



KNOW YOUR POWER, KNOW YOUR PUBLIC LANDS

by Shelley Silbert

Do you know where your power comes from? The local foods movement popularized a similar question about food, along with the bumper sticker, “Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food” to raise awareness of how food is grown, its health benefits, and its environmental impact.

In that same vein, how many of us know the origin of our electric or gas power? In this era of climate change, it’s an inquiry we can’t afford to ignore. Scratch the surface, and you’ll find a connection to public lands.

How many Americans realize that nearly a quarter of our country’s greenhouse gas emissions originate on public lands? We should expect that national public lands, with carbon-sequestering forests, grasslands, and wetlands, play a key role in absorbing large amounts of carbon. Instead, because of fossil fuel extraction, public lands in the contiguous U.S. emit 4.5 times the carbon that they absorb. It’s truly what the Center for American Progress deems “a clogged carbon sink”.



The proposed Enefit oil shale project would allow an Estonian company to build oil, water, gas and electric transmission across federal lands near Vernal, Utah. The process is extremely energy-intensive with enormous climate impacts.

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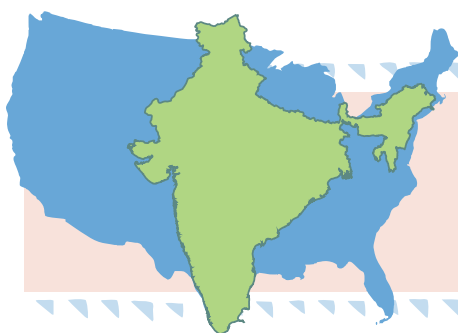
These same lands we think of as our natural heritage are leased at bargain-basement prices to profit-hungry energy corporations. What responsibility do these corporations take for the impact of carbon released? You guessed it—little to none. *The Washington Post*’s Ryan Cooper sums it up: “Economists call

such economic damage a ‘negative externality,’ but to normal people, that is stealing. By shifting their cleanup costs onto the rest of global society, carbon-mining companies (and those that use carbon-fueled machinery) are engaged in quite possibly the most colossal theft in history.”

Not surprisingly, the damage doesn’t stop with greenhouse gases. The complex and often dense network of roads, pipelines, well pads, mines, and other infrastructure disrupts wildlife migration, courtship, breeding, and feeding. Heavy truck traffic, causing noise, dust, and wildlife fatalities, further industrializes wild lands. Coal slurry and coal ash, drill pads left unrestored

and wells unplugged, and pipelines or storage ponds leaking brine and fracking fluids all leave

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If our public lands were combined into a country, it would be bigger than India and would be the 6th largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the world.

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IN A BROAD SENSE

A Planet in Flux

*...how many
Americans connect
climate change to
the public lands
and waters they so
deeply appreciate?*

majority of people realized the drastic array of consequences that erratic weather patterns would heap upon humans and the planet.

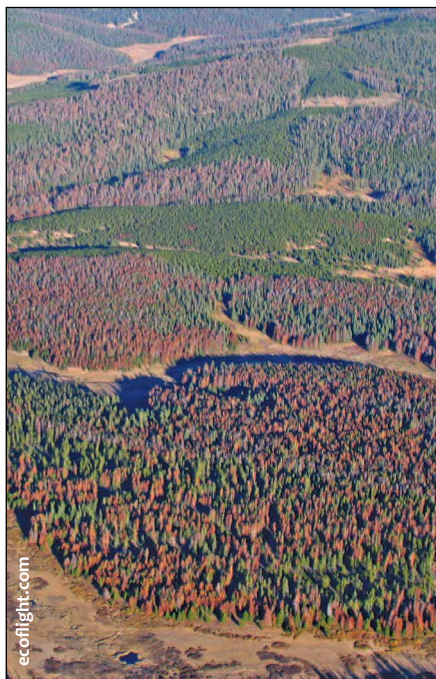
Will the next generations remember when seasons held certain expected patterns, the snowpack melted with a degree of predictability, and forest fires felt almost tame by comparison?

In my lifetime, a blink of an eye on the geologic scale, I've witnessed effects of changing patterns spread like a cancer on the land. I first went to southwest Colorado's Wolf Creek Pass in the 1980s. This forest bridge connects Colorado's largest wilderness area, the Weminuche, to the little-visited South San Juan Wilderness, where the state's last known grizzly was killed in 1979 and "ghost grizzlies" were reported as late as the 1990s. I remember it rolling out in a verdant splendor of spruce, fir, and aspen as far as the eye could see, dotted with open glades, glacially carved valleys, waterfalls, and steep volcanic cliffs. The small ski area at the pass boasted the most snow in Colorado.

Some 25 years later, the forest canopy is a shocking sea of brown and gray, most every tree greater than 3" in diameter killed by spruce beetles. With dry and warm conditions, the native beetles overwinter, unleashing massive and voracious populations. Water-starved trees don't produce enough resin to "pitch" beetles out. As if the massive death of older trees were not distressing enough, the loss of shade from the forest canopy means greater exposure, earlier snowmelt, and drier conditions for spruce seedlings and saplings, which thrive in wetter soils and lower light conditions.

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Just before my 30th birthday in 1990, a researcher invited me to participate in a project examining greenhouse gas emissions. I'm embarrassed to say I turned it down, thinking the topic esoteric and not as urgent as other conservation work. Five years later, working as a program director with The Nature Conservancy, our team began to consider protecting corridors for plants and animals to gradually move to higher elevations as concerns grew about global warming. That was before the term climate change found popular use outside the scientific community, before the



Drought, a shorter frost season, and years of fire suppression have created conditions ripe for pine beetles, which have killed large swaths of spruce and pine across Colorado.



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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. With more than 8,000 members and friends, we bring voice, knowledge, commitment, and humor to the movement to protect our last wild places on earth.

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WALTS: A PASSIONATE DANCE FOR WILD PLACES

by Lauren Berutich

The 8th annual Wilderness Advocacy Leadership Training Sessions (WALTS) was Broadtastic! Originally known as Boot Camp, the five-day workshop aims to educate, inspire, and connect Broadband leaders to our organization and provide them with tools to enhance their effectiveness as advocates for our wild public lands. Now with a new name and a makeover, WALTS has truly become a dance; an exploration of movement that weaves experiences, passions, relationships, teamwork, and advocacy together in harmony.

