

RECAPTURING BLM LANDS FOR ALL AMERICANS

What do you get when you put together 22 miles of illegally constructed ATV trails, a Utah County Commissioner, a deadbeat rancher Cliven Bundy's son, and a canyon filled with fragile archeological treasures and active beaver ponds?

THE WILD WILD WEST ...ON STEROIDS

Broadsides Spring 2014 reported on San Juan County's request to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to hand over authority on 14.3 miles of routes in Recapture Canyon in Utah. Since then, the canyon has drawn national attention—for all the wrong reasons.

On May 10, County Commissioner Phil Lyman illegally led some fifty ATVs through the canyon to protest BLM's 2007 motorized closure. Yes, this is the same route for which two people were convicted and fined \$35,000 in 2011 for cutting trees, moving boulders, building stiles and bridges, and causing an estimated \$310,000 in archaeological damage. Broads documented impacts of the trail soon after discovering it in 2006. Since then, we've pressed for prosecution, enlisted support

of conservation partners, and have never relinquished our vigilance.

Weeks before Lyman's incursion, Cliven Bundy staged a militia-backed rebellion against the BLM in Nevada. Bundy Ranch's Facebook page invited participation in the Recapture ride; Lyman promptly posted a thank you, knowingly inviting armed thugs from across the country. And so they came, along with Cliven Bundy's son who personally signed copies of the U.S. Constitution at an evening rally. Hoisting guns, American flags, and children without helmets, at



Numerous ATV riders from around the country gather for the staged ATV ride that took the closed route through Recapture Canyon, Utah.

least one rider held his finger on the trigger of an assault rifle as he drove an ATV through the canyon.

"Imagine how history might have turned out if Rosa Parks had been brandishing an automatic weapon when she boarded that bus in Montgomery, Alabama, all those years ago..." opines Utah's own Salt Lake Tribune editorial on May 12. "In the

eyes of most of the American people—and their members of Congress—who really own all that land, Saturday's ride was accurately discerned as a childish snit fit that should only confirm BLM policy to keep such folks out of environmentally or historically sensitive lands."

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TAKE ACTION!

Write to Secretary Jewell and BLM Director Neil Kornze at feedback@ios.doi.gov insisting on equitable justice for all violators of BLM regulations.

Tim DeChristopher served two years in federal prison for an unarmed act of civil disobedience, raising his hand at an auction to claim illegally offered oil and gas leases near Arches National Monument. Certainly, there should be similar justice for Cliven Bundy, Phil Lyman, and their followers, who conspired in advance to commit illegal acts, used threats of physical violence, and carried out destructive actions.

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"I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us."

— Theodore Roosevelt, Osawatomie, Kansas, August 31, 1910

As spring melts into summer, bird migrations slacken, and a swallowtail butterfly emerges from its chrysalis and crawls on my shoe with limp wings, I think of the joys of slowing down. What better way to celebrate wilderness than to match the pace of a growing seedling, to shift to ground level and touch moist soil, or to sit quietly while a towhee hops by, unconcerned with my presence. From here, I ponder geologic time and imagine the stages of an everchanging Mother Earth. I feel rekindled, and acknowledge a ceaseless love and sense of wonder that fuels my passion to fight for wild nature.

Years ago, I attended a silent meditation retreat near Joshua Tree National Monument in the Mojave Desert. After days of sitting indoors, I told my teacher I had to escape outside, to walk among the desert plants and feel the sun on my skin. "That is what your spirit desires, go," she said. "And take your conscious breathing with you."

Off I walked in a natural state of meditation, moving with such intention that I sensed the activities of plants and insects I had never noticed before. Inhaling, I felt the creosote bushes giving me breath. Exhaling, they absorbed my respiration in return. We were one organism, the desert and I. "This is crazy," interjected my inner scientist. And then the startling insight came—but of course we breathe together! The creosote bush releases oxygen which I take in, while I exhale carbon dioxide to feed its photosynthetic process. Indeed our lungs are united,



IN A BROAD SENSE

*"The Joys of
Slowing Down and
Taking a Breath"*

I am just a few years older than the Wilderness Act, and know both the act and its defenders need to endure for the long haul. As Broads, we believe the brightest future unfolds when practicality mixes with poetry, laughter punctuates hard work, and hope tempers despair.

Great Old Broads for Wilderness travels into the next twenty-five years with a small team of hard-working staff, dedicated volunteer Broadband leaders, and a national cadre of 5,200 members and advocates. At our very core we emphasize grassroots activism. We believe that it is only through active democracy and an engaged citizenry that we will bring about a future that protects the *enduring resource of wilderness*.

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cyclically bound. Why have I never felt this before?

Since I've become Executive Director of Great Old Broads for Wilderness, I can't say my pace has slowed. But I am older now. My soul and body yearn for respite and time to appreciate life's daily wonders.

My mind, on the contrary, recognizes the pressing urgency to protect our land, water, and air from a hungry, populated, ever-industrializing world.

Somehow, we all must find a way to balance these two needs, respite and urgency.



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Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a national non-profit organization that engages and ignites the activism of elders 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. We bring voice, knowledge, commitment, and humor to the movement to protect our last wild places on earth.

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25 YEARS OF BROADNESS



Great Old Broads celebrate 25 years at the 25th Anniversary Broadwalk in May, La Sal, Utah.

Broads trickle in from around the country to congregate for this auspicious celebration, the organization's 25th anniversary. Traveling from as far east as Washington, D.C. and Maine, and as far west as northern California and Washington state, the main dining area is soon filled with animated greetings, big smiles, laughter, and warm embraces as part of the arrival ritual.

As the newest staff member of the organization, my curiosity is piqued as to what makes the Broads different from other groups or clubs of this demographic. Often older women are loved and understood simply to be mothers and grandmothers, and not much else. However, it soon becomes clear that the Great Old Broads have been consistently redefining what it means to *act your age*.

