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“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.”

- Sir Edmund Burke, English Statesman (1729-1797)

BEN & JERRY'S FOUNDATION GIVES BROADS THE BOOT! *BOOT CAMP*, THAT IS



Imagine what could be accomplished by a group of Broads trained in the finer points of public lands advocacy! The letters we could write! The folks we could inspire! The wild lands we could protect! Broads has been imagining just that in recent years and now we have the chance to witness the coming of age of the *Broadband*.

Broadbands are ad hoc groups of Broads members who seek connection with other like-minded souls for the purposes of advocating for wilderness and wild lands, sharing information, volunteering, and simply having fun with activities such as hiking or snowshoeing.

There are currently around 10 functioning Broadbands with representation in states from Vermont to

Sangre de Cristo Broadband

The Sangre de Cristo Broadband in the tiny town of Silvercliff, Colorado, is one of our more active Broadbands. They are committed to their local forests and wild lands and volunteered more than 600 hours this year on service projects like campsite rehabilitation, trail building, trailhead maintenance, highway clean-up, and trail clean-up.

Washington and from Idaho to New Mexico.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Ben & Jerry's Foundation (of Cherry Garcia ice cream fame), this January, we will launch our inaugural Broadband Boot Camp to train leaders from across the country in wilderness advocacy and activism techniques and leadership and communication skills.

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IN A BROAD SENSE: TAKE A STAND FOR OUR WILD LANDS

A message from our Executive Director - Ronni Egan

As we eagerly anticipate the outcome of the presidential election, it is tempting to forget that the Current Occupant of the Whitehouse and his chosen henchmen still have several months during which to strive to solidify his environmental policies, which almost certainly means bad news for America's public lands, especially our roadless wild places.

This is no time to sit back and be mere spectators in the fight for the future of wilderness protection. Great Old Broads remain on the alert, doing our best to respond to the daily assaults emanating from Washington.

While it is not unusual for a president to wish to secure a lasting legacy, this one has spent the past eight years systematically gutting both environmental regulations and the budgets of the agencies whose mission is the stewardship of our natural and cultural resources and the maintenance of healthy ecosystems. This administration is stopping at nothing to cement into place its generous gifts to the oil and gas, uranium and other extractive industries.

To this end, the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management are rushing to complete various management and travel plans that will dictate extractive and recreational policies for the next 10 to 15 years at a minimum. The blizzard of paperwork in preparing comments and appeals to these

plans presents a huge challenge to even the largest environmental organizations such as the Wilderness Society and Sierra Club, to say nothing of smaller organizations like Great Old Broads, and local advocacy groups.

We're doing our best to keep up, writing letters and comments, signing on to others' comments, and encouraging our members to speak up, but sometimes it feels like we're dodging the tail of a mighty, dying beast in its death throes. The prospect of a new administration keeps us going!



One of the most pernicious attempts to permanently open wilderness quality lands to all manner of plunder lies in the Bush administration's efforts to eliminate the protections of the Clinton Roadless Rule, which Bush rolled back as one of his first acts as President nearly eight years ago. Conservationists in Colorado and Idaho have been employing numerous tactics in an attempt to maintain protections of the Clinton Roadless Rule, but have been thwarted by Bush political appointees in the Agriculture Department and the federal courts. Nevertheless, the Wilderness Society will appeal the latest federal court ruling in an attempt to forestall the loss of protections on almost 6 million acres of roadless national forest land, much of which now qualifies for wilderness consideration.

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Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a non-profit, public lands organization that uses the voices and activism of elders to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands. Broads was conceived in 1989 by older women who loved wilderness and organized to protect it. The wisdom of their combined years told them that the Broads could bring knowledge, commitment, and humor to the movement to protect our last wild places on earth.

Today, the Great Old Broads has over 3,500 active 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!

Please credit Broads for any reprinted articles.

BROAD IN THE BACKGROUND: ATTORNEY WITH A T (SHIRT)

Some people merely let life happen to them and some people make life extraordinary.

