



WILDERNESS PROTECTION ON BLM LANDS IN DOUBT - AGAIN

BY RONNI EGAN

It feels like it was only a few months ago that the wilderness community was celebrating Interior Secretary Salazar's new Wild Lands order. That was the order that instructed the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to again consider wilderness quality on the lands it manages, along with the multiple other uses to which those lands are subject. Actually, it really was just last December that the order circumventing the infamous Norton-Leavitt "No More Wilderness" agreement signed by Interior Sec. Gale Norton and Utah Gov. Leavitt in 2003, was issued. (See Spring 2011 Broadsides)

In effect, Salazar's Wild Lands order simply restated the BLM's Congressional directive to consider, inventory, and protect lands with wilderness qualities in its land management planning. But the knee-jerk reaction against wilderness in some western states caused all sorts of mayhem to occur. Salazar was accused of back-



The Santa Cruz Broadband hikes near the border between Arizona and Mexico.

room dealing and usurping the power of Congress to designate wilderness. (It's interesting that these same folks had no problem with the truly back-room dealing in the case of the No-More Wilderness order.)

The misinformation and inaccurate interpretations of the order flew fast and furious in statehouses from Montana to Utah, with outraged cries of "Federal land grab" and "denying public access" splashed across editorial pages. Utah Gov. Gary Herbert filed suit against the Interior Department, and was joined by Wyoming and Alaska, and Congress voted to de-fund the measure in the 2011 budget bill.

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On a truly ugly, snowy Saturday in early April a small band of Great Old Broads and Bros traveled to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office in Monticello, Utah. Their gumption was truly heroic, not only in the face of the inclement weather, but also because of the nature of their mission. The 20 hardy souls came from as far away as Grand Junction and Durango, Colorado and from as near as Blanding and Bluff, Utah.



IN A BROAD SENSE

The Importance of Simply Showing Up

The occasion was a rally sponsored by the local ATV club, San Juan Entry and Access Rights (SPEAR) to give voice to their frustration over the closure of the illegally constructed ATV trail in Recapture Canyon east of Blanding, UT about 25 miles to the south. The trail was closed to motorized travel in 2007, but has remained open to foot and horse travel.

Most readers will likely recall that Great Old Broads has been involved in this situation since 2006 and that most recently two Blanding men confessed to helping construct the trail, were fined \$35,000, and given probation by a Federal judge.

Broads role in this scenario was to keep some pressure on the BLM to find and punish the perpetrators. This gave the beleaguered agency personnel some badly needed support to pursue the criminal investigation.

Since the closure of the trail, the loudest local voices in the area have been those of

a few extreme anti-federal-government, states-rights types who have always loathed "the Feds" and have, up to now, demanded and often gotten, their own way on the American public's lands in Utah managed by the BLM and U. S. Forest Service.

Once the sentences were meted out to the offenders, the local outrage expanded to encompass the "rich, overprivileged old white women" from the "latte shops of Durango" along with the BLM. Some wag posted the notorious

"Wanted Dead or Alive" posters near the trail in hopes of intimidating us, and a few locals remain convinced that

Great Old Broads for Wilderness can force the agencies to do our bidding. If only it were true! But I digress.

The importance of what the group of 20 Broads and Bros (who were outnumbered, 10 to one by disgruntled ATV enthusiasts) did that day was to stand up to the bullying and lies of the more outspoken of the motorized, constitutionalist crowd, and to do so with the grace, fortitude, and humor that are our trademarks.

I have never been as proud of our organization as I was that stormy day, and I know for a fact that the BLM personnel were glad to have us there. We certainly don't always see eye to eye with them and are often critical of management decisions (or lack thereof)

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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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BROADBAND COORDINATOR JOINS STAFF

With the number of active Broadbands across the country increasing rapidly, we determined that it was time to hire someone to coordinate the multitude of details and resources required to keep some semblance of order.

Broads found just the right person in Elsa Jagniecki. Her high energy and commitment to Broads goals ensure that our far-flung Broadbands will have the support they need to fight the battles for wild lands from their own front doors.

As the Broadband Coordinator, Elsa is charged with keeping the lines of communication open between Broadband Leaders, the home office, and each other. She provides ideas, resources and tools, and acts as a sounding board and a facilitator. She is working to keep our groups strong by assessing needs, integrating new ideas, planning for leadership succession, suggesting ways to build capacity, and providing creative approaches.

Elsa also helps to facilitate 'cross-pollination' by encouraging Broadband leaders to share stories of success, lessons learned, and other ideas that might help them to achieve their goals. She recruits new leaders and trains them at the Broadband Leader Boot Camps. Her newest project is planning a Broadband Leader Rendezvous to bring leaders together to re-energize each other around their passions for wild places and public lands.



Broads new Broadband Coordinator, Elsa Jagniecki.

Elsa joined us in April bringing experience in organizational development, visioning, and strategic sustainable development. She is passionate about helping organizations and communities become more sustainable and plan for resiliency. Preserving wilderness, open space, and public lands is very much part of sustainability. This is why Elsa enjoys working at Broads and supporting

Broadbands across the country.

Elsa recently earned a master's degree in Sustainable Development from Blekinge Institute of Technology in Sweden where she studied and researched sustainable community renewable energy. She also holds a bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology and environmental affairs from Colorado State University. Elsa has worked in many different fields on the local, state and federal levels – maintaining backcountry wilderness trails, doing field archaeology, guiding wilderness therapy and substitute teaching in grades K-12. She loves being outside, gardening and exploring new places.

Send her a message of welcome or ask for Broadband help at elsa@greatoldbroads.org.

