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THE ANTIQUITIES ACT: A MONUMENTAL VISION

by Shelley Silbert

Muir Woods, Grand Canyon, Grand Tetons—it's hard to imagine the bitter controversies that surrounded protection of these national treasures.* Without the Antiquities Act, these and many other beloved national parks and monuments would not exist. The wisdom of visionary leaders from both political parties in 1906 ensured this tool could preserve the nation's natural and cultural resources for all Americans, instead of allowing their sacrifice for the profit of a few.

The Antiquities Act empowers the president or Congress to designate national

monuments to conserve public lands or marine areas. A president has little to lose—and a legacy to gain—by designating a monument when Congress fails to pass protections desired by a diverse majority of Americans. To date, 16 presidents, eight from each party, have used the Act—and Congress has designated 40 monuments, bringing the current count to 117 national monuments in thirty states, Washington D.C., and U.S. territories.

President Obama's final year gives Broads and others high hopes that his administration will respond to input from citizens, land managers, and the Council on Environmental Quality and designate more monuments to be cherished in the future (see pg. 9).

ONCE DESIGNATED, ALWAYS PROTECTED, RIGHT?

National monument designation simply creates a legal envelope to protect "objects of historic or scientific interest". The proclamation wording is the key: it spells out the values to be protected and determines which exploitive

uses, if any, will be halted. Monuments generally protect valid existing rights, such as oil and gas leases, mining claims, logging permits, roads and utility right-of-ways, and grazing permits. Importantly, monument designation does not establish

wilderness—only Congress can do that.

Each national monument is managed by a particular federal agency, including the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. In 2009, a BLM National Conservation Lands System was codified by Congress and includes 23 national monuments, as well as wilderness, wild & scenic rivers, national conservation areas and national trails.

After designation, the managing agency begins a planning process to define and refine monument administration. That is a critical time for Broads and supporters to speak up for the values that underpin the designation.

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All too frequently, use of the Antiquities Act was one step ahead of larger attempts to develop and profit from public lands.

**Protect these
treasures
as national
monuments!**



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**Want to get to know
these places up close
and personal?**

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at our
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* Or perhaps it's not hard to imagine at all, given the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge seizure and more insidious efforts to legislate takeovers of national public lands by states or counties (see *In a Broad Sense*, pg. 2).



...those who seized a national wildlife refuge at gunpoint act outside democratic values foundational to our country

by trappers as living in “incredible” numbers on Malheur Lake in 1820. He doesn’t mean the Swift Meatpacking Company that sold 65,000 acres of land to the refuge in 1935. And, he can’t mean Harney County, as county leaders and the community have stated they don’t want the refuge and oppose the militant seizure.

So what to make of the thuggery of these extremists?* They claim to stand up for perceived federal overreach in the sentencing of two local ranchers convicted of arson on the refuge, ranchers who have a long-standing history of violations and vicious threats to refuge workers. As journalist Chris Clarke put it, the view that the Hammond brother’s five-year sentence is federal overreach is “the result of selective application of ethical standards”; typically, far-right extremists champion mandatory minimum sentencing when it’s applied predominantly to non-white, poor, and urban Americans.



IN A BROAD SENSE



Public Lands are Our Refuge

Last spring, rising in the early morning light, I emerged from my tent to experience the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge bustling with birdsong and activity. Binoculars at the ready, I walked quietly down the campground road. A man leaned into a camera on a tripod at the wetland’s edge. Two women with a spotting scope peered into the reeds nearby. One of the women shared her excitement—a Virginia rail darted through the reeds, a reclusive species whose behavior is rarely observed. We enjoyed the camaraderie of watching its antics together.

With over 320 bird species, Malheur is a key rest stop on the Pacific Flyway for more than a billion birds migrating from Arctic tundra to South America. Finding myself in the region for our Owyhee Canyonlands Broadwalk last May, I carved out the time to experience the magic and peacefulness of one of America’s premiere birding spots.

Fast-forward less than a year. Gun-toting extremists invade this beloved refuge, and their leader, son of renegade rancher Cliven Bundy, declares they’ve come to return this public land to its “original owners”. He doesn’t mean the Paiute, reported



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Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a national non-profit organization that engages and ignites the activism of elders to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands. Conceived by older women who love wilderness, Broads gives voice to the millions of older Americans who want their public lands protected as Wilderness for this and future generations. We bring voice, knowledge, commitment, and humor to the movement to protect our last wild places on earth.

Please credit Broads for any reprinted articles.

*At the time of this writing, eight militants, including Ammon and Ryan Bundy were arrested, and one killed as he resisted arrest. We hope the remaining occupiers will stand down peacefully.

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REMEMBERING SUSAN

A river cuts through a rock, not because of its power, but its persistence.

We said farewell to founder Susan Tixier in October of 2015. There was no one quite like Susan and her indomitable spirit will be missed. Thanks to those of you who donated to Broads in her honor and our generous members who matched those funds. Your contributions will help support our ongoing efforts to protect Wilderness and wild lands.

Here is a sampling of the many memories you shared.

"Thanks to Susan's daughter, Nicky, I was privileged to be one of those lucky enough to help send Susan on her final journey. When I received the jar of Susan's ashes from Nicky, I felt anxious, as if the contents of that jar DID NOT LIKE being cooped up! That feeling was strong and so very appropriate. I released her ashes on a windy day, on a cliff above the Pacific Ocean where we had walked together years before. We have taken many walks together, down the Escalante, in Davis Gulch, in Box Death Hollow, and elsewhere. This day, she flew, with my gratitude to her, as a mentor and as a friend. Thank you, Susan." —Jane Kroesche



"For us Great Old Broads, who have fewer years than more left to spend in the Wilderness, time is short. We don't want to lose one more wild place—not one more. Not another species, not another bog, not another free-flowing stream that coexists with Wilderness should be lost through consensus and compromise."