Johanna Wald is one of the latter. She was once offered a chance to jump in where few others had gone before. She took the leap and chose cows.

In 1967, when Johanna graduated from Yale Law School, there were no classes in environmental law. There was no environmental law field. In 1972, when she took a part-time job with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the environmental movement was still in its nascent years. Now, more than 35 years later, she is a senior attorney in NRDC's San Francisco office and Co-Director of the organization's BioGems Initiative. (Check out the NRDC web site to get a glimpse of how far the environmental law field has come because of people like Johanna.)

After law school, her husband Michael took a job at Stanford University and they moved to Palo Alto, California. Johanna had been west of New York's Finger Lakes only twice before and she and her husband had fallen in love with California. "We even loved Los Angeles the summer we spent there," she said.

As a mother of two young children, she wasn't interested in a full-time job but wanted to get to work. She was looking for a legal services position but there were no part-time opportunities. The NRDC had recently opened an office in Palo Alto so she applied and got the job – but only because there were no full time applicants. NRDC and environmental law were so new that few lawyers were interested in the work.

"On my first day," she said, "I was given a choice between two issues to work on. I chose public land grazing.



*Senior NRDC Attorney and Great Old Broad
Johanna Wald.*

But all the experts I talked to said there was no grazing problem. I knew, however, that NRDC had expanded to California in part because of many letters they had received saying 'we need your help on this issue.'" She persevered and eventually made contact with Earl Sandvig and Bill Meiners, who became her mentors and trusted friends. A former official with the U.S. Forest Service, Sandvig had attempted, unsuccessfully, to cut livestock numbers on National Forests in the southwest. He and Meiners, a former Bureau of Land Management employee, helped Johanna with her first litigation effort against the Bureau

of Land Management for failure to comply with NEPA. "I was young and thought that litigation would solve the problems," Johanna said. "I quickly learned it was just the beginning. We had so much more to do."

It was while she was working on western grazing issues that she came across the Great Old Broads for Wilderness. "I can't even remember when I first became aware of Broads," she said. "It must have been very soon after its creation – through friends like Cathy Carlson, Fran Hunt, and Susan Tixier." She and the Broads lobbied together in Washington, developed comments on grazing proposals and land-use plans, and collaborated on grazing strategies.

She worked on grazing issues until the Bush administration began its assault on the intermountain west with its aggressive oil, gas, and coalbed methane agenda. More recently, Johanna's focus has been on the challenge of climate change. She now works to ensure that the renewable energy projects that we need to meet that challenge and associated necessary transmission lines are sited in appropriate places so that the west's wild places and wildlife are protected from this latest human endeavor.

"It's very different now," she said. "In the past, we were defending public

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Income Tax on IRA Drafts Avoided Through Gifts

If you're required to draw funds from your IRA, you're probably stuck with income tax on the fund's increase over the years. If you contribute your required minimum distribution to Broads, it won't count toward your adjusted gross income..... So Broads will receive MORE from your IRA than you will!

Too good to be true? Go to www.Kiplinger.com to see Kimberly Lankford's article, "How to Avoid Taxes on Your IRA" or contact your broker. Or contact Ronni@greatoldbroads.org for more information.

NEW BOARD MEMBER COMES BACK TO THE WILD

Taking the “active” part of activism quite seriously, Broads’ newest Board member, Lois Snedden has been a vigorous advocate for the environment for more than 25 years. Her path can be traced from schools to the back-country to the offices of congress and back to the wild.



In the mid 1960s, Lois discovered an important connection between back country experience and the health and welfare of teen-aged girls. Lois was teaching 6th grade in the San Diego Public Schools when the Girl Scouts found her. “You’re the one person who knows how to say ‘no,’” parents told her in their pleas for her to lead camping trips. “They’d been camping for years,” Lois said. “They’d go out to a desert campground and basically have a slumber party. I thought, ‘this doesn’t feel safe to me.’” Before the next trip, she had taken the Sierra Club’s Basic Mountaineering class so she could take them into the back-country safely. The girls were excited by this new adventure and after a few hours of hiking and packing their gear, they were all in their sleeping bags by 6:30. “I had found my calling,” Lois said.

