane has been an active part of Broadband efforts to increase wilderness areas on Mt. Hood

that were left out of previous wilderness bills, including the Tamanawas Falls and Salmon River areas. She led the activity to gather more than 500 petition signatures at trailheads, recruited volunteers, provided materials to volunteers, kept the gathered signatures, and sent the petitions to congressional members Blumenauer, Merkley, and Walden.

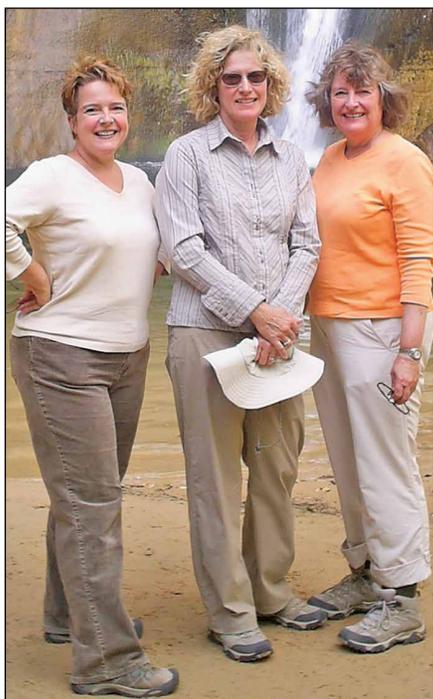
You may remember the sister power duo of Susan and Nancy Ostlie (Study A Broad, 2012 Fall *Broadsides*)—these long-time members are still moving and shaking on behalf of Broads in leadership roles. Nancy leads the charge in Bozeman, Montana; and Susan, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, co-leads the Rio Grande Valley Broadband (RGVBB)—a highly energetic group involved with many projects, including the Cibola National Forest plan revision. In 2013, the duo became a trio, when their sister Amy joined the Tucson Broadband. To Susan's delight, Amy has since relocated to Albuquerque, immersing herself in RGVBB activities.

Broads' Executive Director, Shelley Silbert, boasts membership ties that include a sister, 3 sister-in-laws, her mother, mother-in-law, plus her husband, brother, and brother-in-laws. Shelley is proud of sister-in-law Mia Monroe's "rock star conservation work." Mia recently received the San Francisco Bay Chapter Sierra Club's Edward Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award (<http://theyodeler.org/?p=11681>) and guides a Muir Beach restoration tour each year for the Broads' auction.

In July, Mia led high school students on a 29-mile camping trek from Stinson Beach to San Francisco to celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service, joining with another group coming from the south to total a hundred-strong.

SIMILAR, YET DIFFERENT

Though they are sisters, each have their own approach to Broadness. Cyndi says while she and Di are both well organized and attentive to detail in their roles, Di takes a more serious approach, while Cyndi is more playful—singing the Broads' song at meetings, hawking Oregon Wilderness Area bandanas at



A sampling of sister Broads (top): Anita Young, Maren Stransky (Laura's daughter), Joyce Thomsen, Laura Stransky; (bottom left) Amy Ostlie, Nancy Ostlie, Susan Ostlie; (top right) Rebecca Heisler, Jane Heisler; (bottom right) Cyndi Anderson, Di Allison.



every opportunity, and starting spontaneous dance parties.

The issues close to their hearts also vary from Broad to Broad. Jane is passionate about eliminating grazing on public lands, troubled by the impacts on wildlife and water. She feels moving people towards a more plant-based diet would stretch our resources farther and make for healthier ecosystems. Rebecca wishes everyone had a connection with our wild places, so they would be more likely to care for our public lands, rather than degrade them through such impacts as grazing and indiscriminate ATV use.

Many share concern for climate change and its effect on the land. Di chimes in with the wish that people would find common ground for solutions to conservation and climate issues. Cyndi's passion is preserving old growth trees in western Oregon and ensuring remaining intact forests are never logged.

