

MONUMENTAL VOICES: THE TRIBAL ROLE

by Shelley Silbert

On May 4, 2017, the Trump administration announced the so-called “first ever formal public comment period for Antiquities Act Monuments,” thus beginning its attack on 27 national monuments from California to Maine. For those of us who’ve submitted comments and testified in multiple public hearings to support monument designations over the years, this falsehood printed on Interior Department letterhead was all the more painful.

For the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (BEITC), a partnership of Hopi, Navajo, Uintah & Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Zuni Governments, the announcement of the “review” was yet another indignity in a history marked by broken treaties, destruction of spiritual identity, forced severing of ties to land and culture, and genocide. Bears Ears National Monument (BENM), the only monument ever designated at the behest of sovereign Indian nations, was singled out—it alone had a comment period limited to 15 days, while other monuments received a “generous” 60 days.

On June 12, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke presented his interim recommendation to downsize the monument.

A PARALLEL UNIVERSE?

“I think, talking to tribes, they’re very happy,” Zinke said of his proposal, adding that he “talked to all parties,

series of isolated objects, but the object itself, a connected, living landscape, where the place, not a collection of items, must be protected. You cannot reduce the size without harming the whole.”

Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye didn’t jump for joy either: “The Navajo Nation

has been clear in our support for the designation—we have passed two unanimous resolutions supporting the designation that are the official word of the Navajo Nation.”

Natalie Landreth, a Native American Rights Fund attorney representing three of the tribal nations advocating for the

monument, addressed Zinke’s recommendation for tribal co-management within the BENM’s boundaries, “...our initial reaction, on behalf of the three tribes we represent, was that this was really just a cynical effort to distract Indian Country from the devastating blow of reducing the size of the monument...But Bears Ears is not for sale; it is not up for trade for a piece of legislation on consultation or management.”

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Tribal representatives at the 2016 hearing held by Secretary Sally Jewell prior to monument designation.

and they’re pretty happy and willing to work with us.”

Hmmm, happy? The BEITC’s response didn’t sound exactly gleeful: “The radical idea of breaking up Bears Ears National Monument is a slap in the face to the members of our Tribes and an affront to Indian people all across the country. Any attempt to eliminate or reduce the boundaries of this Monument would be wrong on every count. Such action would be illegal, beyond the reach of presidential authority.

The Bears Ears region is not a

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IN A BROAD SENSE

Citizen Science Gives Us Happy Feet



Andy Gulliford

Over a million people in 600 cities and seven continents, plus five endangered African penguins, marched in support of science on Earth Day. Ironically, in the same era that ruling politicians unleash their disdain for science, the public has sprung into action like never before through a vast citizen science movement. In a true democratization of science, people across the country and the world have volunteered to observe, record, and contribute data, typically in a collaborative effort with professional scientists.

Great Old Broads is no stranger to this movement—citizen science formed our very foundation. Early on, our members decided to serve as eyes and ears on the ground to assess impacts to our public lands. We've documented off-road vehicle routes and monitored grazing allotments in Utah, gathered data on logging roads that impact streams in Washington, collected water quality information on Arizona's Verde River, monitored invasive weeds in Colorado's Weminuche Wilderness, studied the impact of fences on predators in New Mexico, and recorded data on Wilderness Study Areas in multiple locations.

Why does citizen science matter? It vastly multiplies data gathering power and expands research impact beyond what a small team of scientists can do alone. Today's new technologies for gathering data mean smaller and smaller instruments (yes, a smart phone can be a mini-computer, camera, GPS, thermometer, clinometer, sound recorder, and so much more). With a mobile citizen science app, you can join a network of citizen

researchers to record frog calls, participate in a Global Mosquito Initiative, record sightings of migratory butterflies, document songbird nest locations, or record invasive plants occurrences. Citizen science is contributing to international biodiversity monitoring in astounding and important ways. And, recording and tracking our natural world opens a window to new discoveries that could revolutionize our thinking in saving habitats and species—and that includes *Homo sapiens*.

For most of history, humans made careful and repeated observations, formed hypotheses, and developed well-reasoned conclusions that were chronicled through oral tradition. Our understanding of ecology, pharmacology, and astronomy, for example, is predicated upon indigenous science and traditional knowledge—skills and practices developed through generations of experimentation and integrated into cultures well acquainted with their landscape. Early western scientists, steeped in curiosity, likewise used acute observational skills. Although lacking formal science training, they made many critical scientific discoveries we value today. Think of John James Audubon, whose ornithological work in the 1800s still has few rivals; or the astronomer Caroline Herschel, discoverer of comets, and the first woman to receive a Royal Astronomical Society Gold Medal.

