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SPORTSMEN'S HERITAGE ACT POSES THREAT TO HISTORICAL PROTECTIONS

by Ronni Egan

Even with the 112th Congress's penchant for creating misleading, inscrutable titles for legislation, H.R. 4089, the Sportsmen's Heritage Act, may be one for the record books. This "heritage" act, which has already passed through the House of Representatives, threatens to warp and/or destroy much of the long-standing natural resource protection provided by The Wilderness Act, and other legislation. Previous Acts of Congress such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act not only protect land and water from abuse, but by extension, protect the habitat that American sports-"men" depend upon.

An analysis by Wilderness Watch puts it into perspective: "Congress is on a rampage of trying to overturn environmental rules that have great importance in maintaining sustainable wildlife populations in country ever-more populated by humans. The Wilderness Society (TWS) calls it 'a sneak attack on wilderness



Fishing anyone? The Wilderness Act and the Clean Water Act (among others) are threatened by the Sportsmen's Heritage Act. Above, the West Dolores River in the Lizardhead Wilderness, CO.

protection.' Its convoluted language would require that most National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands be managed with hunting, fishing and recreational shooting as top priority. This potentially means that habitat management including roads, structures and dams could be built in designated wilderness if they are deemed necessary for game management. It allows hunters and anglers to drive into wilderness if they are engaged in hunting or fishing. This, of course, flies in the face of nearly 50 years of wilderness protection and is being fought by the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, TWS and The Campaign for America's Wilderness,

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The Telluride Mountainfilm Festival, held over Memorial Day weekend, is always a stimulating and inspirational experience, and 2012 was no exception. The theme this year was human population growth, with all its ramifications, which seemed entirely appropriate now that we are 7 billion.

Paul Ehrlich, author of *The Population Bomb* in 1968, was among the speakers, as were a number of other scientists, writers and filmmakers engaged in this issue.

I left with feelings of despair, frustration and, yes, even hope. Long before I came to work for Great Old Broads, the population issue was foremost in my mind. I'd traveled in India and Nepal in the 1960s and in China and Tibet (yes, I consider them two different countries) in the 1980s, so the reality of overpopulation is very clear to me.

We've all seen the graphs and charts depicting human numbers and their meteoric rise beginning with the Industrial Revolution. Our impressive proliferation corresponds to equally impressive failures of other species and has been stoked by cheap and easily acquired fossil fuels. But we've come to a point at which our desire for more of everything is bumping up against the reality of a finite planet.

Currently our politicians wring their oratorical hands over the economy's "slow growth" and most want to extract as much petroleum and coal as fast as we can to get the economy "growing" again. Our esteemed leaders (and those who aspire to lead) cry for more jobs and more resources to power those jobs even as we wilderness



IN A BROAD SENSE

7 Billion (humans) and Counting

activists plead for conservation and restraint, which are both politically unattractive concepts in the U.S.A. these days. Yet very few environmental organizations dare to address the population issue publicly for fear of being labeled racist or xenophobic, as if the issue was limited to certain populations or nations.

While Great Old Broads is among the hundreds of other environmental groups that don't posit an official position on human population or how our growth and resource

consumption patterns relate to wilderness preservation, our work certainly deals with human impacts on wild places and the

creatures that rely on them. Virtually every aspect of wilderness protection and preservation is affected by our burgeoning numbers. From anti-environment legislation passed in the current Congress, to the "drill baby drill" mantra for fossil fuel extraction, to the devastating impacts of improperly managed grazing and motorized use of our public lands, the pressures of a resource-hungry world are grinding away at wildlife habitat, clean air and water, and biodiversity in general. Indeed, the notion of preserving wilderness for its own sake seems to be losing ground even in some environmental quarters.

Case in point: Peter Kareiva, Robert Lalasz, and Michelle Marvier (two of whom work for The Nature Conservancy) assert in *Breakthrough Journal* that in the 21st Century, "conservationists will have

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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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RIO GRANDE BROADBAND BROADWALK: VALLES CALDERA PRESERVE, NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

by Susan Ostlie and Ellen Stein

"Please tell people we're open!" pleaded Jason Lott, Superintendent of Bandelier National Monument. Lott was addressing a couple dozen Broads and Bros from the Rio Grande Valley Broadband on the second night of the Broadband's first-ever Broadwalk, held in the Jemez Mountains of north central New Mexico this May. Lott spoke to the group at their camp in a rehabilitated campground surrounded by forest burned by the devastating Conchas fire. The Conchas fire burned over 150,000 acres in Bandelier, the Valles Caldera Preserve, Cochiti Pueblo, and large swaths of Forest Service and private land during the 2011 summer. Until this year's Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire, the Conchas fire was the largest in New Mexico's history. Lott and his staff have been struggling to get the public to return to Bandelier National Monument and have been coming up with creative ways to attract visitors.

Some of the Broads, hailing mostly from Albuquerque, but also Abiqui and Silver



Broadband Broadwalkers in the Valles Caldera Preserve, 2012. The Rio Grande Valley Broadband organized this full-on Broadwalk in the Jemez Mountains of Northern New Mexico. Photo by Dr. Robert Parmenter.

City, and Durango-based staff, had never been to Bandelier or the Valles Caldera National Preserve (www.vallescaldera.gov), which is a U.S. National Park Service National Natural Landmark. The Caldera is currently being considered by Congress for designation as a National Preserve under the National Park System. The group chose the Jemez Mountain area for their Broadwalk because of the unique nature

of the high altitude (8,500 ft), 89,000-acre Preserve, and because of the urgent need for developing new fire management techniques in the Southwest.

Friday, the Caldera Preserve's Director of Science and Education, Dr. Robert Parmenter, gave the Broads a thorough overview of the Preserve's history,

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Ellen Stein joins Broads staff

Broads is pleased to welcome Ellen Stein to our staff at headquarters in Durango, Colorado. Ellen was hired in March as Broadband and Membership Coordinator. She comes with more than 20 years of experience in the environmental field working in grassroots organizing, advocacy, program and organizational development, fundraising, and planning and policy. Most recently, she was the Development Director for KDUR Community Radio in Durango.

Ellen got her start in environmental advocacy in 1991 as a member of Telluride's Sheep Mountain Alliance board of directors. She was the first and founding director of the Mountain Studies Institute based in Silverton, Colorado, and was the first Executive Director for the Community Agriculture



Ellen and Earl

Alliance in Steamboat Springs. Her passion for wild places continues to fuel her life and work.