In Minnesota, Anita worries about invasive species (both on land and in the water), agricultural run-off, and industrial waste impacting their "10,000 lakes" and the beautiful Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

BROAD LOVE

Many expressed affection for the camaraderie and friendships they've discovered with like-minded women who love the outdoors. They appreciate the humor, passion, and mission of the organization.

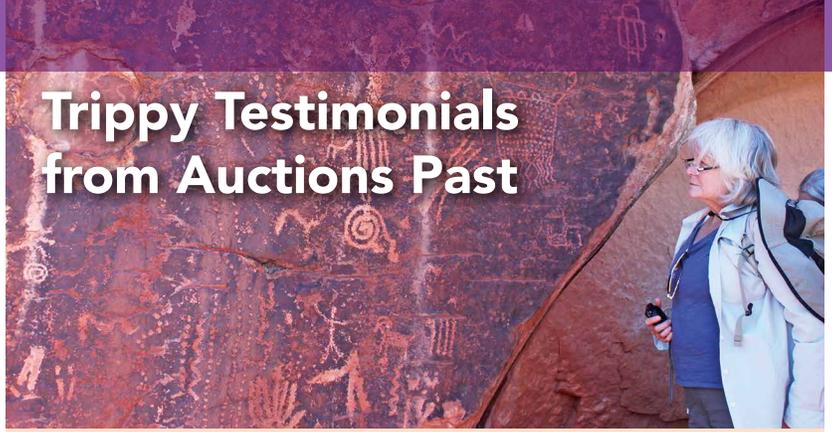
"I love the Broads themselves—both staff and the members that I come in contact with on a daily basis," said Joyce. "They are amazing women, with lifetimes of experience, a wide range of careers and knowledge that they now willingly and joyfully share in a cause they care passionately about."

"And, the Broadwalks are genius. I'd go on every one if I could," Cyndi added. Di agrees: "Go to Broadwalks and Broadworks! You'll be hooked because of the people you meet and the issues you become engaged with. Broadwalks embody everything the Broads are and do."

Not surprisingly, these women all encourage others to join Broads. Perhaps Jane said it best: "If you love wilderness and all that it stands for, Broads will provide you with opportunities to learn—as well as to act—to protect more wild lands. Plus, you'll meet a group of amazing people." No doubt, you'll expand your circle of sisters, too.

Do you have a story about a sister, mother, or daughter pair (or triplet!) involved in Broads? Tell us! Send an email to Susan@greatoldbroads.org or call 970-385-9577.

Trippy Testimonials from Auctions Past



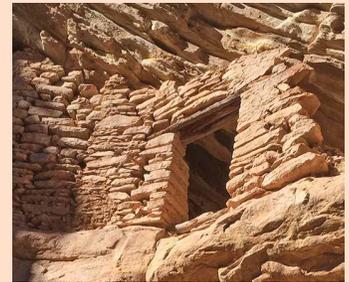
Grass Valley, California Broad Cheryl Branch contemplates messages from the Ancients.

Have you ever wondered about the auction trips you didn't win—or didn't bid on? *Broadsides* chatted with a few winners about their trips, which may inspire you to get involved in the bidding this year.

GUIDED ARCHAEOLOGY TOUR - CEDAR MESA, UTAH

Chris Maschino of *Peaks and Canyons Wilderness Trekking*, along with historian and Fort Lewis College professor Andy Gulliford, treated ten lucky auction bidders to a Cedar Mesa archaeology trip extraordinaire last spring. The trip spanned three full days of touring and hiking, coupled with slide shows, evening conversations, and group camping.

In addition to our guides, University of Arizona doctoral student Ben Bellorado delighted us with information from his research in this area chock-full of sites—from Basketmaker to Pueblo III! We viewed some of the best rock art panels in southern Utah, explored such remarkable sites as Moon House, Bullseye, and Ballroom



Cave, and contemplated kivas, granaries, defensive loopholes, and even children's footprints in a plaster lintel. Against the remarkable red rock backdrop of southern Utah, with perfect days and cool nights, this trip surpassed all of our expectations. If you have an opportunity to take this trip, don't miss it! —*Shelley Silbert, Durango, Colorado*

"This trip was filled with delicious food, fantastic opportunities for learning, good humor, and the powerful joy that comes from being with people who have common loves, common concerns, and an appetite for action. It was, in short, fantastic!" —*Kim Curtis, Flagstaff, Arizona*

CHANTERELLES AND CONDORS - COLORADO & ARIZONA

"Bob and I have enjoyed all the Broad trips we have won! Maureen Keilty led us on a mushroom foray north of Purgatory, Colorado.