Dubbed as the Greater Canyonlands Broadwalk, the weekend's agenda is not for the faint of heart, as each day is teeming with a series of activities. Broads sort into small groups eager to embark upon stewardship projects led by local agency staff, while others venture out to monitor and record the health of Recapture Canyon, an area that has received media attention. (See front-page article for more details.) Others spend time assessing vegetation in a recently burned area of the La Sal Mountains. Such monitoring helps to inform the Forest Service about livestock grazing.

And, of course, there is always the classic hike where Broads experience the beauty of the canyons, and learn more about any threats they may face. Upon return

to our home base, the serene Mt. Peale Inn and Animal Sanctuary, evenings begin with happy hour and sharing stories of the day's adventures. After the evening's delicious meal, prepared by the crew from Sheri Griffith Expeditions, Broads gather for a special guest speaker or educational presentation.

Wilderness activist and author of *Trespass*, Amy Irvine, captivated her audience with personal stories of her father, her new-found love, and the contrasts that she experienced during her time living in a remote part of southern Utah, on the Colorado Plateau. Amy shared of her deep love for Utah's desert landscapes and what many agree to be irreplaceable. We too, share in the mourning of the continued encroachment for more extraction of resources among the beloved red rock country.

Moving from the philosophical to the pragmatic, Terri Martin, long time conservation activist and Southwest Regional Organizer at the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), presents detailed information on the growing campaign to Protect Greater Canyonlands. She concludes with a call to action asking everyone to write a letter to President Obama emphasizing why he should proclaim this area to be protected as a national

monument. As partners in this effort, Broads did not hesitate to share their thoughts and opinions by putting pen to paper.

With a focus on Utah, the Broadwalk included an educational presentation titled, *What Our Forests Could Be* by Mary O'Brien, Utah Forests Program Director for the Grand Canyon Trust. As a scientist, educator, and tireless conservationist, Mary shares of the persistent issues and devastation that endures each season wrought by domestic livestock grazing managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Collectively, these agencies administer thousands of permits to ranchers allowing heavily subsidized grazing of livestock on our western federal lands for months each year. Mary's presentation is fused with interesting facts and surprisingly, some optimism. She outlines how there is a need to shift the focus on values other than how much grass cattle eat. New pathways are being cultivated for diverse

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Broads pose as live petroglyphs. Back: Cristina Harmon, Elaine Boutilier, Sue Graf. Front: Sue Agranoff, and Caroline Munger.

BROAD REFLECTIONS

"I appreciated your Broad efforts to inform us of all sides of the issue, to listen, engage in tough questioning and decisions. I respected your expertise, intimate understanding and fervent commitment to the ecosystems. You struggle with issues but strive to maintain mutual respect, let each voice her opinions and honor your relationships with each other. I think you value and understand the importance of connection with wilderness for life-supporting processes and also for sustaining our spirits. Your Broad humor amused me. I relaxed in your acceptance of us novices along with established friendships. I am pleased by your Broad view of the world and I hope to be part of other adventures with you."

Sincerely, Leslie Lihou



- 2014 - Calendar of Events

For more information regarding any of the Broads events, please visit our website, greatoldbroads.org/events/.

To register for any events, or if you have questions, you can do one of the following:

Phone: 970-385-9577, or,
Email: rose@greatoldbroads.org

Or, provide your registration information via U.S. mail to:

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CLASSIC BROADWALK

Gallatin Wilderness, Bozeman, MT **August 14–18, 2014**

Location: Based at Yellowstone Alliance Adventure Camp in South Cottonwood Canyon, about 15 minutes from Bozeman, MT

Cost: \$170 member/\$195 non-member

The spectacularly wild Gallatin Range on Bozeman's doorstep and just north of Yellowstone National Park has been the focus of wilderness proposals for decades. Congress designated the Hyalite-Porcupine-Buffalo Wilderness Study Area in 1977. As the last significant portion of the Yellowstone ecosystem with little wilderness protection, the Forest Service was reminded via a recent lawsuit that they must maintain the wilderness character as it was in 1977—a challenge they have failed to meet.

In 2013, the Gallatin Collaborative was initiated to help determine the future of the Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area and adjacent lands. Consensus is the goal. However, not all stakeholders are able to participate. If this controversial effort bypasses the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and takes a "false consensus plan" directly to Congress, it could diminish the Wilderness that the Forest Service is supposed to

protect. With the help of our Bozeman Broadband, this incredible wild landscape and the competing interests that want a piece of it will be the focus of our long Broadwalk weekend.

Hikes, speakers, service projects, advocacy, and fun interwoven throughout, this should be another



fabulous Broad gathering where you can immerse in a deserving wild landscape. Join us! Fee includes 4 nights camping, breakfast/dinner each day, hikes, speakers, service projects, and more. Not up for camping? Limited lodging is available for an additional fee.

WILDERNESS WEEK

Washington, DC **September 14–17, 2014**

Celebration of The Wilderness Act's golden anniversary includes Wilderness Week in D.C. with an activist gathering to honor our history and discuss the next 50 years of wilderness protection; meetings with congressional leaders; a celebration event and after-hours tour to the Wilderness Forever Exhibit at the Smithsonian's National History Museum; and a lecture by leading American



environmental historian William Cronon. Learn and practice how to lobby for your favorite wilderness proposals. Ask Congress to listen to what the American people want...more protected Wilderness! Interested? Contact Amy Johnston admin@greatoldbroads.org.

NAT'L WILDERNESS50 CONFERENCE

Albuquerque, NM

October 15–19, 2014



Join with Broads and other wilderness lovers at this historic multi-day event of diverse programs, presentations, exhibits, panels, field trips, and workshops at the Hyatt

Regency Albuquerque and Albuquerque Convention Center. Associate Director Rose Chilcoat will present as part of a panel on Civic Engagement and we'll have a booth throughout the conference. Broads are co-hosting an evening reception at the Marble Brewery along with The Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society, and Wilderness Watch. The Rio Grande Broadband is leading an optional outing to the Ojito Wilderness on October 15th. There will also be a public Wilderness50 "Get Wild" festival in the Civic Plaza. There's lots going on, so come Get Wild with us in Albuquerque!

For more info: wilderness50th.org/conference.php. Registration is open and includes a senior rate and volunteer discounts.