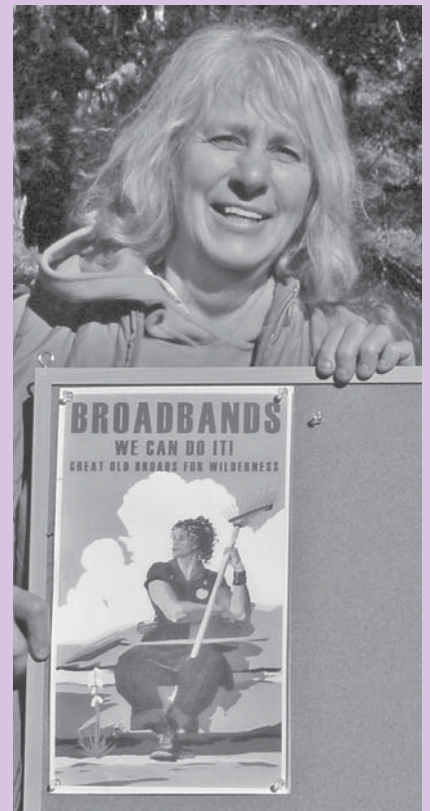
And a Circuit Rider Too!

To offer even more support to our Broadbands, Broads hired a contract Circuit Rider. Shelley Spalding, a member of Broads Board of Directors and the Broadband Leader of the Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband in eastern Washington, grabbed the reigns and will ride the Broadband circuit with her pack of resources.

She's part trainer, part management consultant, and part networking expert who will provide assistance with Broadband strategy, visit the groups she serves, and provide advice and information by phone and e-mail.

Carolyn Scafidi of Olympia, WA said, "I belong to the Polly Dyer Broadband and LOVE Shelley Spalding's excellent leadership. She is one great broad!"

Contact Shelley at saschar44@gmail.com.



Voice Your Support for 2011 Wilderness Bills:

CA - Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia Wilderness Act (H.R. 41)

On January 5, 2011, Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) reintroduced legislation to protect over 21,000 acres of wilderness in north San Diego County. The proposed wilderness sits adjacent to the Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia wilderness areas located in Riverside County. With deep canyons and fascinating rock formations, these areas were the focus of Broads Oct 2007 Broadwalk. Learn more at: www.calwild.org/resources/Issa_Anouncement_12_09.htm

NM - The Organ Mountains-Doña Ana County Conservation and Pro- tection Act (S. 1024)

On May 19, 2011, Sens. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Tom Udall (D-NM) reintroduced their bill to designate 241,000 acres of wilderness and create a 100,000-acre National Conservation Area around the Organ and Robledo Mountains and parts of Broad Canyon. Currently there is no Wilderness on BLM land in the entire southern half of New Mexico.

This legislation was developed from a Citizens Proposal and enjoys the biparti-

also offers key habitat for pygmy rabbit and Ferruginous hawk and is a critical corridor connecting the habitats of a large number of key wildlife species.

A hearing was held in the Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests on May 18, 2011.

Learn more at: onda.org/pressroom/press-releases/cathedral-rock-horse-heaven-wilderness-bill-reintroduced

TN – The Tennessee Wilderness Act (S. 1090)

On May 26, 2011, Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Bob Corker (R-TN) reintroduced legislation to protect nearly

Broads Beat

Updates on issues that have seen Broad action

CO - Eagle and Summit County Wil- derness Act (H.R. 1701)

On May 3, 2011, Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO) introduced legislation to protect nearly 166,000 acres of pristine wild lands, including 81,790 acres of wilderness, on the White River National Forest and surrounding Bureau of Land Management areas in Colorado's Summit and Eagle Counties. The Bull Gulch, Spraddle Creek and Hoosier Ridge areas would be designated as wilderness providing increased connectivity of wildlife habitat in the region.

These areas are core to the Hidden Gems Wilderness Campaign. This legislation is supported by groups representing rock and mountain climbers, ranchers, outfitters, fly fishing shops, rafting and guiding companies, and a variety of other businesses and nonprofit organizations. Broads hosted a Broadwalk in July 2009 to draw attention to this effort.

Learn more at: <http://www.whiteriver-wild.org/>

san support of local citizens, businesses and a diverse range of organizations and local governments. The iconic Organ Mountains were the location of Broads October 2007 Broadwalk to draw attention to this effort.

Learn more at <http://www.nmwild.org/press-releases/dona-ana-county-wilderness-bill-reintroduced/>

OR - The Cathedral Rock and Horse Heaven Wilderness Act (S. 607)

On March 17, 2011, Sens. Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) introduced legislation to designate, as wilderness, over 16,000 acres in the Cathedral Rock and Horse Heaven areas near the lower John Day River. Just across the river from the Spring Basin Wilderness that was the focus of Broads 2008 Broadwalk, the areas encompass dramatic basalt cliffs and rolling hills of juniper, sagebrush and bluebranch wheatgrass. The landscape

20,000 acres of wilderness on the Cherokee National Forest.



Associate Director Rose Chilcoat in the deep woods of Tennessee during the Tennessee Broadwalk in 2010.

The legislation will expand five existing wilderness areas, including Sampson Mountain and Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock, and create one new one, the Upper Bald River. Our October 2010 Broadwalk supported this effort to protect these important watersheds and wildlife habitat. It has been more than 25 years since any wilderness was designated in TN.

Learn more at: http://tnwild.org/news/releases/tennessee_wilderness_act_reintroduced_congress

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CO - Pike/ San Isabel National Forest Travel Management Plan Suit

Broads is part of a coalition that filed suit against the Pike San Isabel National Forest because of inadequate route analysis in its Travel Plan.

The groups are asking the Forest Service to look before it leaps. The agency illegally added nearly 800 routes to a transportation system that's already tremendously bloated without even the slightest look at the impacts these 800 routes could have on wildlife and our air and water quality.