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EVENT RECAP: *Oh! The fun we had!*

SAWTOOTH BROADWORK

by Valoree Dowell, Co-Leader
Greater Wasatch Broadband, Salt Lake City, UT

Wind drove tumbleweeds across the interstate, faster than I could navigate between them. The black storm toppled a tractor-trailer, imposing a detour. Chilling rain forced our meet and greet dinner from a picnic gazebo at Stanley City Park into board member Suez Jacobsen's motel room. Not an auspicious beginning to a five-day backpacking Broadwork into the newly designated Boulder-White Clouds Wilderness in Idaho.

But all's well that ends well.

By the close of the week, the sun prevailed, strangers had become friends, and eight new signs were assembled and installed, marking the boundaries of an official new wilderness area. So in love did we fall with the White Clouds' peaks, meadows, streams, and lakes, Broads hopes to adopt the area and return every year to maintain it in the name of the WILD.

Nine Broads, three Bros and two honorary Broads (our cook and a Forest Service lead) from Idaho, Montana, Washington, Colorado, and Utah converged on this area, brand new to some, and second nature to others. Thankfully, a wrangler and beautiful pack horses toted food, supplies, camp kitchen, and tenting gear. That left



Valoree Dowell and friend work hard to place a sign marking the Boulder-White Cloud Wilderness. Note the beloved "spuddie".

shovels, posthole digger, pickaxe, and the much sought-after spud bar for us to carry each day along with our packs. [English major aside: "Spud" derives from the old English, Norse, and Danish words for short knife or spear.] Not an Idaho candy bar, nor having anything to do with digging potatoes, a spud bar is an indispensable (albeit heavy) tool for digging, prying, or cutting through dirt, rocks, and roots. And we did all that to sink signposts two to three feet into mostly uncooperative soil. Mind you, the average age of the group was calculated by the mathematician Bro as 65 years, 3 months. All of us managed to carry tools, organize a two-person strategy and rotation schedule to carry the beloved "spuddie", make coffee, dig, claw, lift, chip in, and tamp; inhale pure air, dismantle errant side trails, purify water, sing, disperse fire rings, collect trash; tell stories, jokes, and riddles; swim, scale scree, defeat mosquitoes, and fall asleep to the symphony of rushing waters.

Our major accomplishment: installing Forest Service-provided signage that proclaims more than 275,000 acres of snowy peaks and gorgeous

lake-filled terrain as wilderness in the Boulder-White Cloud Mountains. We were not the only proud ones. Several hikers looked for and photographed the new signs, acknowledging the magnitude and importance of this protection for all time.

SAGE-GROUSE BROADWORK

by Susanne Twight-Alexander

A frightening roar, like the sound of a waterfall, woke me from a deep sleep—I sat upright in my tent. What? My rational mind clicked on and I thought it must be a cloudburst from a violent thunderstorm. But moonlight still shone along the side of the tent. Oh, great. The automatic sprinklers on the lawn had turned on.



Thus began the first night at the Western Watershed Project's 440-acre Greenfire Preserve, located on the East Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho.

We were here to survey plants in sage-grouse habitat and observe any adverse grazing effects on this habitat. For four days, we divided into small groups and drove up dusty, winding roads to conduct vegetation transects through sagebrush. Our tools included the Daubenmire frame that we put down alongside our 50-foot tape every two meters. Within that frame, we estimated the percentage of each kind of plant, bare soil, rock, gravel, and litter, as well as measuring the height of the tallest grass, forb, and shrub. Other methods included point and drop; and measuring surface coverage by shrubs, usually sagebrush.