WILD FOR WILDERNESS ONLINE AUCTION

November 3–16, 2014

Our ever-popular, one of a kind, 10th annual online auction goes live for two weeks just in time for holiday shopping, vacation planning, and some personal indulgence. The auction boasts outdoor adventures, gear, vacation stays, clothing, food, books, music, art, jewelry and much, much more.

Support Broads with a donation for the auction and by sharing the auction with your Broad-minded friends. Visit: <http://auction.greatoldbroads.org/>



stakeholders to participate innovatively and they are encouraged to address concepts of sustainable grazing that result in long-term ecological health and productivity of the land.

Our final evening, Maggie Fox is the celebration's keynote speaker. Tall and slender, wearing flip-flops and an aged Patagonia fleece, Maggie is no stranger to the Broads organization. Maggie

demonstrates a woman who is strong and capable, both physically and intellectually. Her impressive list of accomplishments includes those that would take many people several life times. As the former President and CEO of the Climate Reality Project, Maggie has generously given of her time over the years to the Broads since her time as a founding member on the Board of Directors.

Maggie shares heartfelt stories of those moments that helped her to make distinct life choices as she partook in activities where she had direct experience with wild and sacred places, such as during her time working as a leader with Outward Bound. Fueled by her love for the environment, she pursued and received her law degree. Her strong ideas, intuition and involvement helped to establish several organizations that focused on policy efforts on climate change, natural resources, Western public lands and water issues.

In her parting words, she reflected, "When you look up at the sky, it seems as if it is endless, limitless." She continued, "It's this vast space, yet only one mile up there is a thin veil that stretches between us and the rest of the cosmos. Without

this thin layer, the Earth will no longer be habitable."

These are powerful statements to consider. What makes Earth habitable?

We all are facing severe social, economic and ecological challenges. As an organization now grown and matured, it is also time to evolve, to expand, and to continue to broaden our vision as we move into the next 25 years.

Midlife and older women are the greatest source of feminine wisdom alive on our planet – and yet they remain an (almost) untapped resource.

From my vantage point, and from what I observed at this commemorative Broadwalk weekend, I offer these

thoughts. The Broads must stay rooted in its history, cherish its beginnings of how the organization was born, and reflect upon the culmination of all that has been learned and

achieved in the last 25 years, all that is timeless and meaningful. The power of feminine wisdom and perseverance are gifts we must share with others, and in doing this we consistently transform our awareness into action. Awareness demands Action.

As author Derrick Jensen explains in his article, *Beyond Hope*, when you move from awareness to action, "when you quit relying on hope, and instead begin to protect the people, things, and places you love, you become very dangerous indeed to those in power. In case you're wondering, that's a very good thing."



Newest staff member of the organization, M'Lissa, with original Great Old Broads, Lois Snedden and Ann Ronald.

The power of feminine wisdom and perseverance are gifts we must share with others...



\$25 FOR OUR 25TH

As part of our 25th anniversary, our goal is to increase our membership by 25%.



Here are three ways you can help the Broads grow our membership and amplify our voice.

- Increase your membership —by a multiple of \$25.
- Give gift memberships to others for only \$25, our special introductory membership rate, and be entered in our quilt raffle drawing.
- Become a Sustaining Member: A monthly commitment is a wonderful way to support our ongoing advocacy work.

With your help, we will reach our 25th anniversary goal.



THE POWER OF A BROADWALK



"I attended the Wild Olympics Broadwalk and it was just a moving experience for me. The Broadwalk represented a group of women that were actually multi-generational, from age 50 to 90s, all who had such a passion for wilderness. The speakers that we had, the people who led us on various trips, and the issues that we learned about, this was a tremendous experience for me. I was especially moved because the Olympics are very dear to me.

I think the organization as a whole is a perfect fit for me. There is not any organization like it that I know of, that's primarily women, older women, who have such a love for wild places like I do. It's unusual. Broads really concentrates on protecting the wild places. Many others (organizations) have all kinds of things that they are working on, but I think the purity of Great Old Broads and their focus fits well with me."

~ Reflections from Colette Rush, Polly Dyer Broadband Member shown here with dear friend and fellow Broad Louise Eutropius at her second Broadwalk in La Sal, Utah in May 2014.

WIN BROADS WILDERNESS 50 QUILT!



Assembled with love and immaculate artistry of Sue Gunkel, former Broads Board Member and Rio Grande Valley Broadband co-leader, this year's Broads quilt is a beautiful compilation of incredible talent with contributions from more than a dozen quilting broads. To commemorate Wilderness 50, each block features a different wilderness area.

- Quilt raffle tickets are available on our website or contact our office.
- If you give a gift membership, we will enter your name (as many times as the number of membership gifts) as part of the quilt raffle drawing.
- The drawing will take place on Friday, October 31, 2014.

To purchase tickets on line, visit: <http://bit.ly/1qLBqsw>

PEDAL OR PADDLE & GIVE BACK TO BROADS



HOLIDAY RIVER EXPEDITIONS

is helping to celebrate the
25th Anniversary of

Great Old Broads for Wilderness

by donating **15%** of any Utah Rafting or
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- Fuel-efficient Vehicle
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- Board of Directors Applicants
- Donations AND Bidders for our Wild for Wilderness online auction
- Large padded duffel bag
- Frequent flyer airline miles
- Video Camcorders (Suggested retail: \$800)



THE BROADER WILDERNESS

NEW EPA POWER PLANT RULES RELEASED

On June 2, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a proposal for new rules setting the first national carbon emission limits for existing power plants. The plan aims to reduce carbon emissions from power plants by 30% over 2005 levels by 2030, providing states significant flexibility in how they choose to meet the reductions. Power plants create an estimated 40% of all CO2 emissions in the country. A study from Harvard concludes that America's coal use costs some \$500 billion each year, so a decrease in coal provides direct benefits not only to health and the environment, but to the economy. John Podesta, the Obama administration's White House counselor and former Clinton chief of staff, stated confidently, "We're committed to getting this done." The rule now faces a year-long comment and review period. With wilderness, our communities, and our very Earth under enormous threat from climate change, it's time to stand once again with the EPA to support these rules. For more information, visit <http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/what-epa-doing>

BROADS & WILDERNESS IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT MOUNTAINFILM FESTIVAL

When Broads approached Mountainfilm Festival staff to choose Wilderness as the theme for the 2014 *Moving Mountains Symposium*, we could only guess at how powerful it could be. It was a perfect fit for the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Mountainfilm is dedicated to educating, inspiring, and motivating audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, environments worth preserving, and conversations worth sustaining. In its

36th year, Mountainfilm's Memorial Day weekend event was stuffed full of films, speakers, panels, authors, and activities such that there wasn't a prayer you could experience it all.