A key point today: science gains value when communicated in ways that pique interest of non-scientists. I learned this directly in a citizen science project launched after the 2015 Gold King Mine spill on the Animas River. My husband and I, along with Broads and

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ADVOCACY CORNER

The Great Turning

by Lauren Berutich

I am in a state of jaw-dropping disbelief. In this time of absolute idiocracy, I often find myself questioning this new reality. Have you thought or heard, “I just need to turn off,” “I’m not feeling well,” or “I feel powerless”? Or lastly, “I’m just exhausted”? Thankfully, there is a light.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Only when it’s dark enough can you see the stars.” In the wake of social, economic, and environmental injustice, we see a rising of democratic action and collective voice. People are *turning in*—retreating and looking inward—and they are *turning up*—getting ready to act.

Joanna Macy, an activist, ecologist, Buddhist scholar, and one of the greatest teachers of our time, refers to this coming out of the darkness as *The Great Turning*. In her teachings, she encourages this communal shift to be one of deep relationship building—to our world, to ourselves, and to each other. She creates space to mourn and provides tools to rise up. In *The Great Turning*, I found a love letter to new activists:

“Please find that seed of outrage and grief and nourish it. This is your need for justice, your love of community, democracy, science, it is your heart yearning for quality and liberation for all, and measured reaction time, breaks, and most of all—willingness to grow.”

It can be exhausting to keep up with the seemingly endless irresponsible and unjust decisions being made that impact the health and sustainability of our natural living world. So, how do we stay afloat and effective? How do we make “the turn”? Here’s a recipe of re-energizing strategies to support and uplift you. We as a nation must continue to build resistance and thrive in our communities and on our planet.

Influenced by Joanna Macy’s *Personal Guidelines for the Great Turning*:

TAKE A BREAK

Make time to shut it off—all of it. Turn off the radio, the TV, the internet. Hide your newspapers and cell phones. Be

in a place of quiet and solitude. Get out in the wild. Retreat. The Art of Living (<http://bit.ly/ArtLiving>) suggests that meditating just a few minutes a day can reduce stress, foster clear thinking, and increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.

PRACTICE GRATITUDE

If you keep a gratitude journal or practice sharing thanks in your daily routine, you know how beneficial and energizing this can be. Practicing gratitude is nothing short of being present in our lives to simply acknowledge the gift of our existence. What a joy it is to choose to take part in the self-healing of our world! Slowing down enough to pay attention to the little gifts we receive brightens the most challenging of times.

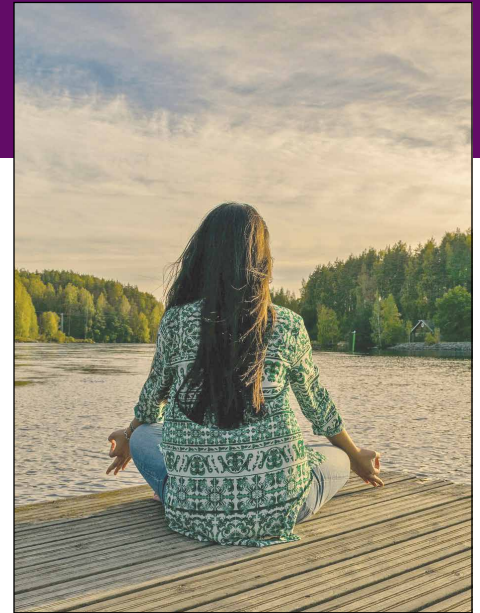
NARROW YOUR FOCUS AND CONTRIBUTE

We all have something unique and significant to contribute. Use your strengths, creativity, and tools to inspire change in your community. You can’t do everything or take on every issue. Revisit your story, your “why”, and root into the reasons you do the work you’ve chosen. Redraw your action map. Remember you are not alone in this world, and the steps you are taking to contribute to the change do make a difference.

DARE TO VISION

You may be familiar with the saying, “We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.” This is a time for us to practice dreaming, what organizer Ed Chambers describes as the world as it is and the world as it should be. Don’t be afraid to emerge from this darkness with a vision of a new world. Dream big. We may not have a clear vision of how things will turn out, but we are still “called to let the future into our imagination.”