Photos: Suez Jacobson and Wild Utah

Did You Know?

According to the Wilderness Society, the Boulder-White Cloud Wilderness was one of the largest intact roadless areas in the country that lacked permanent protection. President Barack Obama signed the bill—which was introduced by Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID)—into law on Aug. 7, 2015.





Hummocks! They were everywhere! Hummocks are indicative of wetlands and moist pastures that have been degraded by improperly managed livestock grazing.

We also created transects on a BLM grazing allotment in a wetland area, at an elevation of about 7,500 feet. The impact of cattle was more obvious here than in the drier surveys. Someone in our car started singing, "The hills are alive with..." in this alpine-appearing site.

Wednesday was a free day, and several of us hiked into the Sawtooth Wilderness until we reached snow-bound lakes. Others hiked into the backcountry behind Stanley Lake through flower-scattered,

green meadows (with mosquitoes) and up into polished granite outcroppings that held a rushing river.

In the evenings, we discussed events of the day or had guest speakers. We spoke with a member of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, learning details about the sage-grouse. (For instance, they often die from colliding with allotment fences.) Another evening, a woman who runs cattle on BLM grazing allotments offered her passionate defense of grazing and other insights.

I came away with a feel for the vegetation that grows in this high desert country—mostly sagebrush and some juniper—but also realized that driving by doesn't reveal the variety of grasses, forbs, and wildlife that may thrive there. We saw a golden eagle fly over and were treated to views of a long-billed curlew that flew, landed, and called. We first recognized the presence of sage-grouse by their scat, but later we were fortunate to see the rare birds on the dry hillsides and in the higher elevation wetlands. And we learned that, even though it looks sturdy, sage habitat is adversely affected by over-grazing, putting the future of sage-grouse at risk.

I loved getting to know this diverse group of women whose common interest is Great Old Broads for Wilderness. And, I treasure my photos of this beautiful country with its backdrop of snow-splashed mountains.



WHY WE WERE THERE

Broads joined Wild Utah Project as citizen scientists to gather data using BLM and other survey methods to evaluate whether BLM methodology provides an accurate assessment of grazing allotment conditions.

Many factors threaten sage-grouse and its habitat, including invasive species, wildfire, agriculture, grazing, fossil fuel development, urbanization, climate change, and more. Sage-grouse is an important indicator species—healthy populations of sage-grouse signify a healthy ecosystem. Greater sage-grouse once numbered in the millions, but have dropped to totals between 200,000 and 500,000 birds. To avoid listing this grouse under the Endangered Species Act, Federal Land Management Agencies amended land use plans to attempt to recover the species.

AUCTION MORSELS: JUST A TASTE OF UPCOMING DELIGHTS

As our major fundraiser for the year, the Wild for Wilderness Online Auction provides an important source of funding for our day-to-day operations. That's why

we work to make sure the offerings include something for everyone—as well as distinctive and appealing gifts for you or others on your holiday list.



Here is a sampling of the more unique items, and

don't forget to check out new offerings each day at auction.greatoldbroads.org. Our 2016 auction runs October 31–November 13.

BE A LLAMA MAMA

For the other kind of Trekkie, we've got a one-day Trek and Picnic with Lois and her llamas. You'll ride a chair lift to the top of Purgatory Resort where you'll meet Lois and the cute camelids, hike to your heart's

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with a crane expert, enjoy a wine and cheese reception and insider dinner, films, workshops, and much, much more! <http://bit.ly/yocrane>

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WORKING WITH NATURE: FOREST PLANNING IN A TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE



A slew of new forest plans provides rare opportunity for big climate action.

by Lionel Di Giacomo

Every ten to fifteen years, National Forests must revise their land management plans, commonly called forest plans, to guide management for years to come. In 2012, a new Forest Service planning rule emerged after years of drafts, public input, and controversy, prompting urgently needed forest plan revisions throughout the National Forest System. In the agency's own words, the new rule:

"...integrate[s] forest restoration, climate resilience, watershed protection, wildlife conservation, opportunities to contribute to vibrant local economies, and the collaboration necessary to manage our national forests." – Federal Register Vol. 77(68), April 9, 2012

The language in the rule places ecosystems front and center, but forest plans also guide how the forest is managed for multiple use, which includes recreation and commercial interests like oil and gas, mining, livestock grazing, and timber.