Executive Director Shelley Silbert and other notable wilderness advocates discuss the future of Wilderness.

Broads were in good company with wilderness partners and long-time Broads such as the indomitable Katie Lee and eco-warrior Dave Foreman. Executive Director Shelley Silbert presented as part of a panel entitled "Now What?" with Wilderness Society President Jamie Williams, The Wild Foundation President Vance Martin, and Hilary Cooper, director of the locally based Sheep Mountain Alliance. Add in a Broads 25th Anniversary Reception, a Coffee & Conversation presentation about Wise Women, tabling at the Reading Frenzy, Ice Cream Social and Awards Picnic, and two surprise premiere showings of a short film about Recapture Canyon that sparked a lively Q & A session. As you can imagine, the Broads staff was kept hopping.

Of the many amazing films shown, a few we felt are especially important mention...*Damnation*, *Dear Governor Hickenlooper*, *Virunga*, *Mission Blue* and

Wrenched. Perhaps you can catch some of them at a Mountainfilm OnTour event near you. For more information, <http://www.mountainfilm.org/tour/upcoming>

HOWLING GOOD NEWS FOR WOLF OR-7 AND KIN

Against all odds, the now famous wandering male wolf, dubbed OR-7, has found a mate and produced pups. Also known as "Journey" for his 1,000-mile trek from northeastern to southwestern Oregon and into California, OR-7 provides inspiration and hope for the recovery of gray wolves in regions where they have been absent for decades. In an amazing coincidence, the announcement of OR-7's paternity was made on the same day that the California Fish & Wildlife Commission voted to protect wolves against the advice of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, since wolves were not yet residents of California.

OR-7 and mate are currently protected in both western Oregon and California under the federal Endangered Species Act but this protection may not last if the Obama administration's proposal is implemented to remove these protections everywhere in the lower 48 but in the southwest where the Mexican gray wolf struggles for survival. Historic estimates of up to 2 million wolves across most of the U.S. give context for a species that numbers less than 5, 500 nationally and are non-existent in many suitable habitats such as the southern Rockies. Clearly



Oregon wolf OR-7 is a new father. Biologists confirmed that there are at least two pups. The pups mark the first wolf reproduction in western Oregon since the 1940s.

we need to continue to advocate for protections for wolves. In the meantime, we can find hope in the story of OR-7's unlikely "love connection" resulting in the first breeding pair of wolves in Oregon's Cascade Range since the early 1900s.





CELEBRATING THE WILDERNESS50 ANNIVERSARY

The celebration of the golden anniversary of the Wilderness Act is in full swing with more than 400 + events, exhibits and activities highlighting the diverse way Americans value the importance of wilderness and open spaces.

Below is only a sampling of the events, both Broadband led activities as well as those listed on the Wilderness50 website. Whether on vacation, taking a cross-country roadtrip, or attending your annual family reunion, it is very likely you can find an event wherever you are and make it part of your summer and autumn fun. For more information, please visit: www.wilderness50th.org.

AUGUST

2nd: Maroon Bells Birthday Party, Aspen, CO

This one-day event will feature an outdoor concert and community celebration, preceded by a host of free daytime activities, all in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and the establishment of the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness.

<http://www.wilderness50th.org>

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6th: James Peak Wilderness Crater Lakes Trail 50 Wild Miles Challenge Hike, CO (Hikes scheduled through October)

Mile High Broads from the Denver-area will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of The Wilderness Act with the '50 Wild Miles' challenge and working to accumulate 50+ hiking miles in designated Wilderness Areas.

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See greatoldbroads.org/co-mile-high for full schedule.

21st: 50-mile hike for 50th Anniversary, Pecos Wilderness, NM

Sangre New Mexico Broads, in partnership with NM Wilderness Alliance, will be hiking with a purpose and conducting a roadless-area inventory at Agua Piedra Creek in the Carson National Forest. There is a 50 mile hike with resupply days.

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SEPTEMBER

1st-25th: "Women in Wilderness" Exhibit, Brownsville Art Center, OR

The Brownsville Art Association is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act by hosting a "Women in

Wilderness" exhibit during the month of September. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Willamette Valley Broadband.

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3rd: South Park Plein Air Celebration "Wilderness50", Fairplay, CO

Awards and John Fielder Slide Show and Reception at the Fairplay-Valiton Hotel, Town of Fairplay and Southpark Broadband.

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3rd: Wilderness Act Birthday Hikes in the Jedediah Mountain Wilderness, Teton Valley, WY

Teton Valley Broadband's WHALES will sponsor several hikes into the Jedediah Smith Wilderness with their annual Epicurean Pot Luck (complete with 50th Anniversary birthday cake) and other special activities.

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5th-7th: Gila Hot Springs Retreat Silver City, NM

Aldo's Silver City Broadband will sponsor a Gila Hot Springs Retreat at the Wilderness Lodge near Silver City, NM. Activities include hiking, guest speaker, camping or lodging available.

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6th: Oregon Wild 50th Celebration Mt. Hood, OR

Cascade-Volcanoes Oregon Broads will be joining conservation partners at Oregon Wild's 50th anniversary celebration at Mt. Hood's Timberline Lodge.

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12th-14th: Campout at Wilderness Gateway Campground, ID

Join Broads, Friends of the Clearwater, and other wilderness groups in Idaho's Clearwater National Forest; Wilderness Gateway Campground, ID

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19th-20th: Celebration of Wilderness50 (block party), Bend, OR

Broads join Oregon Natural Desert Association among other organizations as part of a public outdoor celebration for Wilderness 50. Music, booths, and food.