— Susan Tixier, 1994

"Peace to you, Susan. We shall carry on! A couple of my first memories of Susan...in the Nightingale Mountains... a school bus found and rental car keys lost for over 24 hours!" —Karen Fischer

"I was so sad to hear of Susan Tixier's passing. I just loved her sunny smile, her quirkiness, her passion and her intelligence—she was an "original". I smile just thinking about her and the fun we had. I learned to appreciate wild lands, especially those in Utah, thanks to Susan at the Broadwalks. The technique that she promoted to save our natural environment was to encourage people to come out to Broadwalks because she believed that you have to get people out to see and walk on our precious public lands, and really love them, in order to work to preserve them. It worked with me. I will miss Susan and miss the hope that I would see her again some day at a future Broadwalk." —Linda Salazar

"How I will miss her—do [miss her]...dear Susan—funny, smart, inventive, determined Susan—and as pissed off about our losses as I am!" —Katie Lee

"I so remember having met Susan on a Broadwalk out of Reno. Her vitality, energy, and enthusiasm for the mission of the Great Old Broads was so impressive and inspiring! The photo of her in your letter was so perfect and just as I remembered her. On that Broadwalk into the desert, all of us had our little tents and sleeping bags, but Susan simply slept out in the open on the ground! Susan's legacy will be for all of us to keep fighting for our precious wilderness areas!" —Dottie McKinley

TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

"Louis laughed unquenchably. He loved unhindered. He lives in our hearts and will be so truly missed."

— Dallas Hyland

In October 2015, Louis Johnson, a lover of Utah canyons, a friend to many, and a supporter of Broads' work, tragically lost his life in a canyoneering accident. He didn't want flowers for his memorial—instead, he wanted to encourage donations.

A team of his closest friends developed a t-shirt in tribute to Louis, with proceeds going to Great Old Broads for Wilderness. We are grateful to Louis, his husband Everett, and the dear friends who made this generous donation possible.



READY TO REGISTER? 2016: MONUMENTAL EVENTS

And away we go!

We have a Broad-tastic line up of Walks and Works for 2016 that's sure to get you itching to pack your gear! Peruse the choices and get your registration in lickity split to ensure you get a spot on the trips of your choice. For the fastest way to register, visit us at: www.greatoldbroads.org/national-events/

MARCH 17-21, 2016

MOJAVE DESERT BROADWALK

Tecopa Hot Springs, CA

Members: \$170 • **Non-members:** \$195

Explore the starry skies and stunning beauty of the one and only Mojave Desert. Join Broads and our partners, the California Wilderness Coalition and Sierra Club to learn about the various conservation efforts taking place in the region's immense wild landscapes. We'll discuss the California Mojave Desert Monuments campaign and other deserving wilderness-area designations.

As always, knowledgeable locals and resource experts will lead hikes into the areas proposed for wilderness or wild and scenic designations, giving you a true feel for this vast open desert. All signs point toward conditions that will reward us with an amazing wildflower display.

DESERT DELIGHTS

We'll explore the Kingston Range Wilderness and hike along the Wild and Scenic Amargosa River, which sustains biologically rich wetlands and riparian forests, and flows



through a rugged canyon defined by precipitously eroded cliffs. Birders will appreciate the more than 200 species that pass through the area; we'll take a peek at the Dumont Dunes ORV play area, and more.

Thanks to the Needles and Barstow field offices of the Bureau of Land Management and Friends of the Amargosa River, we'll tackle various stewardship projects in the local area.

HOT SPRINGS!

Beginning with happy hour on Thursday and ending with breakfast on Monday, our camping location and base of operations will be the Tecopa Hot Springs Resort Campground. If you wish to make other lodging arrangements, please contact the resort directly.

A scrumptious breakfast and dinner will be provided each day at camp by the great chefs from "The Bistro". You are responsible for your own trail lunches and snacks.



JUNE 19-25, 2016

SAGE GROUSE HABITAT MONITORING BROADWORK

Greenfire Preserve, near Challis, ID

Members: \$170 • **Non-members:** \$195

In partnership with the Wild Utah Project (WUP), we're seizing a golden opportunity to help central Idaho sage grouse thrive and potentially bring about sorely needed grazing management



improvements on the Warm Springs grazing allotment.

This past fall, the BLM enacted Land Use Plan amendments across the west intended to build stronger protections for sage-grouse habitat. We will test the strength of these stated reforms and protections, by using BLM's own methods to conduct on-the-ground assessments of landscape conditions.

SCIENCE FOR SAGE GROUSE

WUP's science staff will coach us on how to conduct the fieldwork. We'll share our data with the BLM to ensure the habitat meets the new condition indicators, thresholds, and benchmarks as spelled out by BLM's new Land Use Plan.

This is important work: if our data shows the allotment fails to meet the new land condition requirements for sage-grouse habitat, it provides support to demands that the current livestock grazing management requires change.

THE PLAN, OUR DIGS, AND CHOW

The event begins with happy hour Sunday afternoon and ends with Saturday breakfast. We'll work full days in the field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, with a mid-week break to hike and explore the area—maybe nearby in the newly designated Sawtooth National Recreation Area and associated wildernesses.

We'll camp and base our event at Western Watershed Project's *Greenfire Preserve* on the east fork of the Salmon River. A variety of sleeping arrangements (camping, beds) are available depending on group size. All will have real bathrooms and showers!

Chef extraordinaire, Ronni Egan, will provide a delicious breakfast and dinner each day. Packable field lunches and snacks are on your own. Prepare to work hard, play hard, and rub shoulders with good people who love the outdoors. This is going to be a popular event and spaces are limited, so register today!