Forest planning is a major opportunity to hold agencies to the mandate to protect whole ecosystems, identify new wilderness, prevent overharvesting and habitat destruction, correct management problems, establish monitoring, and ensure that our public forests are part of the solution to climate change. It is a crucial time for Broads to get involved!

THE FOREST PLANNING PROCESS

There are three phases to the development and implementation of a forest plan: Assessment, Plan Development, and Monitoring. Each phase is an opportunity for citizen input, but the earlier you get involved, the more influence you will have. The Forest Service may set up collaborative groups to engage experts and the public in the process. That's the time to contact local partners, get onto committees, go to meetings, and make sure the conservation community and our concerns is well represented.

PHASE 1: ASSESSMENT

During the assessment phase (also known as *scoping*), the Forest Service takes inventory of all of the land and its resources, including potential wilderness, roadless areas, and wild and scenic rivers. The agency also identifies existing



trends and threats to forest health such as wildfire and climate change. Make sure natural, historical, and cultural features worthy of special consideration are not left out.

Because forest plans can protect potential wilderness until Congress makes a permanent designation, Broads can take this prime opportunity to safeguard wild lands. During assessment, help the agency list what might qualify, such as roadless, undeveloped, and primitive areas. At the close of the **planning phase**, the Forest Service will decide which of these lands will be recommended for official wilderness designation. (Recently the Flathead National Forest in western Montana, one of the first forests to develop a plan under the new rules, assessed over 600,000 acres of undesignated wilderness-quality lands in the forest. The Forest Service included a plan alternative recommending an incredible 78% of those lands as new wilderness.)

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Some Forest Service offices, with pressure from special interests, have tried to discount wilderness-quality lands in the assessment phase, quietly dropping them out altogether. Be vigilant. Connect with partners to ensure all wilderness-quality lands are included. If worthy landscapes are excluded, speak up. Then, check again in the planning phase to be sure those lands are still included. (This cautionary

advice comes from direct experience. The Rio Grande Valley Broadband (NM), working on the Cibola Forest Plan with their partners at The Wilderness Society, experienced the "disappearance" of wilderness-quality lands that were found in the assessment phase, but not considered in the planning phase. No doubt, they brought this omission to the attention of Forest Service personnel!)

PHASE 2: PLAN DEVELOPMENT

For years, forest planning was about benefiting humans—placing timber production, livestock grazing, and fossil fuel extraction above whole-forest health. As scientific understanding grows and climate change worsens, it's up to citizens like us to provide a strong conservation voice to counter that of profit-focused special interests—and to speak for wildlife, who can't speak for themselves.

The agency will develop several alternative courses of action for the forest plan. The **No Action** alternative always describes the impacts of making no change to current management; a **Preferred** alternative details what the Forest Service wants to do. Generally, you can expect a few other alternatives—often an industry-influenced alternative and a slightly more environmental alternative. After planning, the agency selects an alternative, or a synthesis of several alternatives, with which to move forward.

The new planning rules are very clear in prioritizing ecological sustainability. You can work with partner organizations and the Forest Service to ensure that the presented alternatives use the best available science to protect wildlife, air and water quality, wetlands and other ecosystem health. Or better yet, work with partners to build a conservation-based alternative. Thanks to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Forest Service must analyze all reasonable alternatives when it comes to forest planning. Collaborating with partners to produce conservation-minded alternatives can be a productive and powerful way to influence agency planning.

