

## FIFTY YEARS OF WILDERNESS: THE THRILL OF SUCCESS, THE AGONY OF DEFEAT

by Rose Chilcoat

Those of us who live in small towns and cities surrounded by spectacular and diverse public lands—forests, deserts, grasslands, seashores—sometimes forget the day-to-day reality most Americans experience: a life that does not include thoughts of wilderness, wildlife, and the threats our nation's wild heritage face. Shelley and I just spent four days in Washington, D.C.—the stew of humanity and politics that is our nation's capital; where the pace is frenetic, the built environment dominates, and our elected officials are positioned to do the hard work of crafting legislation to fulfill the vision of our forefathers, coupled with the real demands of the 21st century.

The frame for this trip was the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and Wilderness Week. It was a time for a well-deserved celebration, a time to come together with fellow wilderness advocates, see old friends, make new allies, meet with agency wilderness staff and Congressional champions, and embrace new ideas we can employ in our work (Twitter anyone?)—and,



Mardy Murie (left) and Alice Zahniser (right) stand before President Lyndon B. Johnson at the signing of the Wilderness Act of 1964. Both women were there representing their husbands, Olaus Murie and Howard Zahniser, who did not live to see the act become law.

specifically authorized in Wilderness). Some of the Act's principle champions, Zahniser and Olaus Murie, did not live to see it become law. But ultimately, this signature piece of legislation passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. America finally had a goal to preserve "an enduring resource of wilderness" in perpetuity.

Can you imagine a bill like this passing the House of Representatives today, much less with only one dissenting vote?!

Getting wilderness protected has never been for the faint of heart. Who knew that wilderness lovers must become political beasts and lobbyists in order to achieve their dreams? In the early days, average citizens came together

it was a time to reflect on how well democracy could work.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 is a shining example of democracy. Howard Zahniser, then president of the Wilderness Society, penned 66 drafts of the bill over nine years and attended 18 public hearings. Details were debated, negotiated, clarified, and trade-offs made (this is why permitted livestock grazing is

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## WILD FACTOIDS

Only about 5% of the entire United States is protected as wilderness. More than half is in Alaska, leaving 2.7% of the contiguous United States protected as wilderness (an area about the size of Minnesota).

There are currently 758 wilderness areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System protecting 109,511,038 acres.

There are more than 34 wilderness and related bills in the 113th Congress. The likelihood of any of them becoming law this Congress is slim.

**I**rony of ironies—I'm flying home from Wilderness Week in D.C. (see cover story) on a jet sporting two cuddling polar bears on its wing tips and tail. Meanwhile, my 23-year-old son travels by bus to New York to participate in the People's Climate March, sporting a Great Old Broads for Wilderness button. Something feels upside down, and perhaps that's fitting for a week when a burst of movement in Congress turns out to be a dangerous hiccup.

When we first begin our lobbying meetings, the Colorado wilderness delegation is buoyed by the news that the Hermosa Creek Watershed Protection Act, a bill with broad bipartisan support to protect 108,000 acres of forests and streams north of Durango, Colorado, is scheduled for a hearing in the House Committee on Natural Resources. We are excited to thank our Republican and Democratic legislators for recognizing 6 years of work by diverse citizens to carefully craft a bill that earns community consensus. The details that come later that day slam us out of our euphoria. A substitute amendment, created in secret, had just been submitted for the hearing. This amendment replaced the community-supported language, yanked specific watershed protections, and set impossibly bad precedents that could



reverberate across the nation. The Committee voted the next day, 22-18, for this new bastardized version of the Act. It appears the House Committee is testing the waters to see how much they can get away with in diluting wilderness protections.

When Republican Rep. Scott Tipton joined Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet in sponsoring the Hermosa Creek bill, with Democratic Sen. Mark Udall as co-sponsor, it felt as though all the right ingredients were in place for it to sail through Congress, right?

No such luck in the 113th Congress, unless a small miracle is to occur.

I hiked into Hermosa Creek a week before our D.C. expedition, savoring the scent of butterscotch in the fissured yellow bark of giant ponderosa pines. Twice I heard crashing of branches and ripping of logs nearby, aware of hyperphagic black bears intently preparing for a long hibernation. A few miles later, a snap of branches drew my eyes uphill to see a healthy bear trotting steadily, some 50 yards from me, towards a point where its path and mine would intersect. I stopped and banged two rocks

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## IN A BROAD SENSE



*Turbulent Times for  
Wilderness and  
Our Fragile Earth*



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*Suez leans into wildflowers and wilderness.*

Anyone who has been on a Broadwalk knows there is way too little space here to recount all the joys of learning and doing that Broads pack into their long weekends. But, here are some highlights from my experience of the 4-day Montana Broadwalk in mid-August, based at the Yellowstone Alliance Adventures camp just south of Bozeman.

Thursday, our first night, the power of nature made real in a torrential rain could not compete with the power of two voices for wilderness who shared their stories under a much-appreciated metal roof. Activist Joe Gutkoski of Montanans for Gallatin Wilderness, an inspiring 89 years young, has worked for wilderness for many decades and reminded us that it's worth the long fight, and fatigue is not an acceptable option to setbacks. Louisa Wilcox, fiery wildlife advocate and grizzly bear guru, held us spellbound with her inspiring folkloric stories. The passion that manifests itself in the indomitable spirits of wilderness advocates such as these reminds us that fervor drives us to protect the places we love.

On Friday we gave a young, tall, and handsome wilderness ranger, Todd Burritt a little lesson in Broadpower. Picking up our tools, we got to work on the Lava Lake trail, from trailhead to lake destination. By the time we finished, people could see the once-camouflaged trail sign from the parking lot, enjoy a vegetation- and litter-free trail, and camp in a clean spot near the lake sans the scars of previous campfires. Turns out Broadpower was broadcast to a larger audience by Brett French writing for the Billings Gazette. Check out this link for a great story: [greatoldbroads.org/billings-gazette-bw-article/](http://greatoldbroads.org/billings-gazette-bw-article/).

