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GREATER CANYONLANDS BROADWALK EVOKES BROAD PASSION

by Ellen Stein

Passions ran high at the Greater Canyonlands Broadwalk. Beautiful places tend to evoke a strong reaction in people and this area of Southern Utah is no exception. Friends and foes alike had something to say about the vast canyons, towering cliffs, red rock arches and sandstone spires – and particularly Broads presence there.

A special synergy developed when Broads' Associate Director, Rose Chilcoat learned that the Salt Lake City chapter of the Sierra Club was planning a weekend outing to the Canyonlands Needles District, and that Sierra Club campaign and D.C.-based lobbying staff would attend. The ever-inclusive Rose invited them all not just to dinner, but to the full weekend of activities. There was great interaction between multiple groups including the BLM, Heidi Redd of the Dugout Ranch, The Grand Canyon Trust, The Nature Conservancy, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), and the amazing Broadwalk participants. Every Broadwalk



So ... what do you suppose these Broads and Bros want? Photo by Stephanie Ogburn.

takes on its own flavor and the right ingredients (including outstanding camp cook Tamara Desrosiers and her assistant Nancy) set us on track for a weekend of learning, service, and advocacy, in true Broads and Broadwalk style! An added sweet bonus was being joined one evening by 20 students from Whitman College's "Semester in the West" who came bearing Dutch oven apple crisp for dessert.

Our group was camped on Indian Creek at the Dugout Ranch, encompassing 5,200 acres of private land (and 300,000 acres of public land grazing allotments) sold to The Nature Conservancy in 1997 by the Redd family.

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The preservation of, and more recently, the connectivity between large areas of intact healthy wild land, has always been the goal of wilderness advocacy organizations such as Great Old Broads for Wilderness, The Wilderness Society, the Rewilding Institute, and others. While we concede that there is very little of the Earth that has never seen human occupation or use, the bedrock ideal of the wilderness movement has been to protect and preserve enough untrammelled real estate to provide habitat

for wild creatures, clean water, diverse landscapes, and even a modicum of refuge for beleaguered human beings.

Over the past few years, certain conservation groups have adopted the geologic concept, Anthropocene, to describe their view of the future of the environmental movement. Coined by an ecologist and an atmospheric chemist, the term denotes the age in which humans have had an impact on Earth's ecology. It changes the discussion for conservationists, economists, geologists, and sociologists, and encompasses a host of realities including: biodiversity loss, resource scarcity, and population growth. The Breakthrough Institute, among others, argues that traditional conservation has failed to conserve species of plants and animals despite securing protections for wilderness and parks and so the Institute would have us throw in the towel.



IN A BROAD SENSE

Jettison Our "Idealized Notions"? I Think NOT!

In 2004, the Breakthrough Institute published an essay called "The Death of Environmentalism," by Michael Schellenberger and Ted Nordhaus, igniting a firestorm of controversy. This was followed in April 2012 by, "Conservation in the Anthropocene," by Peter Kareiva, Michelle Marvier, and Robert Lalasz, which posits that conservation is losing the war to protect nature despite winning some battles. The main thrust of the essay is, rather than continue to work to preserve wildness and biodiversity, we ought to

now manage the planet for the benefit of human beings, and if we lose more and more wild things and

places, that's just the price we must pay, given our numbers and our appetites.

The idea can be fairly summed up with the following quote from the essay; "What conservation could promise - is a new vision of a planet in which nature - forests, wetlands, diverse species, and other ancient ecosystems - exists *amid* (emphasis mine) a wide variety of modern, human landscapes. For this to happen, conservationists will have to jettison their idealized notions of nature, parks, and wilderness -- ideas that have never been supported by good conservation science -- and forge a more optimistic, human-friendly vision."

The key word here, of course, is "amid." The word perpetuates the flawed concept that humans are somehow separate from nature and that we don't have to play by the same

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Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a national, non-profit organization that uses the voices and 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 to protect their public lands 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.

Today, the Great Old Broads for Wilderness has more than 4,500 members. You do not have to be female, or old, or even great for that matter! to join—but you must be "bold" for wilderness. Please join us on the adventure. Wilderness needs your help!

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WEITAS BROADWALK: NEZ PERCE - CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST, IDAHO

by Michele Lorenz

I look north, south, east, and west upon trees and trees and trees from Castle Butte at 6,659 feet elevation in the Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest in Idaho. Our trail guide said, "Look all around you and you will see that where we stand now is like being in the center of a giant medicine wheel." What I see in this 360 degree view is only a handful of roads and clear-cuts on this beautiful clear August day. This is not the case in my state. I have spent the last 35 years in the Pacific Northwest and hiked hundreds of miles reaching many peaks of the Cascades in Washington and Oregon. Sadly, these states have views of multiple checkerboard roads and clear-cuts, which do not allow for connective corridors to retain ecosystem health and wildlife habitat.

Two centuries ago this country was thought to be endless. Lewis and Clark may have thought - "how could it ever run out?" Indeed we have run it out with our "get the cut out," graze everywhere, mineral extraction, dams, motorized recreation mentality, - except, it seems, for this piece of roadless area in Idaho. It holds many secrets to our past - the Lewis and Clark Trail, the Nez Perce Trail and the Lolo Trail - all intersecting on the ridges above the Clearwater and Lochsa Rivers. The Clearwater Basin is the largest expanse of untouched and unprotected wild country left in the lower 48 states. The forests, streams, mountains, and wildlife have not changed substantially since Lewis and Clark passed through this area in 1805. Today, there are 9.3 million acres of public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in Idaho.

Clearwater Basin lies adjacent to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness that borders Idaho and Montana. It is core habitat for wolverine and bull trout and is frequently referred to as the "Alaska" of the lower 48, a designation I had thought applied

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Weitas Creek Broadwalkers in the Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest.