We are in a revolutionary state, together. Thank you for engaging in the change and for your support of Broads’ profound work. Together, we can be the change. For more on Joanna Macy’s, *The Great Turning*: <http://bit.ly/jm-tgt>



“What helps us face the mess we’re in is the knowledge that each of us has something significant to offer, a contribution to make. In rising to the challenge of playing our best role, we discover something precious that both enriches our lives and adds to the healing of our world.” – Joanna Macy

HQ WISHLIST

We’re gearing up for Broadwalk season and there are a few items on our wishlist that would sure help us put on even better events. We’ve worn out our welcome borrowing equipment from staff, friends, and family. Donations towards purchasing gear are gratefully accepted as well!

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BROADBANDS IN ACTION

New Leaders and New Chapters!

by Lauren Berutich

We are broadening our reach as we dive into 2017's busy season. We welcomed 20 new Broadband leaders from seven states to our 9th annual Wilderness Advocacy Leadership Training Sessions (WALTS) held at Synergia Ranch in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Some join as co-leaders, and some start brand new Broadbands. We now have 38 chapters in 15 states facilitated by 61 volunteer leaders—our program has grown by 54% in just three years! And now, more than ever, local and regional voices are needed on the ground to advocate and speak out for our wild lands. Thank you to this incredible group of women for their dedication and leadership to protect the wild places we treasure. Let's welcome our brand new chapters.

GEORGIA ON MY MIND

With public lands that boast the highest peaks in the Appalachian Mountains, as well as 36,415 acres of dunes, forest, swamps, ponds, and marshes on Cumberland Island, it is no wonder that two new Georgia Broadband chapters emerged this year ready to step it up for wild lands protection.

Celebrated for their ecological diversity and remarkable recreational opportunities, the Blue Ridge Mountains encompass hardwood forests with the richest temperate freshwater ecosystems in the world. This biodiverse environment is home to native mussels, fish, and invertebrates, and includes critical habitat for endangered and threatened species. Unfortunately, the Etowah River Basin is considered the fourth most threatened watershed in the country. The Blue Ridge Broadband, led by Anne Heikkila and Joan Abbott, aims to work on the conservation of this distinct and invaluable landscape, and combat threats impacting the region, including development, climate change, and habitat degradation.



Broads and Bro at the kick-off meeting of the Blue Ridge Broadband in Georgia



Broadband Leaders at WALTS trading inspirational stories. Left to right: Jane Heisler, Cascade-Volcanoes Broadband, OR; Chara Ragland, La Plata Broadband, CO; Acacia Madorin, Boulder Broadband, CO; Roberta Moore, Eastern Nevada Broadband, NV; Carolyn Rader, Atlanta Broadband, GA

Just five hours from Atlanta is the gorgeous, Cumberland Island. With sixteen miles of sand beaches and dunes, this wild landscape harbors important habitat for loggerhead turtles, alligators, pelicans, egrets, and herons. Our new Atlanta Broadband leader, Carolyn Rader, has a long history with this island and its continued protection. In partnership with the Park Service and local organizations, the Atlanta Broadband is focused on any new development occurring in conflict with the goals of the Cumberland Island National Seashore. She hopes to bring collective voices to protect the island and aid its recovery back to a more natural state.

As you can see, you don't have to live in the west to engage in great public and wild lands conservation work. We are thrilled to add these new Georgia chapters to our Broadband community and hope they inspire more new chapters in the eastern and southern portion of our nation.

HOME MEANS NEVADA

When you marry Reno, the "biggest little city in the world," with the resilient desert landscapes of the eastern part of Nevada, you get two dynamic and very busy Broadband chapters! We are thrilled to reignite our Reno Broadband and welcome the new Eastern Nevada chapter to the team.

Our Nevada Broads have full plates as they work to build constituents, deepen relationships with regional partners, and recruit new members. Since initiation in April, our mountain and desert Broads have engaged Great Basin National Park visitors in Earth Day activities and land management celebrations, held signs in support of science, and launched the Art of Nature Club for kids.

The Eastern Nevada Broadband, led by Roberta Moore, has coordinated with Broads' national office and Friends of Nevada Wilderness to recommend the Massacre Rim Wilderness Study Area in northwest Nevada as an official Dark Sky Sanctuary. This beautiful landscape stretches over 100,000 acres; it is rich with petroglyphs, ancient quarries more than 10,000 years old, and offers some of the best stargazing in North America.

NATIONAL ADVOCACY WINS!

Let's Celebrate - We Did It!

by Lionel Di Giacomo

We want to help you stick up for Mother Earth without barraging you with too many email action alerts. However, this year has brought a unique challenge and so we've sent out more action alerts than usual—and you have responded overwhelmingly! Here are just some of the successes that would have been impossible without your incredible activism:

BLM Methane Rule—PROTECTED!