JULY 10-16, 2016

SAWTOOTH BROADWORK

Boulder-White Clouds Wilderness, near Stanley, ID

Registration fee: \$50

The 2015 designation by Congress of the Boulder-White Clouds Wilderness in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) of central Idaho provides us with the opportunity for this exciting project. In partnership with the Sawtooth Society and the U.S. Forest Service, we'll have the honor of installing brand-spanking new Wilderness signs. Broads will act as boots on the ground for this event.

PACK 'EM UP, MOVE 'EM OUT

We'll gather Sunday evening in Stanley for a briefing and divide into two groups. We'll organize packs and gear, then head into the backcountry Monday morning. The next five days will be spent backpacking along with a few pack animals that will carry some food, the signs and posts, and the gear needed for installation.



WE'LL PUMP YOU UP!

This project is labor intensive—with a lot of hiking and a lot of digging. Participants must be in great physical shape and able to hike/work at elevations ranging

from 6,500 to 10,000 feet. It will also be a great way to really see the new Wilderness. Meals are included and we'll have our very own camp cook along. Spaces are limited, so register now.



SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2016

BEARS EARS BROADWALK

San Juan County, UT

Registration fee: \$170

Experience the magic of Cedar Mesa and adjoining lands! This rich region holds more than 100,000 Native American archaeological sites, the historic Hole-in-the-Rock Trail, dramatic canyons and mesas with stunning views, wilderness study areas, and inventoried roadless areas—and these are but a few of the wonders to be experienced on this Broadwalk.

IN-DEPTH DISCOVERY & LEARNING

We'll hear from partner organizations, Friends of Cedar Mesa and the Bears Ears Coalition, about the multiple protection efforts for these lands: the deeply-flawed Public Lands Initiative (see *Broader Wilderness* pg. 8), and the exciting proposal by the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition calling for a 1.9-million acre collaboratively-managed National Monument.

Knowledgeable locals and resource experts, including archaeologists, historians, and naturalists will be on hand to lead hikes into the areas proposed for protections. BLM, NPS, and Forest Service staff will share how their agency manages these landscapes and lead us in stewardship projects.

CAMPING & CUISINE

The event begins with happy hour on Thursday and ends with breakfast on Monday. Our base camp will be near Natural Bridges National Monument and Bears Ears. Although we are primitive camping, portapotties will be available.

Yummy breakfasts and dinners for all will be provided by our camp cooks. Packable trail lunches and snacks are on your own. There is no better time to be in the high desert of southern Utah than early fall—we'll have great temperatures and night skies studded with stars! Reserve your space soon for this spectacular adventure.



OCTOBER 2-8, 2016

ESCALANTE RIVER RESTORATION BROADWORK

Grand Staircase-Escalante

National Monument, near Escalante UT

Members: \$170 • **Non-members:** \$195

Once again, Broads return to continue restoration of one of the west's last free-flowing rivers, the magical Escalante. Join Broads and Grand Staircase Escalante Partners staff for a week-long adventure: four days of hard, but rewarding work removing Russian olive, an invasive plant that threatens the riparian habitat, along with a day of hiking near fabulous Phipps Arch.

WORK HARD AND PLAY HARDER

The level of activity is challenging to strenuous, as you will be bending, kneeling, using hand tools, pulling tree branches, and using herbicides. A younger crew will follow us to "finish" the job with chainsaws. The results are truly gratifying.

The event begins with happy hour Sunday afternoon and ends with Saturday breakfast. We'll put in full days working in the field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, with a mid-week break to hike and explore the area.

CAMPING AND CULINARY DELIGHTS

This year we'll have an easy backpack to our campsite about 2 miles downstream of Highway 12, where camp culinary queen Ronni Egan will craft yummy breakfasts and dinners each day. Heavy gear will be transported by horseback, leaving us lighter packs of personal items to carry to our camp along the river.

Help restore the Escalante River while having an amazing canyon experience with a great gang of Broads. It doesn't get any better than this! Group size is limited to 12, so register now.





BROADBANDS IN ACTION

by Lauren Berutich

SYNERGY: TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

One Broadband's actions can be very powerful. Multiple Broadbands working together synergistically can fill streets, pack hearing rooms, and address public lands issues far and wide. Our Broads have been busy shaking things up across the west—they personify grassroots democracy!

A CRUDE PLAN

What do Washington, Oregon, and Idaho Broads all have in common? The Tesoro-Savage Oil Terminal proposal, climate action, and the opportunity for Broads to voice their concerns! Tesoro-Savage proposes to ship 360,000 barrels of crude oil per day by train through the Columbia River Basin to a shipping terminal at the Port of Vancouver. This would be largest oil-by-rail terminal in America, which in turn, would increase the number of oil-laden tankers departing from Vancouver for ports around the Pacific. Congress lifted the crude oil export ban in December, confirming for many that proposals such as this are not just about making oil more available, but also about expanding access to global markets.

Twisted Sister sang it perfectly, "We're not gonna take it!" An estimated 800 Broads and friends filled the streets of Vancouver, Washington to share their opposition to the terminal. Broadbands partnered with multiple nonprofits, community members, and conservation leaders to bring to light the proposal's risks: potential land, river, and marine oil-spills, impacts to air and water quality, increased greenhouse gas emissions, and harm to our non-human counterparts.

Broads participated in public hearings, wrote comment letters, and two of our leaders testified at public hearings



Northwest Broads at one of the Tesoro-Savage hearings (left to right): Pat McLachlan, Shirley Stageberg, Judy Todd, Jan Strong, Laurie Kerr, Shelley Spalding, Peggy Bruton, Cassie Hidalgo.



Members of Colorado's Mile High Broadband turned out to participate in the Denver Keep it in the Ground rally.



Phoenix, Arizona Broadband co-leader Kathy Ann Walsh at the People's Climate Action March.

about the draft environmental impact statement. A 45-day public comment period and development of a final report and proposal is underway, but ultimately Washington's Governor Inslee will approve or deny the terminal.