In an age of federal budget cuts and economic hardships, the last thing the Forest Service should be doing is wasting precious money on low value and redundant roads they know little about, particularly when 95% of the routes are dead-end tracks that access no identifiable destination.

Litigants include the Quiet Use Coalition, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Center for Native Ecosystems, Wildlands CPR, and The Wilderness Society and are represented by Earthjustice. The groups want to make sure that, before more off-road vehicle routes are added to the forest's "bursting-at-the-seams" motorized network, the Forest Service determines which roads are truly needed for public access and forest management and which roads are harmful to the environment. Moreover, they want to make sure that the public is involved in the process.

New Mexico - Endangered Lobo Loses State Support

On June 9, the New Mexico Game and Fish Commission voted unanimously to stop support of and cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service program to reintroduce the Mexican gray wolf.

The state had been involved with the project since its

inception in 1998 and both wolves and the livestock industry had made advances in coming to terms with each others' presence. The ruling eliminates state funding and scientific support for the program but does not impact the federal program.

Outside the meeting hall where the Commission met, approximately 100 wolf supporters rallied in support of the reintroduction program. Broads from the Silver City and In the Footsteps of Aldo Leopold Broadbands joined a diverse crowd that included State Representative Antonio Luján of Dña Ana County, business people, hunters, parents, children, students, city council members, and biologists.

Silver City Broadband Leader, Lorna Wilkes Ruebelmann expressed the frustration, "after 3 hours of public testimony, they took 3 minutes to unanimously vote to withdraw from the inter-agency-interstate recovery project—with absolutely no debate or discussion! It was obviously a done deal before they allowed a public venting."

Mexican wolf reintroduction is a major project for both Broadbands and they are looking into legislative, legal, and political options.

Learn more at: www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf.

Oregon - Burnt Car Road Settlement

Last fall Great Old Broads for Wilderness and the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) settled with the BLM in a case involving nearly 14 miles of road the BLM had illegally constructed on Steens Mountain in the Blitzen River Wilderness Study Area. The settlement calls for the BLM to restore the road to its original primitive 2-track nature, to conduct additional wilderness inventory in



BLM will restore Burnt Car Road to its former unimproved state.

the area and to include the public in any further actions. In 2012 ONDA and Great Old Broads will participate in re-seeding and other restoration work, and we will continue to monitor the restored areas in 2013. Stay tuned for an announcement of opportunities to participate in restoration projects next year. ONDA will release project dates in November.

The routes at issue include Burnt Car Road and Tombstone Road, which were primitive routes, completely obscured in places by sagebrush and rock.

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Mexican wolf photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (Photos of the rally on page 13.)

WANTED

- A fuel-efficient vehicle for staff use
- Volunteer Broadband Leaders
- Donations for our 2011 *Wild for Wilderness* on-line auction

To donate a vehicle, call 970-385-9577. To inquire about being a Broadband Leader, contact elsa@greatoldbroads.org. To donate to our auction, go to greatoldbroads.org/join-or-donate/auction or e-mail Sue at auction@greatoldbroads.org.

River Trip

FUNdraiser – 5 day Cataract Canyon River Trip with Holiday Expeditions

Location: Moab, UT

Dates: July 11-15, 2011

Cost: \$1,145 (\$350 is deductible as a charitable contribution)

It's not too late to join Broads staff rafting down the legendary Cataract Canyon gorge in the heart of Canyonlands National Park. Explore canyon grottos, waterfalls and ancient ruins that are otherwise inaccessible. On this trip we see the most vivid contrast between utter tranquility and all-out high adventure. On day four, twenty-three big cataracts,

meals, camping on the beach, swimming, sunsets, and star gazing. This three-day trip is an easy canyon country getaway and introduction to the landscapes that are the focus of Broads' Recapture Utah! Campaign. (Don't want a trip with kids? Check out our September trip.) Sign up through Wild Rivers Expeditions. <http://www.river-sandrains.com> or 800-422-7654.

Broadwalk

San Juan Mountains Broadwalk

Location: Ridgway, CO

Dates: July 28-August 1, 2011

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

Service Projects

Escalante Headwaters Service Projects

Location: Dixie National Forest, UT

Dates: July 26-August 1, 2011 - strenuous

Dates: August 2-8, 2011 - strenuous

As a member of the Escalante River Watershed Partnership, Broads encourages our members to volunteer for projects that help with land restoration in the headwaters of this iconic slickrock canyon riddled watershed. Help with travel plan implementation (route closures) on Boulder Mountain on the Dixie National Forest or with building grazing exclosures on private inholdings to protect beaver habitat and create reference areas for scientific observation. The Grand Canyon

The Great Old Broads for Wilderness 2011 Calendar of Events

including the grand-daddy of them all, The Big Drops, will take you laughing and cheering, 30 feet closer to sea level in less than a mile.

Sign up through Holiday Expeditions www.bikeraft.com 800-642-6323.

River Trip

FUNdraiser – 3 day Broads & Their Brood/No Child Left Inside San Juan River Trip with Wild Rivers Expeditions

Location: Bluff, UT

Dates: July 19-21, 2011

Cost: \$696 per adult or a "pairfare" of \$1,250 for an adult and youth. (\$300 per adult, or \$460 per pairfare is deductible as a charitable contribution)

Bring your daughter, granddaughter, niece, or neighbor's kid; leave the computers, ipods, cell phones, and all those other electronic gadgets behind and take them on a wild adventure they'll never forget. This leisurely 26-mile journey from Bluff to Mexican Hat with two nights camping is the ultimate kid's trip with the perfect sampling of archaeology, geology, and natural history that the San Juan River has to offer. Visit ancient rock art sites and cliff dwellings as we travel through a quarter of a billion years worth of stunning rock formations. Explore these wonders while enjoying fine

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

We'll camp on private property with stunning views just minutes from Ridgway and enjoy meals catered by the Secret Garden of Ouray.