Her first short forays into the back-country expanded over the years into 9- to 15-day treks into the wild country of the Wind Rivers in Wyoming, the High Uintas in Utah, the Flattops in Colorado, the White Clouds and Big Horn Crags in Idaho, and Hells Canyon and the Wallowas in northeastern Oregon, not to mention trips in the Sierra. Two years ago, she completed a hut-to-hut hike on the Appalachian Trail in New Hampshire.

Her hiking experiences gave her a clear understanding of the need to protect these wild places and in 1982, she embarked on a volunteer career with the Sierra Club that has lasted two and a half decades. She honed her leadership and advocacy skills by seeking active roles with the Sierra Club. She led

local and national outings, chaired the Toiyabe Chapter (in Reno, Nevada), and has held most chapter positions including political, state legislative, and fundraising. She represented the Chapter at national meetings for six years and lobbied Congress on mining, Wise Use, and NAFTA.

“My first time lobbying was most surprising,” she said. “I expected to be in meetings with the Senators and other lobbyists for, at the most, a half hour. But I was in with the Nevada Senators, by myself, for a whole hour!”

She was elected to the Sierra Club Board of Directors and served all of her three-year term on the Executive Committee. The last two years, she served as Vice President for Conservation, where she chaired the Conservation Governance Committee, which had responsibility for overseeing the Club’s national conservation campaigns and programs. No longer on the Sierra Club board, she now focuses her efforts on desert issues, including the siting of transmission lines and solar power plants, and on mining. And she serves on the Steering

Committee for the California-Nevada Regional Conservation Committee as Nevada Vice-Chair.

Lois ran across Great Old Broads for Wilderness at the first Wilderness Conference in Ogden, Utah, in 1989. One of Broads’ founders, Susan Tixier, was talking to people about the organization and “I thought, that’s really cool, but I thought Broads’ approach to grazing was totally wrong.” Like many other environmental groups in the late 1980s, Broads was more aggressive and contentious when it first formed. “My approach isn’t ‘in-your-face,’ like Broads was back then,” Lois said. “We need to avoid making enemies – change the mind-set – legislate to make them pay for their share” – philosophies shared by the current Broads organization.



“Great Old Broads is taking a more scientific approach to our position on public lands grazing these days,” said Executive Director, Ronni Egan, “rather than being confrontational or doctrinaire. We maintain that very well managed grazing in limited areas may be appropriate.”

Along with her Board member duties of garnering financial, political, and membership support for Broads, Lois is excited about initiating an active Reno Broadband. “I’ve been talking to lots of people and there is great interest here.” she said, “And we now have enough people to start planning activities.”

“For years I have spent much of my time on administrative work. Now I look forward to turning back toward the wilderness, where my activism began.”

4TH ANNUAL WILD FOR WILDERNESS ON-LINE AUCTION

Here it is! The 4th Annual Wild for Wilderness Auction runs from Monday, October 27 through Sunday, November 16. Once again, our donors are the best on this blue-green earth.

We have a fantastic array of bidding opportunities for you and your friends. Autographed books, jewelry, fine art prints, camping and hiking gear, clothing, meals from gourmet restaurants, home stays in cities and towns around the world, and adventure trips such as whitewater rafting with Holiday Expeditions and a week's stay at Pico Bonito EcoLodge in Honduras.



Go on line at <http://auction.greatoldbroads.org> to browse the listings. So much to choose from ... so little time. Register and place your bids.

Directions are posted on the site.

Donate ... there's still time if you have an exceptional item that you just have to offer. It's a bit late for the smaller items but if you have something that might bring a fist full of dollars to Broads, please email rose@greatoldbroads.org.

Bid ... go to www.greatoldbroads.org and click on the auction link <http://auction.greatoldbroads.org> and place your bids.