# GALLATIN WILDERNESS BROADWALK

by Suez Jacobson

That evening, after showers, we enjoyed happy hour and an informative group discussion with Mary Erickson, Gallatin National Forest Supervisor. Following dinner, Barb Cestero, Montana Director of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, explained the important values of the Gallatin Range and her staff's efforts to gain protection for the Hyalite-Porcupine-Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area (HPBH WSA). Patti Steinmuller, Montana Wilderness Association board member, told us about the Gallatin Community Collaborative's efforts to bring together diverse stakeholders to discuss desires and seek agreement for the future of the Gallatin. This has been a contentious effort, requiring the group to work with a facilitator. One very tough issue is how to address the mountain biking and ATV use that has been allowed to continue in the Wilderness Study Area. It's not clear what this group will be able to accomplish, especially once they get past procedural tasks and turn to the maps and the thorny issues of competing uses. Disappointingly, the conversation among those working for protection seems to be dominated by recreational desires with less emphasis on the essential issue of maintaining this wild ecosystem for non humans.

Saturday was for hiking! We split into three groups so everyone could find their own level of recreation. The group choosing to hike to Windy Pass with local conservationist Shari Sutherland found both challenge and beauty. The wildflowers were stunning, but not as striking as watching a 60-foot tree burst into flames about 500 yards from the pass! Some of us (well, maybe I was the only one) panicked, and I called 911. But more educated heads prevailed. Given



*Broads reveling in the wild beauty of Windy Pass on the Gallatin Crest. Back row (left to right): Suez Jacobsen, Skip Mitas, Laurie Kerr, Shari Sutherland. Front: Helen Kiefer, Nancy Ostlie, Jan Scar, Donna LaCass.*

the recent rain and the isolated island of trees where the fire burned in the high meadow, there was no real danger. Still, one savvy Broad recruited a crew of three to put it out. With a little fuel removal and dirt ferried in lunch dishes, the fire died down. As we hiked back down to the trailhead, we met a wildland fire crew responding to our call and told them

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# Study A Broad

## SIDE BY SIDE FOR WILDERNESS

*In memoriam, Alice Zahniser, 1918–2014*

Alice Zahniser stood before President Lyndon B. Johnson on a warm day in early September. We cannot know her thoughts; we can only imagine what she might have been thinking on that historic day.

“Howard should be here, not me.”

She was there to witness the signing of the Wilderness Act—the bill her husband labored for 8 years to develop, write, rewrite (66 times!), and move towards passage. Through it all, she had been by his side—typing the first draft from handwritten notes, working through revisions, and providing encouragement and support throughout their lives together. Now, Alice was there at the podium instead of Howard, who had died just four months ago, knowing this day was finally coming.

*“Although ...they ‘had to eat beans for a long time,’ Alice said it was worth it.”*

Referred to as “the patron saint of outdoor cooking” by her son Edward, Alice grew up a city girl until she met Howard, who kindled the spark that would grow into a deep love for wilderness.

The couple spent much of their courtship hiking and watching the birds and wildflowers change through the seasons. Married in 1936, their honeymoon plans may have seemed odd to some. The couple camped in the Teton Mountains of Wyoming hiking and exploring. Alice recalled, “I was falling in love with nature. The views from the mountains as we climbed up the trails were breathtaking. It was an unforgettable week.” It remained one of her favorite places.

Just a year after they were married and expecting their first child, Howard and Alice took a 14-day, 100-mile trip down the Allegheny River in a canoe dubbed *Alisonward*. The islands they paddled past would later become part of the Allegheny Islands Wilderness due to Howard’s work.

In the mid-40s, Alice and Howard fell in love with the Adirondacks, purchasing

property where their family enjoyed many years vacationing at “the family shack”. Although the purchase meant they “had to eat beans for a long time”, Alice said it was worth it. It was here where Howard spent many hours working on the Wilderness Act.

In 1956, the Zahnisers set out on a family wilderness camping trip. Howard, under contract to publisher Alfred Knopf, was to write a book on the experience that would also serve to support his wilderness advocacy.

Alice handled much of the planning and packing to take the family of six into five wilderness areas over the summer. They traveled to the Boundary Waters canoe country of Minnesota and Ontario; the Cloud Peak Primitive Area of the Bighorn National Forest in Wyoming; the backcountry of Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming; and Glacier Peak in

the North Cascades of Washington. Traveling by canoe, horseback, and on foot accompanied by pack train, they car camped on the road in between.

By then, Alice was a seasoned hiker and camper with an adventurous spirit that set her apart from most housewives. This is evident by the first entry her journal from the trip: “Most women don’t seem to take to it and many men have said, ‘I would love to camp out but my wife won’t do it.’”

Ed, who was 10 at the time, said that Alice was the master of logistics behind the family’s wilderness experiences. “She seemed to get everything done without a whole lot of fuss. In all the car camping we did that summer, she cooked two meals a day over an open wood fire. Sometimes she even had to cook by the headlights of the car. It just all happened. As kids we took it for granted.”

Alice wrangled meals for up to 10 people at a time. She became adept at the intricacies of cooking over an open fire, declaring, “I love to see what can be done with food in the woods.”

Throughout the trip, the family explored, hiked, fished, and laughed together—



*Alice at Lake Solitude in “the kitchen” on the family’s 1956 Wilderness trip.*

at times traveling with conservationist luminaries that included David and Anne Brower and Olaus and Mardy Murie. It was Mardy, also recently widowed, who would stand beside Alice at the signing of the Wilderness Act.

On May 5, 1964, Howard died in his sleep. He never finished the book on family wilderness camping. Alice said, in a talk she gave a few years ago, “[instead] we all now have the wilderness itself, in perpetuity, over 100 million acres of it in the National Wilderness Preservation System.”

In September 2014, as a tribute to Howard’s wilderness advocacy and in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, the Zahniser family granted the state of New York a conservation easement on “the family shack” to protect the historic site as part of the Adirondack Forest Preserve. The family also donated 7 acres of land adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area.

Though Alice passed away in July, efforts to protect the cabin were already under way, and Ed said she was happy in the knowledge this tribute to Howard’s legacy would come to fruition.