Diana Allison Jumps on Board with Broads

Growing up in the Fort Worth area of Texas, Diana Allison didn't realize she had the "soul of a Western woman" until her 25th year when she and her husband moved to Utah while he completed an internship at the University of Utah Medical School. Residing at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains for a year, Diana fell in love with the mountains, deserts, and canyons of the West. The military and other obligations took them to Kansas City during the Viet Nam War and then back to Texas. She said, "In 1976, we pulled up our Texas roots and moved to Ogden (Utah). There was no going back."

Diana is the newest member of Broads Board of Directors. She

applied to be a Broadband Leader in the northern Utah region but found that, with her extensive experience with non-profit organizations and their boards, she might better serve on our Board.



Diana Allison

She has been president of the League of Women Voters of Utah, Chair of the Ogden Nature Center, and was the first executive director of Weber County Pathways. She was a community activist and a volunteer lobbyist and says she is comfortable working with

elected officials at all levels of government. She returned to her first profession, education, from 1999-2010 and had leadership roles in the schools and the school district while teaching fourth and sixth

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Nevada - The latest on the Jarbidge River/Shovel Brigade Law Suits

In late August, U.S. District Judge Roger L. Hunt denied a formal request by Great Old Broads for Wilderness and The Wilderness Society (TWS) to throw out an agreement between the U.S. Forest Service and Elko County that would legitimize an illegally constructed road in northern Nevada. The gravel road in question, running along the Jarbidge River, was reclaimed by the river in 1995. When the Forest Service decided not to rebuild the road because rebuilding might negatively impact

After questioning whether closing the road would be in any way helpful for the fish, Judge Hunt left the issue open and encouraged all sides to come to some settlement. Seems he's set for retirement soon and perhaps didn't want to rock the boat in his home district.

Since the original agreement has yet to take effect, Broads and TWS will continue in our efforts to close or scale back that "road" along the Jarbidge River.

Teton National Parks both began as Presidentially-declared Monuments that were vehemently opposed by locals at the time.

Colorado - Roan Plateau Lease Plan Goes Back to Drawing Board

Earlier this summer, U.S. District Court Judge Marcia Krieger set aside the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) decision to lease for oil and gas extraction the entire federal public lands area of the Roan Plateau near Grand Junction, Colorado. Judge Krieger said the BLM's Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for

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Updates on issues that have seen Broad action

the habitat of endangered bull trout, locals organized a "Shovel Brigade" to reconstruct it without going through the federal permitting process. The Forest Service sued local officials for rebuilding the road and the settlement agreement that came out of that suit would allow the road to remain. Broads and TWS are asking that the agreement be nullified and the road closed or scaled back to bar motorized traffic.



Jarbidge River photo courtesy of the BLM.

Broads was the only conservation group who showed up to counter the Shovel Brigade. We were the only ones to take on the 'good old boys' who wanted their way regardless of the health of the river or the legality of their actions.

Colorado - Chimney Rock Now a National Monument

In late September, President Barack Obama signed the proclamation that designates the 4,726 acres surrounding Chimney Rock in the San Juan National Forest of Southern Colorado a National Monument. Rich in archeological resources and holding spiritual significance to local tribes, the new Monument is surrounded by the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

We applaud this designation as it will provide greater protections and funding for this iconic landmark. The Chimney Rock designation is hailed as having bipartisan support – meaning that this is one that a more functional Congress could have enacted. It is our hope that the President will be more bold and consider taking action to protect threatened landscapes even if local support is incomplete. Our beloved Grand Canyon and Grand

the Roan Plateau violated the Administrative Procedures Act because it did not sufficiently address 1) the community alternative 2) cumulative air quality impacts and 3) potential ozone impacts. Judge Krieger remanded the action to the BLM for revision.

Broads held a Broadwalk on The Roan in 2003, to support increased protection for this remarkable landscape, and we've remained involved in the issue since then.

BLM and the Colorado Natural Heritage Program have described the top of the Roan as one of the four most biologically-rich places in Colorado. It deserves far better management than the overturned plan would have provided. Great Old Broads and the rest of the conservation-minded public will be watching the BLM's do-over closely.

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Arizona & New Mexico - Jaguar Habitat Protections Studied

Reacting to a Federal Judge's ruling, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) effectively reversed its position on the need for protecting jaguar range in the United States in August and is now proposing to designate critical habitat for the jaguar under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Critical habitat designation means that federal agencies cannot fund or authorize any activities that might "adversely modify" any land designated as such. The area under consideration in the proposal includes 838,232 acres in southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico and includes the site of a proposed copper mine in Arizona's Santa Rita Mountains.

Several suits against FWS brought by the Center for Biological Diversity didn't spark any favorable action by FWS until a jaguar named Macho B was found ailing on his home turf in Arizona's Atascosa Mountains. He had to be euthanized shortly thereafter and the federal district judge mandated that the FWS reconsider its position that jaguar habitat didn't need protections.

Though it doesn't provide complete protection for this at-risk landscape, a critical habitat designation is a step in the right direction. Broads held a Broadwalk in Arizona's Tumacacori Highlands in April 2006. Jaguars and their habitat are part of the compelling need for protecting that landscape. Broads walked trails where jaguars had been photographed just weeks earlier. "Makes a person feel alive in a very good way!" said Associate Director Rose Chilcoat.

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- Frequent Flyer Miles
- Volunteer Broadband Leaders
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To donate Frequent Flyer miles, contact laurie@greatoldbroads.org. To inquire about being a Broadband Leader, contact ellen@greatoldbroads.org. See story on page 15 to donate to our auction.

Ronni steps down December 31, 2012

Our fearless leader (and I do mean, fearless) is stepping away from her position as Executive Director of Great Old Broads for Wilderness. After more than a decade leading the pack, Veronica Egan (aka Ronni) has decided it's time to let another Broad lead this organization into the future. As of this writing, we don't know who that new lead Broad will be. We do know that Ronni's boots will be hard to fill.