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20th: Poets and Song for the Wild Olympia, WA

Poetry reading with well-known authors such as Tim McNulty, Olympia's own Barbara Gibson, Lucia Perillo and Robert Michael Pyle; slide show and song by Kids in Concert, the Northwest's premier youth choir.

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27th: Walk for Wilderness Durango, CO

The Four Corners Broadband joins San Juan Mountains Association, Four Corners Backcountry Horsemen, and Mountain Waters Rafting to host a morning of primitive skills demos, backcountry cooking contest, horse packing and river camping demos, Leave No Trace and a Story Walk for Kids.

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OCTOBER

15th: Ojito Wilderness Hikes: Making Wilderness a Reality, Albuquerque, NM

Join the Rio Grand Valley Broadbands on hikes to hoodoos and a seismosaurus dig.

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23rd-30th, & Nov 6th, 13th & 20th "Wilderness Considered" Art Show, Moscow, ID

Palouse Broadband is collaborating with the Moscow City Arts Committee and Idaho Humanities Council in presenting the "Wilderness Considered" Art Show.

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NOVEMBER

13th-16th: Central Arizona Mini-Broadwalk, Sierra Verde Ranch area near Seligman, AZ

Join Phoenix, Flagstaff, and Prescott Broadbands for a work project with the US Forest Service in Prescott National Forest, Juniper Mesa Wilderness.

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19th: John Fielder Slide Presentation, Grand Junction, CO

Colorado Mesa University, Slide presentation on wilderness areas co-sponsored by the Grand Junction Broadband.

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For more information regarding Broadband activities, please visit the Great Old Broads website and specifically the Broadbands event calendar at <http://greatoldbroads.org/events/broadbands-events-calendar/>

WILD READS FOR ALL AGES

The 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act is being celebrated across the nation with an amazing array of events, exhibits, contests, hikes, and even a half marathon! To help bibliophiles celebrate this milestone, Southpark (CO) Broadband Leader, Misi Ballard has graciously curated a book list of Wild Reads for fellow Broads as well as children. Like many Great Old Moms, Misi read nature stories to her children when they were young (often while camping) to share with them the experience, excitement and lure of wilderness through the written word.

Celebrate wilderness with a Great Wilderness Read. Share the list far and wide; perhaps with your favorite bookstore or library to create displays and reading suggestions, or your book club. Share the idea of wilderness, especially with children! Find the entire list (an evolving work in progress) at greatoldbroads.org/wildreads.

A sampling of Wild Reads for Adults:

An Unspoken Hunger; Stories from the Field, Terry Tempest Williams (1994)

Becoming Animal: An Earthly Cosmology, David Abrams (2011)

Desert Solitaire, Edward Abbey (1988)

Learning to Talk Bear: So Bears Can Listen, Roland Cheek (1997)

Nature, Ralph Waldo Emerson (1903)

Our National Parks, John Muir (1901)

The Practice of the Wild, Gary Snyder (2010)

The Solace of Open Spaces, Gretel Erlich (1986)

Trespass: Living at the Edge of the Promised Land, Amy Irvine (2008)

Two in the Far North, Murie, Margaret E. Murie, Olaus Johan Murie, and Rafael D. Palacios (1962)

Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail, Bill Bryson (1998)

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail, Cheryl Strayed (2012)

Woodswoman: Living Alone in the Adirondack Wilderness, Anne LaBastille (1976)

A sampling of Wild Reads chosen for Kindergarten-Grade 7:

Aldo Leopold: American Ecologist, Peter Anderson (1995)

Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow, Joyce Sidman; Beth Krommes (2006)

Chipmunk Song, Joanne Ryder; Lynne Cherry (1987)

Citizen Scientists: Be Part of Scientific Discovery from Your Own Backyard, Loree Griffin Burns; Ellen Harasimowicz (2012)

Forest, What Would You Like?, Irene O'Garden; Pat Schories (2013)

The Camping Trip That Changed America, Barb Rosenstock; Mordicai Gerstein (2012)

The Lorax, Dr. Seuss (1971)

The Sign of the Beaver, Elizabeth George Speare (1983)

WILD FOR WILDERNESS ONLINE AUCTION NEEDS YOU!

Samantha, our auction coordinator is busy organizing the Broads 10th Annual Wild for Wilderness Online auction. This two-week auction is a major funding source for Broads programs and with your help, we can meet our goal again.

Last year, the auction boasted more than 350 items and brought Broads more than \$60,000 for our programs to preserve and protect wilderness and wild land.

One of the most popular auction categories is our homestay. Located in exotic cities, or remote, rural areas across the country, they have been a consistent favorite. Consider hosting a homestay and meet new friends while supporting the Great Old Broads!

Help us to make this another successful fundraiser for the Great Old Broads by donating to the auction, or ask a friend.

Or, if you know a business who will donate an item, that works too.

For a copy of the online donation form, visit, greatoldbroads.org/join-or-donate/auction/auction-donation/

Any questions, contact Samantha at auction@greatoldbroads.org.



Broads Beat



First New Wilderness in Five Years!

Last summer, former board member Karen Fischer began planning a regional Broadwalk at Sleeping Bear Dunes in Michigan to support wilderness designation. Together with the national office and with Jan Reelitz, 3 Great Lakes Broadband Leader, the Broadwalk became a reality. Little did anyone know that the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act would be signed into law March 13, 2014. With approximately 32,500 acres of lands and waters designated as Wilderness, the highest possible protection for public lands, this became the first wilderness bill to be passed by Congress in more than five years. What was initiated as an advocacy event became a celebration!

From Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin, more than a dozen Great Old Broads and friends gathered May 15–18 for the *Sleeping with the Bear Broadwalk*, in a cozy cabin located in northwest Michigan near the boundary of the park. Activities included a beach cleanup work project, an

organized hike in the dunes, and a scenic drive while enjoying the camaraderie of passionate Broads. Rainy, even snowy, cold weather did not dampen the experience. Each evening, experts of local and park history shared stories about conservation with the group.