Share ... the auction website with others. The auction success is directly tied to the number of people who register and bid. Forward the auction link to everyone in your email address book and to your friends and family.



Host ... an auction party. Increase the fun and fund raising by hosting an auction party the weekend of November 15. With a few notebook computers set up and some wine or beer flowing, you could introduce your friends to the auction, show them how to bid and place proxy bids, and get some friendly competitive bidding going.

BROADS LEND A HAND IN SOUTHERN UTAH FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Broads and friends were on hand for National Public Lands Day at the end of September to help the BLM close 15 illegal routes into Wilderness Study Areas in southern Utah. They installed barricades and signs and restored damaged land on Cedar Mesa. Folks from Red Rock Forests worked with the Forest Service in Arch Canyon.



SPRING BASIN, OREGON BROADS

by Pat Cary Peek

“Oh, give me land, lots of land under starry skies above, don’t fence me in. Let me ride through the wide open country that I love, don’t fence me in. Let me ride to the ridge where the west commences, gaze at the moon until I lose my senses, Don’t like hobbles and I can’t stand fences, don’t fence me in!”

The voice down the hill gets us all to singing as we stand holding three strands of barb wire and feeding it into a large metal spool that Taylor operates by sitting on a seat behind it and rotating two large handles on each side. Aaron Killgore, John Day coordinator of Oregon Natural Desert Association, (ONDA), supervises. The day is perfect for pulling fence on the parched hillside in Central Oregon, cloudy with only spits of rain.

The Broadwalk at Spring Basin, near the tiny town of Fossil, Oregon, was to advocate wilderness designation for 8,600 acres of this unique volcanic area that overlooks the Wild and Scenic John Day River. Local landowners, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and ONDA have developed the proposal and the bill has been introduced.

When the GOB get behind a project, I know it’s well researched and worthwhile. Good things happen when we support the cause and take our brooms, shovels, buckets and picks to do a service. This time I had my doubts, though, when I heard we were to “pull fence,” basically, take down a fence. Having lived near here, in the John Day Valley, I knew about fences, and had heard stories of barb wire whipping around and tearing out eyes, gashing arms, etc. “Well, I’ll do what I can,” I mumbled to myself, “but it’s not my idea of fun!” But removing



Aaron Killgore has a captive audience of Broads on the hike to the Spring Basin proposed Wilderness area. From left, Aaron, JoAnn Valenti, Pat Peek, Christine Hagelin, and Susie Wiese.

fences, opening up the country for the critters, letting it revert back to the way it was before cows and sheep beat it up, is a good thing, a symbolic thing and a practical thing as well.

As other speedier Broads marched past us up the steep hill, eager to get to work, Anne, Angie and I took our time. We enjoyed the day, the sweet smell of sage, grasses golden in the sun, and a few late blooming flowers among the rocks. Bright yellow rabbit brush was abundant and here and there we spotted exquisite blazing stars, their delicate pale yellow blooms a contradiction to the rugged, rocky dry land. Dry brown leaves of balsam root told the story of a beautiful spring, alive with color, on these slopes.

We got to the top and I bravely

picked a tool from the large box provided by Rick Hayes, manager of the Pine Creek Conservation area for the tribes. We were also given a canvas bag to hook on our belt to collect staples, bits of wire, etc. These people are serious! I thought. The multi-purpose tool with a red handle looked lethal. Among other things, it had a wire cutter, pliers and a hook thing for pulling staples, probably quite efficient in the hands of a bonafide fence builder/puller.

Ineptitude with tools was bred into me. Mom was a proper southern woman who didn’t believe ladies should sweat or get their hands dirty.

After a little safety instruction from our leaders, it’s time to get started. I consider hiding out but there’s no place to hide. I’m stuck! Finally I decide, “Well, here I am

BROADWALK: DON'T FENCE ME IN

and I'll be darned if I'll let these Broads know what a frivolous, useless person I am!" I carry my "weapon" and follow Nancy and Pokey to the fence as if I know what I am doing. My friends Cindy and Susie go with Rose and others up the hill in the other direction.