In 2002, when Ronni was hired as the Executive Director succeeding Executive Director MB McAfee, Broads had a staff of two - Ronni and Associate Director Rose Chilcoat. Since then, Broads has grown in stature, budget, membership, staff, scope, and vision. We offer three to five Broadwalks and workshops each year, support more than 25 local Broadbands in 16 states, sign on to litigation when suitable, and are a recognized player in the wild lands protection arena. Ronni leads fundraising trips, speaks at conferences, lobbies in Washington, and oversees a staff of six, three contract employees, and a number of student interns. She comments on management plans and writes, writes, writes.

In her previous life, she was an activist, outfitter, climber, and horse wrangler. She had never held an administrative position or a desk job. She was ready for a change, though, in both career and



Ronni in the Organ Mountains of New Mexico during our 2007 Broadwalk in support of the Doña Ana County Wilderness Bill.

home, and accepted the job with the stipulation that she get outside regularly. She grew into the position immediately, and found the challenges, issues, and daily array of conservation activities suited her. Ronni and Rose made a formidable team complimenting each other's strengths. "I can't imagine Broads without Ronni's wisdom and guidance," Rose lamented, "but knowing Ronni will stay involved with the organization makes this transition bearable."

Broads, it seems, was a perfect match for Ronni Egan and she has no intention of deserting us now. She intends to continue with her fund-raising activities for the organization and will co-lead the Four Corners Broadband. We suspect we'll continue to see letters to the editor with her signature and her trip donations on our annual on-line auction. We'll miss her joyful countenance and sharp wit around the office every day but we're sure she will continue to be a Broad presence for wilderness.

Greater Canyonlands Broadwalk

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To this day, the grazing operation is run by Heidi and her two sons. Indian Creek runs south to northwest through the broad valley flanked by red rock sentinels. With earth and sky dominating, it is easy to imagine a Hollywood western being filmed here. In some aspects, the Wild West remains alive today.

We learned much from invited scientific experts, advocates, agency staff, local ranchers, and one another, about the desert ecology, threats, climate change, resilient habitats, archeology, and history of the land's inhabitants, both ancient and modern. The latter group included local residents who alerted their neighbors to Broads' visit to the region, recommending in the San Juan Record and Blue Mountain Panorama that they "take a field trip to Broads' camp and keep an eye on them while they are here." Early Saturday morning, we found tire tracks and our Broads banner on the gate to our campsite was shredded and spray painted orange. Sunday night, we were visited



This mask was found impaled on a pole at the entrance to our camp.

again - locked into our campsite, our banner again vandalized, and a mask of an old wrinkled woman dripping fake blood was supported by a milk bottle impaled on a pole. The message scrawled on the

bottle and pole delivering a warning: "Stay out of San Juan County. No Last Chance." Needless to say, these admonitions fell upon deaf ears!

A Broads trademark, Broadwalks focus on regions worthy of protection or facing imminent threats, and where a current conservation effort or campaign is underway. Broads came to the Canyonlands because

it met all three criteria and happens to be a spectacular place to visit in late September. With 50-plus Broads and Bros participating, the popularity of a Southeast Utah Broadwalk was apparent. Broads travelled from as far as Montana and Washington, northern California, and Missouri.

The tension around the management of public lands is nothing new.

Today, under the guise of achieving energy independence, many entities world-wide have their eyes on our public lands. Studies show that Utah's red rock holds less than 4 weeks of natural gas and 1 week of oil supplies for the nation, yet exploitation of this unique landscape and permanent scarring by the oil and gas industries remain a constant threat. Tar sands extraction and potash mining proposals would destroy huge swaths of this region.

Yet, numerous recent studies show that tourism and recreation in areas like southern Utah provide many millions of dollars of income to rural communities, while having less impact and being more sustainable than "boom and bust" energy schemes.



The Greater Canyonlands area inspires the creative spirit in all. This sketch was drafted on-site by Broadwalker, Wayne Hoskisson.

One presenter, USGS research ecologist, Jayne Belknap, advised Broadwalkers that livestock grazing as a destructive use of our public lands pales in comparison to the threat posed by energy development. Especially vulnerable are biological soil crusts (commonly known as cryptobiotic soils) which she described as "webs of life in the desert, the heartbeat of the desert system..." Her thesis is that climate change in the Four Corners region of the Colorado Plateau (ground zero for climate extremes in the U.S.) over the next 100 years will result in a 4-6 degree Celsius temperature increase and a corresponding 30% reduction in soil moisture, meaning the land will no longer support grasses (or livestock) and may turn into a shrub dominant ecosystem.

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Vehicle Donation Program

Yes! You can donate any old motorized vehicle (car, boat, truck, tractor, ATV, snowmobile, etc.) to Broads, get a tax receipt, and know that you're helping us continue our work for wild lands. Broads is now connected with the Center for Car Donations who will help you with all the details.

To schedule a pick up, call 877-411-3662.



For a PDF of FAQs, go to greatoldbroads.org/cardonation-faq.pdf

For even more information, contact Ellen or Laurie at 970-385-9577.

Canyonlands Broadwalk *from page 6*

Broads was at Canyonlands to learn about the Protect Greater Canyonlands campaign, a coalition effort to increase protections for 1.4 million acres of BLM and Forest Service lands surrounding Canyonlands National Park. Terri Martin, Southwest Regional Organizer for SUWA, presented on the campaign, and said that the vision of a 'Greater Canyonlands,' dates back to 1936 when then Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes had a vision of protecting all public lands south of I-70 in Utah – close to 7,000 square miles of desert lands and the rivers that drain into them.

Such concepts met with strong opposition from the same interests that oppose increased protections today: mining, grazing and commercial development. Then WWII started and the conversation ceased but effort to expand the park was revived in 1961 by then Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall after a flight over the region with notorious dam builder Floyd Dominy of the Bureau

of Reclamation who was searching for a dam site. Moved by the beauty of the land, Udall commissioned a study to create a one million acre national park in the canyons.