Alice Zahiniser’s love of wilderness underscored the unwavering support she gave to Howard. A loving spouse, she played a foundational role in Howard’s efforts to protect wilderness for future generations.

*Thanks to Edward Zahniser for sharing his memories and manuscripts that painted a portrait of his mother, Alice. A wilderness champion himself, Edward plans to re-publish Ways to the Wilderness, Alice’s journal from their 1956 wilderness trip.*



they need only mop up after the Broads fire crew. They were impressed— young men meet undaunted Broads at work!

Saturday night Holly Hill, Coordinator for the Wilderness and Recreation Partnership, helped us understand the challenging issues with mountain bikes and wilderness designation in the Gallatin, especially in the areas adjacent to the booming town of Bozeman. Mechanized transport is specifically prohibited by the Wilderness Act, but mountain biking is very popular in this area among people who also love wilderness. It's become an area for cooperation as well as contention.

As Broads newest board member and passionate wilderness fan, I gave a slide presentation on a wilderness movie project that I'm working on with Denver filmmaker Jim Havey. This film will bring together spiritual, ethical, legal, historical, biological, and economic arguments for wilderness designation into one integrated whole.

Sunday—more hiking and something for everyone! Patti Steinmuller, Friday evening's speaker, led a small group to Garnet Peak. With almost 2,800 feet elevation gain in a little over four miles, we were rewarded with 360-degree views near a lookout cabin now available for overnight stays. Others joined writer and naturalist Carolyn Hopper for a stroll through the Hyalite Lake Region, learning about (and tasting) plants along the way, while another group went with Kathryn Qanna Yahu, activist and creator of *Enhancing Montana's Wildlife Habitat*



*Lava Lake in the Lee Metcalf Wilderness was the reward for Sue Waters, Di Allison, Rose Chilcoat, and Jan Scar after a day of trail maintenance work*

website, for an easy hike along the South Fork of Spanish Creek in the Lee Metcalf Wilderness.

Sunday evening, Doug Smith, leader of the Yellowstone Gray Wolf Restoration Project and author of *Decade of the Wolf*, showed us stunning slides and told impassioned stories about the battle to save these magnificent creatures in Yellowstone National Park just south and adjacent to the Gallatins. The power of Aldo Leopold's described

"green fire" lives in Doug and his very being embodies that spirit.

Nancy Ostlie, volunteer leader for the Bozeman Broadband, was indispensable in crafting this Broadwalk experience. She is actively involved with Montanans for Gallatin Wilderness and the Gallatin Community Collaborative

and will, with others, ensure wilderness values and protection will not be lost in the movement towards a consensus vision for the future of the Gallatins.

Sometimes in the jam-packed days a Broadwalk can seem like too much. But then it's over, and you hunger for more. When's the next one?

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# THE BROADER WILDERNESS

## CONGRESS HONORS WILDERNESS ACT, BUT AVOIDS ACTION ON NEW WILDERNESS BILLS

Showing some rare bipartisan support for the concept of wilderness, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act on September 18.

The resolution “recognizes and commends the extraordinary work of the individuals and organizations involved in building and maintaining the National Wilderness Preservation System; and is grateful for wilderness, a tremendous asset the United States continues to preserve as a gift to future generations.”

Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR), Mark Udall (D-CO), and Jeff Sessions (R-AL) led the resolution, and Representatives Chris Gibson (R-NY) and Rush Holt (D-NJ) introduced a companion resolution in the House.

“Protecting wilderness has never been a partisan issue,” said Jamie Williams, president of The Wilderness Society. “The Wilderness Act passed by a huge bipartisan margin before President Lyndon Johnson signed it into law in 1964, and congressional members and presidents of both political stripes have sponsored and passed wilderness bills through the years.”

September was National Wilderness Month with September 3rd marking the 50th anniversary of the Act’s signing. The National Wilderness Preservation System currently encompasses nearly 110 million acres of wild country in 44 states and includes lands in national

parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and Bureau of Land Management areas.

Wilderness provides us with much value: clean water, wildlife habitat, solitude and recreation—yet, more than two dozen bipartisan and locally-supported wilderness bills are languishing, awaiting action after having been introduced into this Congress. These measures are supported

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by a broad variety of Americans including veterans, business owners, cultural and religious leaders, sportsmen and women, timber

companies, motorized users, and conservationists.

Take Action! Contact your members of Congress and ask them to listen to and serve the American people by passing wilderness legislation. Find your members contact info at:

[contactingthecongress.org](http://contactingthecongress.org).

## CLIMATE MARCHERS CONVERGE IN NEW YORK CITY & ACROSS THE GLOBE

A number of Broads made history on September 21, when they joined more than 400,000 people in New York City for the People’s Climate March. Broads



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Livestock account for about 1/3 of global human-caused methane emissions and more greenhouse gas emissions than the entire global transportation system, according to the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change.

traveled from all over the U.S. to lend support toward creating world awareness and recognition of climate change as a threat to life on earth.

The goal of the event was to influence 100+ world leaders who met 2 days later for a United Nations Climate Summit. Across the globe, there were more than 2,646 solidarity events in 162 countries, making this the largest climate march in history.

Described as “an invitation to change everything,” the environmental organization 350.org, founded by writer/activist Bill McKibben, initiated the call to march. The idea was spurred to action by frustration with the failure of world leaders to act quickly enough to combat global warming and climate change in light of unprecedented melting of polar ice caps, the acidification of the oceans, and increasingly violent weather.

The fossil-fuel industry is blamed by most for the current climate situation. McKibben points out, “By virtue of being perhaps the richest enterprise in human history, (the fossil fuel industry) has been able to delay effective action, almost to the point where it’s too late.” Others framed the debate as “Climate vs. Capitalism.”

We need to address the many contributing factors if we have any hope of averting catastrophe. Let your elected officials at all levels know you expect them to act to protect the earth.