As the Broadband and Membership Coordinator, Ellen is responsible for the success of the Broadband program as well as oversight of our membership program. She has her hands full as there are currently more than

24 active Broadbands located in 15 states from Florida to Washington and from Montana to New Mexico.

Although not quite a Great Old Broad, Ellen's experience and energy belie her years. She has consistently committed herself to working to improve the quality of life on earth at the grassroots community level, as she says, "where rubber meets the road and one is most likely to be able to influence positive outcomes for people and the planet."

Of her experience so far with Broads, Ellen says she is inspired! "The Broadband Leaders and members are amazing women mostly 20 years my senior. I don't know why I was surprised, because young activists age and become older activists, but I think I mostly thought I was going back to work in the environmental advocacy field and not necessarily also with (primarily) a women's organization. I am thrilled to be supporting such an incredibly committed group of women who care as much as I do about the protection and preservation of wild places, and persevere sometimes through illness and loss to act, to serve, to educate and engage on issues that matter."

She's working hard to get up to speed on the work of Broads and connected with all Broadband Leaders.

Ellen would love to hear from members too. Drop her a line at ellen@greatoldbroads.org.

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks area - a National Monument?

Communities in southern New Mexico have sent letters to President Obama asking him to designate the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks area as a National Monument. The proposed boundaries include eight Wilderness Study Areas, which Broads supported with a Broadwalk in 2007.

The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance has helped mobilize incredible community support for Wilderness protection in Doña Ana County in recent years. Local officials, hundreds of local businesses, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces

Low-altitude air force training doesn't take off (for now)

Broads in Colorado and New Mexico weighed in on a U.S. Air Force proposal to use areas in the southern Rocky Mountains for Low Altitude Training. In September 2011, the 27th Special Operations Wing at Cannon Air Force Base, NM, released a Draft Environmental Assessment analyzing the potential impacts of conducting low-altitude flying training in Colorado and New Mexico and requested public comment. Rural and roadless/wilderness areas would be impacted by the training

Olympic National Park to expand its boundaries through the purchase of privately-owned land. Currently, only Congress can add acreage to the Park.

The Dicks-Murray proposal is similar to the Wild Olympics proposal in that it still designates as wilderness the 126,554 acres of Olympic National Forest that encircle the park and it designates 23 river systems within the park and the national forest as wild and scenic.

The Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River Act of 2012 was introduced June 21.

The Polly Dyer-Cascadia Broadband is actively involved with this campaign.

Broads Beat

Updates on issues that have seen Broad action



and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, together with thousands of Southern New Mexicans, rallied behind a Citizens' Proposal to permanently protect special places like Broad Canyon, the Organ Mountains, Potrillo Mountains and the Aden Lava Flow. Recognizing this enormous groundswell of support, Senators Bingaman and Udall introduced the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act in 2009 to protect over 400,000 acres of wild lands in Doña Ana County as Wilderness and National Conservation Areas. The bill passed committees in 2010, but in the gridlock of the final days of the 111th Congress it was not voted into law. They reintroduced the bill again in May 2011 (Organ Mountains – Doña Ana County Conservation and Protection Act) but, because of the anti-wilderness sentiment in this Congress, new strategies are being explored.

This new effort for National Monument protection is receiving wide-spread support from area communities with more than 50 business owners signing a letter to President Barack Obama.

flights resulting in 1,600 comments from local residents, Tribes, Pueblos, federal, local and state agencies, elected officials and private organizations.

Earlier this month, the Air Force determined that, because of emerging training requirements and the many public comments received on the Draft Environmental Assessment, a more detailed analysis is possibly needed so the project is on hold.

Washington's Wild Olympics proposal modified

The Wild Olympics Campaign recently acknowledged disappointment with the decision by Congressman Norm Dicks and Senator Patty Murray to drop the "willing-seller National Preserve addition" piece of their proposal, but said they understand and accept the change. The Campaign stated they continue to enthusiastically back the modified Congressional plan, which retains Olympic National Forest wilderness additions and new Wild and Scenic River designations for the Peninsula. The "willing-seller" provision would have allowed the

They hosted a Broadwalk in support of the legislation in 2009 and are planning a second this September.

Sandhill cranes dodge a bullet (literally) in Colorado

Thanks to the overwhelming public outcry against a new proposal to allow hunting of sandhill cranes in Northwest Colorado, the Colorado Dept. of Parks and Wildlife has tabled the issue. Great Old Broads and our members joined with others to protest this misguided action and definitely helped influence the outcome. Yes, those comments we ask you to submit DO make a difference.

In response to the overwhelming support demonstrated for cranes, a new non-profit organization called Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition has formed to advance the conservation and protection of cranes in Colorado. As part of their educational outreach, the first annual Celebration of Cranes Festival will be held September, 2012 in Northwest Colorado with George Archibald, founder of the International Crane Foundation as the featured speaker.



Broads Plans for Wilderness50

The 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act (September 2014) is approaching and Great Old Broads for Wilderness is on the

national team planning the celebration. The celebration will include local, regional, and national events and projects, specifically designed to educate about and elevate the profile of wilderness.

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



It's Time to Donate to Our 2012 Wild for Wilderness On-Line Auction

We're readying for our 2012 on-line auction and accepting donations of adventure trips, outdoor gear, vacation stays, restaurant meals, and more.

To donate, simply e-mail Sue at auction@greatoldbroads.org or visit our on-line donation page at greatoldbroads.org/join-or-donate/auction/auction-donation. We are also seeking corporate sponsors.

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- Frequent Flyer Miles
- Volunteer Broadband Leaders
- Donations & sponsors for our 2012 Wild for Wilderness auction

To donate Frequent Flyer miles, contact ronni@greatoldbroads.org. To inquire about being a Broadband Leader, contact ellen@greatoldbroads.org. To donate to our auction, go to greatoldbroads.org/join-or-donate/auction or e-mail Sue at auction@greatoldbroads.org.



Four Corners Broadband Leader Laurie Parkinson (second from right in the back) took some Trail Dames up Vallecito Creek near Durango after their Summit.

TRAIL DAMES PRESENT BROADS WITH AWARD

Broads discovered a 'sister' organization recently when the Trail Dames scheduled their second annual Summit at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. The Dames, mostly an eastern seaboard group, is a hiking club for women with 10 chapters and over 2,500 members.