PHASE 3: MONITORING

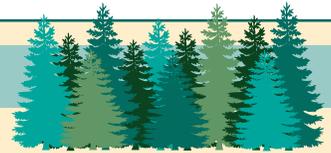
Forest plans are big. The recent Kaibab Forest Plan in northern Arizona is more than 1,000 pages long and weighs in at a hefty 6.5 pounds. Some plans, such as the Northwest Forest Plan, are even larger.

While it's difficult for understaffed agencies to keep up with all the monitoring required to follow through on these huge plans, this presents an opportunity to build relationships with the agency through volunteerism and citizen science. And, your continued involvement helps ensure the agency adheres to the Forest Plan.

Your participation makes a difference! Keeping forests resilient and healthy is more important than ever, for flora, fauna, and the incredible climate benefits of old growth and wild forests around the country. Forests provide clean air and water, help regulate regional temperatures, and capture carbon emissions. Broads across the country are involved in this process and value the results: the protection of potential wilderness, management decisions that consider current climate science, and preservation of the integrity of our public forests.

Interested in advocating for wilderness and climate protections within National Forests close to you? Get in touch! Contact us at grassroots@greatoldbroads.org, or go on our website to find a local broadband near you!

GET INVOLVED



GET ON THE LIST

Each National Forest has its own webpage on the Forest Service website where you can learn about their Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA), which is essentially that forest's work plan. You can also sign up to receive emails about proposed projects and forest plan revisions.

GET PERSONAL

Forest Service employees hear from ranchers, lumber mills, and other paid industry staff all the time, so it is no wonder that draft forest plans start to resemble something the local mill dreamt up. Quiet users and conservationists don't show up as often to voice their concerns, or even more rarely, to thank the Forest Service for their hard work.

Get to know your local Forest Service staff. As opportunities arise, make it a point to meet your district rangers, forest supervisors, and regional foresters. Stop by their office and say "hi". Becoming acquainted shows that you're willing to talk things over.

GET COMMITTED

Writing letters and attending meetings is good, but there are plenty of other opportunities to influence decisions. Amplify your impact through involvement in working groups, collaboratives, and other advisory roles to the Forest Service. If you don't see a way to be part of the process, ask for one—publicly.

QUESTION EVERYTHING

Forest Service meetings are filled to the brim with experts of every stripe, ready to tell you you're wrong. Don't get bullied out of legitimate concerns. Lean heavily on partners if you feel out of your depth, and don't be afraid to ask for references if someone makes a claim that's hard to swallow. If a process is dysfunctional, discuss it openly.

GET HELP

You aren't alone. Local environmental groups have been engaged for a long time, and can give you a major head start in your advocacy—get in touch! Also, we here at the Broads office are always ready to help out, answer questions, and throw ideas around. Don't be shy, just ask!

To see SOPAs, get on your local forest's email list, and view your forest staff and schedule of events find your forest online at: <http://www.fs.fed.us>



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Call (970) 385-9577 or send us an email at broads@greatoldbroads.org to discuss any of these options.

(Keeping the Act Intact - from page 1)

underfunded and understaffed—meaning the deadline will pass long before the planning work is done, and bikes would be allowed by default.

In addition, the bill would strike a critical, concise passage of the Act and insert legal soup four times as long. By deleting the passage titled “Prohibition of Certain Uses”, the Wilderness Act would no longer prohibit commercial enterprise, permanent and temporary roads, landing of aircraft, or structures and installations. Although these prohibitions are generally implied by other parts of the Act, removal of this passage could negatively influence regulations and lawsuits—and support future attempts to water down wilderness.

SAGEBRUSH SPONSORS

In 2015, the League of Conservation Voters gave Mike Lee and Orrin Hatch 4% and 0%, respectively, on their environmental scorecard. Based on their voting records, their vision for our wild places is one filled with pumpjacks and pavement—not exactly a mountain biker’s dream.

Even if there were more palatable sponsors and less extreme legislation, the current Congress—perhaps the worst ever for the environment—can’t be trusted to touch the Wilderness Act.

This Congress has attacked the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. It has denied climate change and undermined reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Given the opportunity, many of these lawmakers would merrily gut our most important environmental protections for short-term gains, industry favors, and the eventual privatization of our public lands.