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*We don't how many Broads members attended the People's Climate March to raise awareness of the threat posed by climate change—let us know if you were there.*





## PRESIDENT OBAMA GOES BIG FOR MARINE CONSERVATION

On September 25, President Obama exercised his authority for the thirteenth time under the Antiquities Act to designate the world's largest marine reserve. The proclamation expands the existing Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument to six

times its current size. The protected area of the central Pacific Ocean now includes 370,000 square nautical miles or 490,000 square miles—who knew there was a difference?—of ocean that includes coral reefs, seamounts (undersea mountains) and marine ecosystems around multiple tropical islands and atolls.

The marine reserve is completely off limits to commercial resource extraction, including commercial fishing and deep-sea mining. Recreational and traditional fishing consistent with the monument's conservation goals will be allowed.

The monument is one of the most pristine and bio-diverse tropical marine environments in the world, providing foraging habitat for several of the world's largest remaining colonies of seabirds such as sooty terns, red-footed boobies, and lesser frigate birds. It also provides significant habitat and range for five species of protected sea turtles including the green, hawksbill, leatherback, loggerhead, and olive ridley turtles.

Science has shown that large marine protected areas can help rebuild biodiversity, support fish populations, and



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Green turtles are commonly observed at Palmyra Atoll National Wildlife Refuge.

improve overall ecosystem resilience. The proclamation emphasizes threats from rising sea levels, acidification, and climate change. The recently released National Climate Assessment confirms that climate

change is causing sea levels and ocean temperatures to rise. Changing temperatures can harm coral reefs and force certain species to migrate. Additionally, carbon pollution is being absorbed by the oceans, causing them to acidify, which can damage coastal shellfish beds and reefs. To date, the acidity of our ocean is changing 50 times faster than any known change in millions of years.

The administration vetted the idea of increased protections for this region and considered input from fisherman, scientists, conservation experts, elected officials and others; held a town hall meeting, and collected more than 170,000 comments. The expanded monument will continue to be managed by the Departments of the Interior and Commerce through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Please send a note of thanks to the White House at [whitehouse.gov/contact](http://whitehouse.gov/contact) for this newest designation and encourage more monument designations to protect our precious and threatened wild lands (and waters!).



Susan Kolb enjoys views of the Weitas.

## SPEAK UP!

Idaho's Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests plan revision falls short!

### It fails to:

- Recommend wilderness for a number of deserving areas including Weitas Creek (the focus of a 2012 national Broadwalk)
- Protect any roadless areas as non-motorized, non-mechanized backcountry
- Protect old growth forests
- And more!

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The conservation community has lost tremendous clout in the last few decades as a result of abandoning grassroots organizing and mass mobilization and trading those in for organizations consisting of check-writers supporting professional staff. The result is we (the big groups and many regionals) have no carrots or sticks to persuade decision makers. And the groups that have taken this path really don't get why they are losing. Fortunately there are exceptions to this trend, such as Great Old Broads for Wilderness. Their achievements on behalf of wild places and creatures proves that passion—and effectiveness—can't be divorced from activism.

– April 10, 2014 - David Johns, co-founder of The Wildlands Project



# SEW AND SEWS FOR WILDERNESS

In this issue of BroadSides, we bring you a few of the stories that inspired the breathtaking quilt made with love by our quilting Broads to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

Time is running out to get your raffle tickets—don't miss your chance to win this handcrafted work of art. The drawing will be held on **October 31, 2014**. Be sure to tell your friends and family about this historic quilt and encourage them to support Broads wilderness protection work by purchasing raffle tickets online at [greatoldbroads.org](http://greatoldbroads.org).

## NANCY KNIGHT

### ADIRONDACK PARK, NEW YORK

Last year, Nancy and her husband took a trip with her brother and sister-in-law Fred and Sue Gunckel, to Canyonlands and Mesa Verde National Parks (Sue, quilter extraordinaire, designed and assembled Broads Wilderness 50 quilt). On this journey, Nancy came to understand the importance of preserving lands forever as wilderness. Nancy lives near the Adirondack Mountains, where she spends time kayaking and hiking. Her design is a creative interpretation of the Adirondacks, framed by balsam fir trees and lakes, an environment where bear and deer abound. Like Howard Zahniser, who was inspired to develop the first draft of the Wilderness Act in the Adirondacks, Nancy loves the beauty and quiet found in this special place.

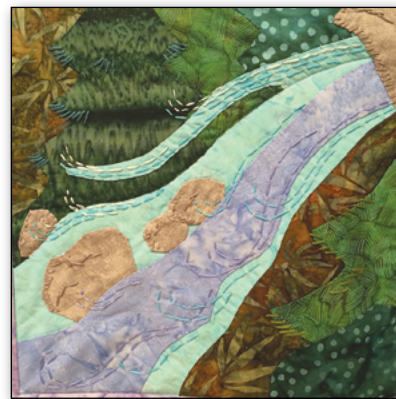


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## BETSY JANECEK

### WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS COLORADO



Betsy's lively block, embellished with hand-embroidered accents, was inspired by an area in the San Juan Mountains in the high country near Grizzly Peak, where streams begin, thrashing down with wild vigor and energy. Wildflowers grow along the streams, and in one place, you can see several waterfalls. "I love the feeling of being at the beginning of the watersheds, where all is still pure, and the water so clear and new," says Betsy. Although she was raised back East, her father would take the family to the western woods, camping along a stream for a week at a time.

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## SUSAN OSTLIE

### SANDIA MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS NEW MEXICO

Susan's design is a beautifully layered expression of the mountains and wilderness seen from Albuquerque, where she lives. The 37,877-acre Sandia Mountains Wilderness, immediately adjacent to a large urban area, lies only a block or two from Susan's front door. Both the Sandias and Mt. Taylor have been a primary source of recreation and renewal for her family: "We have always hiked, picnicked, cross-country skied, and



collected firewood in the national forests. My daughters both ran on the trails in the foothills of the Sandia Wilderness."

## NORA ANNE JONES

### RARE SPECIES IN WILDERNESS

The Roman numerals on Nora's unique block commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Broads. Her block includes a lively batik fabric dotted with mushrooms. Nora, who has studied mushrooms and their habitats for more than 30 years, says some mushrooms are quite cosmopolitan and are found year after year in the same places. Others are quite rare—and finicky—like the Soapstone Prairie mushroom that rarely occurs in mountain mahogany shrublands. She found the elusive specimen once five years ago and has not seen it since. This rare species inspired Nora's block and represents just one of many reasons it is important to protect a wide range of habitats.