Ellen Stein, Broadband Coordinator gave a presentation on "Broads and Advocacy" to the group and Rose Chilcoat, Associate Director opened eyes with "How Americans are Cowed – The Truth About Public Lands Grazing."

While the Broads and Dames finding each other and brainstorming ways to work together was tremendously exciting, we were treated to additional excitement when Broads was



presented with the Trail Dames "Advocate of the Year" award! This is a national award and given to the woman (or women) who most embodies determination and passion for protecting the wild spaces and trails of America.

Anna Huthmaker, their Director wrote, "when we asked for nominations for the award, the Great Old Broads came up repeatedly. When the Board voted to give you this award, I am proud to say that it was unanimous."

Lee Verner, Broads Durango-based Board Member, accepted the award on Broads' behalf. Woo hoo!! For more on the Dames visit: www.traildames.com.

This won't be the last you hear of Broads and Dames!

Great Old Broads for Wilderness 2012 Calendar of Events

Broadwalk

Weitas Wilderness Broadwalk

Location: near Lowell, ID

Dates: August 2-6, 2012

Cost: members* \$125/non-members \$150

Includes 4 nights camping, breakfast/dinner each day, hikes, speakers, service project and more! For non-campers lodging is available in Lowell at your own expense.



Weitas Creek photo courtesy of Friends of the Clearwater.

Our Palouse Broadband in Moscow, ID created this opportunity on the Clearwater National Forest in partnership with the Friends of the Clearwater to learn about and work for wilderness designation of places such as the 260,000-acre Weitas Creek Roadless Area. This low-elevation, broad river valley provides habitat for species like grey wolves, wolverines, black bear, cougar, elk, deer, and west-slope cutthroat trout along with an abundance of solitude and challenge for humans.

The Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Lochsa and Selway Rivers provide the backdrop for our long weekend where we'll learn about the wild beauty of the landscape and the threats and challenges it faces.

Register by sending payment to Broads office or visit our Broadwalk page at greatoldbroads.org/events/broadwalks to link to our on-line shopping cart.

* member rate applies to current members of Broads or Friends of the Clearwater

Meet & Greet Broads Directors

Two Public Meet & Greet Events During Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Location: Reno, NV and Alpine Meadows, CA

Dates: August 26 & 28, 2012

Cost: Free

Broads leadership will convene in Alpine Meadows, California in August for their annual Board of Directors Retreat.

To say 'thank you' to current members and engage more Broads in the work of the organization, the Board and staff will host a fun and friendly music-filled meet and greet at Reno's Patagonia Service Center, Sunday afternoon, August 26.

The Board then heads to Alpine Meadows, CA where it will host a similar gathering of Broads potluck-style on Tuesday afternoon, August 28. Check the website for more information as details are finalized. All are welcome.

Broadwalk

Protect Greater Canyonlands Broadwalk

Location: Indian Creek near Monticello, UT

Dates: September 27 – October 1, 2012

Cost: members \$125/non-members \$150

Includes 4 nights camping, breakfast/dinner each day, hikes, speakers, service project and more!

The Greater Canyonlands area is a landscape of plateaus, stunning geologic formations, 10,000 year old archeological sites, and unmatched natural beauty — including iconic Utah landmarks such as Labyrinth Canyon, Indian Creek, White Canyon, Fiddler Butte, Robbers Roost, Lockhart Basin and the Dirty Devil River. The area encompasses 1.4 million acres of Bureau of Land

Management (BLM) lands surrounding Canyonlands National Park and is one of the largest, wildest and most beautiful landscapes in the American West. President Obama has the power to protect these lands from the very real threats of potash/uranium/tar sands mining, oil and gas developments, and off-road vehicle abuse with the stroke of a pen – if we can convince him to do so.

Join us for a long weekend of adventure, learning, and fun as we learn about the threats to this region and the strategies for gaining real protection. The Greater Canyonlands Coalition includes Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Grand Canyon Trust, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Wild Utah Project and more. Getting Obama's attention and support for using his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate a Greater Canyonlands National Monument is our goal.

Space is limited. Register by sending payment to Broads office or visit our Broadwalk page at greatoldbroads.org/events/broadwalks to link to our on-line shopping cart.

Annual On-Line Auction

Wild for Wilderness On-line Auction

Dates: October 29-November 11, 2012

Location: auction.greatoldbroads.org

Just in time for your holiday shopping or a bit of self-indulgence, Great Old Broads for Wilderness is hosting our 8th annual Wild for Wilderness On-line Auction. Funds raised are used to support Great Old Broads' wilderness advocacy work.

It's not too early to donate an item or become a sponsor! Go to greatoldbroads.org/join-or-donate/auction/auction-donation.



Canyonlands from Squaw Flat Trail.

ONDA Desert Conference Sept. 20-22

The Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) announces the return of the Desert Conference this fall. Since 1978, the Desert Conference has served to bring together, inspire, and educate those who care about the high desert of the Great Basin and beyond. The conference provides a forum for land-managers, conservation organizations, academics and advocates to educate and inspire one another, and collaborate on critical desert issues.



the mountains in idyllic Bend, Oregon. The Wild & Scenic Film Festival kicks off the conference September 20 and panels will run September 21 and 22.

This year's conference features Keynote

speaker and Distinguished Professor of Philosophy Kathleen Dean Moore, guest speaker and honored poet Ursula K. Le Guin, music by local bluegrass band Truck Stop Gravy, plus panels on topics covering a variety of desert issues.

Panel topics include: Sage-grouse management and conservation, beaver recovery and stream restoration, public lands stewardship, renewable energy, habitat conservation, and much more.

Desert Conference XXVI will take place where the sagebrush sea meets



Broads teamed with ONDA to host a Broadwalk in the Spring Basin area of Oregon in 2008 to support the 6,383-acre Spring Basin Wilderness proposal. The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, which included the Spring Basin Wilderness, was signed into law by President Barak Obama on March 30, 2009.

Broads Board of Directors member, Shelley Spalding will present a short offering on "A Broad Brand of Stewardship."

To register, go to www.onda.org/desertconference.

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.

There are many mutually beneficial ways for you to support Great Old Broads for Wilderness through planned giving. Talk to your Financial Advisor about these options.