NO SALE FOR YOU!

On the heels of President Obama's November rejection of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, Broads joined the Keep it in the Ground (KING) Campaign, which is gaining momentum to urge federal legislation to stop the sale of new oil, gas, and coal leases on publicly-owned BLM and Forest Service lands. In just the past five months, more than 21 oil lease sales were proposed across the country, putting more than 990,000 acres in jeopardy. Broads and friends are voicing, "No mORE!". The administration is listening — January 15, President Obama announced a moratorium on new federal coal leases.

In Colorado, the Roadless Rule protecting roadless public lands from development, new roads, and fossil fuel extraction is again under review—and we are paying attention.

Broads are showing up in numbers. Our Mile High, Ridgway, South Park, and Grand Junction Broadbands (Colorado) and Utah's Wasatch Broadband wrote letters, spoke at rallies, and demonstrated at state buildings, BLM offices, and sale rooms. Citing climate impacts, we oppose any new leasing of federal lands for fossil fuel resources and ask for idle leases to be cancelled.

The pressure is on. Much to the displeasure of multiple Congressmen beholden to extractive interests, the BLM postponed auctions for oil and gas leases in Utah, Arkansas, Michigan, North Dakota, and Montana. It's been said that the postponement of these sales are the result of "significant influence from special interest and environmental groups" and pressure to include climate change impacts in the environmental analyses.

Broadbands are coming together to work in the area of public land health and climate action. Our community outreach shows our elected representatives that we believe "It's Time to Mother Nature". We are truly a force to be reckoned with.

Purple is the new black—and it better be your favorite color because our ladies are painting the town. For those who fear the wrath of a granny, you might want to stay out of Bend, Oregon because the Grannies (and friends) Against Bullies mean business! Bitterbrush Broadband leaders, Joanne Richter and Rynda Clark, helped organize two rallies held in Bend, and presented a creative skit promoting public land protection. The January 15th rally had a turnout of about 300 people and the event captured the hearts and minds of participants, the local media, and beyond. An article about the rally in Outside Magazine, posted on Broads' Facebook page, reached more than 24,000 people—wow—word about Broads is really getting out there (see link to article below)!

Echoing the Bend rally, our Boise Broadband organized a rally that drew more than a hundred supporters. Our fearless Olympia Broadband leader, Shelley Spalding, led the Seattle rally as emcee. Amazing Broads showed up by the dozens in Portland, Eugene, Spokane, Bend, La Grande, Malheur, Medford, and Santa Fe at subsequent rallies, where they joined with other advocates, local businessmen, students, conservation leaders, hunters and anglers, birders, scientists, public officials, and community members.

Altogether, more than 1,000 people came together at these events to share their collective voices in opposition to the takeover of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge in Burns, Oregon by armed extremists, proclaiming, "Enough is Enough!"

With the increasing drumbeat of fringe voices wanting to seize public lands that belong to all of us, there's a heightened energy around grassroots organizing—and our Broadbands have not skipped a beat—spreading the message that Americans love and treasure their public lands.



Here is a sampling of media coverage on the rallies that includes photos or mentions of Broads.

First Bend rally video: <http://bit.ly/BendRally>
Outside Magazine article: <http://bit.ly/Outside-Bend>
Boise rally video: <http://bit.ly/BoiseRally>
Article on Boise rally: <http://bit.ly/BoiseArticle>
Portland rally article: <http://bit.ly/PortlandRally>
Seattle rally article: <http://bit.ly/SeattleRally>



Oregon Broads at the Grannies (and friends) Against Bullies Rally in Bend.

Rynda Clark reflected on the first Bend rally, saying, "I had no idea I could get up in front of a crowd and speak my mind... I had no idea I could do anything like this. Where's the next rally? Bring it on!" Watching our Broads grow and find their voice is exciting and rewarding!

2015 Grassroots Leadership and Advocacy Program

It's been an incredible year of growth for our Broads' grassroots program under the skillful, creative, and enthusiastic direction of staff member extraordinaire Lauren Berutich. Our volunteer-led Broadbands are the backbone of our ever-impactful organization and we strive to provide the best training and support to help them shine. Oh, the places we'll go!

- 44 active and engaged Broadband Leaders (16 new and 9 trained in annual spring leadership training)
- 33+ active chapters in 11 states and growing
- 35,135 volunteer hours dedicated to public wild lands protection and advocacy
- More than 3,256 participants nationally in Broads' events
- 7 Broadbands hosted Women in Loving Defense (WILD) Climate Action pilot programs
- 12 major rallies and protests led or attended by Broads
- 2 regional Broadwalks

Our Broadbands continue to be the voices of community activism, the on-the-ground stewards and protectors of wild public lands, and the embodiment of wise, talented, strong, dedicated, and empowered grassroots organizers. As Women in Loving Defense, we are WILD for public lands and look forward to a very successful 2016!

Find and join a chapter in your area:
www.greatoldbroads.org/broadbands-directory/

Become a leader, co-leader, or start a Broadband!
<http://bit.ly/BBleader>

Support our grassroots movement: Volunteer! Host events, lead hikes, help in the national office, lead a chapter. There's something for everyone!

Contact Lauren with your creative ideas at lauren@greatoldbroad.org.



THE BROADER WILDERNESS

by Rose Chilcoat


RECAPTURE UTAH!