Utah Senator Frank Moss introduced a bill but en route to passage in Congress in 1964 the vision was compromised and one million acres was dropped, bringing the total to the current 337,570 acres designated as Canyonlands National Park.

To see this area by land is magnificent, but by air is to truly appreciate its grandeur. Friday morning, while the majority of Broadwalkers were doing



Bruce Gordon of Eco-flight took a group of campaign leaders and journalists in the air to gain perspective on the Greater Canyonlands and the threats to its ecology.

a service project as part of National Public Lands Day by improving Indian Creek campgrounds and defining vehicle routes with Bob Leaver from the BLM, Bruce Gordon of Eco-flight took a group of campaign leaders and journalists in the air to gain perspective on the Greater Canyonlands and its threats.

If one considers Canyonlands National Park the donut hole, the
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PLANNED GIVING MEANS WILDERNESS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Future generations are depending on us.

If humans are to survive on this amazing blue planet, we need to get serious about leaving a legacy of a healthy environment. Resource development, recreation excesses, and just plain human encroachment all pose threats to biodiversity, climate stability, and peace of mind.

Your gift to Great Old Broads for Wilderness helps build a steady foundation for us as we stand firm in our advocacy of wild public lands. You may also save on estate taxes and be able to leave more to your heirs.

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We'd love to know if you've included Broads in your estate plan!

Sister Broadband Leaders are all about “work that keeps.”

Study A Broad (or two):

Susan and Nancy Ostlie - Living Broadly

Like some of us, Susan and Nancy Ostlie discovered their inner activists only after retiring from careers and emptying their nests. And, like some of us, they found that Broads could give them the support they needed to activate that inner wild land activist.

Growing up in the eastern Dakotas, they didn't experience the joy of wild land that many Broads did. Land in their community was “farmed and fenced.” Winters were long and the one or two camping trips into Canada with the family made for cold, cold memories - but those trips left their mark on the girls. They developed a Broad love for the outdoors and as they reached adulthood, both left the tamed environs of their childhood to explore the “don't-fence-me-in” states of California, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Susan, who is Nancy's senior by 10 years, earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. The summer before her senior year, she took a semester at the University of Colorado in Boulder, “to avoid South Dakota,” she said. “I spent a lot of time that summer of 1968 exploring those mountains.” After stints in Albuquerque, Boston, and San Francisco working as a graphic artist, she earned a teaching certificate and taught language arts and the gifted programs for middle school students in and around Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Susan retired from teaching in 2008. Barely a year later, she saw the article about Broads in the AARP spring 2009 issue. She went on the internet, learned about Broads, and promptly joined our Broad ranks. Susan suggested Nancy should get involved with the Broads, and it's a good thing for us that Nancy was in the habit of taking her big sister's advice.

Nancy also took a semester away from South Dakota just before her senior year at Augustana College in Sioux Falls. She went to San Francisco and then to Arizona. “I didn't go home after that,” she said. Her first date with her future husband, Charlie, was

Nancy went back to school, finished her degree, and took a job with IBM as a technical writer. Charlie was relocated to Frankfurt, Germany, in 1989 and since Nancy had recently retired from her IBM job, the couple took the opportunity to travel around Eastern Europe.

Back in California, Nancy jumped into motherhood with both feet and a big smile on her face - volunteering in schools, organizing science fairs, and taking her turn at the nursery

cooperative. After visiting Montana in 2000, and Nancy saying she'd “kill to live there,” they moved their family

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Susan (left) and Nancy Ostlie.

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a hike in Pima Canyon in Tucson. “At that point,” she said, “I was hooked!” on Charlie AND on the outdoors, as it would turn out.

to Bozeman where the great, wild outdoors is just out the door.

The Ostlie sisters both signed up for the October 2009, 20th Anniversary Broadwalk at Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah. It was at the Broadwalk that Broads invited Nancy to attend the March 2011 Broadband Leader Boot Camp in Moab, Utah. With Charlie's encouragement (and a bit of a directive, “you need to go out and save the world!”), Nancy applied for the leadership training and organized a Bozeman Broadband shortly thereafter.

Susan was also keen to continue working with Broads and, by then, the Albuquerque Broadband was in search of a leader so Susan “took the bull by the horns,” reorganized the Albuquerque Broadband, held her first

meeting of local Broads in November 2011, and organized her Broadband's first Broadwalk this past May.

Not surprisingly, Nancy describes Susan as a “mover and shaker.” Also not surprisingly, Susan describes Nancy as “hard-working, highly-organized, and positive.”

Both women have seen degraded landscapes firsthand around Bozeman and Albuquerque and in their travels throughout the West. With Broads' help, they are getting out there and doing things - partnering with agencies and other environmental groups, learning about local issues, organizing and educating others, writing letters, and speaking up for our public lands and wild places. They're engaged, inspired, and inspiring others.

The Ostlie sisters raised their children to appreciate and value nature. They taught them about the processes that shape the planet and the cultures that shape the environment. Nancy is transferring the energy she generated as a dedicated parent into something she calls, “work that keeps.” She has a deep commitment to protect and preserve areas where children can experience wild places.

Susan too. She believes that in order to counter all the discouraging environmental news, it's important to “do things, to get out there and work with agencies and the environmental community, and to educate current and future generations on how to be advocates and how to be in nature, comfortably, just you and the wilderness.” - Anne Benson

Diana Allison joins Board of Directors *Continued from page 3*

grade students in the inner city. She also ran for a Utah State Senate seat in 1990.

Diana first heard about Broads while vacationing in Yellowstone National Park in 2003. She was in the Freeheel and Wheel cross country ski and bike shop in West Yellowstone when she ran into a group of Broads who, along with others, were protesting excessive snow machine use in the Park. (That was Broads first trip to Yellowstone to protest the Park's snow machine plan. We joined the rally again in 2004.) That's when she met Sally Ferguson, a Broad from Boise, Idaho, and

took her card thinking, “this is an interesting group.” She didn't follow through with contacting Sally until a few years later. On a trip to see her sister in Brownsville, Oregon, she stopped to visit a good friend who happened to live across the street from Sally. Sally tucked a Broadsides under Diana's windshield wiper the next day and Diana followed through.