Prospective leaders embark on this journey when they initiate a new chapter, sign on as a co-leader, or transition into a leadership role for a retiring Broadband leader. This year, WALTS was hosted at the beautiful and tranquil Camp Tilikum in Newberg, Oregon. Of the 12 participants, eight were brand new leaders, two were experienced leaders who joined for an encore, and two attendees came from partner organization Oregon Wild. We couldn't have welcomed a more dedicated and enthusiastic team of women leaders—each bringing unique backgrounds and experiences to our WILD workshop.

WALTS offers a variety of hands-on, experiential activities and lessons that include presentations, guest speakers, sharing stories, and problem-solving sessions. There are three basic focus areas: 1) Broads' history, mission, and objectives; 2) grassroots advocacy, organizing, and community leadership development; and, 3) land management policy, practice, and protection. The main takeaway message: Love your public lands. Be Broad, be bold, and have fun!

Defending our wild public lands is not always an easy task, however, our week together proved that ingredients such as a WILD love for a place, a collective of beautiful, engaged Broads, and a toolbox of advocacy tips and tricks is a recipe for success.

Ready to step it up? Join us in 2017 for our 9th annual WALTS, April 6–10 at Synergia Ranch, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Apply online at <http://bit.ly/BBleader>.



Photos: Priscilla Sherman

Our Stories Matter

WALTS was the perfect time to sharpen leaders' grassroots advocacy skills—and learning about the organizing cycle was a great way to get started. Broadband leaders were asked to write a "Public Narrative"—a three-part story about their lives, based on author and activist, Marshall Ganz's philosophy that leadership requires the use of both head and heart—our stories can help translate our values into action. Writers take a journey of experiences and motivations, turn it into tangible actions, and then communicate to the reader why the need to act is so important.

Our leaders used this model to reflect on how they became connected to wild places and what inspired them to become advocates. This powerful writing and sharing process brings people together and creates space for urgency and movements for change. Here are a few snippets from those stories...

"The city of Seattle was going to build a garbage incinerator in this neighborhood and we were fighting that. Through that fight, which we won and got recycling instituted instead, I learned first hand the power of community action. Here I was just one person wanting to change this situation but it only happened by all of us working together."



"My years of trial work were very stressful. My cases involved a level of brutality and cruelty toward children that most Americans can never imagine. Camping and hiking with my family gave me serenity and peace. I don't believe in my parent's god but going to nature is my way of going to church, it nourishes my spirit."



"Growing up in the inner city, I learned to find beauty in the small things around me. Climbing up our misplaced willow tree in our backyard, I could pretend I was somewhere else other than the south side of Chicago. We raced through and over fenced-in backyards—not in open fields. Our summer swimming hole was a fire hydrant and a wrench. [Later] Wisconsin became our home and with it

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BROADBANDS IN ACTION

by Lauren Berutich

Our Broads are WILD about climate change and public lands. These Women In Loving Defense have exercised humor and compassion to raise awareness and protect our public lands from the devastating impacts of oil and gas development, coal mining, over grazing, and deforestation.

A FLIGHT FOR CHANGE

The Rio Grande Valley Broadband (RGVBB) joined the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance on a three-day field trip to Carlsbad in southeastern New Mexico, where oil and gas development checkerboards the landscape.

Broads explored the area on the ground and in the air with LightHawk, and saw first-hand the devastating impacts energy development is having on BLM public lands in the region. Their observations called for action—members met with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office manager, saying, “The lands we saw were an absolute obscenity in these days when climate change is upon us. We should not be taking any more fossil fuels out of the Earth.”

Broads and Keep it in the Ground coalition partners signed on in opposition to BLM’s proposed sale of 13,800+ acres in the region to oil and gas development interests. While the eastern portion is already heavily industrialized (as witnessed by the RGVBB), the western part of the region is wild and untouched, providing an incredible opportunity for conservation and protection.

BRINGING PARIS HOME!

As international doors opened to discuss urgent reform strategies and other ways to address climate change at the Paris Climate Talks in late 2015, the U.S. held behind-the-scenes, closed-door sessions to lift the 40-year ban on crude oil exports. This raises concerns for increased shale development and puts

more pressure on the health of our wild public lands.

RGVBB members and friends packed a meeting room for the 350.org monthly speaker series to celebrate Sister Joan Brown, from New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light, who shared her experiences at the Paris Climate Talks as an official observer. Ms. Brown’s presentation inspired attendees to sign petitions (to deliver to the New Mexico State Legislature) that call for 100% clean renewable energy and a just transition movement.

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS!

Broads have been busy taking it to the streets, offices, and libraries to engage the public with local environmental issues. The Wasatch Broadband (UT) joined an estimated 100 dedicated climate activists at a BLM oil and gas lease sale in Salt Lake City to protest the permitting of new fossil fuel development on public lands. Leases sold for less than \$2 an acre. Broads also stepped it up at similar rallies in Lakewood, Colorado and Billings, Montana to declare, “Keep it in the Ground”.

BOOKWORMS AND FILM LOVERS UNITE!

Meanwhile, up in the Pacific Northwest, the Polly Dyer Cascadia (WA), Cascade Volcanoes (OR), Willamette Valley (OR), and Palouse (ID) Broadbands held book discussions and screenings of *This Changes Everything*, the film based on Naomi Klein’s pivotal book on climate change. These events inspired lively discussions around the impacts of climate change on public lands and ways to take action.

EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY!

Earth Week is like the Super Bowl for environmentalists, and boy, did we really rev it up! The Rio Grande Valley Broadband (NM) tabled at the La Montañita Food Co-op Earth Day event, where they provided education on climate change and public lands protection and shared opportunities to get involved. Polly Dyer Cascadia (WA) partnered with local group Hypatia to celebrate the power of nature through poetry and the La Plata Broadband (CO) hosted the film, *Just Eat It*, to increase awareness of food waste and its impact on the environment. The Willamette Valley Broads



Susan Atkinson and La Plata Broadband (CO) co-leader Priscilla Sherman at the Earth Day screening of “Just Eat It”.