## CHRISTINE HELFRICH

### HIGH UINTAS WILDERNESS, UTAH

Christine has been a Broad from the early beginnings, joining 25 years ago when she was living in Evansville, Indiana. She found out about the organization through *The Zephyr* (Jim Stiles Moab newspaper). She grew up in Utah, loving the mountains and deserts. She is also an animal lover and values the preservation of habitat. Relatively new to quilting, Christine's soothing and serene design represents Bald Mountain, rising to 11,943 feet in the 456,000-acre High Uintas Wilderness.



## ROSEMARY KELLEY

### OCEAN WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA

"Wilderness for me is salvation," declares Rosemary. "It isn't so much an escape as it is a completion of the world, a time to recharge and get spiritual solace." A resident of San Diego County, her lively design reflects just one aspect

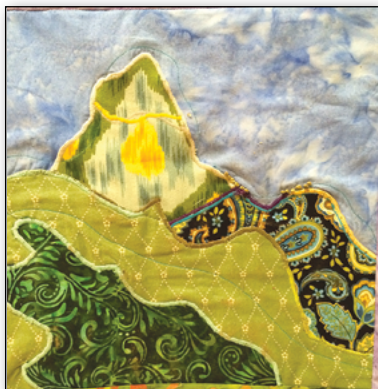
of the area's diverse ecology—a patchwork of ocean, bounded by foothills, valleys, mesas, mountains, and deserts—all within a 2-hour drive. Rosemary has been a Broad for more than 10 years and says she values Great Old Broads creativity and determination to preserve wilderness for today and future generations to come.

## LINDA HELDING

### MISSION MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS, MONTANA

Linda's fluid design lovingly reflects the 73,877-acre Mission Mountains Wilderness of western Montana, where she spent her time hiking and backpacking through the 1990s and early 2000's. Although she can no longer hike, these mountains are exceedingly precious to her.

"For me, the high country wilderness is one of our most precious natural resources. The ecosystems are vital for clean air and clean water to provide a healthy habitat for all manner of life. Wilderness is always in my soul and my imagination. If I cannot get back there in real time, I'm always there in my heart." We couldn't agree more.



## "WILDERNESS FOREVER" PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Broads is proud to be a sponsor for *Wilderness Forever: 50 Years of Protecting America's Wild Places*, at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. The exhibition of stunning large format prints opened September 3rd and will continue until summer 2015. The 50+ winning photos were selected from more than 5,000 entries submitted nationwide.

For more information, visit <http://www.wilderness50th.org/smithsonian> where you'll find the following interactive story maps:

- **Wilderness in Context:** provides information about size, remoteness, climate, and terrain of wilderness areas.
- **Explore the Photographs:** browse winners and others by category and find out about the wilderness areas where the photos were taken.



## A BROAD TRIBUTE

*Viola Fisher 1920–2014*

Recently, Great Old Broads for Wilderness was honored to receive a generous bequest from the estate of Viola Fisher of Santa Fe, New Mexico. We do not know how Viola came

to be familiar with Broads, however from all accounts, she shared our values and love for wilderness. Viola was said to be a conservationist long before many understood our impact on earth's ecosystems.

Affectionately known by her friends at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden as the "wildflower guru", Viola Fisher had a deep love for plants and the natural world. She was a devoted supporter of the botanical garden's Leonora Curtin Wetland Preserve, where, among many other activities, she was head docent, training the first docent crew for the preserve. Before she settled in Santa Fe, she had a distinguished career in public health, working in Iran and India to combat hunger and malnutrition.

Broads would like to express our overwhelming gratitude, and in turn, honor Viola for her kind contribution that will help support our efforts toward wilderness advocacy and education.

*If you have a passion for our work and would like to include us in your will or trust—or if you already have—we'd love to know. Thank you for your commitment to Broads!*



# Broads Beat



*OK, this Broads Beat is VERY Utah-centric....but there's a lot going on in Broads' birthplace!*

## Five Charged in Recapture Canyon ATV Ride

On September 17, a two-count misdemeanor was filed in federal court in Salt Lake City, UT charging five individuals, including San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, for operating and for conspiracy to operate off-road vehicles on public lands closed to such vehicles. The five charged were those most directly involved in planning and publicizing the illegal ride in Recapture Canyon on May 10, 2014 (see *Broadsides* Summer 2014). The defendants are to appear in court October 17. Each count

*Are Cliven Bundy and cohorts from the grazing debacle in Nevada next to be charged?*

carries a potential penalty of up to a year in jail and a fine of \$100,000. The U.S. Attorney's office says the investigation is ongoing.

Climate activist Tim DeChristopher spent 21 months in federal prison for a spontaneous act of nonviolent civil disobedience when he raised a bidding paddle to acquire leases in a BLM oil and gas lease auction—leases that were later determined to be illegally offered by the government. We believe that equitable justice should apply to these more destructive, premeditated actions. Stay tuned as this drama unfolds.

## Salt Creek Not a Highway (duh!)

On September 8, the federal 10th Circuit Court of Appeals effectively affirmed a strong standard for counties to claim routes and trails as public highways. The three-judge panel determined that counties must demonstrate a history of

use by the general public, not just use that was "necessary or convenient" for ranchers or small numbers of people. This decision raises the bar as to what constitutes a county road, setting an important precedent that may extend to thousands of other pending county road claims on federal lands in Utah. Unfortunately, the decision did not define what constitutes "continuous use", a requirement for winning a road claim, leaving that to trial judges' discretion.



*Most people would be hard pressed to call Salt Creek a "highway."*

The State of Utah seeks title to 36,000 miles of "roads" claimed by counties as "vital transportation corridors", using a civil war era mining law provision known as RS 2477. Those of us who hike and explore these wild lands know many of these claims are for marginal two-tracks, not roads. Salt Creek is a 12.3 mile unimproved route up the stream bottom in Canyonlands National Park's Needles District. The park service closed this section of the creek to motorized use in 2004, citing adverse impacts to park resources.