Congress failed to overturn an Obama-era rule which demands that energy industries pay for excess natural gas leaked or burned during their operations. This rule forces industry to close leaks and capture and store that gas. This is great news for local air quality and for the climate, since natural gas is mostly methane, a powerful greenhouse gas around 30 times as powerful as CO₂.

Bill Disposing of Public Lands—WITHDRAWN!

After a flurry of negative press and a huge response from the general public, Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) withdrew his bill (H.R. 621) that would have sold off 3.3 million acres of public land. With all of the shady dealings in Congress to make it easier to sell out our public lands, the American public sent a powerful message: HANDS OFF!

Bill Ending Agency Law Enforcement—WITHDRAWN!

Chaffetz also withdrew his second attack on public lands this session, a bill to put the burden of policing public lands on local law enforcement (H.R. 622). Your letters-to-the-editor, work contacting county commissioners, and feedback from local law enforcement blasting the proposal succeeded in defending the value of federal law enforcement on public lands.

Anti-Environmental Budget Riders—DEFEATED!

Over 150 anti-environmental riders polluted the most recent budget proposal. These riders would have outlawed climate action, dismantled the Endangered Species Act and de-listed endangered species, undermined the Environmental Protection Act (EPA), blocked and cut conservation and restoration programs, attacked the Clean Water Act, and so much more. We've heard from members of Congress that they felt the pressure of your voices. Letters, rallies, calls, and emails kept these poison-pill riders OUT of the FY 2017 Omnibus Appropriation passed in early May!

Your actions continue to resonate on more issues than we can list. You've turned out to marches of record-breaking size for women's rights, climate action, and science. The EPA has been flooded by your comments in support of hard-won environmental protections. The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition has reported that over 600,000 comments were filed defending Bears Ears National Monument to the Department of Interior.

We are humbled by your action against these attacks on our lands, waters, and climate, and we'll keep you up to date on the most urgent issues. We can't say it enough, but we'll try: Thank you!

The Broadband has heightened its awareness about potential oil and gas drilling activity and plans to conduct site visits to parcels on public lands proposed for lease sales to capture information to prepare public comments.

Covering areas from the Sierra Nevada to the Great Basin, and from the Modoc Plateau to the southern deserts is a big undertaking. Our Nevada Broadbands are working to keep public lands in public hands, advocating for a Pershing County wilderness bill, and striving to protect Gold Butte National Monument.

If you are a Nevada Broad who's ready to jump into action with travel management, recreation planning, and monument protection get in touch with these leaders today!

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

The Greater Bay Area Broadband, led by Maureen Forney, is revving up our northern California members in a big way. After WALTs in April, they were on a rally roll, participating with the Earth 2 Trump and Climate marches, and the Dakota Access Pipeline resistance movement.

The new chapter has several priorities: providing education on climate change issues and public lands protection; diversifying partnerships and members by establishing relationships with

the Paiute and Standing Rock Sioux Tribes; and, national monument protection, particularly Bears Ears in Utah, and six California monuments under review, including San Gabriel Mountains and Giant Sequoia. The Broadband engages their members in letter writing, public speaking, and lobbying to encourage political leaders to make



Maureen Forney at the Refinery Healing Walks; led by Women Indigenous Leaders, participants walk from a water blessing ceremony to each and every oil refinery in the San Francisco Bay Area.

responsible decisions to protect and preserve wild lands.

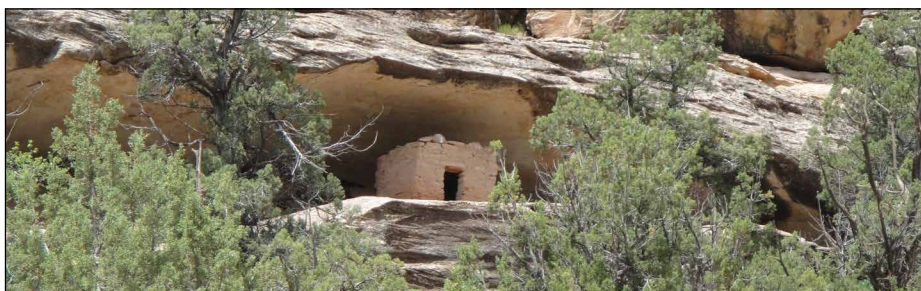
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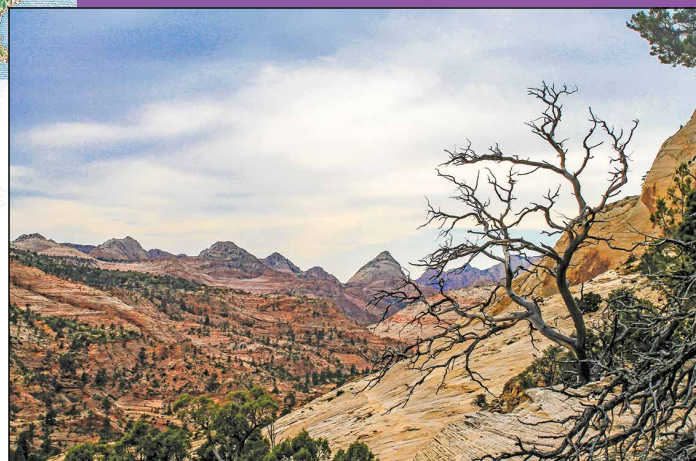
by Carrie King