Rio Grande Valley Broads and New Mexico Wilderness Alliance members ready to take flight (left to right): Judy Calman, NMWA; Lois Manno, NMWA; Linda Starr, Broads; Joelle Marier, NMWA; LightHawk Pilot Lanny Tanning; Susan Selbin, Broads; Matt Skroch, Pew Charitable Trusts; Michael Casaus, TWS.



(OR), in partnership with the Spring Creek Project, participated in *The Thin Green Line: Creative Resistance to Fossil Fuel Development in the Pacific Northwest*, participating in training, brainstorm sessions, and workshops.

COLLECTIVE ACTION THROUGH MANY VOICES...

Broads are turning up the heat on advocacy! The Moab Broadband (UT) hosted their first Broadband Speaking, a monthly potluck where members hold discussions, write comments/letters, and prepare to speak publicly about environmental issues. They most recently studied the Regional Haze Rule revisions in preparation for an EPA hearing in Salt Lake City. The group also hosted Dr. Scott Ferrenberg, a U.S. Geological Survey scientist, who discussed the potential impacts of climate change and landscape rehabilitation strategies based on a 10-year biocrust study conducted in Castle Valley, Utah.



Oregon Broadband leaders Shirley Stageberg (Cascade Volcanoes), Cyndi Anderson (Willamette Valley), and other Broads rallied in the rain at the Capitol and also met with state legislators.

The Mile High Broadband (CO) members focused their energies on the Regional Haze Rule as well, attending Denver hearings, where they spoke on behalf of Broads. Northern San Juan Broads (CO) have worked tirelessly in opposition to a Forest Service proposal that would allow mining of more than 170 million tons of coal in the Sunset Roadless

Area of Colorado—an action that would have significant global impact in terms of carbon pollution. They also testified on behalf of coal leasing reform at a recent BLM hearing.

Arizona Broadband leaders held a Southwest Regional Broadwalk at the Biosphere 2 in Tucson focused entirely on climate change. Twelve inspired Broads and Bros attended this unique event (more in the fall issue of *Broadsides* where we'll report on regional Broadwalks).

Broads have WILDly taken a front seat approach to climate action. It's been non-stop education, advocacy, and action across the nation!

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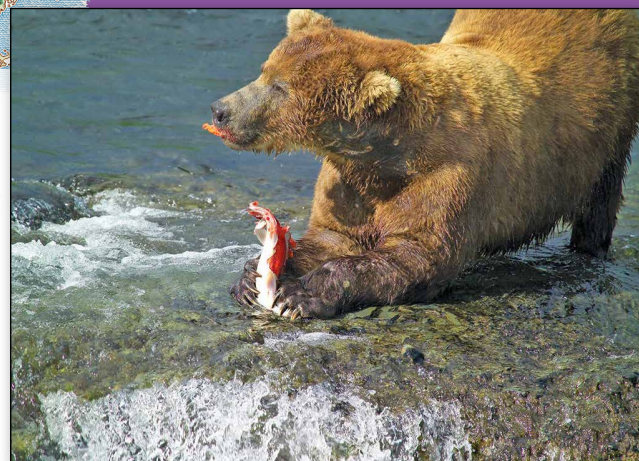
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THE BROADER WILDERNESS

by Lionel Di Giacomo



NATIONAL MONUMENT UPDATES



Broads at the recent Mojave Broadwalk show their love for the new desert monuments.

Just as our last newsletter came off the press in February, the Obama Administration announced three new national monuments: *Mojave Trails*, *Sand to Snow*, and *Castle Mountains*, protecting fragile and beautiful desert landscapes in southern California. Thanks to all the Broads and Bros who wrote letters and comments, we've made a difference!

National monuments don't have to be large landscape-level protections to have significance. In April, President Obama designated the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality House in Washington, D.C. It is the home where suffragist Alice Paul and the National Women's Party strategized to pass the historic 19th amendment (ratified on August 18, 1920) prohibiting discrimination in voting on the basis of sex.

Thank President Obama for these designations at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact



STANDING UP FOR SALMON

You can't just dam up all the rivers and expect everything to be okay. The agencies charged with recovery of endangered Snake and Columbia river salmon and steelhead have struggled with this lesson since 2003, when they released the first in a string of inadequate and illegal recovery and/or management plans.

In May, a U.S. District Court ruled that the latest recovery plan violated the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act by overstating fish recovery, ignoring valid evidence and concerns, failing to consider more diverse alternatives, and not realistically considering climate change. This last point is driven home by the fact that in 2015, hundreds of thousands of Columbia Basin salmon died due to warmer than average stream and reservoir temperatures.

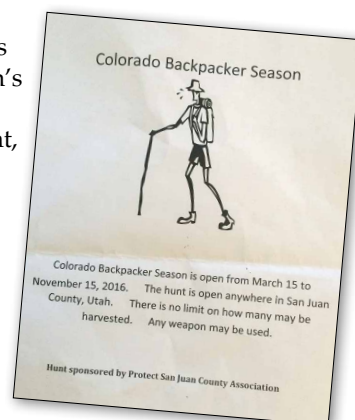
Last October, Broads joined "kayaktivists" from around the country to call for the removal of four dams on the lower Snake River to revive the river ecosystem. Broadband chapters throughout the Pacific Northwest opposed the inadequate recovery plan.

We'll keep watching and bring you updates. Maybe the next plan will be the one that helps free the rivers so salmon can again flourish and thrive.

You can learn more about the ruling at <http://bit.ly/UnDamIt>

LIES & VIOLENT THREATS FROM BEARS EARS OPPONENTS

Anti-monument goons have posted fake letters and flyers around Utah's San Juan County on several occasions. At Muley Point, hikers found signs in late May stating "Colorado Backpacker Season is open from March 15 to November 15, 2016. There is no limit to how many may be harvested. Any weapon may be used. Hunt sponsored by Protect San Juan County Association." Another declared



no wood cutting or hunting, and ATV trails are closed by order of the "Grand Old Broads for Wilderness" and "Coloradoans for Utah Wilderness" (sic. Yes, very sick.).