3 Great Lakes Broadband and friends celebrate the designation of Wilderness at Sleeping Bear Dunes on Lake Michigan.

Thursday, Assistant Park Superintendent, Tom Ulrich spoke about the wilderness effort, garnering bipartisan support from contentious locals, property owners, communities, and government officials.

Friday evening, Emily Shaw, Education and Volunteer Coordinator for Inland Seas Educational Association, spoke with great enthusiasm about the need to protect the quality of the waters of the Great Lakes, focusing on a current concern regarding microscopic plastics in the water that interfere with and affects all levels of life in the lakes. Saturday,

Sherry Hartung, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter of the Beyond Coal Campaign, joined the group to

discuss energy issues in the Great Lakes areas. Kerry Kelly, President of Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes, explained how the new Wilderness area will be

incorporated into the existing uses of the Park resources. The establishment of a kayak/canoe water trail including campsites along the 35 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline in the park is now in the works. Remarking upon the beauty and grandeur of Sleeping Bear Dunes, Ann Kreilkamp (1989 founder of *Chronicle*) exclaimed, "All weekend long, I felt utterly stunned."

President Steps up for Conservation —Will Congress?

President Obama is at last moving forward with his State of the Union promise to "use my authority to protect more of our pristine federal lands for future generations."

In March, he used executive authority under the 1906 Antiquities Act to add 1,665 acres of Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands to the 1,100 mile California Coast National Monument. In May, he designated nearly 500,000 acres as the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in southwestern New Mexico. This brings to eleven the number of national monuments Obama has designated so far across the country.

At the New Mexico signing ceremony President Obama vowed "I've preserved more than three million acres of land for future generations. And I am not finished." He follows a long tradition—eight Republican and eight Democratic presidents have protected lands through the Antiquities Act since President Theodore Roosevelt first exercised his right in 1906, using his executive powers to protect public lands.

While Congress has proven woefully unwilling to move dozens of conservation and Wilderness bills forward, the House once again voted by a narrow margin in March to gut the Antiquities Act. Yet the Act has long been a tool for the President to use when Congress demonstrates an inability or unwillingness to meet the purpose of the law. While President Obama stresses the

Our beloved wild landscapes face a plethora of threats...



Do you know how Sleeping Bear Dunes got its name?

Native American legend tells the story of a female bear who decides to swim from the western to the eastern shore of Lake Michigan with her two young cubs. Unfortunately, by the time mama bear had crawled ashore at the dunes, she

turned around and noticed that her cubs were not with her. Sadly, they had drowned en route. Forever after, the grieving mama bear would sit on top of the dunes, looking out at the lake, waiting for her cubs. The Great Spirit Manitou created two islands to mark the spot where the cubs disappeared and then created a solitary dune representing the faithful mama bear. More info at friendsofsleepingbear.org.

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Broads call on President Obama to Protect Greater Canyonlands from threats such as oil & gas development by designating a National Monument encompassing this unparalleled Redrock region.

positive economic impacts of public lands for local communities, we most applaud the protection it affords to America's irreplaceable resources.

Our beloved wild landscapes face a plethora of threats from energy development, mining, and motorized abuse. Sometimes protection cannot wait. Greater Canyonlands, San Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa in Utah, Brown's Canyon in Colorado, Gold Butte in Nevada (where deadbeat rancher

Cliven Bundy's cattle trespass), and the Northern Montana Prairies are but a few of the diverse areas being proposed for protections. Without the Antiquities Act, we would not have Grand Canyon or Grand Teton National Parks—at the time vehemently opposed by locals. These are public lands belonging to ALL Americans regardless of residency. Let Congress and the President know you support protective designations.



"Wilderness is a resource which can shrink but not grow... the creation of new wilderness in the full sense of the word is impossible."

—Aldo Leopold
American ecologist, forester, and environmentalist, considered to be father of American wildlife management



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BROADBANDS IN ACTION

ARIZONA

FLAGSTAFF BROADBAND

Flagstaff Broadband members, who, in partnership with the Sierra Club, researched and wrote comments regarding the Coconino National Forest Plan revision, will participate in wilderness stewardship projects this summer and fall, and an October film festival to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Grand Canyon National Park invited Flagstaff Broads to table at their Earth Day Celebration in April. Broads talked to over 200 visitors that day about water conservation and the Colorado River watershed, the Earth Day theme.



Flagstaff Broadband co-leader Ilona Anderson spent Earth Day at the Grand Canyon.

BROADS ROLL UP SLEEVES FOR 10 YEAR WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE

The goal of the 10YWSC is to elevate all of the more than 400 wilderness areas under the management and care of the US Forest Service to a minimum stewardship level by 2014, the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. The USFS recognizes it cannot achieve this goal alone and success depends upon partnerships.

Broadbands in Oregon, Washington, New Mexico and Arizona are working with conservation partners this summer and fall to help the USFS meet its 10YWSC goals. Great Old Broads is proud to partner with the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance and Arizona Wilderness Coalition as a recipient of a Wilderness Stewardship Challenge award from the National Forest Foundation.



BROADS PARTNER WITH USFS IN MANY WAYS



Shelley Spalding, Broadband Circuit Rider, with Kent Connaughton, Regional Forester, USFS Pacific Northwest Region, at USFS Region 6 Regional Leadership Team Meeting in Walla Walla, Washington.



Tower of Broad Power!

Rio Grande Valley Broads from Albuquerque monitor for wilderness character in four areas of the Magdalena Ranger District in the Cibola National Forest located in New Mexico.



USFS Region 6 (OR/WA) awarded Broads funding to participate in the challenge by engaging volunteers in wilderness stewardship and communicating wilderness values and benefits to the public. In June, Shelley Spalding, Broadband Circuit Rider, attended the Region 6 Regional Leadership Team Meeting in Walla Walla, Washington. Shelley was invited to a Wilderness-focused day for USFS partners to share their creative thinking and perspectives about wilderness stewardship issues and future opportunities.