Diana has a great interest in connecting children with wild places. “Children need that experience so they learn to cherish wild places and become stewards themselves.” It may be that she'll take an active role in developing

Broads “Broader Horizons” program where we connect Broad grandmothers with youngsters in wilderness experiences and appreciation.

“Broads is an organization whose mission and values I hold personally and passionately,” she said. She was welcomed onto the Board in August.

For more information about the Board of Directors responsibilities (or to apply for a Board position, yourself), go to <http://greatoldbroads.org/director-responsibilities/>

Less Wild Pinnacles National Park bill introduced

Pinnacles National Monument, California, is a step closer to becoming the country's 59th National Park. On August 1, 2012, the House of Representatives passed Rep. Sam Farr's (D-CA) bill, H.R. 3641, to elevate the National Monument to a National Park. The 26,000-acre site has played a critical role in the recovery of the California condor. It's not all good news, however. To get the bill passed through the House, Farr enlisted the aid of Republican Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA) as cosponsor. The Grand Old Party demanded that, to get their support, he would need to drop a proposed 3,000-acre expansion of wilderness in the park. H.R. 3641 moves to the Senate sans additional wilderness.

Outdoor recreation industry plays their ace in Utah

Numerous studies, dating back to the 1990s and before, have shown that wilderness and protected public lands are a boon to local economies - creating jobs, providing for recreation and solitude, and inviting tourism and community development. This August, The Outdoor Industry Association (OIA), which brings an estimated \$42.5 million annually to Utah's economy with their conferences, argued that state and national economies are similarly affected by well-managed public lands. OIA, which holds its nationally-acclaimed Outdoor Retailer Markets in Salt Lake City twice each year, delivered an ultimatum to the state of Utah during the week of their Summer Market in August. In a letter to Gov. Herbert, the OIA Board said, "recently, the industry is often

surprised and frustrated by Utah's unfavorable positions on public lands policy. Beyond setting bad national precedent, these policies threaten the recreation infrastructure that is fundamental to the outdoor industry. It should be the rare exception, not the rule, for Utah's leadership and congressional delegation to announce or implement policies with little to no consultation or warning for the companies whose lives depend on a well-managed outdoors." Noting that the "political climate" of a state that hosts their events is a deciding factor in locating

Sea and is waiting for the end of the whaling season to get permission to do preliminary drilling in the Beaufort Sea, also. In the Arctic, the foundational well - also called a top hole - starts with a 20-by-40 foot excavation into the seafloor called a mud-line cellar. These mud-line cellars are expected to provide some protection to future well sites against ice floes that reach to the sea floor. Good luck with that.

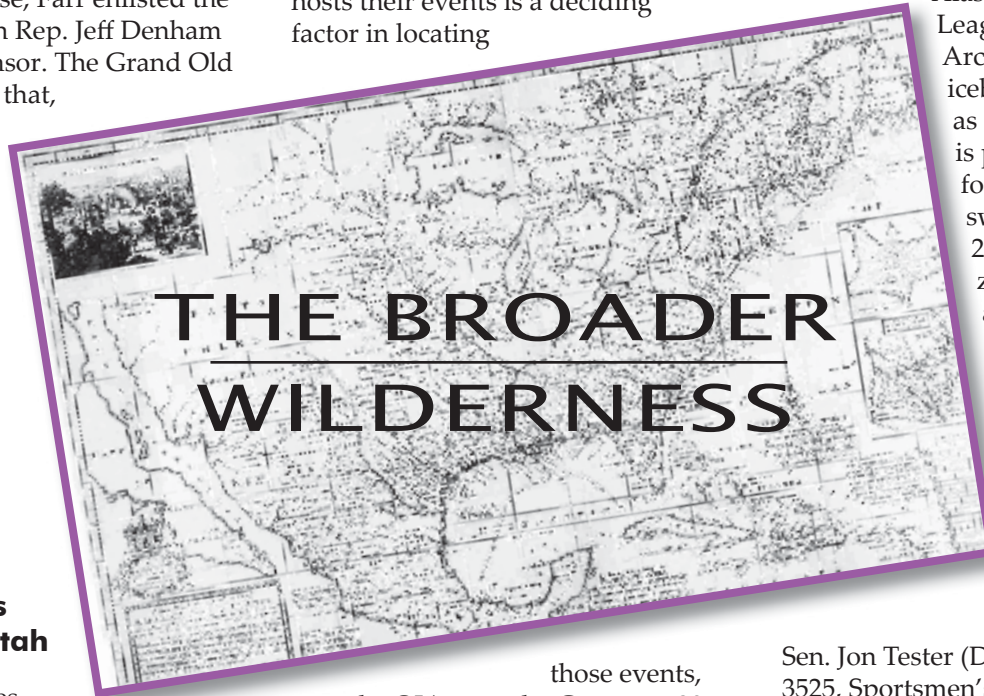
As Cindy Shogan, Executive Director, Alaska Wilderness League notes, "The Arctic Ocean, where icebergs can be as tall as apartment buildings, is prone to hurricane-force storms, 20-foot swells, sea ice up to 25 feet thick, sub-zero temperatures and months-long darkness. There is no proven way to clean up an oil spill in these extreme conditions."

Revised Sportsmen's Act introduced

Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) introduced S. 3525, Sportsmen's Act of 2012, in mid-September. The act combines 16 Senate and House bills into one legislative package that support hunting, fishing and recreational activities and habitat conservation programs.

Our opinion of this bill is that it is much better than what the House started with but it still buckles to the National Rifle Association and self-interest with its directive to exclude ammunition and fishing tackle (often containing lead - and deadly to carrion-eaters and life forms that rely on our lakes and streams) from regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency. Find a good overview of the Act on the Senate Republican Policy Committee site - www.rpc.senate.gov/legislative-notices/legislative-notice-s-3525_the-sportsmens-act-of-2012

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those events, the OIA gave the Governor 30 days to develop a more collaborative approach.