I approach the fence as if it were a wild beast, ready to spring. Indeed, barb wire has a memory, we were told, so in a way it is alive, just waiting to lash back at us as we release it.

How do I hold this thing? I inspect the tool. Maybe I could grab this wire holding the barb wire to the metal post and get it off. I gingerly try opening the pliers and attempt to get a purchase. It slips. After several tries, I learn how to grab it and manage to remove the wire from the post, carefully guiding it



Jefferson Jacobs, ONDA's Outreach Coordinator, feeds barbed wire to the "taming" machine operated by Taylor Pittman - photo by Libby Ingalls

under the barb wire. It springs off. Wow! I can do this! I move down to the next one, and the next, gaining confidence.

I follow the others down the fence line removing the wire fasteners and placing the wires in my canvas pouch. Then I drop one and get down on my knees to reach across

and retrieve it. The top wires of the fence fall over my back and I'm entangled. I freeze! I'm wrapped in wire like a snake in its skin, but I know better than to wiggle. Oh no! "Help, somebody!" I yell and immediately someone comes to the rescue, and I escape without even a ripped shirt, much less bloody gashes.

We stop for lunch and gather on a high rocky hillside with the mountains marching for miles into the distance and the John Day River sparkling below.

After lunch I join the group that's rolling the wire up. Nancy, Sara, Joan, Carol, Libby, Christine and others are holding the strands gingerly with leather gloves as they feed it onto the spool. Later we learn that we've removed more than a mile of fence, and no casualties. We've really done something! What a great feeling!

Great Old Broads is about lending our voices for wilderness and the environment, but it's also about women and what we believe we can do. The work portion of the Broadwalk is as much for us as it is for the project. We grow a little with each bucket we carry, each broom we wield and each tool we manage. Every step of the way, some of us learn what many of us have known their whole lives; we are a lot stronger and more able than we thought. **DON'T FENCE US IN!**



Trails leading from the John Hancock Field Station, where Broads set up base camp, provided spectacular views of the John Day Basin and golden opportunity for Broads to go a-walking.

Visit ONDA's website at www.onda.org/ for more information about the Spring Basin Wilderness Study Area and for ways to take action on wilderness issues in Oregon.

THE BROADER WILDERNESS MOVEMENT

Wolves Regain Protections: Howl for joy! The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has rescinded an earlier decision to remove the gray wolf in the Northern Rockies from the endangered species list, in response to a lawsuit filed by the National Resources Defense Council, Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife and numerous other environmental groups. The wolves need the protection, so this is wonderful news.

In July Judge Donald Molloy of Federal District Court found that the government had failed to meet its own standards for delisting the wolves. The Fish and Wildlife Service had entrusted the job of managing wolf populations to the states. Judge Molloy was especially critical of Wyoming's program, which is really more of a wolf-killing plan since it allows wolves to be hunted for sport or shot as predators in most of the state. Wolf hunts had also been scheduled this fall in Idaho and Montana. More than 100 wolves have already been needlessly killed since the ill-advised delisting last March.

A Quiet Winter in Yellowstone: A federal judge has banned snowmobiles from Yellowstone National Park saying that a plan approved by the Bush Administration to allow 500 snowmobiles to travel daily through Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in the winter months would cause damaging noise pollution, air pollution, and would also stress wildlife. Judge Sullivan stated, "According to the National Park Service's own data, the (plan) will increase air pollution, exceed the use levels recommended by NPS biologists to protect wildlife, and cause major adverse impacts to the

natural soundscape in Yellowstone." He went on to say that, "The plan clearly elevates use over conservation of park resources and values." This decision is a welcome one after years of Environmental Studies and contrary agency actions. Broads have consistently supported the phase-out of snowmobiles and phase-in of increased Snowcoach access for winter park visitors.