RECAPTURE CANYON: STATE & COUNTY APPEAL BLM DECISION

- Rejects San Juan County's right-of-way application through the bottom of the Recapture Canyon.
- Keeps the bottom of the canyon closed to motorized travel, but open to hiking, horseback riding, and overnight camping.
- Allows designated motorized travel on trails along the rim of the canyon.
- Allows for reversal of some closures after stabilization of certain damaged archaeological sites.



Recall in 2006, an illegal ATV trail was constructed through Recapture Canyon, damaging archaeological sites. To justify the action and appease local sentiment, San Juan County filed a right-of-way application, claiming the trail was a valid route that had been used for years. In 2007, the BLM



BROADS WIN ON TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLANS IN UTAH

The agreement requires revisions of six Bush-era Resource Management Plans and related travel management plans. It compels the BLM to reverse designations of 4,277 miles of off-road vehicle trails due to a failure to minimize impacts on cultural sites, streams, wildlife, and other valuable areas. Other benefits include required monitoring during and after travel management planning, reevaluation of potential designation for several Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and improved testing for air quality impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions.

ATV TRAILS HALTED IN UTAH'S BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Last issue, we reported on the BLM approval of a 6.4 mile motorized ATV route in Indian Creek (without public review!) that occurred just prior to Bears Ears National Monument designation. As part of a larger decision by the Interior Board



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of Land Appeals, a petition for stay will now block construction of that and other proposed motorized vehicle trails—at least for the time being. Broads, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, the Grand Canyon Trust, and the Sierra Club's Utah Chapter filed the appeal on the grounds that the trails violate the presidential proclamation that established the monument.

LEASES NEAR ZION WITHDRAWN

After a public outcry and a surprising intervention by Utah Governor Gary Herbert, the BLM deferred a final decision on three parcels (out of 20!) earmarked for oil and gas lease sales. The 4,730 acres withdrawn are located on the western boundary of Zion National Park. Lease sale opponents argued oil and gas development would negatively affect nearby communities and park tourism.

SENATE VOTES TO KEEP BLM METHANE WASTE RULE IN PLACE

In early May, the Senate rejected overturning the BLM Methane Waste rule, a major victory for climate, environmental, and health advocates. Three Republicans, Senators Graham (SC), Collins (ME), and McCain (AZ), joined 48 members of the Democratic Caucus in the vote. McCain stated that his unexpected vote was due to concerns that the Congressional Review Act, under which the vote took place, would have forever prevented reconsideration of a similar rule under any presidential administration. The BLM rule was put in place after years of input from citizens, community leaders, industry, and air quality experts. It regulates what oil and gas corporations must do when drilling on federal lands.

Distressingly, on May 31 the EPA issued a 90-day stay on their agency's rules to limit methane leaks at natural gas drilling sites, including rules to standardize equipment and employee certification. This followed President Trump's orders in March for the EPA to reconsider the methane standards. It's estimated that the U.S. loses \$1.5 billion worth of natural gas each year to the atmosphere through leaks, venting, and flaring—enough natural gas to heat more than 5 million homes. Such losses reduce royalty returns for taxpayers because companies don't pay for methane lost to leaks. They also lead to significant climate impacts, since methane is a greenhouse gas at least 80 times more powerful than CO₂.

UPDATE:

June 14, as we were about to go to print with this newsletter, the BLM announced it would suspend key parts of the rule that limits methane waste from oil and gas operations on public lands.

Zinke strikes again! We must be vigilant!