Bequest

Include us in your will with a gift of cash, property, or a portion of the estate

Appreciated Securities

Avoid capital gains tax by making a gift

Retirement Plan

Name us on your plan and avoid income tax on the plan's assets

Real Estate Gifts

Stay in your home while avoiding capital gains tax and leaving more to your heirs

Life Insurance

Write a new policy with Great Old Broads for Wilderness as a beneficiary or donate all or part of an existing policy

Other options to discuss with your Financial Advisor include:

Pooled Income Fund
Charitable Gift Annuity
Charitable Remainder Unitrust

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





Marcey Olajos

Study A Broad:

Marcey Olajos - Full Circle for the Love of

From hiking in the deserts of the American Southwest as a teen, to endowing a chair at her alma mater, Marcey Olajos' love of the American Southwest lights her path and brings her 'home.'

Marcey grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a father who loved the Grand Canyon and Southern Utah. "I began backpacking in my teens with my father," she said. "My mother was happy to stay at home and hear of our exploits when we returned."

Expecting to become a field biologist, she earned a bachelor of science degree in zoology from Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff) in 1975. Her opportunities, however, took her into fields that she didn't anticipate. Her first opportunity brought her to the laboratory of comparative physiologist, Dr. Ted Goslow where she studied locomotion in animals. That position led to her first "real" job, she said, at UCLA in the Kinesiology Department. She stayed there a year and her next opportunity brought her back to Arizona, though not into the field. "While I was deciding what path to take, I was given the chance to interview for a job in Tucson at the Veteran's hospital for a cardiology research job," she said. "Although I had no intention of staying for long, I thought the work sounded interesting, and I made the move. I ended up working for Dr. Steve Goldman for 18 years and loved it."

From then on, Marcey made her own opportunities, seemingly in a quest to return to that first dream of a life as a field biologist. In the mid 1980s, she started co-leading Sierra Club trips with her friend Bert Fingerhut. "He would put the trips together and I would do the food," she said.

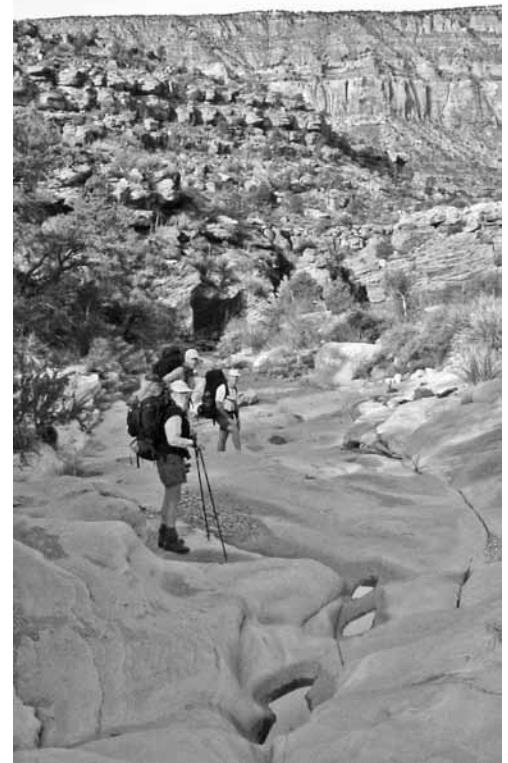
It was during her stint with the Sierra Club that she met Broads founding member Ginger Harmon. "I hiked with her in the Grand Canyon and Utah, or should I say, I tried to keep up with her through the canyons of the Southwest. Anyone who knows Ginger can't help but get swept up in her passion about issues affecting the planet."

Her next opportunity came in the early 1990s when life and love allowed her to leave the cardiology lab and see the world. "But my heart always remained in the Southwest," she said.

Shortly thereafter, Marcey was invited to be a founding Board member of a foundation begun by Hansjorg Wyss. The main focus of the Wyss Foundation is land protection in the Intermountain West. One of the Foundation's goals is to fund and empower energetic grass roots environmental organizations. (Broads has been fortunate to be among their grantees for several years.)

The Foundation also focuses on environmental education programs. "We felt there was a need within environmental education institutions for policy-based curriculum," Marcey said. She noted that the Wyss Scholars program was subsequently established and offers grants at Northern Arizona University, Yale, Montana, and the University of Michigan for the support of selected graduate students in environmental studies. "This is a program I find very exciting, as it is helping to build the next generation of land conservation leaders," she said.

In 2008, Marcey and her partner, Ron Lee, moved to Durango, Colorado. "I was happy to be in the company



Marcey and friends in the Grand Canyon.

of my good friends from Great Old Broads, Ronni Egan and Steve Allen," she said. "I have enjoyed leading trips for the Broads with Ronni and am envious of Ronni's ability to engage and energize folks from a wide range of backgrounds," she said. "Certainly, an appealing aspect of grassroots organizations is the passion of the staff for their particular issue. But passion alone does not make for a successful organization - one that can follow through on goals and gain respect in the community. I have witnessed the demise of groups who had good intentions but not the smart leadership it takes to be successful," she added. "Broads may be small in size, but they have stayed focused on their issues, enjoyed smart leadership, and have gained respect within the environmental community. Needless to say, I'm a big admirer."

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Marcey is on Broads Advisory Board. She is on the Board of the Center for Biological Diversity, a national group focused on the protection of endangered species and habitat. She is also on the Board of Durango Nature Studies, a non-profit whose role is to teach environmental studies for the public schools of Durango and the immediate Four Corners region. “I never pictured myself in a teaching role and so it was with some trepidation that I decided to participate in DNS’s program of leading groups of youngsters on field trips. Equipped with bug boxes, nets, field guides, and my note cards, it didn’t take long to realize that children love to learn and experience

the natural world. The excitement they create is contagious. It also helped that I caught a snake or two to the thrill of even those who were squeamish. It was on one such day that a little girl, following close behind me, exclaimed, ‘This is the best day ever!’ That’s all I needed to hear! Sign me up for another class!”

Her latest endeavor brings her full circle by tying her love of education, the Southwest, and the land into a neat package. Last year, she endowed the Charles Olajos (Marcey’s father), Ted Goslow Chair for Southwestern Environmental Studies and Policy at Northern Arizona University. “I considered making NAU a beneficiary

in a trust but I realized that I wanted to do something that would make a difference now,” she said. “The purpose of this Chair is to act as a linchpin for a broad programmatic theme that will tie basic science, field studies, and policy to the ‘outside world.’” Students will participate in programs that involve public lands agencies, Native American lands, and communities of the Southwest with issues affecting the land, species, and the people of this unique environment.