## Cedar Mesa NCA/NM Proposal Gains Traction, Though Threats Continue

Broads has long worked to build grassroots voices and activism in San Juan County, Utah, helping Friends of Cedar Mesa (FCM) become a viable

entity to advocate for protection of greater Cedar Mesa's incomparable landscapes and archaeological resources. Cedar Mesa is America's most significant unprotected archaeological area. FCM has developed a protection proposal and submitted it as part of Rep. Rob Bishop's (UT) eastern Utah Lands Initiative.

On September 3rd, 120 archaeologists joined FCM in sending a letter to Utah's congressional delegation urging protection of the region's cultural

resources by creating a National Conservation Area (NCA). They also urged President Obama to prepare to designate a National Monument (NM), should Congress fail to act in a timely way to stop the continued loss of America's cultural heritage.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposed in mid-September to lease parcels for oil and gas development in some of the most sensitive and archaeologically rich areas of the region. BLM

proposed 58 parcels in southeastern Utah, covering nearly 62,000 acres, for a February 16th auction. Hopi leaders have warned the BLM that the lease sale is premature due to insufficient inventory of cultural resources. Even on Alkali Ridge, a BLM-designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern, where cultural resources protection must be prioritized, leasing would expand to 76% of the area. Oil wells or ancient history—the two really are not compatible! Send your comments to the BLM by October 20 to protect Cedar Mesa.

Learn more at [friendsofcedarmesa.org/designation-proposal](http://friendsofcedarmesa.org/designation-proposal). Become a "friend" of Cedar Mesa and add your voice to the call for protection.







Muir Beach Wetland Restoration Project



Lorraine wading McElmo Creek.  
Photo by Renee Rondeau

## A CHIP OFF THE OLD AUCTION BLOCK

**H**ave you scoped out the offerings on our Wild for Wilderness Online Auction yet? Get set for great holiday gifts, unique vacation getaways, outdoor gear, and more. And tell your friends!

Two winners from last year's auction, Norma Galiher and Lorraine Yeatts, reflect on their fun.

### THE WINNER:

Norma Galiher

### THE AUCTION ITEM:

Muir Beach Wetland Restoration Tour

### CHECK IT OUT AT:

[bit.ly/WetlandTour](http://bit.ly/WetlandTour)

"Natural history and environmental preservation are my passions," says Norma who lives in the San Francisco Bay area. She was interested in the Wetland Restoration Tour at Muir Beach, because she wanted to see behind the scenes of this ambitious project and reflect on other Bay Area wetland restoration efforts.

When asked what she enjoyed most about the trip (everything!), Norma shared that she loved tour guide Ranger Mia Monroe's contagious enthusiasm, commenting on the impressive relationship building required to align project stakeholders—a large reason for its success. Norma treasured learning about the marine and riparian biology, seeing evidence of the project's success, and the admirable devotion of volunteers and supporters.

The gourmet lunch Norma and her friends relished at the home of Broads member Bernard Halliwell, overlooking the Pacific coast and San Francisco, was icing on the cake. "We stayed an ungraciously long time because the conversation with these very interesting people was so enjoyable," she shared.

Norma brought along several of her hiking buddies, saying it was a special pleasure for her to host the trip and explore new places with her friends.



### THE WINNER:

Lorraine Yeatts

### THE AUCTION ITEM:

A Two-Night Homestay near Durango, CO

### CHECK IT OUT AT:

[bit.ly/2nightstay](http://bit.ly/2nightstay)

"Words can't express our appreciation for the wonderful homestay we had with Renee and Gordon, basking in their hospitality and the warmth of their great energy-efficient home. The opportunity to admire the products of Gordon's woodworking skills is something I will never forget. Our fun bike ride left me with severe bike envy and we loved hiking in new places new to us where other people were scarce."

Though she'd been a Broad for more than 20 years, last year was the first time Lorraine had bid on a homestay in

the auction. It turns out the trip was an opportunity to reconnect with a botanical peer she had not seen in years. "It was too enticing to pass up!" says Lorraine.

She and her husband, Dick, enjoyed "reveling and recreating" in the care of their hosts Renee Rondeau and Gordon Rodda, who designed and built their self-sufficient, solar-powered home nestled in a wilderness setting.

"We could have spent the entire time admiring their home, but the outdoors beckoned," said Lorraine. The two couples enjoyed mountain biking together and spent a day hiking in Yellow Jacket and Sand Canyons, taking the opportunity to cool off wading McElmo Creek, where the wildflowers provided a spectacular show. Lorraine and Dick were very thankful for the time spent with these special people, saying it was a delightful mini vacation.

## What are You Waiting For?

Visit our auction page at:  
**[auction.greatoldbroads.org](http://auction.greatoldbroads.org)**  
and start planning for the bidding frenzy that begins on November 3rd and ends the 16th!

By the way, If you'd like to make a donation, there's still time.

This event is our largest annual fundraising effort. Please help us earn funds to continue the important work of preserving and protecting wilderness and wild places.

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# BROADBANDS IN ACTION



*The Mile High Broadband encouraged spectators to take a walk on the wild side when they marched in the Buffalo Bill Days Parade in Golden, CO.*

## COLORADO



### MILE HIGH BROADBAND

These ladies know how to get out and have fun! Twenty Broads strutted their stuff in late July in the Buffalo Bill Days Parade in Golden, CO where they encouraged the thousands of spectators to “take a walk on the wild side.” Broadband Leader Chris Shaver said, “We were shocked that we didn’t win an award for our performance, but everyone had a great time.”

As an ongoing effort, this Broadband extended a challenge to members to hike (or paddle) 50 miles in Wilderness Areas in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act—the 50 Wild Miles Challenge. Participants are keeping track and those who complete the challenge will be suitably recognized. A series of scheduled hikes and outings is helping many towards the goal.

A number of Mile High Broads also participated in the Broadwalks in Utah and Montana, the Bad-Ass Botanist Training in Utah, and joined various events celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.