To participate in a volunteer stewardship project, check the Broadband Activity Calendar (see article at right). The National Forest Foundation, chartered by congress, engages America in community-based and national programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of the 193-million acre National Forest System, and accepts and administers private gifts of funds and land for the benefit of the National Forests. More information can be found at nationalforests.org and wilderness.net.



Marie Scott, NPS Park Ranger, at the Sleeping Ute National Monument, at the Sleeping Ute with the Bear Broadwalk (see page 10 for more information about the Broadwalk and passage of wilderness legislation protecting the dunes!)

BROADBAND ACTIVITY CALENDAR ON WEBSITE

Broads adventures begin where the pavement ends—most of them anyway. If you have wanted to participate in a national office event and the activity type, date, or location has not yet worked for your schedule, consider participating in a local Broadband activity. Check out our website for Broadband events. <http://greatoldbroads.org/events/broadbands-events-calendar/>

GET INVOLVED!

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Teton Valley WHALES, Georgina Worthington, Kay McIlroy, and Katharine Shepard, look from the Big Hole Mountains across to the Jedediah Smith Wilderness Area and Grand Teton National Park.

WYOMING



TETON VALLEY BROADBAND

Stepping Up in the Teton Valley

The Teton Valley Broadband, also known as WHALES might conjure up images of large marine mammals at first, but WHALES is the Women's Hiking and Literary Epicurean Society, skillfully led by Janna Rankin and Elaine Simmons since 2004. Comprised of over 200 Teton Valley women from Idaho and Wyoming, the WHALES are active this spring. As one of the WHALES explain, "we are deep into planning of summer hikes, letter writing campaigns, and Wilderness Anniversary activities." The letter-writing has been one of the most important activities on such topics as Yellowstone's winter recreation plan, boundary changes to the Palisades Wilderness Study Area, USFS travel management plan for the Teton Valley, and the Wyoming Game and Fish proposal that is pushing for a significant increase in kill quota for wolves. This pod of WHALES bike and hike, read and eat. They do so in all weather conditions while advocating for quiet use, wildlife, and ecosystem health.

Long-term advocates Janna and Elaine have talked extensively about Great Old Broads. They participated in a day-long HUD Sustainable Communities workshop to ensure that the voices of women who are incredibly active are heard in the midst of motorized vehicle folks. Janna, a retired attorney and natural resources law professor, spoke in Salt Lake City as part of the public library speaker series on the topic of the Wilderness Act and how those with disabilities can also access wilderness areas. The WHALES Broadband attended meetings with the Idaho Game & Fish Department discussing the placement of bait near hiking trails and how that attracts black bears for hunting (which also attracts grizzlies). They are also planning activities in the Teton Valley celebrating the Wilderness Act Anniversary with others as part of a local, broad-based coalition. Janna writes, "Our women are engaged and participate whenever we ask them to step up on an issue."

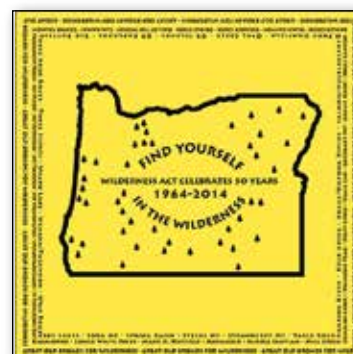
OREGON

OSU SCIENCE PUB
FOCUSES ON THE 50TH!

Per a suggestion from Carol Savonen, Willamette Valley Broadband Leader and Oregon State University (OSU) faculty emeritus, the Corvallis Science Pub at Corvallis's Majestic Theater focused on the Wilderness Act and featured conservation biologist Cristina Eisenberg. She discussed why protected, intact wilderness matters even more today than it did in 1964, when the Act was signed. Addressing an audience of 150 people, Eisenberg described her research shows that relatively intact, large tracts of land are essential to creating ecologically resilient landscapes. Such landscapes typically consist of extensive protected wilderness such as the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem, discussed in her new book *The Carnivore Way*, in which she profiles a 28-million-acre landscape that is 90% federally protected wilderness and is the most important wildlife corridor in North America. Eisenberg reflected on the profound relevance of the Wilderness Act and its legacy as we move into the brave new world of climate change.



Cyndi Anderson, Willamette Valley Broadband member, tabled at the OSU Science Pub premiering their bandanas showing all of Oregon's designated Wilderness areas.



STAY CONNECTED!

SIGN UP FOR A REGIONAL BROADBAND ACTIVITY EMAIL LIST

Now you can stay connected and learn of the many Broadband activities, and other happenings when you sign up. Each Broadband maintain email listservs called Google Groups for members in their area. For example, board member Cristina Harmon lives in northern Colorado. She wanted to stay informed about events and activities in the southern portion of the state, so she signed up with the Four Corners Broadband listserv. For the entire Broadband list, visit: <http://greatoldbroads.org/get-involved/broadbands>. Or, email Amy, admin@greatoldbroads.org to be included on the list of your choice.





Broads monitor Recapture Canyon during the 25th Anniversary Broadwalk in May.

Great Old Broads documented conditions in the canyon with GPS units and cameras before and after the May 10th violation. The trail had been slowly recovering after the closure.

Sadly, it has widened again to ATV width, with plants ripped apart, the ground torn and eroding, and tracks crossing archaeological sites. Despite new BLM closure signs, motorized trespass has continued since the illegal ride.

BLM vows to seek appropriate civil and criminal penalties against participants in the ride and has contracted a new archaeological damage assessment.

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In the early 1900s, President Theodore Roosevelt led a crusade with his Republican party to combat an era of shortsighted plunder of forests, grasslands, and minerals. He set aside 230 million acres of forest reserves, parks, and other protected areas. Roosevelt stated, "the rights of the public to national resources outweigh private rights, and must be given its first consideration." As such, Roosevelt recognized a responsibility to future

generations. Arch rival, senator, and robber baron Senator William A. Clark saw it differently, stating, "those who succeed us can well take care of themselves."

The conflicts over western lands continue today with exactly the same vigor and rhetoric. Yet population density has increased dramatically, as have the precision and killing power of the weapons being brandished. Utah's population today is 2.9 million compared to 277,000 in 1900. In 2012, Utah was the nation's second most armed state.