“In a way,” she said, “I feel as if I have come full circle from my days as a biology student.”

Sportsmen’s Heritage Act Threats

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as well as Great Old Broads for Wilderness. Supporters of the bill include the NRA, Safari Club, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Boone and Crockett. Thus, it serves as a wedge between sportsmen and conservationists, a division that our wild places can ill afford.”

This Act also proposes concurrence by a governor and a state legislature before the president could invoke the Antiquities Act to designate a national monument. Presidents since Theodore Roosevelt have used the 1906 Antiquities Act to preserve areas of cultural, historical, and natural importance, often when Congress was unwilling to act.

Today, many state legislatures, especially in the west, are decidedly wilderness-averse. Some are even going so far as to propose state takeover of federal lands to avoid protective designations and to allow

for resource development or potential privatization (e.g. Utah and Arizona).

H.R. 4089 isn’t the only attempt by this Congress to undermine standing laws that protect our wild, roadless lands:

- **The Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act, H.R. 1581**, introduced by Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-CA, is a wholesale giveaway of our public lands to corporate America. It would open up more than 43 million acres for drilling, mining, and road-building. H.R. 1581 would erase protections for 60 million acres of backcountry nationwide, eliminating the rules and regulations that keep these lands the way they are. More than 200 fish and wildlife scientists and managers, including 12 former directors of state fish and game agencies, recently united in opposition to the Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act.

- Perhaps the most recent of these dreadful assaults on our public lands is **H.R. 1505, the Border Security Bill**, introduced by Sen. Rob Bishop, R-UT, which **passed through the House on June 19**. This Bill waives 36 landmark laws (including the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Clean Air Act, hazardous waste laws, tribal preservation law, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the National Park Service Organic Act) to give the Department of Homeland Security complete “operational control” and “immediate access” to these lands. Even the Department of Homeland Security deems this bill unnecessary for its effective operation. Seems we have yet another example of political grandstanding.

Those of us born before 1950 remember clearly what life was like before the passage of our landmark

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Wilderness and Conservation Area Proposed in CA

In May, three lawmakers introduced a bill designating more than 100 miles of wilderness between Lake Berryessa and Snow Mountain in California as a national conservation area (NCA).

U.S. Reps. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, Lynn Woolsey, D-Petaluma, and John Garamendi, D-Walnut Grove, introduced H.R. 5545, which has been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. Garamendi is a member of that committee.

Stretching over 319,000 acres from Putah Creek to the peak of Snow Mountain, the area encompasses land in Napa, Mendocino, Lake and Yolo counties.

"The Berryessa Snow Mountain Region is a unique national treasure and we have a responsibility to preserve it for our kids and grandkids," Thompson said in a statement.

"Designating the region as a National Conservation Area will preserve the land, help our local economies, and protect a wide variety of plants and animals."

Northern New Mexico Wilderness proposed

Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) proposes 46,000 acres in northern New Mexico as the Carson National Forest's Columbine-Hondo Wilderness.

In late April, the Senator, with co-sponsor Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) introduced S. 2468, which he says has nearly unanimous support. Currently a wilderness study area, the area has been managed as roadless for more

than 30 years. The Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Act would also expand the Wheeler Peak wilderness area by approximately 1,000 acres.

This is the kind of wilderness bill that should sail through a functional Congress. Time will tell.

Obama Administration's Version of Broader Horizons

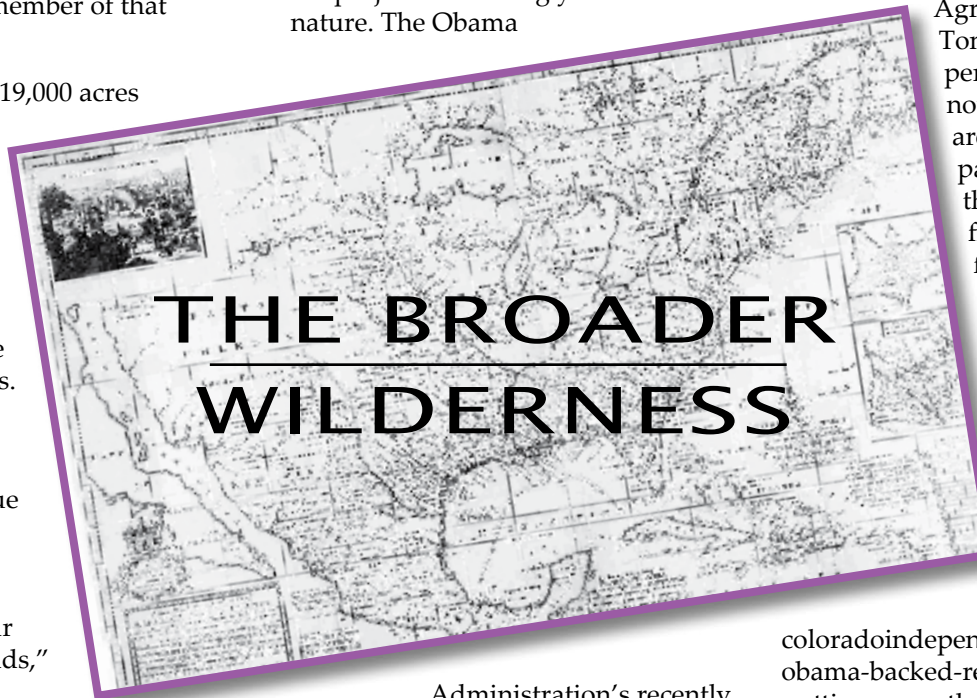
Broader Horizons is our Broadband led project connecting youth to wild nature. The Obama

Projects and work will occur in more than 15 states and include wilderness trail maintenance and restoration, internships, mentorships, invasive plant removal, native plantings, fence building, access monitoring, aquatic invertebrate sampling, erosion controls, habitat monitoring for keystone species, salmon habitat restoration and more.

"This program is putting youth to work and making our nation's public lands more accessible," said U.S.

Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "With 80 percent of our country now living in urban areas, it is through partnerships like these that we are finding opportunities for Americans to work, live and play on our forests and grasslands and experience America's great outdoors."