Join us to learn the history of the popular, locally supported San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act of 2009 and how we can help move this proposal forward. Congressman Tipton has been invited to meet with us. Speakers include staff from the Wilderness Support Center, Sheep Mountain Alliance, Mountain Studies Institute, Fort Lewis College and more.

We'll have hikes for all abilities with experienced naturalists and historians and a fulfilling day of service. Learn more on our website. The majestic and wild San Juan Mountains in mid-summer are truly spectacular with wildflowers at their peak.

Register for the San Juan Broadwalk by sending payment to Broads office or visit our events page at greatoldbroads.org/ events to use our on-line shopping cart.



San Juan Mountains, Colorado.

Trust is the lead for these important projects. Mary O'Brien is leading the fencing projects and Tim Peterson the route closures. All are car camping trips.

For details on these and other service projects with the GCT

and to sign up for a project, go to www.gcvolunteers.org/trip-schedule.html.

Please let GCT know you are a Great Old Broad .

River Trip

FUNdraiser – 3 day San Juan River Trip with Wild Rivers Expeditions

Location: Bluff, UT

Dates: September 16-18, 2011

Cost: \$696 per adult (\$300 per person is deductible as a charitable contribution)

This is the same stretch of river as the Broads and Brood trip scheduled for July (without the Brood).

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Sign up through Wild Rivers Expeditions
<http://www.riversandruins.com> or 800-422-7654.

Broadwalk

Big Cypress Swampwalk

Location: Near Everglades City, FL

Dates: November 10-14, 2011

Cost: members \$225/non-members \$250

Our custom weekend includes four nights camping or slumber party lodging (some beds and lots of floor space) at photographer Clyde Butcher's swamp retreat (www.evergladesswampwalks.com), break-



Big Cypress Swamp, Florida, 2010.

We're heading south to the unique, mysterious, and secretive environment

terrain but their rich biodiversity and ecological importance needs to be experienced and understood. Join us for a truly one-of-a-kind weekend experience and let local naturalists unlock the mysteries of the swamps. Learn about the issues and challenges faced by the National Park Service as they manage Everglades National Park and the Big Cypress National Preserve. Fabulous birding, botanizing, and general mucking about with like minded Broads ensures this will be a Broadwalk to remember.

Register by sending payment to

fasts and dinners catered by Camillia's restaurant, a guided swampwalk, and more.

of the Big Cypress Swamp. Difficult to explore and understand, swamps are easily bypassed for more friendly

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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.

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!

Study A Broad:

Laurel Hagen - Water's on Her Mind

If Laurel Hagen is indicative of this generation of Training Broads, all those anti-environmentalists out there had better beware! The scales will certainly tip our way. At age 31, her high energy and steady focus are already having deep impacts on the health and welfare of the land, water, and people of southeastern Utah.

As anyone who has lived in the west knows, water is ground zero for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And water is Laurel's passion. "Water issues bring everyone to the table," she said. "It reaches into every aspect of our relationships with the land and with each other." She has spent hundreds of hours over the past couple of years helping to organize a partnership with a diverse spectrum of Moab area water users, government agencies, ranchers, hunters, farmers, and environmental organizations. The Moab Area Watershed Partnership is up and running and has received funding and sponsorship from the Utah State Division of Water Quality. Laurel currently serves as Vice Chair.

The goal of the partnership is to develop a watershed plan for the Moab and Castle Valley municipal watersheds in the next three years – a task that is extraordinarily delicate and complex, she noted. First they must develop a snapshot of existing conditions – on-the-ground, scientific, and sociological – to determine what ecosystems most urgently need to be restored; what infrastructure should

be modified or built; what legal issues need to be considered; and what alliances need to be fostered to best protect the lifeblood of the communities and the land.

Laurel has the education and experience to get the job done. She grew up in Northern California at the edge of cow country. She was an activist from a young age since her father was a political aide and included her in his work life. In 2004, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science with minors in art and



Laurel in a side canyon of Cataract Canyon, SE Utah.

environmental studies from Loyola University in New Orleans.

She completed a student internship in Washington, DC for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) and took a summer job with SUWA in Moab in 2001.

Two weeks after graduation, she was hired on staff as an assistant Jill-of-all-trades – performing field work, outreach, legal, and political tasks for SUWA.

She has worked for Broads doing field work in the La Sal Mountains in southeastern

Utah; for Red Rock Forests as their Outreach Director; and for Wildlands CPR as their Utah Coordinator.

She is currently the Executive Director of the Canyonlands Watershed Council, which has been building itself slowly over the past two years. "Getting this up and running has been my baby project for the past few years."

Her first encounter with Broads was in 2001 when SUWA and Broads teamed to fight a Bush administration

...es into every aspect of our relationships with the land and with each other."



Laurel on Cedar Mesa, SE Utah.

oil and gas lease deal at Dead Horse Point north of Moab. For the past few years, she has helped out at the annual Broadband Leader Boot Camp by training new Broadband leaders in the public involvement aspects of the NEPA process as well as in the basics of political organizing.

She owns a small graphic design business, Fishwife Graphics (fishwifegraphics.com) hawking her colorful and creative brochures, logos, newsletters, and designs from the interior deserts of the American southwest. She designed Broads

mascot, Rosie the Broad, for which we will be eternally grateful.

A self-described rent-a-guide, she guides river trips in southern Utah and she has been a disk jockey for KZMU since her move to Moab in 2001 - offering up the Trailer Park Companion segment.

As if all that wasn't

enough, she volunteers regularly for community projects such as the Teen Center, WabiSabi - a thrift store that also handles recycled building materials; Community Rebuilds - a grassroots, educational organization that assists qualifying families by replacing dilapidated housing with affordable, energy-efficient straw bale homes; the Youth Garden Project; and as a player with the Moab Community Theater.