Those found in post offices and gas stations in the county falsely stated that Broads, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, and Friends of Cedar Mesa would gather to celebrate the new monument on July 17th with a "No Utah Navajo Welcome" tagline, claiming (wrongly) that the monument would take away their sacred land. A falsified document written on Department of Interior letterhead accompanied the flyer, claiming that the new monument would take away millions of acres of native reservation land.

Thankfully, media outlets caught the deception. In the real world, a Bears Ears monument is looking hopeful, with 26 tribes and countless organizational and local supporters ready to celebrate if their hard work results in the protection of nearly 2 million acres of astonishing desert and canyons.

Find out more and how to support the Bears Ears at:
<http://bit.ly/BEmore>



BUFFALO BUSINESS

Bison, North America's largest living mammal, is now the official National Mammal of the United States! Unfortunately, wild bison that wander outside of Yellowstone National Park are still being hemmed in and hunted, even though only a few thousand remain.

This past February, Montana Broads participated in Buffalo Field Campaign's Week of Action. They promoted wild bison issues, learned about current management practices, and honored Governor Bullock for the recent steps he took to allow bison to roam year-round, expanding their range to include public land outside West Yellowstone, Montana.

Visit the Buffalo Field Campaign online to learn how you can help:
<http://www.buffalofieldcampaign.org/>

Hello Out There?

Can't remember the last time you got an email from us? Maybe we don't have your current email address. Drop us a note at broads@greatoldbroads.org and let us know your correct address.

Our Stories Matter (Continued from page 3)

the freedom of swimming in lakes and rivers, riding horses, and walking through the woods. We didn't have much economically, but we had a wealth of the outdoors."



"The forest's name was Welschenbach. I would not be able to sit here and write this story without its mushrooms, its berries, its pine cones, and its riches. Three years after the end of World War II, Germany was in ruins: The water wells had been bombed, roads were torn up, sewers no longer functioned, the currency reform left everyone a pauper. No electricity out in the countryside, no housing but a wood shed."



"I grew up in Havre, Montana, a wind-swept town along the Milk River in north-central Montana. My dad...loved fishing, hunting, searching for plants and especially for dinosaur bones. My brothers and I had many adventures on the prairies and in the Bears Paw Mountains just 10 miles from our home. My mother was a force of nature on her own. She took us hiking, picked berries, grew a garden, and braved many camping situations with four kids."



"This was the good life. This was the desirable life. This was my life in white western America in the 1950s. This was the life that did not explore ethical, moral or ecological questions of the haves and the have-nots, of over-use and misuse of our water and air and lands, of our place in the greater circle of life. This was an American blindness in the aftermath of the two great wars where everyone who was on the 'winning team' was ready to have a 'new world'. We never asked, 'at what price?'"



"I know exactly when I became an activist. I can still picture where I was when it hit me. I was in the hallway of our home where the mailboxes were. I was just returning home from school. I was 11 years old. It was during the Cuban Missile Crisis. We must have had to "duck and cover" that day in school in case we got hit with a nuclear bomb. I stopped there in the hallway and asked God to please let me live long enough to have children."



"Along with an innate love of the outdoor world there are several descriptors of me that are part of my DNA, are at the core of my being and always have been, from birth it seems. There are three: I have an inordinate sense of social justice; I have a need, a real need, for periods of silence and solitude; and, I am a 'watcher'."



Study A Broad

Rose Chilcoat: Broadest of Broads

by Susan Kearns

When describing Broads' Associate Director Rose Chilcoat, the phrase that comes up most often is "a force of nature". But anyone who knows her knows she is really more like a force *for* nature, her life path so aptly preparing her for the role she played in shaping and growing the personality of Broads.

In January, after 15 years of service, Rose announced her retirement, opting to spend more time playing on the public lands she's worked so hard to protect over the years, and closing a very full chapter on the evolution of the organization.

NATURE BY NURTURE

Raised in a family that was "always connected to nature", Rose fondly remembers group trips with the Baltimore Campers Association.

"It was like being out with a big, extended family. We would hike, learn, and have fun," she said. (Sound familiar? Perhaps a precursor to the Broadwalk concept?)

With aspirations to become a park ranger or an environmental lawyer (who has not heard her lay out an argument like a seasoned litigator?), she settled on horticulture after finding the forestry program a bit too focused on industrial tree harvesting for her taste.



Rose talks to a reporter at the courthouse in Salt Lake City, Utah. She and other Broads attended closing arguments for the trial of San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman and others for their illegal protest ride in Recapture Canyon.

After graduating summa cum laude from Virginia Tech, she held a number of positions with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and National Park Service (NPS), spending 6 years in Alaska before returning to Durango, Colorado in 1993 to raise a family. Rose continued to work for Mother Earth, volunteering with various environmental organizations.

THE BROADIFICATION OF ROSE

In 2001, Rose came across an ad for an organization she had never heard of—Great Old Broads for Wilderness. The current executive director, M.B. McAfee, was seeking a 15-hour a week assistant. It was love at first interview.

"It sounded like something I could sink my teeth into—a perfect fit for me and my background. This is my job, I thought," said Rose. "I immediately loved the organization and realized the power and potential of this unique voice for wild places."

Not long after hiring Rose, M.B. wrote: "I have hired a wonderfully competent and enthusiastic part-time program director, Rose Chilcoat. During the interview process it was evident that she is a Broad, through and through. She is a big picture thinker and has begun to lend her thoughts to our program development for 2002."

M.B. had found the perfect partner and they hit the ground running, pulling together the first true Broadwalk. It was a new idea and format: a four-night experience that integrated education, hiking, and stewardship—not to mention the comforts of a camp cook and porta-potties.

Even back then, Rose knew "everybody". Her agency relationships (USFS, NPS) enhanced her ability to pull together thought-provoking Broadwalks and also helped Broads become more educated.



Famous for her road trip diversions when everyone starts to get windshield weary, Rose and gang stopped to smell the flowers on the way to the Boundary Waters Broadwalk last year.

"This was major," said MB. "When I interviewed her, I had no idea how Rose's connections would impact our knowledge as an organization. It gave us more credibility and a more scientific understanding of the issues."

According to Rose, her greatest accomplishment was growing the ad hoc chapters of Broads around the country into "Broadbands" (a Rose-ism) and the subsequent longevity and impact of the program. What began as a vision when she first came on board, became a reality under Rose's tenure.