*South Park Broadband members examine recent ORV damage on the Pike San Isabel National Forest.*

### SOUTH PARK BROADBAND



This small but mighty Broadband is led by inspiring and tireless advocate Misi Ballard, who, after time at a family cabin in the Tarryall Valley discovered multiple threats to the wild mountain landscapes she loved. Being a part-time resident

adds to the challenges Misi faces, but she is a fierce and compelling voice for protection of a place she holds dear.

Off-road vehicle abuses first got Misi’s attention. Every time she hiked, she witnessed more and more “routes” being pioneered by these noisy and destructive machines. To combat their impact, she visits with Forest Service managers, documents damage, writes letters, connects with other organizations, build fences and barriers, and beats the drum for much needed changes in management and enforcement in the region.

Impending oil and gas leasing in the watershed threatens the quality of drinking water and blue ribbon trout fisheries in South Park and beyond. A quick study, Misi is working to educate and engage others to provide needed community input to the ongoing South Park Master Leasing Planning (MLP) process.

The Broadband played an important role celebrating Wilderness 50 by sponsoring the South Park Plein Air Arts Celebration Sept 2–6 in Fairplay, CO, leading guided hikes in the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness and hosting a slideshow by renowned Colorado photographer John Fielder.

## WASHINGTON



### POLLY DYER CASCADIA BROADBAND

The Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act in Olympia with a crowd of about 80 people, including performers and volunteers.

The lively event started out with a presentation about the term “untrammeled” as used in the Wilderness Act and what it might mean in terms of “to meddle or not to meddle” as wilderness is affected by climate change. Later, Clem Starck read some of the more poetic and lyrical sections of the Wilderness Act.

The program also included a brief history and stories about Broadband mentor, Polly Dyer; words from Henry David Thoreau, channeled by Olympia Poet and biologist Bill Yake; a performance by Kids in Concert, and readings from poets Lucia Perillo, Tim McNulty, Barbara Gibson, and Robert Michael Pyle.



*Entertainment was provided by “Kids in Concert”—could they be training Broads?*







During the break, attendees had the option to see Pat McLachlan's slide show highlighting Washington's 31 Wilderness areas; learn about the Great Old Broads for Wilderness and other sponsors, or browse the Orca book table poetry books—all of this while enjoying light refreshments.

Broadband leader Shelley Spalding credits the event planning group, along with many volunteers, for creating a delightful day for all who attended.



*Palouse Broadband members Charlotte Mohan, Sara Holup, and Cindy Magnuson are beauties in the beargrass as they clear the Slate Creek Trail in the Gospel Hump Wilderness.*

## IDAHO

### PALOUSE (MOSCOW) BROADBAND

This summer the Palouse Broadband celebrated wilderness and wolves for the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. In late June, Broads “wo”manned the Speak for Wolves: Yellowstone 2014 outreach table in Gardiner, MT and disseminated conservation information about predators and their dynamic role in the landscape to folks from all across the United States.

In mid-July, during a three-night camping trip in north central Idaho, they cleared three miles of trail into the Gospel Hump Wilderness for the 10-Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge. Late September found the group with conservation partners Friends of the Clearwater, Wilderness Watch, the Forest Service, and others, camping at the Wilderness Gateway Campground on the banks of the Lochsa River (site of our Weitas Broadwalk in 2012) to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Wilderness. Attendees were treated to a talk by Stewart Brandborg, one of the founders of the Wilderness Act; music by Dana Lyons, who performed at Broads Wild Olympics Broadwalk last year; and traditional skills demonstrations.

Currently, the Broadband is encouraging the public and landowners to submit comments for the Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan Revision process (see sidebar page 7). They look forward to a trio of events coordinated with the Idaho Humanities Council and others: *Women in Wilderness Panel and Reception* (October 24), *Art Celebrates Wilderness* exhibit (Oct 23–30), and a five-week readers/speakers series entitled *Wilderness Considered*.



## BROADBANDS ARE BUSY

### *Join the Fun!*

*Broadbands in Action* is just a taste of the many things our Broadbands are doing across the country. Led by volunteers and supported by Broads national office staff, Broadbands are key to expanding Broads voice and activism to the local level.

We can't begin to highlight every event, action, and effort our Broadbands undertake. There are far too many to share (several dozen in 13 states). We can say THANK YOU to all our Broads (and Bros) who give their time and talent to broaden our reach and work tirelessly to educate folks about wilderness, advocate for protection of wild public lands, steward wild places where resources are lacking, and share the joy and fun of exploring wild nature.

Hikes and campouts, educational talks and events, trail work and monitoring impacts or documenting wilderness character, tracking agency planning processes and encouraging folks to participate and provide input. Get involved with your local Broadband! No Broadband near you?

### Consider volunteering as a Broadband Leader (or co-leader)

Information on our Broadbands and an application for leadership and our spring Broadband Leader Boot Camp can be found at [greatoldbroads.org/get-involved/broadbands](http://greatoldbroads.org/get-involved/broadbands).

## GET INVOLVED!

Find your nearest Broadband at [greatoldbroads.org/broadbands](http://greatoldbroads.org/broadbands)



around kitchen tables and went on hikes to draw lines on maps to propose protections. These efforts weren't easy or quick, but in the end, they worked. In the first twenty years, Congress designated about 89.5 million acres of wilderness, which averaged nearly 4.5 million acres per year. However, the last twenty years resulted in 13.4 million acres in wilderness designations, averaging only 669,000 acres per year.

Today, with intensified bipartisan battling and a gridlocked Congress, it is extremely difficult to pass legislation of any sort. Congress has passed only one Wilderness bill in the past five years (Sleeping Bear Dunes Wilderness, March 13, 2014)! Local grassroots support for wilderness isn't enough anymore. Large-scale campaigns must be established and staffed. Power-mapping, money, and influence matter. Consistent vigilance is required. It is no wonder that so many conservation-minded folks have changed tactics and defer the championing of wilderness bills to paid staffers or lobbyists who work for large well-funded conservation organizations such as The Wilderness Society and Pew Center for the Environment. These organizations do the heavy lifting to move bills through Congress. They are in it for the long haul, trudging through the day-to-day D.C. process. We need them. But, we also need to watchdog to make sure they stay true to wilderness ideals and that compromises don't go too far—which many believe is the case with the Montana Jobs and Recreation Act. While it would designate more than 600,000 acres of wilderness, the first in Montana in 30 years, it comes with a heavy price tag—mandated timber cuts that preclude normal forest planning processes and public input.