The archaeologically rich Recapture Canyon on the doorstep of conservative (but not-conservation friendly)



Blanding, Utah, emerged in the past decade as a poster child for the destructive uses, abuses, and anti-federal management attitudes all too common in southern Utah (and beyond). Over the years, we've shared this canyon's plight: from Broads' discovery of an illegally constructed ATV route system in 2006 and the closure of these routes by the BLM to prevent vandalism and damage, to the more recent saga of San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman's infamous "ATV protest ride" through the closed portion of the canyon in 2014 (accompanied by none other than Ryan Bundy). *Here's the latest...*

In December 2015, Lyman and co-conspirator Monte Wells were sentenced—both had been convicted of trespass and conspiracy for the illegal ride. Lyman received ten days in jail and Wells five days; both received three years probation. Although restitution of \$96,000 for damages to cultural sites had previously been ordered, this sentencing is a shameful slap on the wrist for such premeditated and destructive actions. In comparison, Tim DeChristopher received and served a two-year prison sentence for disrupting a BLM oil and gas lease sale by simply bidding on leases as a form of protest. (It was later found the leases were illegally offered.) Lyman and Wells have since appealed their convictions to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.



The BLM's Monticello Field Office is poised to issue an Environmental Assessment analyzing alternatives for an application by San Juan County, filed in 2008, for an ATV Trail Right of Way (ROW) in Recapture Canyon. The County's ROW application seeks to legitimize unauthorized routes for recreational use under the guise they are necessary for travel and access. *Stay tuned...*

GRAND BARGAIN IS A GRAND BUST

After years of meetings, field trips, and hours of stakeholder participation, Utah's Representatives Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz finally put forth their vision for the future of Utah's wildest public lands on January 20. While touted as a means to resolve long-standing conflicts and provide certainty to local communities, the Utah Public Land Initiative (PLI) is not a conservation bill in any way, shape, or form, but a fossil fuel development bill and giveaway of public lands bill. **The conservation community is loudly denouncing the proposed bill and we urge you to do so as well.**



While the acres of wilderness protected in the PLI seem impressive, the devil is in the details. The bill actually designates less wilderness than is currently protected in Wilderness Study Areas—and far less than what is included in the proposed (and nationally-popular) America's Red Rock Wilderness Act. The PLI version of "wilderness" would allow no federal water rights and could never receive air quality protections. Current levels of grazing could only be increased, never decreased, and ranchers are guaranteed motorized

access for management. Thousands of miles of right-of-ways would be granted to the state and counties, converting cow trails, footpaths, and faint dirt tracks into roadways—including claims in designated wilderness. Helicopter use for maintaining healthy wildlife populations (code for aerial predator control)



and mechanical mastication of pinyon and juniper forests would also be allowed.

The PLI dedicates millions of acres of public land to fossil fuels, forever opening lands now off limits to energy production—it is essentially an “anti-Wilderness” designation! Much of the “conservation” proposed is in the form of “national conservation areas” in name only, with little to no meaningful protections. Low-value state lands would be exchanged for high value federal lands, plus thousands of acres of federal lands would be given away for pet development projects.

The PLI fails to protect the Bears Ears region, despite years of work by a coalition of tribes for tribal co-management with the federal government of their 1.9-million acre ancestral homeland. Last December, these tribes withdrew from the PLI process when they saw their views and proposals were not taken seriously.

PLI's unfortunate failure to reflect desires of local tribes and most Americans is setting the stage for President Obama to designate the Bears Ears National Monument (focus of our September Broadwalk, see pg. 5).

For more information, visit www.bearscoalition.org

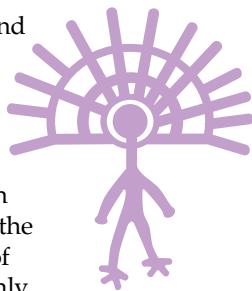
ARCTIC WILDERNESS BILL INTRO'D IN SENATE — ARCTIC MONUMENT POTENTIAL?

In December, Senators Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Ed Markley (D-MA), with 34 co-sponsors, introduced S.2341 to protect the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) as wilderness. This move counters a number of bad Congressional bills that would open the Coastal Plain, the most threatened part of the Refuge, to oil and gas development. The new wilderness bill moves



forward the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Final EIS recommendations (supported by President Obama) to designate three Wilderness Study Areas as Wilderness and establish four Wild and Scenic Rivers.

The Coastal Plain provides crucial habitat for muskox and wolves, calving grounds for caribou, denning areas for polar bears, and critical summer nesting grounds for migratory

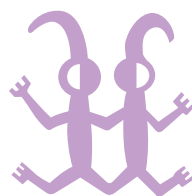


birds. These birds also stop to rest at Oregon's Malheur NWR along the Pacific flyway during their mind-blowing annual migrations that demonstrate the global importance and interconnections of wild habitat.

Set aside in 1960 to preserve unique wildlife, wilderness and recreational values, then re-designated in 1980 under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, this area is one of the world's largest intact ecosystems. Its unique wildlife, unspoiled wilderness, and cultural heritage combine to make it the crown jewel of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Home to the Inupiat and Gwich'in Alaskan Natives, it provides crucial resources for their survival. Congress is unlikely to provide protection.

Tell President Obama to protect the Arctic Refuge as a national monument: <http://bit.ly/AlaskaNM>

OTHER NATIONAL MONUMENTS RIPE FOR PROTECTION



Mojave Trails/Sand to Snow (CA)

Connects Mojave National Preserve to Joshua Tree NP and wilderness areas. Includes 25 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail.

<http://californiadesert.org/monuments/>

Owyhee Canyonlands (OR)

Last year's Broadwalk explored these special 2.5 million acres.

<http://bit.ly/OwyheeNM>

Gold Butte (NV)

350,000-acre wonderland where the Sonoran, Mojave Desert, Great Basin, and Colorado Plateau ecoregions meet.

<http://bit.ly/GoldButteNM>

Birthplace of Rivers (WV)

72,000 acres near the Cranberry Wilderness in southern Monongahela's Allegheny Mountains.

<http://www.birthplaceofrivers.org>

Greater Grand Canyon Heritage (AZ)

Protects 1.7 million acres of tribal homeland around the Grand Canyon, including water sources and sacred sites.