Shell Oil cancels 2012 Arctic drilling season

Shell Oil announced in August that it is abandoning its drilling operations this year in America's Arctic Ocean. As conservationists have claimed all along, drilling is nearly impossible in the Arctic's harsh and icy conditions, and this reality has been coupled with the fact that Shell Oil is not ready to clean up a spill. In a continuing list of difficulties, Shell's latest announcement was that the "Arctic Challenger's" containment dome - a technology made infamous by the Gulf oil spill - was damaged, proving that Shell is not prepared to drill. However, Shell hopes to continue to drill "top holes" in the Chukchi

Roadless Rule Stands

The Supreme Court unanimously turned away an appeal by the State of Wyoming to review a federal rule that bars road building on 50 million acres of roadless land in our national forests. The “roadless rule,” signed by President Bill Clinton in 2001, has been hotly contested by logging, mining, and drilling industries and several states ever since.

The Denver-based 10th Circuit Court of Appeals had overturned a decision by Cheyenne-based U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer who decided the rule created a de facto wilderness area and the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit had also upheld the rule in a separate case. However, the roadless rule does not prohibit motorized uses or bicycles in Inventoried Roadless Areas as a wilderness designation does. It just prohibits the construction of “roads” in roadless areas. “The Supreme Court action validates arguably one of most important public land conservation policies in a generation,” said Jane Danowitz, director of the Pew Environment Group. “Without the roadless rule and its national standard of protection, these millions of acres of pristine forest land could be opened to a variety of development, including logging, mining and drilling.”

There is still a challenge to the rule in Alaska but with the highest court in the land rejecting a hearing of the Wyoming challenge, we are hopeful that the Alaska challenge too will be denied.

Greater Canyonlands Broadwalk

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Greater Canyonlands protection proposal is the donut surrounding it, and would expand protections to include up to an additional 1.4 million acres of BLM land and about 300,000 acres of U.S. Forest Service land. In July 2006, at Grand View Point in Canyonlands National Park, former Secretary Udall said, “If I were young enough, I would work to expand Canyonlands National Park to its original million acres.” He then continued, “I have been saying for decades . . . the most beautiful scenic area in the world is the Colorado Plateau.” Stewart Udall died on March 20, 2010, but the dream of a more fully protected region did not. The members of the Protect Greater Canyonlands coalition share this vision and are working to protect these unparalleled lands from off-road vehicle and grazing abuse, proposed uranium and tar sand mining, and oil and gas development.

Hikes and outings throughout the weekend offered rich learning experiences and fun. Behavioral Ecologist Dr. Pete Stacey revealed the complexities of healthy functioning stream systems. Dave Erley of the Grand Canyon Trust led a day-long outing showing us ecological damage, land resilience, and archaeological treasures. SUWA Attorney, Liz Thomas

shared the route of the most recent proposed ATV trail Right of Way on the doorstep of the park and the group wrote comments to the BLM. Ashley Korenblatt of Western Spirit Cycling explained her work bringing the business and conservation communities together to promote healthy landscapes while maintaining appropriate recreational access.

Four rich days of presentations, hikes and participant interaction simply can’t be captured in a short article. Skip Mitas, a member of the Reno Broadband, remarked, “I feel like I should be getting college credit.” Take heart knowing that there are groups working in innovative ways expanding the coalition of supporters, reaching out to the business community, educating future generations, seeking alternatives, and most importantly getting people out on the land to learn about and establish a personal relationship with these places as ancient peoples have for thousands of years, with the red earth, the silence, the sun, wind, and stars.

Author Edward Abbey described the Canyonlands as “the most weird, wonderful, magical place on earth—there is nothing else like it anywhere.” Let’s keep it that way!

For more information, go to suwa.org/issues/greatercanyonlands.

Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary Celebration Gets Underway



work together in the months leading up to the actual anniversary—

The 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act celebration kicked off in August as federal land management agency leaders and conservation groups agreed to

September 2014—to raise awareness of the benefits and values of wilderness.

The formal memorandum of understanding signed by these leaders commits the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service along with 15 nonprofit groups to team up to develop and implement

nationwide 50th-anniversary education programs, activities, events, and products to celebrate the establishment of our National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS) and to convey the ecological and social benefits of an enduring wilderness resource to the American people.

For help in planning an event in your area, go to www.wilderness.net/50th.

CO – Mile High Broadband Joins BioBlitz

Co-leaders of the Mile High Broadband seized a unique opportunity to participate in the 2012 BioBlitz and Biodiversity Festival at Rocky Mountain National Park in August. Chris Shaver and Pat Welch said, "We had a blast!" The Broadband was one of 45 exhibitors and they had a steady stream of visitors to their booth. They estimate that they talked to at least 300 children and 75 adults about wilderness and the Great Old Broads over the two days of the festival. They talked with people from Virginia, Texas, Nebraska, Washington, Montana, and Idaho as well as all over Colorado.



Mile High Broadband leaders Pat Welch, left, and Chris Shaver talk to one of 300 children who visited their booth at the 2012 BioBlitz and Biodiversity Festival in Estes Park, CO.

The Colorado event was organized by the National Park Service and National Geographic Society to better understand, appreciate, and protect this national treasure (Rocky Mountain National Park). Part scientific endeavor, part festival, and part outdoor classroom, BioBlitz 2012 (a 24-hour species count and festival) brought together 200 leading scientists and naturalists from around the country, thousands of local citizens of all ages, and nearly 1,000 students from around the state.