Over time, she realized that the future of the grassroots organization was Broadbands—which replicated Broads' signature style of advocacy across the country. Buttressed by a strong training and support platform, these groups would passionately pursue local issues under the banner of Broads—as they do to this day.

THE BROAD GETS BROADER

Rose brought momentous changes to the organization, but how has Broads changed her?



Over the years Rose has whacked more Russian Olive along the Escalante River than a sold-out Martini convention.





Mary O'Brien (Grand Canyon Trust) and Rose—animatedly discussing a “cow nuked” landscape.



Rose waxing poetic on the scourge of cheatgrass and crested wheatgrass found on public lands.



Rose herding cats at the 2011 Big Cypress Swampwalk in Florida.

“It made me a better person—Broads is more about human relationships, personal relationships—we’re caring for each other while caring for the land.”

And, she found what many have found—her tribe—comprised of countless knowledgeable, talented, and impassioned people she learned from over the years.

“As mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers, we’re given a long view of the generations that will come after us. This makes us fiercely protective—and painfully aware of the threats,” she added. And anyone who has spent time with Rose knows how fierce this mama bear is about protecting Mother Earth.

A BROAD VIEW

As for words of wisdom, Rose emphasizes the importance of



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making a personal connection to the places you want to protect. Use your voice, tell your story, and do what needs to be done. Put yourself out there for what you know is right. You can’t leave it for someone else to do.

And, she cautioned, it doesn’t do any good to designate protection if that protection is not enforced—or if agency management continues “business as usual”. Keeping agencies accountable is critical. Rose is a master on this last bit of advice, gifted at asking questions that make land managers squirm in their chairs.

WHAT’S NEXT?

As you might imagine, Rose will take some time for herself: to breathe, to garden, to read. There’ll be a little travel, some camping, hiking, running rivers, and rest. We haven’t heard the last of our Rose. She will continue to be involved with Broads as our Conservation Advocate and you’re sure to see her at future Broadwalks. Because...you can take the Broad out of conservation, but you can’t take conservation out of the Broad.



About Our Rose

Some thoughts about Rose by a tiny handful of people whose lives she touched.

One is immediately bewitched by Rose’s uniquely magnanimous personality that has fired and guided the organization with her vast knowledge and love for the land.

— Antonia Daly, current Board Member

Rose was an amazing inspiration to us all. As a longtime board member, I witnessed Rose become ever more brilliant, imaginative, and effective over the years, creating new programs, taking leadership positions in coalitions, and speaking out whenever and wherever possible, spreading the word of wild lands protection and Broads. She played a leading role in raising Broads to the level of vibrancy, advocacy, outrageousness, and renown it is today.

For years, Rose was the face of Broadwalks, and the creative force behind them, changing more lives than she could know, encouraging folks to do things they never thought possible—be it camping for the first time at 75 or taking their clothes off with 15 other women to cool off in the river. The lasting memories are of joy in the presence of extraordinary women, a Broader perspective, experiences like none other, and immeasurable gratitude to Rose.

— Libby Ingalls, former Board Member

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More... About Our Rose

When traveling, Rose and I often shared motel rooms or bedrooms when staying in a private house. Most of the time there was only one bed, which we also shared. This worked out fine as Rose is a night owl and a slow riser, whereas I am an early bird and early-to-bed gal. So, when we were searching for a new ED, we wondered whether one of the requirements should be a willingness to bunk with Rose. We decided against that requirement.

Another sterling idea of Rose's was to participate in a Huntington, Utah 4th of July parade. A bevy of Broads was doing some grazing related work on the Fishlake National Forest, and Rose directed us all in creating costumes of public lands recreationists including hikers, bird watchers, and boaters. We really stood out among the cowboys and cowbells, tractors, fire trucks, and high school marching band!

— Ronni Egan, former Executive Director

I have always loved working with Rose—she's levelheaded, smart, strategic, calm in not-calm situations, faithful to long-term campaigns, and faithful to all that Great Old Broads do. I've worked with her in the field; in meetings with the Forest Service and BLM; in the car; on the phone...all I can say is that when I think of working with Rose, I always look forward to it.

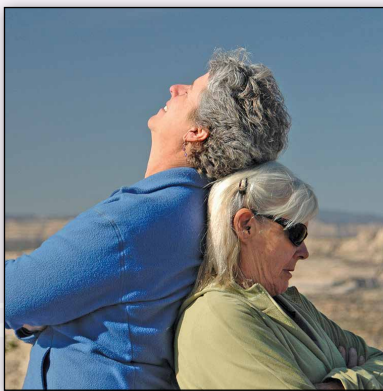
— Mary O'Brien, Grand Canyon Trust



Rose is nothing short of indefatigable, and she couples that energy with an unflagging sense of purpose, creativity, and knowledge about wilderness policy and public lands management. For Rose, nothing is impossible. In March, we arrived at the Mojave Desert Broadwalk site to discover that the campsite for 40+ women was an unshaded gravel parking lot for RVs and county emergency vehicles. The three toilets were not working and the nearest potable water was ten miles

away (not what had been described). After discovering there were no alternative sites, Rose simply said, "Let's get set up and we'll figure it out!" She turned the event into a fabulous four days of learning and sharing, just like she always does. It has been an absolute joy to work with her and learn from her, and she sure as hell better not go far!

-- Shelley Silbert, Executive Director



A SONG OF FAREWELL

The Mojave Broadwalk marked the last that Rose Chilcoat would plan officially as Broads' Associate Director—her retirement date followed shortly after her return from the Mojave. Colorfully bespectacled, a group sang the following in her honor, to the tune of John Lennon's "Imagine":

*Imagine Broads without Rose
It's not easy, but we'll try.
Who will tow the porta-potties?
And ask important "whys"?
Imagine all the Range Cons
Living life in peace*

*Yoo hoo, yoo-oo hoo
You may say she's a dreamer
But she's not the only one
We'll carry on to Mother Earth
Long inspired to get grazing gone.*

*Imagine a Broads' Broadwalk
Without the Chilcoat touch
Who will do the cat herding,
While talking a bit too much?*

*Imagine if Phil Lyman
Gave her a golden watch?
Yoo hoo, yoo-oo hoo
We hope retirement fulfills you
And your travels are all super fun!*

HQ WISHLIST

- A multi-day **first aid kit** (to replace the one that went missing in the Mojave).
- A high-quality **2-person, 3-season tent**
- **iPad or tablet with keyboard**
- **Fuel-efficient small car** (30+ mpg)
- **Standing Tripod** (for video/digital camera)
- **Matching office chairs**



EVENT RECAP

Oh! The fun we had!