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South San Juan Mountains, Colorado (near Pagosa Springs)

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SEPTEMBER 20–26

Escalante River Restoration

Near Escalante, Utah

This is the last year we return to the Escalante River to rid the banks of Russian olive. We'll backpack to our base camp and spend the week working with awesome Broads on this gratifying project. Plus, you'll be treated to gourmet meals prepared by world-famous, former Broads' Executive Director, Ronni Egan. More: <http://bit.ly/EscalanteBW>

OCTOBER 16–20

Let's Mother Earth D.C. Broadwalk

Washington, D.C.

Kick off your hiking boots and don comfy walking shoes for an urban adventure in the wilds of Washington, D.C. Learn to lobby, meet with lawmakers, and use your newfound powers of persuasion to advocate for wilderness designations. We'll also explore museums, galleries, and other attractions. More: <http://bit.ly/DCBWalk>



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THE TROUBLE WITH ROSE

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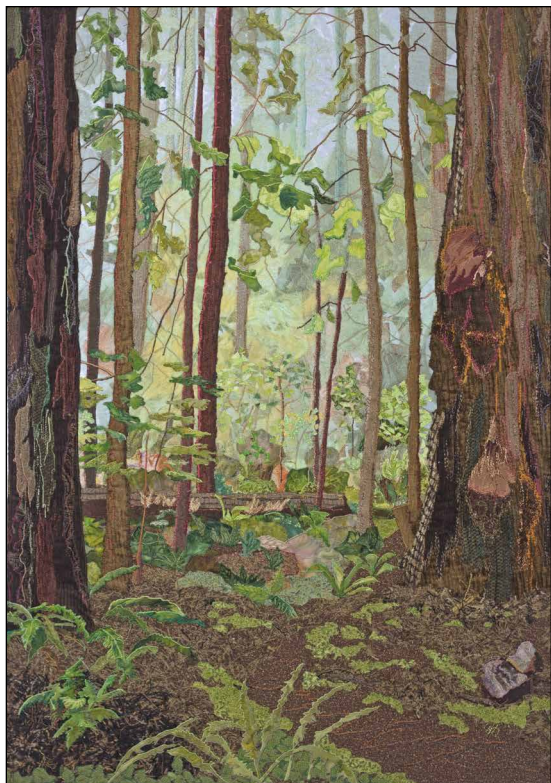
In April, criminal charges were filed by the San Juan County Sheriff's office in Utah against Rose and her husband Mark Franklin for attempted wanton destruction of livestock, a felony; and trespassing on state trust land, a misdemeanor; and additional trumped up charges. It's our understanding that cattle were never deprived of water or harassed in any way.

But controversy over a gate, opened the door (er, gate) for political retaliation from San Juan County, where Broads have long fought for proper management of grazing and off road vehicles on public lands. We've also rallied to protect cultural and natural resources through national monument designations. Rose has been at the forefront of these activities.

It's odd that the Sheriff's Office issued a press release on the criminal charges several days before Rose and Mark were notified (they learned of the charges in local newspapers). Coincidentally, charges were filed two days after the BLM announced a decision to reject San Juan County's right-of-way application for motorized trails in Recapture Canyon (see *Broader Wilderness*, page 6).

As with anyone, Rose and Mark will have their day in court. Legal expenses may run in the tens of thousands, so they created a crowdfunding webpage to help raise funds for their legal expenses: <http://bit.ly/RoseMark>. We will keep you updated as this version of "water" gate unfolds.





Presenting a magnificent work of art...

AMONG THE REDWOODS

It's ready—raffle tickets now on sale!

For our 2017 raffle, we are delighted to present a stunning piece of fabric art created by celebrated artist Patricia Hastings-Sargent (Trish). Inspired by a drive through the Avenue of the Giants in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, California, Trish told us she could not describe the feeling she experienced standing among these ancient trees. So, she let her art speak for her—and wow—what a beautiful result! We feel very fortunate and grateful to offer this incredible piece for our raffle. Thanks, Trish for your generous donation!

The piece, entitled *Among the Redwoods*, will debut in July at the Redwood Broadwalks. It is 34" x 24", stretched on a frame, and ready to hang on your wall. Trish designs with fabric and free-style stitching using sewing machines. She often hand dyes or applies paint to fabrics to achieve the perfect result. This masterpiece took more than three months to create. To learn more about Trish's work, visit www.ths-studio.com.

To purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each or 5 for \$20), visit <http://bit.ly/BroadsRaffle>. The drawing for the winner will be held December 1, 2017.