The 2013 BioBlitz is on May 17 and 18 at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in New Orleans. Previous events were in Saguaro National Park in Arizona, Biscayne Bay in Florida, and at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

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Broadband Leader Boot Camp 2013

Plans are in the works for the 2013 Broadband Leader Boot Camp. Time and place are yet to be determined. Volunteer leaders are trained in Broad-style activism, grassroots organization, communication, lobbying skills, wilderness history, documentation of on-the-ground abuses, and Broads positions on issues such as grazing, off-road vehicles,

and oil, gas, and mineral development. Boot Camps are typically held in the spring at locations that are within a half-day drive from Broads Headquarters in Durango, Colorado. Sound interesting? It is!

To apply for the 2013 Boot Camp, go to greatoldbroads.org/get-involved/broadbands/boot-camp-ap/

CO - Four Corners Broadband Hosts House Creek Broadwalk

In late July, members of the Four Corners Broadband gathered at House Creek Campground on McPhee Reservoir just outside Dolores, Colorado, for their first ever local Broadwalk. Co-leader Holly Rankin coordinated with the Tres Rios Office of the U.S. Forest Service to get Broads on the ground with GPS equipment, cameras, and travel maps to compare the Forest Service maps with actual on-the-ground conditions in the Boggy Draw area. Routes that are on the maps but not actually on the ground can be removed from

their planning maps, while roads that do exist but have problems such as bad drainage or rutting can be added to the Forest Service maintenance lists.

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Co-leader Holly Rankin, hands out monitoring assignments during their House Creek Broadwalk. Jay Culver and Suzanna Jones await instructions. Photo by Broadband co-leader Laurie Parkinson.

Fourteen Four Corners Broads (and Bros) spent the main part of Saturday in teams documenting the conditions of forest roads, scrambling over rocky terrain and peeking through scrub for signs of use by motorized vehicles, bicycles, cows, wildlife, and/or humans. They gathered back at camp mid-afternoon for a rest, a swim, and a little socializing. The swim was cut short by lightning strikes overhead and in the nearby hills. Holly had just enough time to prepare a great Dutch oven meal before the deluge. It was a hell of a storm. Marietta Eaton, Manager of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument yelled out her presentation over the sound of rain gushing off the canopies, wind howling, and claps of deafening thunder all around. The group all felt very much alive (if a little cold and quite wet).

WA – Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband Dungeness Broadwalk *by Laurie Kerr*

The Dungeness River Broadwalk held in Septembr in the Olympic National Forest with the Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband was an absolute success! Broads arrived from Washington, Oregon, and Arizona to share and learn about wilderness issues in the Olympics as they camped next to the Grey Wolfe River, located near Sequim, Washington. Speakers included Scott Hagerty, USFS soil scientist, who discussed the impacts of past management actions and the proposed Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic River Act on the Dungeness River watershed.

The current and future health of nearby beaches and marine life following the aftermath of the Japan tsunami was the focus of the presentation by Carol Bernthal, Superintendent of the Olympic National Marine Sanctuary. Carol stressed the importance of not using disposable plastics, especially Styrofoam, because they often end up as ocean litter with disastrous consequences for wildlife.

On Saturday, John Woolley of the Olympic Forest Coalition escorted the broads on a rugged 8-mile hike to alpine Silver Lake while Tim McNulty, poet and Wild Olympics activist, led a less strenuous 5-mile hike in proposed wilderness and the Buckhorn Wilderness. Around the evening campfire, Tim shared his poetry based on his life living on the Olympic Peninsula. Both John and Tim have been active in Olympic Peninsula National Park and wilderness issues for over 30 years. Both hiking groups observed old growth Douglas fir, hemlock, western red cedar, and Sitka spruce trees among the forest canopy layers. Above the tree line occasional glimpses of the spectacular Olympic Mountains were seen. Following the hikes, the Broads were treated to a catered Teriyaki/Thai dinner.

The Sunday morning speaker, Connie Gallant, President of the Wild Olympics Coalition, highlighted several women activists who had been important in protecting the wild and beautiful places on the Olympic Peninsula, including Polly Dyer, Rosalie Edge, and Bonnie Phillips. Broads followed up by writing letters in support of the recently introduced Olympic Peninsula Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.



Members of the Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband, or perhaps wood nymphs, find a good leanin' tree (a 750-year-old Douglas fir) during their Dungeness Broadwalk. Photo by Orin Glick.

The Broadwalk was well attended, with 14 women and one man participated, ranging in age from 53 to 86 (proof-of-age was not required). The weather the entire weekend was superb, and the Broads also found time in the busy schedule for socializing, imbibing, and just having fun!

OR – Willamette Valley Broadband Monitors Steens Mountain

In September, the newly formed Willamette Valley Broadband stepped up to lead a restoration and monitoring event in partnership with the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) as part of a legal settlement with the BLM regarding bulldozing of the Burnt Car Road in the Steens Mountain Wilderness in southeastern Oregon. The group took photos and documented poor grazing management, motorized vehicle activity in the area, and, most importantly, the BLM's failure to comply with the mandated restoration of illegally constructed roads. The extremely poor conditions were disheartening

but the ONDA attorneys responded immediately by sending a letter off to the BLM lawyers, complete with photos and maps. Jefferson Jacobs, ONDA's Wilderness Stewardship Coordinator, thanked the Broadband for their work. "Your reams of photographs have proven extremely useful."



Joan Williams of the Willamette Broadband hikes on the summit ridge of Steens Mountain. Broads learned about threats to the Steens Mountain summit proposed by multiple wind power projects.

BROADWALK: WEITAS CREEK, ID

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maybe to Montana, but not Idaho. It is considered a wet belt or interior rain forest, with some of the most ancient forests on the continent. Weitas Creek lies predominantly in the cedar-hemlock-pine ecosystem. To bring home the immensity of this roadless land we learned that “if you were to walk to the famous Idaho Sawtooths, some 150 miles south, you would cross but one road.”