MOJAVE DESERT BROADWALK

by Antonia Daly

As an East Coast member of Great Old Broads, I have high expectations of a trip west. I want big sky, magnificent rock formations, environments that remind me of life before modernity, and the smell of sage. The Mojave Desert has been on my list for decades. When I finally got to visit, my expectations were realized, and more, in the best possible company.

Thirty women, equipped with camping gear, passionate connections to nature, and wildly open spirits gathered at Tecopa Hot Springs Campground and Resort. With a vista of palm trees, rocks, and a sky with a waxing moon, we commenced on a five-day immersion in the human and environmental ecology of desert life.

On Friday, stewardship projects included learning the art of “vertical mulching” to erase remnants of roads, mining, and fencing activities, as well as trail repair and clarification. We were inspired by a new generation of young women from the Student Conservation Association (SCA) who worked beside us on these projects and then later joined us at our evening programs.

On other days, we hiked for pure joy through areas with evocative names: Amethyst Canyon, Dumont Dunes, Tecopa



A portion of the group used vertical mulching to mask traces of an old road in a wilderness area to discourage overzealous explorers.

Peak, along the Amargosa River and the Old Spanish Trail. We encountered rattlesnakes and chuckwallas, held conversations about climate change, enjoyed the super bloom explosion of flowers, visited the opulent oasis of China Date Ranch (home of the famed date milkshake), and soaked in the amazing Tecopa Hot Springs each day.

Every night under the stars, we were treated to interesting speakers, beginning with Susan Sorrels, fourth-generation Mojave Desert dweller, owner of Shoshone Village, and



A bevy of Broads birdwatching in the Shoshone Wetlands with master birder Len Warren.

conservationist, who shared her amazing history. We heard about the adaptation plight of the endangered Amargosa vole, the region’s unique water situation, and the effects of climate change on desert lands. We learned of BLM’s management challenges and the tremendous progress made by the small, but mighty Amargosa Conservancy.

We discussed the complexities of balancing land preservation with multiple use activities: off-highway vehicles, renewable energy projects, ranching, hunting, grazing, and other development that often competes with conservation ideals.

Linda Castro, from the California Wilderness Coalition and Broad Vicky Hoover (Sierra Club CA/NV Wilderness Committee professional volunteer) shared Senator Feinstein’s past and current efforts to protect the Mojave. And of course, we celebrated our three new monuments: *Mojave Trails*, *Sand to Snow*, and *Castle Mountains*.

Our troupe’s camaraderie developed through the shared experiences of camping in a site that was not much more than a gravel parking lot, overcoming toilet and potable water challenges, gathering our camp chairs for lively happy hours, and enjoying delicious meals at The Bistro each day, thanks to Ryan and crew.

The shared memories of our days on this diverse landscape are not likely to be forgotten by the hardy Broads and Bros that made the trek to discover this arid corner of California.

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We are so grateful to our Wild for Wilderness Online Auction donors, buyers, and bidders—many have supported us year after year. Recently, we spoke to long-time donors whose generous (and popular!) donations always stir up a bidding frenzy to ask, “What inspires your participation?”

ARIZONA BORDERLANDS TOUR

Tour the stunning beauty of the Sonoran Desert and see the impacts of fences, vehicle barriers, illegally created roads, and other effects of border activities on wildlife, water, and fragile desert ecosystems.

Naturalist, Sonoran Desert advocate, and devoted Bro Fred Goodsell donates this trip to expose more people to the borderlands. Aside from learning about the spectacular desert ecosystem,

Fred says the trip gives people a chance to talk to border patrol officers who work in the field. This provides a unique view of the impacts border patrol activities, smuggling, and

undocumented immigrants have on fragile desert ecosystems. Plants are destroyed by renegade roads and border walls and fences fragment habitat for pronghorn, bighorn sheep, roaming jaguar, and more.

Last year, Arizona Broadband leaders Kathy Ann Walsh, Roz Switzer, Jenny Cobb, Audrey Mae, and Bros Buzz and Kevin traveled the rugged and dry

Sonoran desert with Goodsell. They camped at Cabeza Prieta Wildlife Refuge and the Barry M. Goldwater Range West.

“We visited the magnificent Tinajas Altas, where 9 pools perch one above another in a sheer cleft of granite. Our nights were filled with an abundance of stars—visible without light pollution,” said Roz Switzer.

Hiking to the border wall, they saw a vehicle barrier section, which unlike other sections, allows wildlife to pass freely between the U.S. and Mexico. Roz said the metal barrier stretched as far as they could see, stopped only by impenetrable areas of natural topography.

There is no doubt that auction winners who join Fred will return with a new perspective and appreciation of the borderlands region.

ZUNI MOUNTAINS HOMESTAY

Ranchito Chupaflor is a beautiful adobe home in the Zuni Mountains of New Mexico close to hiking and ski trails.

Broads’ members Carolyn Jones and George Steigerwald came up with the idea of a hosted homestay from their experiences with Servas International—an organization that promotes world peace and understanding by facilitating two-night visits by complete strangers in host homes around the world. Acting as both hosts and travelers, they found there is no better way to learn about a

place than to stay with a local.

As hosts every year since the auction began (except once!), Carolyn and George say that without exception, their visitors have been interesting and fun.

“We always know we will have a lot in common with our auction winners, starting with our connection to Broads. We share destination stories, recommend books, have starlit soaks, discuss issues, and more,” said Carolyn.



Broads on the border (left to right): Kathy Ann Walsh, Roz Switzer co-leaders Phoenix Broadband; Jenny Cobb, Audrey Mae, co-leaders Yavapai-Prescott Broadband.