Omnibus Public Lands Bill: An Omnibus package of more than 150 public lands, water, and resources bills may finally see action on the Senate floor in a lame-duck session on or around November 17. The various bills in the omnibus would designate more than one million acres of Wilderness and would authorize numerous studies for potential parks, protected rivers and historic landmarks.

One oddly contentious section of the bill would make permanent a Bureau of Land Management program that the Clinton administration set up administratively in 2000. The National Landscape Conservation System includes about 27 million acres, including national historic and scenic trails, national monuments and wilderness areas. Another controversial item is the proposed construction of a road through Alaska's Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.



Broadwalk service project near Gold Butte, Nevada - Spring 2008

Gold Butte: On Sept. 26, Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (NV) introduced the Gold Butte Conservation Act, which would protect 362,177 acres of the natural gem south of Mesquite. If approved, Berkley's measure would designate Gold Butte as a National Conservation Area and would further designate nearly 130,000 of the acreage as a federal wilderness, prohibiting all vehicular traffic within that smaller parcel.

Our April 2008 Gold Butte Broadwalk helped to spread the word about the lovely Gold Butte area and the cultural resources it contains, and the critical need for its protection from burgeoning and damaging recreational uses. There is still hope for this Congress to act but Senator Reid (NV) would need to introduce a companion Senate bill for consideration. Write and call with your support of Gold Butte.

ARE YOU WIRED?

As the world becomes more electronically connected, Great Old Broads' staff relies more heavily on communicating via e-mail with our members.

With e-mail, we can send you important alerts and organizational information in a timely manner.

If you've recently arrived "on line" or have changed your e-mail address, please help us stay connected with you (and save postage and trees) by sending us your current e-address. We PROMISE not to clog your in-box with frivolous items or spam!

Thank you - Ronni, Rose and Joyce

The Bush administration has recently proposed to overhaul and streamline the Endangered Species Act by removing critical scientific oversight for federal projects that might impact listed species. Historically, independent government scientists at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service have been consulted on federal projects like highway construction and timber sales. Removing science from the equation would create a “fox guarding the hen house” scenario where federal agencies are allowed to determine themselves whether their actions could impact imperiled species. The proposal would also prevent the Endangered Species Act from considering the impacts of global warming emissions on endangered species.

Yet another disturbing trend is the continued introduction of quid pro quo wilderness bills in Idaho and Utah. The Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act (the very title exposes this as a largely non-wilderness bill), while it has been improved somewhat due, in part, to ongoing pressure by the “loyal opposition” in the wilderness community, still contains land giveaways in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area; a dedicated motorized trail through the center of the proposed Boulder-Whiteclouds Wilderness Area; and the transfer of nearly 6,000 acres of federal land to local city and county governments. While CIEDRA would protect some 600,000 acres as wilderness, we at Great Old Broads, along with dozens of other organizations, feel that this bill contains too many trade-offs to qualify under the Wilderness Act. Indeed, to rush into this deal-laden wilderness designation in the 11th hour of an administration distinctly hostile to true wilderness protection seems unwarranted.

Last, but certainly not least, in the list of worries over the future of our wild natural resources is the prospect of the next occupant of the White House bringing us more of the same or worse. One thing of which Americans can be assured is that with less than 3% of the world’s untapped petroleum reserves but 25% of world demand, we certainly can’t “drill, baby, drill” our way out of the high gas prices we’re now seeing. Neither do we have the luxury of another four years of “business as usual,” dodging the reality of global warming. Now, I am not allowed, by law, to advocate for the election of any political candidate, but I can urge all Great Old Broads to get active in the local electoral process. And for heavens’ sake, get to the polls on November 4. Take several friends with you. Take a carload of folks. And please, take a stand for the polar bears, magnificent vistas and intimate

canyons of our wildlands, and your grandchildren, when you step into the voting booth.

VOTE THE ENVIRONMENT

KNOW YOUR CANDIDATE’S RECORD ON THE ENVIRONMENT BEFORE YOU MARK YOUR BALLOT.