Among the Redwoods celebrates the coastal redwoods ecosystem. Funds raised will support Broads' work with the Northwest California Mountains & Rivers campaign to designate new wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, and to revitalize damaged forests and watersheds.



Above: The piece wraps around stretcher bars for an elegant presentation. Lower Left: A detail of the work shows the intricate stitching and vibrant color



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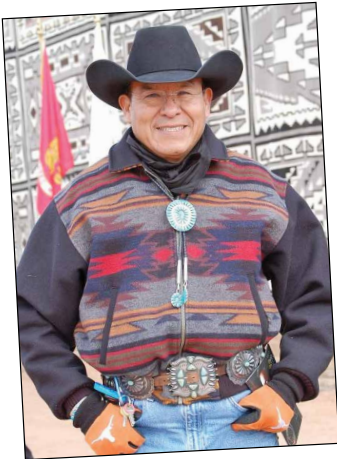
Mark Maryboy was only 13 when presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy came to Bluff, Utah. Now 61 years old, he reflects that he didn't have much interest in politics back then, nor did he understand enough English to make sense of what Kennedy said; but that day, as they had for years, the elders spoke of Bears Ears.

The elders shared with Kennedy how the region held important ancestral sites and ceremonial places; how the Navajo had hidden from Kit Carson there; that it was an important source of herbs gathered for food and medicine. When young people went to war and returned with mental and emotional problems, sand from ancient ruins was collected and used in a ceremony to "bring them back", to heal them from the trauma they suffered. But protection for Bears Ears did not come—not for many more years.

Mark went off to college at the University of Utah and was exposed to new ideas about the environment and conservation. He read *The Monkey Wrench Gang* by Edward Abbey. "I immediately understood what he [Abbey] was talking about and what the elders were saying. I felt like I needed to do more when I got back home," he said.

This feeling to "do more" was deep-rooted. Mark came from a long line of advocates, going back to his great-great grandfather, Manuelito, the renowned war chief of the Diné, who signed the treaty establishing an 18-million acre reservation for the Navajo people.

While growing up, Mark felt constant reminders of his lineage: "I was raised as a warrior—to never be afraid to speak out to protect your people," he shared.



When Mark returned to the reservation, he served as Director of Education for the Utah Navajo Development Council. In 1986, he became the first Native American in Utah history to become a county commissioner for San Juan County. He served 16 years—and every day was a battle. He fought for his people, for social programs, schools, public safety, and roads. He fought against prejudice and fellow commissioners who begrudged every county dollar spent that would benefit the

Navajo residents, who make up more than half the county's population.

In 1990, Mark was elected to the Navajo Nation Council, serving four terms, much of that time concurrent with his role as a county commissioner. He continued to advocate for water rights, energy royalties, education, healthcare, and more.

Throughout the years, Mark sought opportunities to safeguard the lands so important to his people. In 2010, Utah Senator Bob Bennett (R) offered a beacon of hope—as Bennett gathered

citizen input and support for protection, and the first boundaries for a Bears Ears monument were drawn. Mark and other local Navajos formed Utah Diné Bikéyah (the people's sacred lands) to lend the voice of Utah Navajos to the effort.

Mark knew from his tenure as county commissioner there was strong local opposition to any formal protection of public lands. There was no doubt they were in for a fight, but conditions looked to be right: there was a growing wave of support and a president likely to favor monument designation.

Progress came to a screaming halt when Bennett lost his seat to Mike Lee, a tea-partier who wanted nothing to do with land protection. Diné Bikéyah rallied once again and began working with a citizen's land council on what became Utah Senator Rob Bishop's Public Lands Initiative—which turned out to be a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Diné Bikéyah decided it was time to join forces with the Zuni, Ute, and Hopi tribes and make a direct appeal to President Obama. Thus, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition was born. Mark had concerns that the other tribes with ties to the land had been away from the region so long that they might not remember the sacred sites. However, he soon found they knew the landscape and its sacred sites were precious to them as well.

"We always heard growing up that other tribes were our enemies, or 'we don't work well together,'" said Mark. But, he discovered shared interests and concerns for the land forged strong relationships as they worked together on the monument plan.

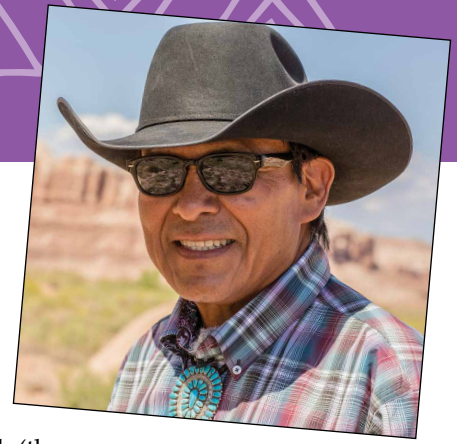
Their efforts, combined with supporting partner organizations, paid off when President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument in December 2016.