One of their most memorable visitors turned out to be a woman they already knew. She loved their house, with its panoramic view and quiet comfort, and looked forward to an extended visit with Carolyn and George. The friendship deepened after the meaningful time spent together.

“What a gift!” said Carolyn. “So, if you decide to offer a hosted stay, be sure and let your friends know. You might be surprised at who shows up and what that brings you.”

Do you have a home you’d like to share or a special talent, expertise, or favorite place you’d like to show to others? To make a donation, visit www.greatoldbroads.org/wild-for-wilderness-donate. Questions? Give us a call at 970-375-9577.

If you haven’t participated in the auction, well then you don’t know what you are missing! Each week, new items are added, so get registered and start browsing at: auction.greatoldbroads.org.

WHAT DO AUCTION PROCEEDS SUPPORT?

(Besides cool stuff?)

Every dollar counts. When you make a bid and win an auction item, we win too. Here is a sampling of what your auction dollars support:

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| \$650 | 5-day Wilderness Advocacy Leadership Training for one new Broadband leader |





WELCOME, CARRIE!

Let's give a big Broad welcome to our new Associate Director, Carrie King.

Carrie spent 6 ½ years with Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) as the Wildlife Area Manager for House Rock Valley. (Of note:

the only woman ever hired by AGFD for this position!) She also managed the field portion of AGFD's black-footed ferret project for four years and was responsible for other large-scale wildlife habitat and restoration projects.

She brings extensive knowledge and experience working with the "big three" (USFS, BLM, NPS), plus Native American tribes, and various conservation organizations. She speaks fluent NEPA and is well versed in environmental planning and the commenting process.

She's a mapping and money maven, offering skills in GIS and spatial analysis, managing budgets, and grant writing. Word on the street by those who have worked with her in the past: "she is creative, strong, artistic, really passionate, and super funny."

"We couldn't be more thrilled to add Carrie to our fantastic staff line-up," announced Broads' head honcho, Shelley Silbert. "As a wildlife biologist, she brings a strong science background and her federal agency experience will contribute the proficiency we need to work through agency processes with substantive input. Carrie's tenacity and talent really came through in the interview process."

Broads posed a few questions to Carrie to give a little insight into our newest team member...

What's your favorite charismatic megafauna, and why?

"That's a tough question to ask a biologist. I want to say something sexy fast, beautiful...like a cheetah. No, a mountain lion, because they're able to earn a living just about anywhere if they stay out of trouble (with ranchers and such), they have a great gene pool, and they're not endangered."

What is your proudest conservation win, so far?

"Getting an endangered species (black-footed ferret) placed on a privately owned ranch for a population recovery project. This was a big deal because there are so few places left where the ferrets can live; they need large expanses of prairie dog towns that are 'clean', not susceptible to plague, which can wipe out 98% of a prairie dog population in about two days—leaving the ferrets without a food source."

What issue gets you growling like a mama grizzly?

"Oh, so many things...most recently this whole movement to turn federal lands over to states. The fact is the states are going to use our public lands for resource extraction. Then, when times get tight, they are going to sell or transfer the land to private interests to make money. These ideas are nothing new and if it comes to pass, it would be so detrimental—we would lose valuable habitat and access to our wild lands!"



Support Reauthorization of the LWCF

On September 3, 1964, when President Lyndon Johnson signed The Wilderness Act, he also signed the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LWCF). This important bi-partisan legislation assured an annual stream of funding of at least \$900 million in royalties from offshore oil and gas drilling to purchase private lands for priority public uses.

Unlike the Wilderness Act, the LWCF came with an expiration date, and Congress allowed it to expire in September 2015. Thankfully, on April 20th, 2016 the Senate passed permanent authorization of LWCF. This is the first time permanent authorization has passed either chamber of Congress, and it is a victorious step for this critical program.

Take Action!

1 Contact your Senator to thank them for supporting this vital legislation. (Senators who voted for LWCF: <http://bit.ly/Senvote>.)

2 Encourage the House of Representatives to follow suit.

As in the Senate, there is broad bipartisan support to permanently reauthorize LWCF (Co-sponsor list: <http://bit.ly/cosponsors1814>). However, the Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Rob Bishop, R-UT, who carries a 3% lifetime score on the League of Conservation Voter's National Environmental Scorecard) is determined to ignore this bipartisan consensus in favor of his own extreme proposals to "reform" the program, placing dramatic limits on LWCF projects and making most federal public lands conservation impossible. This approach is bad for conservation, public access, preservation of sacred and historic sites, and the nation's robust outdoor recreation economy.

Tell your representative to oppose these radical changes to LWCF and that a bipartisan approach to permanently reauthorizing LWCF is the best way forward. Find contact information for your representative at www.greatoldbroads.org/advocacy-resources/.



a legacy on air and water quality that too often lasts beyond the responsible company's solvency.

Meanwhile, due to a changing climate, forest fires have grown in number, intensity, size, and cost. Firefighters, truly on the front lines, increasingly speak about the impacts of global warming. "We take our job to protect the public seriously, and recently, the job has become increasingly difficult due to the effects of climate change, chronic droughts, and a constrained budget environment in Washington," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack stated in January. He also reported that in 2015, seven firefighters died and 4,500 homes burned in wildfires. Ominously, the wildfire in Alberta that destroyed 2,400 homes and buildings in May 2016, still burning as of this writing, struck at the heart of Canadian tar sands production some 400 miles north of Calgary.

Here's what Broads' national office and our determined local Broadbands (see Broadbands in Action, page 4) have actively pursued in recent months, as part of our WILD (Women In Loving Defense) Care Climate Action:

1) Keep it in the Ground

Broads joined the national Keep It in the Ground coalition, along with conservation, labor, health, and indigenous groups, to call for a halt on new fossil fuel leases on public lands and waters. We believe as citizens we must work to loosen the political and economic grip of the fossil fuel industry, moving ever more quickly towards a renewable energy future. What once seemed an unlikely dream now seems absolutely essential to avoid catastrophic levels of global warming. The Financial Times reported that recent annual meetings of a large oil company "were like therapy sessions for an industry that is suffering from existential angst". The writing is on the wall if international governments keep commitments made at December's Paris Climate Talks.