Our friends at Patagonia offer links to their “favorite resources” for scrutinizing the records of public officials.

- ▶ **League of Conservation Voters**
lcv.org/scorecard/
- ▶ **grist**
www.grist.org/candidate_chart_08.html
- ▶ **Project Vote Smart**
www.votesmart.org

Or www.votetheenvironment.org

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lands from the abuses of grazing and drilling. Now, given the harmful impacts of global warming, we need to develop alternative energy sources knowing that those alternatives will also have negative impacts on the land. But, it’s not a choice between public lands and global warming. There’s no denying our public lands are already being impacted by global warming. We need alternatives so we can get beyond the fossil fuels that are causing the damaging warming. As I see it, the task now is to determine the least harmful locations for the new energy sources while protecting the places where it’s clear that more harm would be done.”

Johanna is on San Francisco’s Commission on the Environment where she helped spearhead the city’s precedent-

setting campaigns against single-use grocery bags and water bottles. She is also on the board of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA). “SUWA is at the top of my list of successful regional organizations,” she said, “and I am continually impressed by the passion, dedication and accomplishments of their staff.”

As for Broads: “During the period when I was most involved with grazing,” she said. “Broads were my strongest and most reliable partners. It was just such a remarkable privilege to wear the Broads t-shirt.”

With the threats to our public lands ever-evolving, it’s good to know that Johanna is still jumping in where few others have dared to go and wearing a Broads t-shirt, to boot.

BROADBAND BOOT CAMP from page 1

The Boot Camp will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 24-27, 2009 where we will train 15 to 20 volunteer Broadband leaders to advocate for wilderness and wild lands. Leaders will be trained in grassroots organization, communication, lobbying skills, wilderness history, documentation of on-the-ground abuses, and Broads' positions on issues such as grazing, off-road vehicles, and oil, gas, and mineral development.

The training will be a two full day, three evening, working weekend, where potential leaders will be taught the essentials of successful, grassroots volunteer organization and leadership and emerge fully equipped to put vision into action in their own communities. Because of Ben and Jerry's generosity, we can offer this training at no cost to the participants. Meals and lodging are also provided at no cost. Participants will be responsible for travel to Albuquerque, attending the full Boot Camp training, and developing a one-year plan for their Broadband.

Broadband leaders will increase the effectiveness of the Great Old Broads at the local level. These leaders will recruit new members and host awareness-raising activities such as hikes and speaker-events, share information on wilderness issues, communicate with the media, arrange for monitoring trainings and legislative visits, and engage in service projects in the region. After the training, Broadband Leaders will stay connected with the other leaders to share ideas and inspiration.

Participant selection: Interested members may nominate themselves for Boot Camp by submitting an ap-



Last fall, the Albuquerque Broadband took to the streets to advocate for the protection of wolves in New Mexico wild lands. By mingling Grannies and Red Riding Hood with the Big Bad Wolf, Broads drew attention to the Big Bad Wolf image as the myth that it is - while having a bit of fun, of course.

plication (www.greatoldbroads.org/bootcampap.pdf). Leaders/Activists will be selected based on the following criteria:

1) How well the candidate embodies "Broadness" and a wilderness protection ethic;

Boot Camp is Broads' solution to strengthening the effectiveness of and amplifying the voices of Broads across the country.

2) Availability for the required Boot Camp training time commitment;

3) Availability and willingness to make a 2-year commitment to getting a group "off the ground";

4) Demonstrated ability to work successfully with various individuals and organizations;

5) Unique strengths and experience the candidate can bring to the table,

contributing to the success of her Broadband.

We believe that the voices and activism of elders are essential to preserving and protecting wilderness and wild lands. Founded in 1989 in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Wilderness Act and to counter allegations that older people didn't support wilderness, Broads has grown to include more than 3,500 members in all 50 states.

Our ranks include men (Bro's) and younger women (Training Broads), though the majority of our membership continues to be mature women with lifetimes of adventures and experiences from which to draw.