For state specific information, see [http://](http://coloradoindependent.com/120602/obama-backed-restoration-projects-putting-more-than-20000-low-income-youth-to-work)



Administration's recently announced version puts more than 20,000 low-income youth to work on a variety of restoration projects on public lands this summer. The Department of Interior is investing \$37.6 million in 2012 on roles for low-income people between the ages of 15 and 25. The outdoor jobs are part of Obama's broader goal to employ 250,000 low-income and disconnected youth in the coming weeks through partnerships with federal land management agencies, universities and others.

"These first experiences building trails, clearing out hazardous fuels, or cleaning up rivers not only equip young people with skills for a new career, but can also awaken a love for the outdoors that lasts a lifetime," Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a prepared statement.

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CA Court of Appeals Rule Favors Endangered Species Over 1872 Mining Law

The Federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled June 1 that the U.S. Forest Service violated the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) when the agency approved a slew of mining operations in salmon habitat in and along the Klamath River system in northern California. The new decision, issued by a majority of seven judges on the En Banc panel, reversed a lower court decision (issued in 2005) and a previous decision of a 3-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit

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(issued in 2011). The earlier decisions had affirmed the federal government's actions in approving numerous "suction dredge" and other mining operations, such as "highbanking" and "motorized sluicing," in designated "critical habitat" for the Coho Salmon, listed as a threatened species in Southern Oregon and Northern California under the Endangered Species Act. The case was brought by the Karuk Tribe of California, which initially filed the lawsuit in 2004 in federal court in Oakland. This recent decision strikes down U.S. Forest Service approvals of mining projects across the West.



Yurok Tribal members fish for Chinook in the Klamath River estuary. Photo by Matt Baun US FWS.

Beginning in 2003 and 2004, the Forest Service allowed suction dredging and highbanking/sluicing on more than 35 miles of the Klamath River and its tributaries, without conducting any public environmental reviews, without subjecting its actions to any public notice, and, importantly for this case, without any compliance with the ESA. The agency approved all of the mining via its "Notice of Intent" (NOI) process, believing this exempted them from compliance with federal environmental and wildlife protection laws.



Spawning coho salmon. Photo courtesy of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The Court rejected that claim, concluding that: "We therefore hold that the Forest

Service violated the ESA by not consulting with the appropriate wildlife agencies before approving NOIs to conduct mining activities in coho salmon critical habitat within the Klamath National Forest."

Roger Flynn, lead attorney representing the Tribe said, "The government and miners had argued that the archaic 1872 Mining Law, which is still on the books today, overrides environmental

laws such as the Endangered Species Act. The Court flatly rejected that untenable position." The law requires federal agencies to ensure mining is responsible and reasonable while protecting communities and the environment.

<http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2012/06/01/05-16801.pdf>

Death Valley "Road" Not a Road

Ruling that "if nobody built it, and nobody came, it was never there," U.S. District Judge Anthony Ishii denied Inyo County's (California) claim to a little-traveled road in Death Valley. Judge Ishii found the county failed to prove the road, which was so remote the county could not prove where it is, was a public highway.

Inyo County claims it has right of way on Last Chance Road under R.S. 2477, a 19th century federal mining law allowing 'construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for public uses,' and sued in 2006 to quiet title to rights of way on four sections in Death Valley National Park, naming the Department of the Interior, National Park Service and the superintendent of the park as defendants. In 2007, the court allowed the California Wilderness Coalition, the Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, Wilderness Society,



Looking toward the Salt Beds from Dante's View in Death Valley National Park. Photo courtesy of Death Valley National Park.

and Friends of the Inyo to join as defendants.

Key to the court's decision was the inability of the county to prove they did maintenance on the road from employee testimony or by identifying physical features on the ground. The only use known to anyone is the occasional use at some time in the past by hunters.

Ishii relied on another quiet title claim under R.S. 2477, the 10th Circuit ruling in Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance v. BLM stating, "A state's acquisition of a grant of right of way under R.S. 2477 may be found in facts that lie along a continuum whose polar ends can be described best by paraphrase from the movie 'Field of Dreams': If they built it and the travelers came, the right-of-way is there. At the other end of the spectrum it is equally indisputable that if nobody built it, and nobody came, it was never there," Ishii wrote.

Ishii rejected the county's claims that it had accepted a land grant under R.S. 2477 on the basis that "some of the roads incorporated into the Official Register of County Roads in 1948 did not actually exist at the time."

After adding Last Chance Road to the California Desert Conservation Area in 1976, Congress in 1994 tasked the National Park Service with protecting it. Ishii's ruling will make that job easier.

Mile High Broadband (CO)

A couple Great Old Broads have taken on the task of organizing a new Broadband in the Denver-Boulder area of Colorado. Chris Shaver and Pat Welch, co-leaders of the new Mile High Broadband have surveyed members and others who have taken an interest in the organization. They are also meeting with land management agencies and environmental organizations in the area to identify issues, activities and potential service projects. "There are a lot of groups involved in public land issues along the Colorado Front Range, and there's a lot to learn," says Chris, a retired attorney for EPA and the Environmental Defense Fund in Colorado, and a twenty-year program manager for the National Park Service. "We want to work with other groups and keep our members apprised of issues and opportunities, without duplicating efforts. But we are also trying to create a suite of activities that will have Broad appeal." Pat is also retired. She's an Ed Abbey fan, college

graduate at age 50, and a 10-year Special Event Administrator for an organization serving adults with developmental disabilities. She is co-leading the Mile High group "because she has been searching for a focus that would benefit others."

In response to interests of area Broads, a series of day hikes is being scheduled for the summer and fall so Broads have a chance to come together, have some fun, and learn the lay of the land. There are many state and county parks along the Front Range, and several wilderness areas in the national forests nearby so the group hopes to put the Broads Healthy Land Project toolbox to use. They're also exploring adopt-a-trail opportunities and are applying to help with a Bioblitz at Rocky Mountain National Park at the end of the summer. If you live in the Denver-Boulder area and would like to work and play with the Mile High

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Broadband Leader Boot Camp 2012

What do a wilderness backpacking trip leader, a former National Park Service attorney, and a retired school psychologist have in common? A whole lot! First and foremost, they share an acute awareness of the need to protect what's left of our wild places. They also share a concern about the lack of "curiosity-inspired exploration" among today's youth, and the moxie to get out there and do something about it as new Broadband Leaders.

Hailing from Moscow, Idaho, and Grand Junction and Denver, Colorado, these three Broads joined forces with seven other new leaders from New Mexico, California, Idaho, and Oregon at the 4th annual Broadband Leader Boot Camp. To date, approximately 65 Broads have completed the training and came away inspired, with new friends, and motivated to organize and advocate for wilderness and wild lands back home in their varying natural habitats.