2) Review of Federal Coal Leasing

In January, the president announced a temporary moratorium on new coal leases on federal lands, pending public hearings in May/June, and a review of the leasing program by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which manages federal coal. It's the third such moratorium. The last one was over thirty years ago and the first was when Nixon was president. The coal industry holds 20 years of coal reserves, so the moratorium won't impact jobs. However, the comparatively low price of natural gas due to a shale gas glut has meant painful layoffs for coal miners. A key issue in comments by Broads and partners: the BLM must account for the climate

cost of coal, not to mention that underpriced federal coal cheats taxpayers, prolongs the life of coal plants, and tips the playing field away from clean energy. You can submit written comments by email by July 28, to BLM_WO_Coal_Program_PEIS_Comments@blm.gov.

3) Reducing Methane Emissions

Broads submitted comments to the BLM in April for stringent limits on venting, flaring, and leaks from oil and gas wells. In separate but related news, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the first-ever national standards for methane pollution from the oil and gas industry in May. This followed on the heels of an EPA report that estimated the industry's methane emissions to be an astounding 34% higher than previously thought. The oil and gas industry is the nation's largest emitter of this powerful greenhouse gas.

4) Regional Haze

In April, EPA proposed revisions to a Clean Air Act amendment to improve air quality and visibility in 156 national parks and wilderness areas (Class I Areas). While the revisions would strengthen accountability and clarify state and federal land managers' responsibilities, it would also delay the next round of state-level plans, stretch polluter clean-up deadlines up to ten years, and weaken some state reporting requirements.

Broads have spoken at public hearings and submitted comments asking the EPA to toughen revisions and eliminate loopholes for polluters.

5) Just Transition

Communities near public lands need our support to change policies without leaving them behind. At least five major coal companies filed for bankruptcy in the last year. Peabody lost its bet on Chinese coal demand and has worked to dodge retirement benefits to miners while paying out bonuses to top executives. Broads must and will advocate for revitalized rural communities as we transition from dirty energy to a cleaner energy future.

We will continue to enlist Broad power to change the systems that no longer work for public lands. In February, author and activist Terry Tempest Williams (truly a great old broad if there ever was one) purchased drilling rights on 46 parcels of BLM land in Utah. When asked by a BLM agent what energy she planned to develop she made it clear, saying, "You can't define energy for us. Our energy development is fueling a movement to Keep It in the Ground." We know where our power comes from, and we are with you, Terry!



Broads at the Denver Keep it in the Ground rally. Left to right: Chris Shaver, Karin Di Giacomo, JoLynn Jarboe.



Climate change is complex, not easy to pinpoint, and occurring faster than ever predicted. Yet each of us has stories to tell, especially those who keenly watch and delight in nature's patterns. We are the chroniclers of a planet in flux.

In a Gallup poll in March 2016, 64% of Americans say they are worried "a great deal" or "a fair amount" about global warming (40% of Republicans and 84% of Democrats), and a record 65% cite human activity as the cause.

Yet how many Americans connect climate change to the public lands and waters they so deeply appreciate? (See cover story, page 1.) Fossil fuel companies rip apart public lands to mine coal and crisscross them with roads, well pads, and drill rigs to extract oil and gas. Few rivers have escaped the scourge of dams that disrupt their flow. Years of overgrazing and heavy logging decimate grasslands, woodlands and forest ecosystems, making it impossible for the land to adapt to harsher storms, warmer weather, and lengthier, more intense fire seasons. Coastal wetlands, which protect from storm surges, are destroyed. To add insult to injury, productive wetlands, forests, and grasslands effectively capture carbon, while fragmented and species-impooverished habitats do not.

Each human activity that takes place on public lands deserves scrutiny: How will it impact greenhouse gas emissions? Will it reduce the land or ocean's natural ability to capture carbon? Does it build resilience to erratic weather patterns, or will it degrade habitat health? What is the economic and social cost of the activity, and who will pay those costs? Do corporations make the profits while taxpayers are left holding the debt?

Broads have a message to deliver to our country: public lands must be part of the solution to climate change, not part of the problem. All of us committed to public lands know their life-giving significance—clean water, pure air; birds that migrate and others that weather winter's whiteness; mammals freely roaming; rivers teeming with fish; plants that churn out oxygen and absorb carbon, the sacred moment of connection with life beyond our narrow selves. We know that we must

take seriously a citizen's responsibility, to revitalize the force that keeps us alive.

Without our voice, corporate profit-driven interests have open season, year-round access to our public lands, decimating the future of Earth as we know it. The motives may be no different than the robber barons from

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a century ago, but the consequences have hit the global scale, with repercussions for generations to come—for humans and all species. The stakes are simply too high to remain a bystander.

While the challenges seem insurmountable, hope and commitment are the tools we have. Author and environmentalist Rebecca Solnit writes, "We hope on principle, we hope tactically and strategically, we hope because the



future is dark, we hope because it's a more powerful and more joyful way to live." She tells the story of a member of Women's Strike for Peace who protested in the rain in front of the White House in the early 1960s, feeling foolish and futile. Years later, she heard respected pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock describe his turning point as a high-profile peace activist, when he witnessed a small group of women protesting in the rain at the White House. Seeing their passionate commitment, he realized he must take a stand. Little did she know that her "foolish" act of protest would inspire a national figure to bring attention to ending the Vietnam War.

We can never guess what change we might inspire with our actions and our stories. We do know one thing for certain—if we sit back mired in depression and complaint, we will never inspire anything. The best antidote to despair is to grab a friend, commit to a purpose, take action, and—dare I say—have some fun in the process. That's what Broads are all about. Want to get involved? Ask us how to take a stand and make public lands part of the solution to climate change!



"We're not just fighting for the forests, the Earth, our lands. We consider the defense of issues of land, sovereignty, and independence to be the same as defending

our rights as women. We're demanding control over our lands just as we demand control over our bodies."

— Bertha Cáceres, Honduras

An internationally renowned indigenous environmental activist, Cáceres was gunned down in March 2016, only a few months after she received the 2015 Goldman Environmental Prize, a prestigious award that recognizes grassroots environmental activists around the world. At least 109 people have been killed in Honduras in the last five years, for taking a stand against destructive land use.





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