Laurel said that land where she grew up in northern California was almost exclusively private with public access only to the ocean. "I really value the access that public lands in southern Utah offer." With her choices, she has accepted the responsibility that comes with public ownership. She and the other Watershed partners are on a proverbial quest to determine how to best be good stewards of the land and life-giving water of southeastern Utah. "It's a spiritual as well as a very practical quest," she said, "very broad in nature, so to speak."

"Here in the desert, lack of water is an immutable truth; our laws and customs are built around the assumption that there is never as much as everyone wants. The valley of Moab is actually quite unusual in that respect, with a relatively small population blessed with water from perennial streams, as well as artesian springs. The La Sal Mountains float above us, gathering rain to trickle into those streams and percolate into the aquifers."

From Laurel's article in FarCountry.org, "The Prospect of Watershed Planning in the Moab Area," December 1, 2009



Laurel's design of Rosie the Broad.

Interior Secretary Salazar Advocates Omnibus Bill

At the Wilderness Society's annual awards meeting in DC, June 9, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar proposed a Wilderness omnibus bill similar to that of 2009. Salazar cited bills in New Mexico, Idaho and California that would create approximately 500,000 acres of new wilderness.

"There are a whole host of bills out there," Salazar said.

"Our hope is to be able to assemble those pieces of legislation where we believe we will have the political clout to be able to get them through."

Salazar's words came one day after former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt lambasted the Obama Administration and the 112th Congress with his words at the National Press Club. "I believe that this Congress, in its assaults on our environment, has embarked on the most radical course in our history. The Congress, led by the House of Representatives, has declared war on our land, water and natural resources," Babbitt said.

It appears to be time to ramp up the pressure, nationwide. Fire up those keyboards and let your representatives and local newspapers know that we won't stand idly by while our conservation legacy is denuded.

NEW MEXICO- Legislation to protect 236,000 acres northwest of Taos

Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, introduced the "Rio Grande del Norte National

Conservation Area Establishment Act" in mid May. Representative Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) introduced companion legislation in the House. The bills will protect more than 236,000 acres northwest of Taos, N.M., including more than 21,000 acres of designated wilderness and over 214,000 acres as a national conservation area.

The bill will designate two wilderness

permitted, one of Florida's most unique natural areas will gain a new industrial horizon consisting of 3 sets of powerlines carrying up to 500,000 volts of electricity across towers as high as 150 feet. The lines would connect proposed new nuclear reactors at Turkey Point to points north. Conservationists have grave

concerns regarding these reactors but the current issue is the NPS' consideration of the powerline proposal.

Potential consequences of the powerlines to the park could be enormous and include: damage to sensitive wetlands; spread of exotic plant species

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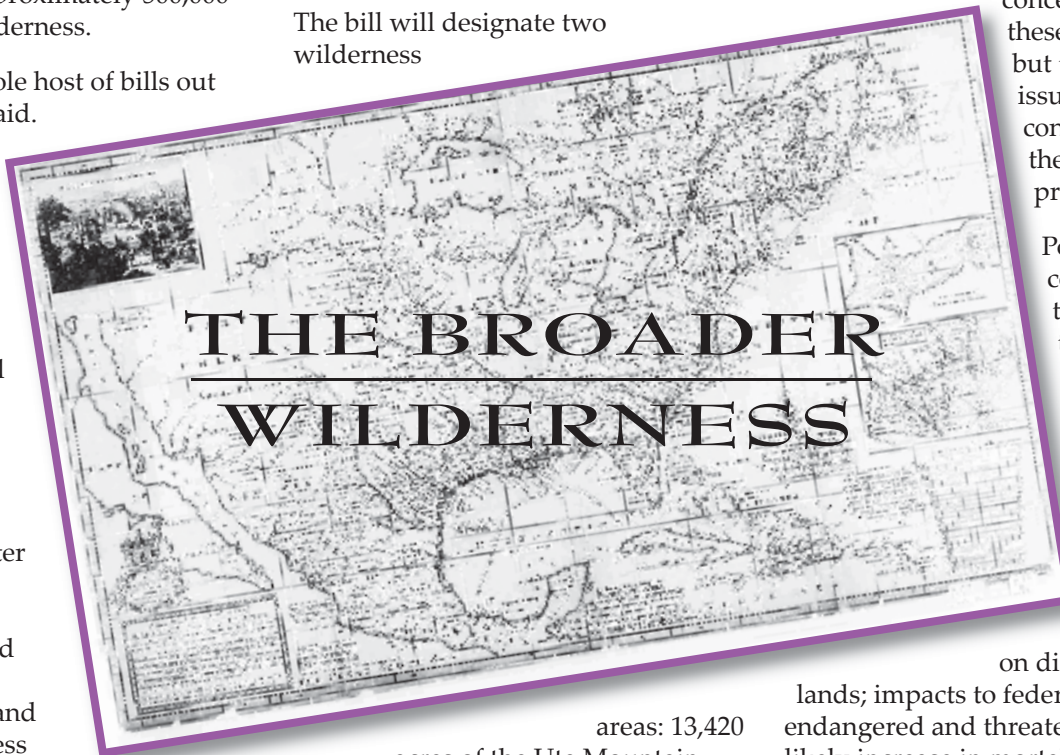
lands; impacts to federally listed endangered and threatened species; likely increase in mortality of native and migratory birds due to collisions and electrocutions; and degradation of the public's ability to enjoy a significant area of land already declared "wilderness eligible" by the NPS.

Voice your concerns by July 10.

More details at: parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?projectID=37220

Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Plan (Again!)