<http://bit.ly/GreaterGC>

WANTED! HQ WISHLIST...

- Free-standing shelving unit, approx. 24" x 48", 4 shelves; metal or plastic...just needs to be sturdy
- A high-quality 2-person, 3-season tent
- An 18 cubic foot roof box, like the Yakima Skybox 18: <https://www.yakima.com/skybox-18-carbonite>
- iPad or tablet with keyboard
- Fuel-efficient small car (30+ mpg)
- A newer, high-quality DSLR Digital Camera
- Standing Tripod (for video/digital camera)



Study A Broad

Dinah Bear: A Monumental Broad

by Susan Kearns

When a new president enters the White House, we expect sweeping staff changes. That was not the case for Dinah Bear. She served as General Counsel for the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) in four consecutive administrations over the course of 25 years—working with Presidents Reagan, George H. and George W. Bush, and Clinton.

The CEQ is part of the Executive Office of the President. The agency, established in conjunction with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), has far-reaching responsibilities: oversight of NEPA implementation, advising the President on environmental matters, and coordinating environmental law and policy execution.

AN ENDURING INFLUENCE ▾ ▾ ▾

Mary O'Brien, Great Old Broad and Grand Canyon Trust's Utah Forests Program Director, has known Dinah for more than 30 years. She describes her as unassuming, polished, and an absolute champion for the NEPA process. She says Dinah has outstanding skills for dealing with diverse people; she knows the art of making connections and finding common ground on issues.

From 1981 through her retirement in 2007, Dinah had a hand in the formulation of more than 20 national monuments. In most cases, that involved reviewing the documentation before final submittal, but in a couple of instances—notably the Giant Sequoia National Monument and Papahānaumokuākea Marine National



Yosemite National Park was an early inspiration for Dinah.

Monument, one of the largest marine conservation areas in the world—she had a hand in shaping and drafting the authorizing documentation and working with interested constituencies.

Born in Lynwood, California, Dinah earned a Bachelor's of Journalism from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri, and a law degree from McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California.

Her inspiration to protect wild places was awakened through yearly trips with her family to Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks. Her mother was an "ardent member" of Defenders of Wildlife and an advocate for the protection of wildlife and wild places.

So, how did Dinah arrive at CEQ? As a volunteer on Reagan's Presidential Campaign, she eventually became a paid staff member for "Democrats for Reagan". Through that connection, she was offered the position as General Counsel.

MONUMENTAL INSIGHTS ▾ ▾ ▾

Over the years, she found each administration had its own process for handling policy, and each supported public lands on some level. The Clinton administration, and Secretary Babbitt in particular, emphasized the idea of developing monuments managed by agencies other than the National Park Service, specifically, the Bureau of Land Management. George W. Bush used his authority to protect large regions of the Pacific Ocean.

And what were her take-aways? First, she noticed a surprising lack of understanding about national monuments. She said many people fear private land will be seized for monuments—which is not the case. However, overall she found many to be supportive of monument designation, as shown by their support for newly-designated monuments and advocacy for additional ones.

During the second term of the Clinton Administration, the CEQ was flooded with requests and recommendations, prompting her to joke they needed to install a "Hot Line" just to accommodate



She that lacks patience and stamina loses.

the monument advocates. On the down side, Dinah said, "I felt like the media coverage emphasized opposition to monuments. That's a fair story and needs to be covered, but so does the support for national monuments!"

GRACIOUS GUIDANCE ▾ ▾ ▾

Mary O'Brien shared that one of Dinah's remarkable traits valued by all administrations was her deep understanding of NEPA and ability to clearly explain and guide agencies and citizens effectively through the process. She said Dinah provides encouraging guidance, with the intent that everyone be cognizant of the value, flexibility, and resilience of NEPA.

Dinah feels one of the strongest aspects of the NEPA process is the requirement to analyze Reasonable Alternatives to a Proposed Action (see *Insider Tips for Finessing the NEPA Process*, Fall 2015 *Broadsides*). This means that citizens and agencies bring forth issues, science, data, and alternative viewpoints (in the form of Reasonable Alternatives) as a critical part of ensuring informed decision-making.

SPEAKING OUT FOR THE BORDERLANDS ▾ ▾ ▾

Retiring from CEQ at the end of 2007, Dinah and her husband moved to Tucson, Arizona, drawn to the region's diverse landscape, vast public lands, and national parks and monuments. There, she continues to work on environmental matters, including NEPA and potential

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monuments. She is active in environmental and humanitarian issues related to southern Arizona's borderlands and serves on boards for several organizations rallied around those matters.

Recently, Dinah spoke to the Tucson Broadband about S.750, a bill introduced by John McCain that would allow Customs and Border Patrol staff access to fragile federal lands along the Arizona border, including motorized patrols and the placement of communications, surveillance, and detection—without

compliance with environmental and historic preservation laws.

Her advice for Broads, "Don't shy away from working with agency personnel. They are human beings just like the rest of us and most of them very much want to do a good job. Get involved in the NEPA process as soon as possible if you care about a proposal. If you don't like the Proposed Action, develop an alternative that makes sense and is credible. Finally, don't give up—many battles take years or decades. She that lacks patience and stamina loses."

WANTED: BROADS ON BOARD

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description of Board Member responsibilities and how to apply at www.greatoldbroads.org/board-responsibilities/



— Susan Tixier

Reflections on a 1997 Broads gathering in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

"It rained on us and the Monument. We were wet with electric raindrops, slathered with mud, some of us clumsy ones more slathered than others! We became part of the processes that form the Escalante landscape, carrying some of it home with us, stained into our clothes—and our souls. God, what a marvelous, sacred place."



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EVENT RECAP

Oh! The fun we had!