Some western residents chafe at constraints placed on private gain and personal desires for public lands. Periodically, the Sagebrush Rebellion rises up to change federal land policies, especially in relation to livestock grazing, mining, energy extraction, and motorized recreation. In 2013, the Utah and Idaho legislatures passed measures to turn federal lands over to states, and other states are considering similar actions. While these measures won't stand up to legal challenge, such

posturing and political zeal highlights the need for constant vigilance from Broads and other public land watchdogs.

Recapture Canyon comprises a small piece of the 22-million acres of federal land that BLM must manage in Utah with eight agents and 16 rangers—2.7 million acres per agent and 1.4 million acres per ranger. Admittedly, the job is enormous and BLM lacks the resources to carry it out.

Yet lack of resources is all too frequently coupled with a lack of will. The agency's history and culture, too lengthy to detail here, shows violations ignored, fees not recovered, and trespass legitimized after the fact. Unfortunately, that slippery slope has recently accelerated in acts of willful violations by armed militias and others.

In June, a local resident in Escalante, Utah noted that area



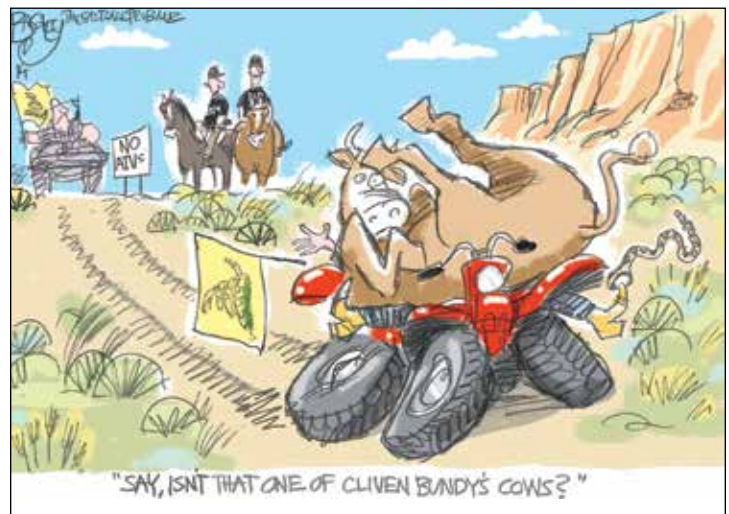
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Photographer Bill Hatcher examines the stump of a 300-year-old juniper, cut during the 2006 illegal trail construction in Recapture Canyon.

ranchers are "going Cliven Bundy" on us. With increased disregard for BLM grazing permit requirements, ranchers have this perception that these requirements will not be enforced.

Without consequences for illegal action, it is clearly past time for the American people to challenge

the BLM to do their job and support the federal government in carrying out the full responsibility of managing the lands for the benefit of future generations. Let's prove we've passed the chaotic, shoot 'em up, land grab era; it's time instead for a wild wild west that respects and protects the lands, water, and wildlife for all Americans.



Courtesy Pat Bagley, Salt Lake City Tribune





Signing of the Wilderness Act on September 3, 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson.

The Wilderness Act of 1964

Section 2. (a) Wilderness System—Established Statement of Policy

In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness. For this purpose there is hereby established a National Wilderness Preservation System to be composed of federally owned areas designated by Congress as “wilderness

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areas”, and these shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use as wilderness, and so as to provide for the protection of these areas, the preservation of their wilderness character, and for the gathering and dissemination of information regarding their use and enjoyment as wilderness; and no Federal lands shall be designated as “wilderness areas” except as provided for in this Act or by a subsequent Act.

To review the entire document visit, <http://www.wilderness.net/NWPS/legisAct#1>

Our Broadbands, in addition to other active members located across the country, do the heavy lifting of locally-based activism. They attend agency meetings, write letters and make recommendations. They meet with legislators, and participate in stewardship activities on public lands. To help those voices become even stronger, we have targeted a 25% growth in membership over the next two years, and expect a similar percent increase in Broadband numbers. That increased strength can only come from

“...remember to slow down, breathe deeply, and recharge from the wild world of Nature around us.”



Photo: Sendi Kalic

you, our members, as you reach out to friends, invite them to work, play, and hope with us.

Our new Communications Director, M'Lissa Roulson, plays a key role in strengthening our voice and sharpening our message. M'Lissa joined us full-time in May, getting a crash course in Broads history at our 25th anniversary Broadwalk in her first days on the job. With fifteen years of public relations and marketing experience, as well as her leadership in sparking what became a successful effort to Rally for the Valley and protect 860-acres at the gateway to Telluride, CO from development, M'Lissa brings skill, drive, and playful peals of laughter to our team. You will soon see the fruits of her labor in an upgraded website, stronger member communications, increased media attention, and enhanced partnerships.

Speaking of partnerships, Broads staff has joined the national leadership of

several efforts: 1) the Steering Committee of the Federal Forest Carbon Coalition, which brings together 70 organizations to shift national forest policy to minimize greenhouse gases, optimize carbon sequestration, and recognize broader benefits of public forest lands; 2) the *Protect Forests and Connect Wildlife* Delivery Team of Sierra Club's *Our Wild America Campaign*; 3) the founding committee of a coalition working to improve grazing management, and; 4) an associate of Up the

River Endeavors, a consortium, addressing root causes of social and environmental problems through the cooperation and cohesive power of women.

These partnerships represent just a small portion of our work, but speak to ways we can scale up our work and achieve goals at regional and national levels. In this issue, you will read

of the many ways we reach a broader (pun-intended) audience – among them, Telluride Mountainfilm, Wilderness 50, and jumping once again into the frying pan at Recapture Canyon. It's a lot to manage with a small staff, and it only works when we can multiply our impact through your grassroots activism and local work.

I ask for your support and commitment to this work. And, remember to slow down, breathe deeply, and recharge from the wild world of Nature around us. With each inhale and exhale, feel the Earth breathing with you. Take that energy and that love as fuel to power you for the long haul. For me, this is the foundation of our collective strength.





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— Nancy Wynne Newhall

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