Broads has been involved with this issue since 2003. In May 2011, the park announced its long-term plan for managing winter use. With this plan the park hopes to put to rest the contentious issue of snowmobile access and create a sustainable decision that protects Yellowstone's air, wildlife, and soundscape.



areas: 13,420 acres of the Ute Mountain area as the Cerro del Yuta and approximately 8,000 acres as the Rio San Antonio.

The legislation will also designate as a conservation area parts of the Rio Grande Gorge, which includes an 18 mile chasm that's 900 feet deep.

Learn more at: wilderness.org/content/rio-grande-gorge-legislation-re-introduced.

New Powerlines Across Everglades National Park?

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking comments on a proposal by Florida Power and Light (FPL) to to swap a utility corridor it owns inside the 109,000 acre East Everglades Expansion Area (Everglades National Park) for a new corridor on the east side of the park – but still inside current park boundaries. If

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Yellowstone's preferred alternative is mostly a continuation of the recent actual levels of snowmobiles and snowcoaches, with one major added twist – the incorporation of variable daily limits on both types of oversnow vehicles. On some days, Yellowstone proposes to allow up to 330 snowmobiles (compared to 318 presently) and up to 80 snowcoaches (compared to 78 presently). On other days, snowmobiles and snowcoaches are restricted to 110 and 30, respectively.

Broads and other conservationists' long-held position is to advocate for over-snow motorized access that minimizes impacts while accommodating enjoyment of a broad array of visitors. From our experiences in the park, snowcoaches rather than snowmobiles do the best job of providing access to visitors of all ages and abilities, allowing for continuous natural history interpretation by guides, and ensuring reliable access in a variety of snow conditions. Snowcoaches can transport a dozen or more visitors per vehicle, as compared with one or two riders per snowmobile, thus greatly reducing the overall disturbance to wildlife and the unique soundscape of the park.

Your comments are needed by July 18, 2011. Submit comments at parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=40801

ALASKA: Roadless Rule Reinstated in Tongass National Forest

The Natural Resources Defense Council and EarthJustice have won a significant battle for the health of the Tongass National Forest. In 2003, the Bush administration illegally exempted this temperate rainforest from the landmark 2001 "Roadless Rule," which is intended to safeguard the last undisturbed stretches of our national forests.

In March, a federal judge ruled in favor of NRDC and EarthJustice and protected 9.5 million acres of wild, roadless areas in Alaska's Tongass National Forest from destructive logging and road building.



Tongass National Forest, Alaska.

The NRDC has vowed to defend the ruling against any appeals by the state of Alaska and the timber industry. Learn more at: www.savebiogems.org/tongass.

Weeks Act national forestry law turns 100

March 1, 2011, marked the centennial of the Weeks Act – the "organic act" of the eastern national forests. Signed into law by President William Howard Taft, the Weeks Act permitted the federal government to purchase private land in order to protect the headwaters of rivers and watersheds in the eastern United States and called for fire protection efforts through federal, state, and private cooperation. It has been one of the most successful pieces of conservation legislation in U.S. history.

Nearly 20 million acres of forestland have been protected by the Weeks Act. As one historian noted, "No single law has been more important in the return of the forests to the eastern United States" than the Weeks Act.

Let's not forget the lessons and value of land conservation. The recent efforts by some to unravel our nation's environmental protections require our vigilance and voices of protest.

Learn more at the Forestry History page: www.foresthistory.org/ASPNET/Policy/WeeksAct/index.aspx

UTAH – Tar Sands Oil Development Proposed

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance reports that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently held a series of public hearings in Utah regarding whether it should

open 2 million acres of land in CO, WY, and UT for oil shale leasing and development and an additional 430,000 acres for tar sands oil extraction.

The BLM is determining whether such an incredibly intensive and destructive activity as tar sands development would be permitted to destroy areas like White Canyon and the Fiddler Butte/Happy Canyon region in Utah. This analysis will also consider whether large-scale industrial processes to extract tar sands or oil shale should take place in the San Rafael Swell or high in the remote Book Cliffs.

Oil shale has yet to be successfully developed at commercial quantities, but independent scientists project that commercial development would fundamentally transform water supplies, air quality and wildlife habitat in the West.

Oil shale's triple threat:

WATER – BLM predicts that large-scale development of oil shale alone could require up to 378,000 acre feet of water per year. This is 50% more water than the Denver metro area uses annually.

ELECTRICITY – Oil shale requires a huge amount of electricity to heat it enough to extract liquid from the rock. The BLM estimates that producing 1 million barrels per day would require ten new coal-fired power plants, each with a capacity to power a city of 500,000 people.

AIR IMPACTS/GREENHOUSE GASES – Oil shale has the potential to release 20% more sulfur dioxide and 16% more nitrogen dioxide than was emitted by all electrical generating units in CO, UT and WY combined in 2002. It also emits 23% to 73% more greenhouse gases than conventional liquid fuels from crude oil.

More in the Huffington Post - www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/11/first-us-tar-sands-mine-utah_n_847791.html

Grand Junction (CO)

Three Broads from Grand Junction, Colorado were recently honored for their conservation activism by the Colorado Environmental Coalition (CEC). Janice Shepherd (who assists the Grand Junction Broadband Leader with the email lists and communications), Joyce Olson, and Mary McCutchan were recognized as "Conservation Activists" and received the CEC's Conservation Hero Award at a Gala Celebration in Denver. Ecoflight and its founder Bruce Gordon, were also honored with a Hero Award as a Conservation Partner. 350.org's Bill McKibben took the top prize of 2011 as the "Rebel with a Cause."