With climate change heating up, renewed attacks on the idea of public lands, and extractive industries constantly pressing for more access, there is not time for conservation communities to be divided over mountain bikes in wilderness. Let’s not argue over whether or not to open up and weaken the Wilderness Act, one of the best environmental laws ever passed, under the auspices of the most anti-environmental Congress in U.S. history.

Call, write, or meet with your Congressional representatives to oppose this dangerous bill that rips a gaping hole in the Wilderness Act. To find your representatives’ contact info, visit: <http://www.greatoldbroads.org/advocacy-resources>.



(*Tweaking the Wilderness Act? - from page 2*)

would fail due to human demands. Anyone think that might be the motivation behind sponsorship by the two Utah senators? Yes, Orrin Hatch, one and the same, whose anti-wilderness remarks inspired the founding of Broads as a voice for older wilderness lovers, when he claimed “we need roads for the aged and infirm” and, who has voted against the environment at every opportunity since he started his Senate career in 1976. And Mike Lee, who sponsored legislation to gut the Antiquities Act and voted to transfer public lands to state and private interests—just two examples of his consistent anti-conservation agenda.



Trash dumped in the Leatherwood Wilderness in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas.

people can damage sensitive habitats, drive away wildlife, leave behind human waste and trash, and wreak havoc on natural environments. Even those who care about conservation can love a place to death.

Broadbands are working across the country to alleviate these impacts, through projects such as stewardship and planning work to decrease recreation impacts in Oregon’s Three Sisters Wilderness, reseeding areas with vehicle damage on BLM lands

near Grand Junction, Colorado, documenting off-road impacts in the Boise National Forest, and more. There is still much to be done.

We can’t allow the erosion of the very law that reminds us we are not the only living things on the planet. As human populations soar and consume ever more finite resources, as more and more lands succumb to the blade, the plow, the axe, and, yes, the wheel, we simply must put some restraints on the desire to have everything where, when, and how we want it. Whether knobby tires or knobby knees, we can’t go everywhere on this generous planet. We have no business changing laws that hold the last line of defense on our own insatiable human needs. Let’s keep the Wilderness Act intact, and wild lands wild—forever.

Let me be blunt: their bill is not, as some would say, a dichotomy between mountain bikers and those who are pro-wilderness and anti-bike. Plenty of our members— and those of other conservation organizations—are passionate about both wilderness and mountain bikes, just not in the same place. And plenty of mountain bike advocates appreciate the immutable value of wilderness. By aligning with Hatch and Lee, the bikes in wilderness proponents make it crystal clear that this bill is yet another attempt to eviscerate a piece of conservation legislation that is broadly loved by the American public (yes, Broads and way beyond).

Too much recreation of any sort can negatively affect wilderness character. No matter the activity, too many



(*Trippy Testimonials- from page 9*)



We gathered chanterelles and a few boletes. And Maureen created a feast of Mushroom Risotto and stir fried mushrooms. It was scrumptious. A fun day!

The day we arrived for the Lee’s Ferry condor trip, we met Chris Parish, the Condor Project Coordinator. He gave us a tour of the facilities, explained all about condors, and shared what the

Center was doing. We spent the next day on a boat exploring the Colorado River from Lee’s Ferry to the dam, looking for condor nests. We saw flying condors, learned even more, and had a wonderful day on the river.”

–Nancy Marion, Mancos, Colorado

ANOTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR - NEW MEXICO

We have bid on many items in the Broads’ auctions over the years as way to support a great organization. We have many favorites, almost every one! Recently, we stayed with archaeologists Karen Dunning and Howard Higgins at their nice adobe home in Albuquerque, and were given a tour of the Chacoan ruins in the Rio Puerco drainage. Their teaching and knowledge, combined with a seldom-visited and well-preserved site made for a wonderful day—an interesting, inspiring, and delightful couple.”

–Eric Locker, Austin, Texas

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A Broad takes a break from installing Wilderness signs on the Boulder-White Clouds Broadwork.



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