Held in late March at Kelly Place, an archeological preserve near Cortez, Colorado, Boot Camp 2012 introduced the assembled Broads to grassroots organizing skills, a new landscape, public land agency staff, and management issues.

Mary O'Brien, Utah Forests Program Director for the Grand Canyon Trust and long-time friend to the Broads, introduced a Broads engagement activity – monitoring grazing conditions on public lands – and left the group full of new knowledge, inspiration, and the passion that infects anyone in Mary's presence. Shelley Spalding, Broads Board Member, Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband Leader, and Broadband Circuit Rider, spoke about



Donated beer from Carvers Brewing in Durango made sure it wasn't 'all work and no play' for the volunteer leaders at Bootcamp!

working with the Forest Service on travel planning, monitoring, road right-sizing, and motorized recreation on public lands.

We're developing and organizing for Boot Camp 2013 to be held in the spring and are hoping to entice a new batch of leaders to come forward. Not only will participants receive top shelf, grass roots leadership training at the Boot Camp but Leaders will also be invited to the Leader Rendezvous held each year in the fall. The Rendezvous provides an opportunity for renewal and reinvigoration by connecting with other Broadband leaders and sharing stories and lessons-learned.

You can apply to next year's Boot Camp through our web site at greatoldbroads.org/get-involved/broadbands/. There's a link to the application near the bottom of the page.

Broadband, just send a message to milehighbroads@gmail.com or call Chris (303-887-9923) or Pat (303-989-7685).

Rio Grande Broadband (NM)

Accustomed to planning plenty of activities for her students, since November 2011 retired teacher Susan Ostlie, with the help of Broads Board Member Sue Gunckel, has been coordinating the Rio Grande Broadband to write letters in support of transferring the Valles Caldera Trust into the National Park System; stewarding their adopted Shining River Trail on the edge of the Rio Grande river; and organizing their first Broadwalk (See page 3). Future activities include surveying members to find out their interests; hosting a training to teach Broads how to distinguish between grazed and un-grazed, healthy and poor condition lands; and becoming involved in a resource monitoring project possibly with the SW Jemez Landscape Restoration Project on the Santa Fe National Forest.



Rebecca Helianthus (foreground), with Virginia Seiser assisting, installs fence at the Valles Caldera during the Rio Grande Broadwalk.

permits to transport oversize loads on U.S. Highway 12 from Lolo Pass to the Port of Sweetgrass. Highway 12 runs along the Wild and Scenic Lochsa River and Middle Fork of the Clearwater River. The machinery's destination was the tar sands fields of Alberta, Canada, which is a whole different story.

Bozeman Broadband (MT)

Nancy Ostlie is a Master Gardener familiar with planting seeds and letting them grow. Since June 2011, she and her Broadband have been busy. They have hiked with USFS staff in the Gallatin National Forest to learn about wilderness, recreation and travel planning and management; and with university and other partners, they participated in two different 5-day backpacking trips in the Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area monitoring current land and trail conditions, wildlife, weeds, airplanes, and other wilderness impacts with GPS units and cameras. Nancy is participating in a lot of partner events, getting out there listening and learning to identify opportunities for

the Bozeman Broadband to lend its support where it is most needed – one of the things Broads does best.

Palouse and Boise Broadbands, (ID)

The two Broadbands that had joined protests against megaload shipments of oil field equipment are celebrating a win. On June 20, Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited notified the court that it had withdrawn its application for

Changing of the Guard: Broadband Leaders are Key Volunteers

Broadband Leaders are key volunteers for Broads. These Broads make a two-year commitment and in return gain the satisfaction of knowing they are making a difference on the land, in the lives of local Broads, and for future generations.

Being a Broadband Leader is both a considerable commitment and a great reward. Susan Ostlie, the second Rio Grande Broadband Leader with Sue Gunckel, says that what keeps her motivated is 15-20 local Broads (and Bros) who really enjoy being in the Broadband and are very supportive of her activities. She wants to

be able to pass on to others what healthy lands are and what wilderness is. "Essentially, it comes down to the relationships, and that Broads activities are educational and socially satisfying!" she said. "That's what keeps me motivated."

Broads staff is ever grateful to the following outgoing Broadband Leaders for their service to their local Broadband and to the national office. And we welcome incoming leaders. We are stronger because of you.

Thank you!

Our Thanks to Outgoing & Incoming Leaders

- True Flores - San Diego Broadband ⇨ NL, Maureen Phillips ☺
- Libby Ingalls and Christine Hagelin – San Francisco Broadband ∞
- Lee Verner – Four Corners Broadband ☺
- Jan Burch – Grand Junction Broadband ⇨ NL, Sherry Schenk ☺
- Pam Meier – Southern New England Broadband ∞
- Sally Ferguson – Boise Broadband ⇨ NL, Judy Ouderkirk ∞
- Palouse Broadband – NL, Ashley Lipscomb ☺
- Susan Craig and Dorothy Duff – Rio Grande Valley Broadband ⇨ NLs, Susan Ostlie and Sue Gunckel ☺
- Vicki Allen – Moab Broadband ☺
- Amy Shima – Virgin Broadband (southwest Utah) ∞
- Gretchen Siegler – Wasatch Front Broadband ∞

Key: NL = New Leader ☺ = current leaders in place ∞ = seeking new leader or co-leader

BROADWALK: JEMEZ MOUNTAINS, NM

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geology, and ecology. He supervised Broads as they installed fence to protect riparian areas from the grazing cattle that are a part of a sustainable agriculture and high-altitude livestock genetic research program with New Mexico State University.

Dr. Parmenter also supervised the removal of fencing in the Valle Grande to enable wildlife to have unfettered access to grazing and riparian areas.

Myo On Susan Linnell wrote of her experience, "Now I know. There is only one thing more satisfying than tearing out a fence high in the middle of a mountain meadow in the Jemez Mountains on a gorgeous day - doing that wonderful liberating action in the harmonious company of 24 Great Old Broads and Bros. During the work period, I looked back down the fence line at all of us spread out, cutting, pulling and bundling the barbed wire and saw that we were working in a very beautiful, quiet, connected way. I felt amazed. As we drove away, looking back from the highway, I felt a new kind of peace seeing the new space. Then I realized the fence had always caused a sorrowful reaction in me ... a tight feeling that pressed on the heart's long view of the Valles Caldera."