Here's what the program said about our three Broads:

"Mary McCutchan, Janice Shepherd and Joyce Olson are the grande dames of the Grand Junction conservation community. As active members of Colorado Mountain Club (CMC), Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Western Colorado Congress and Colorado Environmental Coalition, this hard-working trio has dedicated themselves to saving the wild places of the West. Mary has helped achieve important protections for Dominguez Canyons and Flume Canyon through her role as the Stewardship Coordinator for CMC West Slope and by sitting on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Grand Junction Field Office Advisory Council. Janice has galvanized other advocates to join her in monitoring trails on the West Slope to assess the negative



Grand Junction Broads honored for conservation activism, Mary McCutchan, Joyce Olson, and Janice Shepherd.

impacts of misusing the region's lands and help the BLM better manage them. And Joyce participates in countless West Slope campaigns, from phone banking at CEC's CapWatch meetings to attending oil shale hearings to hiking in potential wilderness areas. This awesome threesome embodies the dedication and passion it takes to safeguard Colorado's treasured landscapes for future generations."

Four Corners Broadband – (CO)

Members joined U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet on a family hike on the trails of Hermosa Creek in late May. The senator discussed and gathered feedback on a bill that would help protect and preserve the 100,000 acre Hermosa Creek Watershed, including 37,236 acres as wilderness.

Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband (WA)

On June 4th, Broads and Bro's of the Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband gathered to

celebrate the amazing Polly Dyer, who is 91. The Broadband was named after the inspirational Polly to honor her extensive environmental and conservation work. Polly has been a prominent figure in virtually every major campaign to protect wilderness in the state of Washington. She is one of the grassroots activists whose tireless efforts resulted in passage of the Wilderness Act. She played a major role in the designation of Glacier Peak Wilderness in the 1960s, in the creation of the North Cascades National Park in 1964, and in keeping Highway 101 away from much of the Olympic Peninsula's wild and gorgeous coastline. Not one to let age hold her back, Polly is still at it and the Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband continues to find inspiration in her passion and advocacy for preserving the irreplaceable value of Washington's wilderness.



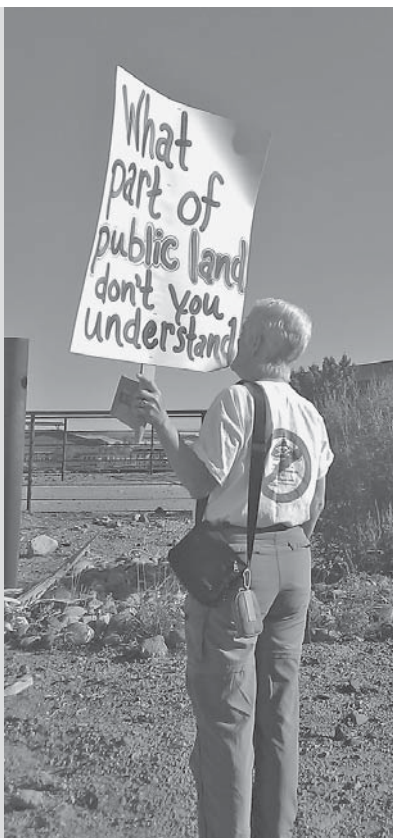
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Broads Jeanie Plowden and JoAnn Valenti (Florida Broadband Leader) steward a black skimmer nesting site on Indian Shores Beach, FL. Nest stewarding is one of the Broadband's summer projects. JoAnn said there were more than 400 black skimmers nesting at this site in late May. They will continue to protect the nests until the fledglings are fully airborne and able to feed themselves – usually late summer.

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Right: The Silver City (New Mexico) and the In the Footsteps of Aldo Leopold (Nutrioso, Arizona) Broadbands joined a demonstration in support of the Mexican wolf reintroduction program in New Mexico. The demonstration took place before a meeting of the New Mexico Fish & Game Commission in which they voted unanimously to end state support of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service reintroduction program. See page 5 for more details.



Wasatch - Salt Lake City Broadband (UT)

Leaders Gretchen Seigler and Valoree Dowell have about 250 Broads in their far-flung group that includes a large urban area and some rural outlying communities. They share information about area events and actions ranging from opportunities to go to DC and lobby for Utah wilderness to counting cows on public lands.

The Broadband participated in the February protests at the trial of activist Tim DeChristopher, who brought attention to BLM oil and gas leasing in some of Utah's most scenic/pristine landscapes when he bid on leases with no intention/means to pay. They also participated in a March demonstration against Snowbird's proposal to install a roller coaster on lovely Mount Superior.

In June, the Broadband is partnered with the Wild Utah Project to conduct cow counts and document impacts on the Duck Creek grazing allotment to inform appropriate BLM land management strategies and a potential lawsuit.

The BB maintains collaborative relationships with the local BLM office and other organizations, like the Audubon Society, where they are counting sage grouse at local leks and participating in the Girl Scouts' Earth Day event.

Broadband Leader Boot Camp 2011

Bring together 15 new Broadband leaders, a handful of Broad's staff and board members and the magical setting of Pack Creek Ranch near Moab and you have the ingredients that made our 3rd Annual Broadband Leader Boot Camp a great success! Broads (new and old) mingled, swapped stories, shared ideas, participated in extensive trainings and enjoyed a variety of inspirational speakers, such as the infamous Mary O'Brien of the Grand Canyon Trust; Laurel Hagen (see Study A Broad) of Moab; and Brian Murdock, Recreation, Trails & Wilderness Lead for the Moab/Monticello Ranger District.

The 2011 Boot Camp hosted several co-leader teams, which seems to be a successful model for many Broadbands. A few of our new Broadband leaders also represent effective succession planning, with Broadband members stepping into leadership roles to replace those stepping down.

Not only did all these new Leaders have an information-packed fun time, Boot Camp 2011 also resulted in a Healthy Lands Project monitoring training resulting in use/impact data on several routes. This information was then shared in a meeting with the local BLM office.