ESCALANTE RIVER RESTORATION BROADWORK

by Antonia Daly

At the end of September 2015, thirteen hardy and purposeful women from all points east and west met in the parking lot of the Escalante Visitor Center to stuff our packs and carpool down Highway 12 into the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument for a week of Russian olive eradication from the banks of the Escalante River.

Horses conveyed our tents, chairs, food, and tools. We hiked a mile and a half of red rock splendor, fording the Escalante River three times to arrive at a make-shift campsite presided over by an indeed Great, regal Old Broad with an ethereal smile and wooden spoon in hand. Ronni Egan appeared to have risen from the cottonwoods, to have resided there forever, a spirit of the rock and river country.

Sustained by Ronni's seemingly effortless meals, BLM staff instruction, and the growing camaraderie, we embarked on clearing the Russian olive thickets.

Russian olives were intentionally planted in the 1930's in an effort to control erosion, an example of good intentions gone awry. The Russian olive mother tree extends shoots along the ground from which daughter trees emerge in all directions. The colonies spread rapidly, sucking up river water, choking out the native cottonwoods and willows, and altering the habitat of birds and mammals. Branches replete with stout finger-length thorns grow tall, forming a web of protection that defies Carhartt armor. The architectural tangle of branches is



Antonia cools her tootsies in the Escalante River.

cemented in place by flood-mud, washed down from the mountains in previous seasons.

We hacked, we sawed, we dug, we dragged, and we stacked piles and mounds of tree debris to expose the main trunks for the chain saw team coming the following week. With a pained nod to compromise and keeping our end goal in mind, we sprayed blue-dyed herbicide on cut stems to ensure death of the invasive tree.

After each productive day of sweat, torn clothes, cuts and bruises, we spa-ed, au naturel, in a pool of clear water, feeling proverbially one with it all and accomplished in our united woman-strength. If ever the effectiveness of a group of "old broads" was in question, this expedition Broad-casts the fierce power of determined, seasoned women when it comes to protecting the wild.

Antonia watched Broads from the East Coast for two years and first met a few of us at the Wilderness50 Conference in Albuquerque in October 2014. By October 2015, she donned her Carhartt duds and lugged cutting tools to the Escalante Broadwork. Soon after, she applied to and joined our Board of Directors. We are delighted to have her as part of the team.

WESTERNERS LOVE PUBLIC LANDS!

Polling voters in seven western states*, the bi-partisan 2016 Conservation in the West poll reports:

95% OF WESTERN VOTERS HAVE VISITED FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS IN THE LAST YEAR

96% WANT NATURAL AREAS CONSERVED AND PROTECTED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

72% BELIEVE THE PRESENCE OF NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS HELP THE LOCAL ECONOMY

75% SAY CONSERVATION IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN DECIDING WHETHER TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE

58% OPPOSE GIVING STATES CONTROL OVER FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS (65% OPPOSITION IN AZ TO 52% IN NV)

66% IN UTAH SUPPORT A PROPOSED 2-MILLION ACRE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

73% IN ARIZONA SUPPORT A PROPOSED 1.7-MILLION ACRE GRAND CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT

*AZ, CO, MT, NV, NM, UT & WY. For full results, see www.coloradocollege.edu/stateoftherockies/conservationinthewest/

REMEMBERING ANOTHER GREAT OLD BROAD



We lost a dear friend this year, Karen Cox, whose involvement, commitment, and outright Broadness will be sorely missed by all who had the honor of knowing her.

As chair of the Board of Directors, as a Board Member, and an Advisory Board Member for several years, Karen touched many with her quiet strength. Two of our board members who served with her share their remembrances.

"I always remember Karen's beautiful measured kindness to everyone, her quiet nature brought out her positive love of life. She always had an eye for making the small details of life relevant and important to all of us. Her background working with the San Francisco Library gave her that thoughtful attention to small details and leadership that contributed ultimately to the growth of the Broads."

— Karen Ryman

"I feel honored to have served on 'Karen Cox's' board even though it was a time of considerable stress and maturing for the board. Karen handled several difficult situations with grace. Indeed, I think of her as a graceful person; quiet and thoughtful, and able to weave disparate strands into a serviceable fabric."

— Saralaine Millet

*Is this the year?
Are you ready to take the lead?*

2016 Wilderness Advocacy Leadership Training Session

(Formerly known as Boot Camp, but now it's a WALTSl!)

WHEN: April 4–8, 2016

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POWER, POWER, WHO'S GOT THE POWER?

Let there be no mistake—those who seized a national wildlife refuge at gunpoint act outside democratic values foundational to our country. Equally distressing, they are spurred on by some elected officials who orchestrate legislative attempts—at city, county, state, and national levels—to grab America's public lands for private gain. These efforts are backed by corporate funders, such as coal and oil tycoons Charles and David Koch. Much of the cookie-cutter legislation to strike down bedrock laws protecting land, water, and the public interest has been promoted and fueled by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), which is funded almost entirely by the Koch Foundation, ExxonMobil, and other corporate associations. These corporate interests further manipulate the marionette strings through Political Action Committees, powerful lobbyists, and groups like the American Lands Council, which spearhead efforts to transfer federal lands to state control.

In Utah, the state passed legislation to take over national public lands, and the state attorney general will soon decide whether the state (and its taxpayers) should fund a \$14 million lawsuit to seize over 30-million acres of federal lands. Simultaneously, Utah Congressman Rob Bishop (R), chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and long a vitriolic voice against public land conservation, just introduced a disastrous bill called the Utah Public Lands Initiative that would slash protections on many public lands (see *Broader Wilderness*, pg. 8). While Bishop promised this comprehensive public lands bill would listen seriously to all stakeholders, he voted last year to transfer public lands to states and to gut the Land and Water Conservation Fund. We can't say we're too surprised by the anti-conservation bill he's put forth.