Boot Camp is Broads' solution to strengthening the effectiveness of and amplifying of the voices of Broads across the country.

Contact rose@greatoldbroads.org to sign up.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4th Annual Wild for Wilderness On-line Auction

Date: Oct. 27-Nov. 16, 2008

Auction Location: <http://auction.greatoldbroads.org/>

Our fourth annual *Wild for Wilderness On-line Auction* fund raiser promises to be better than ever this year.

Inaugural Broads Boot Camp

Date: January 24-27, 2009

Location: Albuquerque, NM

See the article on page 1 for details. Interested? Contact Rose@greatoldbroads.org

AARP Article

Look for a story about Broads in the January-February issue of the AARP Magazine.

Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival - On Tour

Date: February 27-28, 2009

Location: Durango, CO, at Fort Lewis College.

Watch our web site for details.

San Juan River Float FUNdraiser

Date: May 4-8, 2009

Location: Starts in Bluff, UT

Cost: \$1,212

Wild Rivers Expeditions will once again donate a (substantial) portion of the proceeds from this float trip. The 2009 trip will run from Mexican Hat to Clay Hills. Watch our web site for

details. For information and to register, go to www.riversandruins.com.

Broads 20th Anniversary Celebration - Save the Date

Date: Oct. 1-5, 2009

Location: Escalante, UT

Return with us to our origins with hikes, speakers, and special guests.

Up for a challenge?

Earth Friends Wildlife Foundation has CHALLENGED Great Old Broads for Wilderness to raise \$75,000 from members and friends before the end of the year.



**Stretch your support dollars
by DONATING NOW!**

Go to www.greatoldbroads.org and click on the "Join or Give" icon, e-mail us at broads@greatoldbroads.org or call us at 970-385-9577.

GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES ALL YEAR LONG!

Join our Sustaining Member program and provide critical support for our work all year long. Giving on a monthly basis provides reliable funding so that we can focus our energy and resources on the many wilderness issues at hand. It also saves us money and resources. It's easy and secure—you can sign-up for credit card payments or bank withdrawals. Give Broads the greatest gift you can—your ongoing support. As our thanks for becoming a Sustaining Member, you may receive a Broads Coffee Mug! Yes, please send me my Broads mug!

Yes, I want to help! Here's my commitment to a **MONTHLY** gift:

\$100 \$50 \$30 \$15 \$10 (minimum) Other _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Email _____ Zip _____

Select payment method: Credit Card Auto Bank Withdrawal (attach a voided check)

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

I authorize Broads to deduct automatic payments from my account on the 20th day of each month. I understand I may cancel at any time with 30 days written notice.

Mail form with voided check to: Great Old Broads for Wilderness * PO Box 2924 * Durango, CO 81302

Join the Great Old Broads Today!

- Basic Broad \$35
 Rockin' Broad \$50+
 Wild Broad \$75+
 Outrageous Broad \$100+
 Budget Broad \$34 or less
 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

City, State _____ Email _____

Give a ONE-YEAR GIFT MEMBERSHIP to a Broad-minded friend!
 Enclose additional dues for this membership.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail (please include) _____

**We will include a note that the gift membership is from you.*

Please do not share my info with like-minded organizations.

Save paper and postage, no receipt is necessary.

**Please return with payment to:
 Great Old Broads for Wilderness
 PO Box 2924, Durango, CO 81302**

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Libby Ingalls with a tool and a smile at Spring Basin.

Broads Paraphernalia

Item	Size	Cost	Quantity
Broads Tee (natural-runs large)	S,M,L,XL	\$17	
Long Sleeve Tee (natural)	S,M,L,XL	\$22	
Scoop-neck Tee (white)	S,M,L,XL	\$17	
Slim Fit Sage Tee	M,L,XL	\$17	
Button or sticker (circle)		\$1.50	
Coffee Mug		\$17	
Canvas Tote		\$17	
Dung to Dust Booklet		\$5	

Ship merchandise to: Me Gift member

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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