The truth is, these organizations—and wilderness—need us...the grassroots.



Ordinary citizens across our great nation doing ordinary things are still an essential component in the process. These are the public's lands, not the government's lands. Agencies manage them on our behalf according to our wishes—at least in theory! While local input and desires should be considered, the protection of treasured landscapes, rich wildlife habitat, and wild ecosystems must be valued for their own sake and for their benefit to the collective public. We know that leaving our spectacular wild red rock canyon country in southern Utah

to the desires of the most outspoken locals would mean destruction and exploitation, not protection.

This is why all who know, value, and love Wilderness must engage. Ordinary folks like us who raise their voice via letters, emails, and calls to our members of Congress, who write letters to the editors of local newspapers, who support local conservation organizations with time and donations, who help

underfunded land managers with needed stewardship projects—we are essential to the future of wilderness and wild lands conservation. We must live up to the responsibility and privilege our democracy affords us and vote

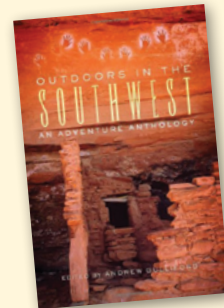
in every election. What can be more important than acting to protect the very air, water and land we all require for survival on earth?

For 25 years now, Great Old Broads for Wilderness has embodied grassroots activism. Our name is bold, our vision pure, our staff and budget small, yet our members make us mighty and effective. We push back against those who try to use old age and disability as excuses for not designating wilderness.

***"We push back against those who try to use old age and disability as excuses for not designating wilderness."***

Our volunteer leaders organize Broadbands (chapters) across the country to engage people to "do something." While Broadbands do what they can to push Congress to act, they simultaneously tackle satisfying projects like wetland restoration, trail maintenance, fence removal, or monitoring and documenting such things as off road vehicle impacts. In that way, Broads are inspired and ready to jump into action to support Wilderness bills when an effective grassroots push is needed. We are fiercely idealistic, courageous, and determined. We speak out, put boots on the ground, partner with local conservation organizations, and participate in local processes. We personally know and love the wild lands that are at risk today. Broads make a difference—and of that, we can be very proud.

## Praise for Broads



Great Old Bro Andrew Gulliford's recently published book *Outdoors in the Southwest: An Adventure Anthology* advocates

"an outdoor ethic based on curiosity, cooperation, humility, and ecological literacy". The work includes selections by the likes of Terry Tempest Williams, Edward Abbey, Craig Childs, Barbara Kingsolver, and more. We are delighted to share one of his passages that refer to Great Old Broads...

*"With some environmental groups you send them a check and wait for the next financial appeal, but with Great Old Broads for Wilderness you get personally involved. That's the recipe that brings American women together from all walks of life and from all parts of the United States for work projects or Broadwalks. No couch potatoes here."*





together to alert the bear of my presence. It took off running—astoundingly fast for an animal of its bulk.

Legislation to protect Hermosa

Creek does not move so fast, in spite of its astounding grassroots support. Instead, the amended legislation passed by the House Committee on September 16 strips out specific prohibitions on mining and oil or gas leasing in a Special Management Area. It removes language requiring no harm to the “long-term ecological integrity of the watershed” in association with possible future water storage, and references a map (not yet available to the public) that marks areas for mechanized (bicycle) and motorized use. In short, it sells community consensus down the river, or what might be left of it. Our Colorado Senators Mark Udall and Michael Bennet assure us they won’t let such a bad piece of legislation pass the Senate.

We leave D.C. in dismay, knowing that the current Congress is unlikely to pass any wilderness bills this session. Our only way out of this gridlock is to elect more legislators who truly reflect the public’s attitudes towards conservation.

A 2012 national poll conducted by two opinion research firms – one Democrat and one Republican – found more than four in five Americans consider it a patriotic duty to protect natural resources regardless of politics. The bipartisan 2014 State of the Rockies survey (CO, NM, UT, WY, and MT) shows that 69% of those polled are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports enhancing protections for some public lands, like National Forests, and 75% are less likely to vote for a candidate who supports selling public lands to reduce the national deficit. (The same poll shows 82% of Colorado voters view reduced river flows as a



American Black Bears are native to North America and are the world’s most common bear species.

problem on par with the economy, and more than 2/3 believe that we must use our water supplies more wisely instead of diverting more rivers—no wonder Hermosa Creek wilderness and watershed protections gained strong public support).

Throughout this polling, Latino voters show even stronger conservation views than the non-Hispanic voter.

As we approach mid-term elections this November to determine 435 House seats, 36 of 100 Senate seats, and 36 of 50 state governors, we cannot stress

*“These are the public’s lands, not the government’s lands.”*

emphatically enough the importance of voting for candidates— regardless of party affiliation— with strong conservation and environmental records. Before you go to the polls, check to see how your federal and state legislators scored on the National Environmental Scorecard (see sidebar). The two Colorado Senators who vowed to block bad legislation on Hermosa Creek scored 92% each, while the House member who moved the unacceptable bill through committee scored a pitiful 4%.

The polar bears pictured on the wing tip bounce on turbulent winds as the jet flies above anvil clouds illuminated golden in the setting sun. These are turbulent times, with difficult choices each day.

What shields this fragile Earth where we live and how do we protect her? Certainly we have much to consider, but how we vote may be one of the most important things we can do. It’s one part of taking grassroots power, and one thing you can do this November. Convince your friends and neighbors to vote for the environment. For the polar bears, for the black bears, for our children and theirs, for clear water and clean air, vote for those candidates who’ve proven their conservation commitment.

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Jean wishes she had this great Broads cap when she hiked the Appalachian Trail.

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