WE'VE GOT THE POWER!

History tends to repeat itself, and there is only one successful way to counter modern-day robber barons and their minions: by educating and igniting the voices and action of the greatest number of people in support of public lands, we can ensure that our lands stay intact, our water clean, our wildlife healthy, and that public lands remain as an inspiration for present and future generations. Broads' foremost commitment is to generate and support grassroots, democratic action to protect national public lands for all Americans. In January, our Broadbands catalyzed a major movement to oppose the bullies at Malheur and bring grassroots voices of support for public lands for all. In rallies throughout the northwest (see *Broadbands in Action*, pg. 6), they led creative action and garnered media attention. They continue to work on the front lines to show Americans treasure their national public lands. And, they prove that—contrary to biased media reports—the vast majority of westerners support federal public lands (see pg. 12).

This is the power of Broads: to work tirelessly to protect the values that make our country great, including democracy, civility, peaceful protest, AND spectacular public lands held



Trumpeter swans were reintroduced to the refuge in the 1950s when they were in peril of extinction.

by the nation in the public interest. As Broads, we deliver a message that reverberates—our Broadbands have done just that. In the coming months, we'll be involved in rallies for public lands in many other places. Stay tuned—our members and Broadbands make us proud, and we support them all the way.

Malheur Before Dawn



An owl sound wandered along the road with me.
I didn't hear it—I breathed it into my ears.

Little ones at first, the stars retired, leaving
polished little circles on the sky for awhile.

Then the sun began to shout from below the horizon.
Throngs of birds campaigned, their music a tent of sound.

From across a pond, out of the mist,
one drake made a V and said its name.

Some vast animal of sound began to rouse
from the reeds and lean outward.

Frogs discovered their national anthem again.
I didn't know a ditch could hold so much joy.

So magic a time it was that I was both brave and afraid.
Some day like this might save the world.

By William Stafford from *The Way It Is*, ©1998 Greywolf Press

"I appreciate all the earth-work you do and your incredible talent and energy in staring down the obstinate deniers of damage-to-mother-earth-inflictors!"

– Holly Rankin - SW Colorado Broadband member



WHY THE ANTIQUITIES ACT?

When anthropology was a young discipline, the 1893 World's Fair ignited public interest in southwestern Indian cultures—or at least in their cultural artifacts. The public and legislators feared that America would destroy its natural and cultural resources, just as the country launched into an era of political reform in reaction to the rapacious growth of the late 1800s. Not surprisingly, women led the charge to protect sites such as Mount Vernon, Mesa Verde, and others.

Ultimately, a western advocate and archaeologist, Edgar Hewett, convinced scholars, government officials, scientists, and citizens to support a bill in Congress to protect archaeological, historic, and scientific features on lands managed by the federal government as national monuments. President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act into law in June 1906. Three months later, the President declared Devils Tower (Wyoming) the first national monument, followed by El Morro (New Mexico), and Petrified Forest and Montezuma Castle (Arizona). Preservation through national monuments had begun!

OPPOSITION AND CONTROVERSY

All too frequently, use of the Antiquities Act was one step ahead of larger attempts to develop and profit from public lands—clear-cutting forests, grazing to bare ground, stripping away minerals, damming rivers.

In 1905, Congressman William Kent (CA) and his wife Elizabeth, purchased 611 acres of redwood forest north of San Francisco, to protect one of the few valleys not yet logged. A water company soon threatened eminent domain to flood the valley for a reservoir. The Kents mailed a deed for 295 acres of redwoods to the Secretary of the Interior, requesting its acceptance as a national monument named for conservationist John Muir. Twelve days later, Teddy Roosevelt established Muir Woods National Monument (NM), thus winning an early battle between preservation and development. (Ironically, Rep. Kent later voted to flood Yosemite's Hetch-Hetchy, creating a schism with his friend John Muir.)

In 1908, Roosevelt expanded his vision declaring 806,400 acres as Grand Canyon NM, thwarting intense pressure from private interests to develop the canyon. In his last months in office, he proclaimed the 615,000-acre Mount Olympus NM in Washington to limit excessive hunting of Olympic (Roosevelt) elk. Sieur de Monts NM in Maine, now Acadia National Park (NP), became the first eastern monument in 1916.

Two years later, a Wyoming congressman proposed expanding Yellowstone NP to the Teton Range and Snake River headwaters, but an Idaho senator's opposition over sheep grazing permits blocked the bill. Following Grand Teton NP's inauguration in 1920, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. purchased 33,000 acres to expand the park. Congress had not acted by 1942, so he threatened to dispense of the property, leading President Franklin D. Roosevelt to declare Jackson Hole NM the next year. Two months later, heavily-armed ranchers (sound familiar?), headed by misanthropic actor Wallace Beery, drove 550 yearling cattle across the monument challenging the



Polly Dyer Cascadia Broads and friends speak out at the Seattle public lands rally.

National Park Service (NPS) to stop them. The NPS ignored them (familiar again?), but Beery drew national attention.

Wyoming jumped in the fray with the first legal challenge of the Antiquities Act. Expert witnesses, including Olaus Murie, justified the monument's unique ecological, geological, and historical values. Ultimately, the Federal District Court judge refused to rule on the president's discretionary power to designate monuments. Jackson Hole NM survived and eventually was added to Grand Teton NP, but at a cost; Congress restricted the Antiquities Act's use in Wyoming to require Congressional approval. A second limitation to the Act's power came in 1980 when the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act passed protecting 157 million acres, but mandated Congressional ratification for future Alaska designations exceeding 5,000 acres.

A 2014 bill to gut the Antiquities Act passed the House but went no further. Sadly, it won't be the last attempt to attack a law that has protected so many treasures dear to the majority of Americans. As Broads, we must stand strong to defend the Antiquities Act as a critical tool in America's conservation toolbox.



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