Sound interesting? It is! It's not too soon to apply to attend our next Boot Camp at greatoldbroads.org/get-involved/broadbands/boot-camp-ap/

BROAD SENSE: SHOWING UP

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they make, but that day we were present to support the process and the upholding of the law.

The folks attending the SPEAR rally carried signs accusing us of attacking them and their neighbors and various other false and malicious slogans. They attempted to lure us into pointless arguments but we held our ground and were grateful for the presence of a half dozen very large, though friendly looking, BLM Law Enforcement rangers.

The point of this story is that in the past 2 years it seems the squeakiest wheels are getting the most attention, with their shrill, unfounded alarm cries of “land grabs” and “lock outs.” Those of us who wish to engage in productive dialogue are often shouted down, quite literally, in public meetings. But if we want true democracy to prevail in America we can’t afford to sit at home and engage in what Tim De Christopher (Bidder 70) calls “point and click activism.” We must show up over and over again and challenge the extreme, divisive rhetoric and blatant falsehoods thrown out by the Tea Party and its ilk.

This, of course, applies in many other circumstances as well, and I am dismayed at how few people of conscience and good will are willing to take a public stand. There’s too much at stake in our country, from the environment to the budget debate, to let disinformation and bullying tactics win the day. This is why I’m so proud of our members from Utah to Montana and Florida to New Mexico who are making themselves heard in defense of roadless wild lands, endangered species and, indeed, the right of future generations to live on a diverse and abundant planet.



Top: Grand Juntion Broad JoAnn Moon carries one of several Broad posters during the ATV rally in Monticello, Utah. Behind her, Broads huddled out of the wind. Above: Snow started falling as the speakers took the stage.

As the elders of society we must set the example of civic engagement, using our cumulative wisdom and our perseverance to out-last the “drill baby drill” and “it’s my right to drive anywhere I want to” crowd. Our descendants are counting on us to

hold the line of moderation in defense of our only home, our blue planet earth.

“Whatever you do may seem insignificant, but it is most important that you do it.” Gandhi

WILD FOR WILDERNESS ON-LINE AUCTION

Oct 31-Nov 21, 2011

<http://auction.greatoldbroads.org>

We're accepting donations to our 7th annual *Wild for Wilderness* on-line auction.

This auction has become a major funding source for Broads programs, which include: Wilderness Advocacy (letter writing campaigns, testifying, and participating in protests and rallies), Land Use Monitoring (using GPS and photographic data collection to map areas of concern under the Broads Healthy Lands Project), and Broadwalking (drawing attention to areas in need of protection by walking through them in Broad fashion).

Last year, the auction boasted more than 300 items and brought Broads more than \$62,000. Our goal this year is \$75,000. With your help, we can do it!

This year's auction runs from October 31 to November 20. Deadline to pledge a donation is October 28.

To donate (as we hope you do), you have several options.

- go on line at: greatoldbroads.org/join-or-donate/auction/auction-donation/ and fill out the e-form
- download and print out a paper form at: greatoldbroads.org/donationprint-form.pdf, and mail it to Broads
- or contact Sue at auction@greatoldbroads.org



Wild for Wilderness has a history of offering quality outdoor gear, amazing wild vacations, home stays around the world, food, books, artwork, jewelry, clothing, footwear and professional services at great deals for our supporters.

Don't forget to browse and bid on the listings come October 31! It's a great way to do your holiday shopping; get next year's vacation planned; pick up a few goodies for yourself; AND support Broads work for wilderness and public wild lands!

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Wilderness Protection

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So, as wilderness advocates watched in horror, the Wild Lands order was stopped in its tracks by the drill-n-drive crew.

Fast forward to May 23, 2011. In a memo to BLM Director Bob Abbey, Sec. Salazar stated, "I am confirming today that the Bureau of Land Management will not designate land as 'Wild Lands.'" In a release the first week of June he said, "We will focus our effort on building consensus around locally supported initiatives and working with members of Congress, states, tribes and local communities to advance their priorities for wilderness designations in their states and districts." The one entity he left out of that statement was the American public, but rest assured that wilderness advocates around the country will insist in being present at the table when any wilderness discussion is held.

Rose Chilcoat, Associate Director of Great Old Broads commented, "We are very disappointed with Secretary Salazar's decision to rescind his Wild Lands policy and capitulate to the unreasonable, extremist positions of a few Americans who wish to dismantle the very concept of wilderness protection for millions of acres of our wild public lands.

These BLM lands are the last vestiges of our nation's rapidly disappearing wilderness heritage that an overwhelming bi-partisan majority of Americans wish to see protected. However, rather than wasting time in litigation and defending an unfunded policy, it makes sense for the BLM to move forward and find other ways to fulfill their statutory mandate to identify and protect lands with wild character for future generations."

Here at Broads World Headquarters, we experienced the heights and depths of emotion that day. While we were bemoaning Sec. Salazar's backing down on the Wild Lands order, we were also celebrating victory in a long-fought battle in San

Juan County, Utah. A federal judge ruled that ever-shifting sandy stream bed of Salt Creek in Canyonlands National Park was a "byway" and not a "highway" and that the Park Service has every right to close it to motorized traffic. This case was brought by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, (SUWA) and argued by SUWA Associate Director Heidi McIntosh.

This ruling could have important ramifications to recent efforts by county governments in Utah and throughout the west, to use Revised Statute 2477 to establish road designations on thousands of miles of cow paths, streambeds and hiking trails, in blatant attempts to thwart wilderness designation.

San Juan County is considering an appeal, claiming that folks have been driving up Salt Creek for decades. While this may be true, it is our understanding (and thankfully the Judge's!) that RS 2477 applies only to constructed and maintained roads, not perennial streams! So, one thing's for sure; life is never dull around Broads HQ!



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Grand Junction, CO Broad Barb Hill hiking in Recapture Wash, UT.

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