Twenty-six Broadwalkers gathered from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, New Mexico, and Colorado to learn about and help with monitoring in the Clearwater Basin of Central Idaho. Our first evening, we were welcomed by Linwood Laughy, master storyteller and former outfitter of the Clearwater, and Friends of the Clearwater (FOC) staff, Brett Haverstick and Gary Macfarlane. Brett was instrumental in planning this Broadwalk along with Cindy Magnuson and Ashley Lipscomb, Palouse Broadband leaders in Moscow, Idaho.

On Friday morning, Katie from the USFS, brought us up to date on the latest USFS budget cuts—now even more severe with the on-going combining of the Clearwater NF and the Nez Perce NF into one new entity. FOC’s Brett and Gary provided information on our day’s proposed monitoring activities. We traveled two hours by car to the Lolo motorway atop the ridges surrounding the basin to monitor ORV and motorcycle use on popular trails from the saddle.

Saturday brought a special experience with Linwood who guided us on an interpretive hike along the Lolo Trail. This is also the Lewis and Clark route where they nearly starved to death, and the Nez Perce Trail, used to gain access to the buffalo plains. We stopped frequently to hear Lin’s fascinating historical tales from the Lewis and Clark journals that

coincided with our location and what we were seeing.

We also learned that Lin had been a major leader/champion in the “Megaloads” controversy, as founder of Fighting Goliath. In 2009, Idaho’s governor approved Exxon Mobil’s conversion of Highway 12 into an



Broadwalker Susan Kolb enjoys the views of the Weitas.

industrial truck route for the transport of giant mining equipment (3 stories tall, 2/3 length of a football field, and wider than both lanes on the highway). Exxon’s mining equipment, made in Asia and routed up the rivers to Lewiston, Idaho, was bound for the tar sands of Alberta, Canada. Highway 12 follows the Lochsa-Clearwater Wild and Scenic River corridor that bisects the basin ending at Lolo Pass into Montana. Due to Lin’s efforts to educate the public, gain legal support, and collaborate with multiple environmental groups, Fighting Goliath was successful in stopping the use of Highway 12 for Exxon’s megaload transport. Sometimes the people win ... but there are always more challenges. For more details see www.fightinggoliath.org.

Saturday evening, Jonathon Oppenheimer of the Idaho Conservation League gave a presentation on the Clearwater Basin

Collaborative. Michael Garrity, Executive Director of the Alliance for the Wild Rockies spoke to this model and noted his organization’s support for the Weitas Creek wilderness. The “collaboration” model is one of the hottest issues today in the environmental arena. Some environmental groups are participating in flawed collaborative processes with federal agencies and other interested parties. Collaborations typically include the full range of stakeholders, including those with corporate interests desiring fast-track access to public lands. This model can divide the environmental community if stakeholders are omitted and consensus not reached. Often these proposed “solutions” contradict public interest and the guidance of our bedrock environmental laws that have suffered from lack of enforcement by our public agencies.

Sunday began with a presentation by George Nickas of Wilderness Watch. We were then treated to a private tour of the historic Lochsa Ranger Station, which offered depictions of how former Rangers used pack trains of horses and mules and a system of lookout towers to meet their regular monitoring and management duties. We had a lovely conversation with Connie, a retired USFS Wilderness Ranger who recalled these earlier days and compared them with the current management practices, using motorized patrol and helicopters.

As the day had heated up and we were in the basin rather than above it as we had been the last two days, many opted for a refreshing swim in the Selway River. Some even opted to play the lemming game with a “Broad sweep” into the water all at once!

We polished off the evening once again with a joyous happy hour and letter writing campaign to our legislators urging wilderness designation for the Weitas Creek area.

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BROAD SENSE: ANTHROPOCENE

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rules as everyone else. It perpetuates the logic that we rule the sandbox, and if a creature doesn't like it, she can just go find another planet or go extinct. There are precious few of the big, charismatic animals (elk, elephants, tigers, polar bears) that do very well in human landscapes. And the smaller critters don't fare much better, except perhaps for rats, coyotes, cockroaches, ants, and other familiar neighborhood residents. Is this really a world we want to leave for our great grandchildren?

To those of us who've been at it for a while, the idea of "jettisoning our idealized notions" is truly insulting. It is lacking in humility, generosity, and fairness. We are, in fact, in the midst of the Sixth Great Extinction already. We are now the most ubiquitous and impactful species on earth, but that doesn't give us the right to merely look the other way as species after species "wink out." A great many of those species rely on large, relatively untrammelled tracts of land and sea, and the burgeoning human population is ever expanding into those areas. The Breakthrough

Institute's "more optimistic, human friendly vision" is only optimistic and friendly for humans. Oh, and a few of the organisms such as cattle, corn, rice, and poultry that thrive in the places we've appropriated for ourselves.

Karieva, et al maintain that while traditional conservation has won a few battles in preserving some wilderness in parks and game preserves, we have lost the battle to conserve species. It is true that there are many species currently on a downward trend that may be gone within the next century or two. But to assume that there is no hope of altering that trajectory; to simply throw in the towel on the concept of sharing the Earth with our fellow travelers, seems a mighty selfish position.

The Breakthrough Institute is comprised of many highly educated and honorable people, and has delved into a great many issues pertaining to the political, physical, and cultural realities of the human race in the 21st Century. Yet on the issues of wilderness, wildlife, and habitat connectivity, its stance of

elevating the human race above all else is a chilling concept, denying our connectedness to all things.

At the risk of sounding non-pragmatic or romantic, I submit that we humans are made of the same stuff and share the same fate as the grizzly bears, lichens, and bluefin tunas. All of us are subject to the constraints of our habitats and the resources therein. We ignore these limits at our own peril and, equally importantly, at the peril of all our fellow Earthlings.

Somehow, the human race must learn to practice some restraint. As Wallace Stegner said in *All the Little Live Things*, "It is the beginning of wisdom when you recognize that the best you can do is choose which rules you want to live by, and it's persistent and aggravated imbecility to pretend you can live without any."

The challenge of the wilderness advocate is to communicate the value of wild, untrammelled places, of allowing some places to remain free (as free as possible) of human tampering.



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