One of the most heartrending and informative events was the Saturday afternoon field trip with Linda Riddle, the District Ranger for the Jemez District of the Santa Fe National Forest. She and three of her rangers endeavored to teach the Broads about the SW Jemez Landscape Restoration Project, a unique interagency approach to restoring the Jemez Mountains to a manageable forest. Along with recreation planning, the Forest Service is especially seeking to avoid another catastrophic fire like the Conchas Fire of 2011 and the Cerro Grande Fire in the same area several years ago. The group observed three areas that had been thinned to make natural fires less destructive.

The field trip following this discussion took the Broads to the Conchas Fire area, which encompasses a series of

canyons that do not have one living tree for as far as the eye can see. The fire burned one acre per second, and burned more than 43,000 acres in less than 14 hours. It destroyed homes, ancient archeological sites, trails, and canyons. The devastation makes clear the need to manage the remainder of the Jemez Mountains to avoid such disastrous and uncontrollable fires in the future.

Sunday the Broads participated in hikes in the area, and visited with Dede Feldman, retiring New Mexico state legislator and

roadless and ORV-free area advocate.

Everyone came away from the Broadwalk energized and much better informed on local environmental issues. As one member noted in her evaluation survey, "It was a truly great and gratifying experience!"

The Broadband hopes to capitalize on that energy to develop a stronger and more active and effective Rio Grande Valley Broadband.

SPORTSMEN'S HERITAGE ACT THREATS

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environmental protections. We experienced Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring," the result of unregulated pesticide use. Our waterways were foul. Lake Erie was biologically dead. Cleveland's Cuyahoga River had burned at least 13 times, beginning in 1898, until its 1969 conflagration caught the attention of Time Magazine, igniting the push to reduce water pollution and other environmental abuses. It spurred the passage of the Clean Water Act and the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA.) Now all of these laws are under attack by "free market" zealots who want to see regulations weakened or removed in the name of "job creation" and free enterprise.

What does all of this have to do with wilderness? In 1969, the population of the U.S. was about 200 million. Most homes were under 1,500 square feet. Families had only one car. And people were just beginning to jet around the globe. People now number well over 300 million, and our collective demand for natural resources is exploding all over the world. Some estimates speculate we'd need at least 1.5 to 2 whole planets like Earth if everyone were to attain the American standard of living. It's not rocket science to imagine that wild places all over the world will soon be on the resource extraction table.

Indeed, no other country currently protects wild, roadless places to the extent that the U.S. does. If our bedrock

environmental laws are weakened or repealed, can The Wilderness Act be far behind? Big Oil, Big Banking and Big Ag would love to sink their fangs into what's now off limits.

That's why Great Old Broads, and our colleagues in the wilderness movement have our work cut out for us. We sure don't want to see our hard-won protections dumped, in the name of growing the economy, or freeing up big business to go back to its destructive practices. We must use our collective passion for leaving future generations with a livable planet to thwart these attempts to plunder what's left.

There are things we can do! We need to be relentless at telling Congress exactly what we think of their proposals to weaken our country's environmental protections. We can commit to becoming better informed. We can add our voices to the many who have stepped into the fray. And we can commit to individual actions - from conserving our local/personal resources to standing stalwart on the steps of Congress in defiance of resource-gobbling policies.

Please get involved, if you haven't already. Seek out your local Broadband (or start one!). Go to our web site (greatoldbroads.org/get-involved/broadbands/) for a list of all of our Broadbands.

Find information about pending legislation and your representatives at govtrack.us/. Find your state and federal elected officials' contact information at usa.gov/.

BROAD SENSE: 7 BILLION AND COUNTING

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to jettison their idealized notions of nature, parks, and wilderness... and forge a more optimistic, human-friendly vision..." Unfortunately, this approach only promotes the misguided notion that humans can continue our use and abuse of Earth and her resources without regard to the needs of our fellow Earthlings and the delicate balances of air, water, land, and species that we've so disrupted. Kareiva, et al, go on to assert that true wilderness hasn't existed since the dawn of agriculture, and that all landscapes have felt the "managing" hand of man.



Clearcut and attendant roads, Fridley Creek, Gallatin NF, MT, photo by George Wuerthner.

Of course, humans have historically occupied or made use of much of the land that is today designated Wilderness, but that was long before we numbered 7 billion. This new geologic era, coined the Anthropocene, is demarcated by the evidence of significant impact of human activities on the earth's ecosystems. There is no precise start date, but atmospheric accounts suggest it started in the late 18th Century at the start of the Industrial Revolution.

Fortunately, *Breakthrough Journal* also asked Kieran Suckling, executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) to respond to this essay. Suckling correctly points out that most wilderness areas contain grazing domestic livestock and the infrastructure that they require, as well as trails, bridges, fences, and even mining claims. These practices will continue into the indefinite future, although there are several bills currently pending in Congress that seek to dilute the

"gold standard" protections afforded by the Wilderness Act. (See the front page story of this issue for a discussion of one such bill, the Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012.) In fact, attempts to open protected

the general public and members of environmental organizations to endorse and forward these leaders' views to their congressional representatives."

It has been determined that no matter what we do, Earth's human family will number nine billion long before the end of this century. I confess that in my darker moments I fear that by that time the protections that we've worked so hard to gain for what's left of our wilderness will have been stripped away to feed the rapacious appetites of our species.

That fear doesn't stop me from continuing to work

to expand those protections, though. It is my belief that we "two-leggeds" must eventually embrace our membership in the biosphere and come to terms with our biological limits. And I believe that working to protect wilderness for wilderness sake is vitally important to our species' survival. It remains at the heart of our mission as Broads.

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Two groups that have stepped up to the plate on the population issue are the CBD with its population website, www.7billionandcounting.org, and its Endangered Species Condoms; and the more recently formed group ApplyTheBrakes.com (of which I am a member). ApplyTheBrakes is comprised of conservation leaders who are willing to speak out on population issues in the U.S.A. We take a "comprehensive approach to sustainability and invite

Contact the Center for Biological Diversity (www.biologicaldiversity.org) and have them send you a box of beautifully packaged Endangered Species Condoms to amaze and amuse your friends at the next barbecue. We can't afford to be polite anymore, pretending not to notice that the elephant in our living room is US!

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