Today, the fate of Bears Ears is uncertain. The Trump administration has threatened to reduce the monument's size. Monument proponents like Broads, tribal nations, and others have committed to a long legal brawl, if necessary. After years devoted to Bears Ears protection, how does Mark view the current situation?

"The land will still be there. It won't go anywhere. If we lose, it does not stop us from speaking for protection of Bears Ears."

And, even after years of struggle, Mark says it is an "honor to honor his ancestors" through his efforts. His great grandpa Owl said, "Regardless of how old we get, we must never give up defending our people." Advocating for the land is advocating for his people—because Bears Ears is the fabric of Diné culture and tradition.

"That's the spirit that keeps me going."



*Be still and the earth
will speak to you.
—Navajo proverb*



OVERCOMING FEAR & LOATHING ON CAPITOL HILL

by Carrie King



Golly gee, Toto. Do you think I could go to our nation's capital with a bunch of Broads?

Third lesson: You rarely meet with elected officials; you meet with staffers who listen to what you have to say and report back to their boss. They typically mirror the same values about public lands and wild places as their bosses. Crisis #3 averted!

If you think going to D.C. won't make a difference in this political climate, you're wrong. Many senators and representatives are champions for public lands and need political cover from their constituents—now more than ever. They also need citizens from other states to help them gain co-sponsors for their bills. Conversely, elected officials swayed by industrial lobbyists now feel emboldened. They'll try to pass bills that undo protections that shield our public lands from the collateral damage of big business and greed. They need to know we are watching and will not let them run over us. Sisters and fellow Broads, if you have ever considered going to D.C., NOW IS THE TIME.

Case in point: Our local County Commissioner, Gwen Lachelt, visited D.C. in May along with a local rancher to support the BLM methane waste rule (see *Broader Wilderness*). They met with democratic and republican senators and their staff, but hadn't yet stopped by Senator McCain's (R-AZ) office. After hours of meetings, they took a break in the cafeteria. Lo and behold, who walked by but McCain! Lachelt sprinted after him, finding him at the elevator. When the doors opened, she jumped on and literally gave him her "elevator speech" about living under the largest methane cloud in North America, and why the methane rule is so important to La Plata County—with 35,000 oil and gas wells just across the state line in New Mexico on federal lands. He invited her to walk with him to his next meeting, thanking her for a personal perspective from an oil-and-gas-producing county. That evening, he unexpectedly changed his vote in support of the methane rule. Did it make a difference? We may never know for sure, but it undoubtedly didn't hurt!

Join us October 16–20 for the Let's Mother Earth D.C. Broadwalk; overcome your fears and use your voice to protect the public lands you love (see *2017 Events*, page 8). We'll train you, work in teams, and tell our stories. We won't let you get lost, and trust me, no one will remember your outfit. Lobbying is nothing more than having a conversation with another person about something for which you care passionately. Find out more at <http://bit.ly/DCBWalk>.

I considered many excuses to avoid learning how to lobby as a citizen in Washington D.C. At the top of the list: 1) I would never be able to find my way (subways scare me); 2) I don't have the right clothes; 3) Politicians intimidate me!

First lesson: upon arrival, I quickly figured out I could pile into a Lyft vehicle with others and for \$2–5 dollars apiece, get delivered to House or Senate buildings. No subway, no getting lost, and no being late for scheduled appointments. Crisis #1 averted.

Second lesson: Congress is run by 20 and 30 year olds! Congressional staff ("staffers") are regular people with regular struggles, just like you and me. They don't care if you've put on tennis shoes because your feet hurt. Crisis #2 averted.

FROM THE REDWOODS TO THE ROCKIES TO D.C.



Take It Full Circle

Advocacy for wild lands is foundational to our Broadwalks This year, you'll have the chance to take things full circle—from learning the landscape to lobbying for its protection. Participants in the Let's Mother Earth D.C. Broadwalk (October 16–20) will take legislation related to the Redwoods and Habitat Connectivity Broadwalks to the bright lights of Washington, D.C.

You'll experience "The Hill," gain new skills as an advocate, and make direct appeals to our legislators to protect wild lands for future generations. What could be better? We'll lobby for the following bills:

Northwest California's Mountains & Rivers Bill

(a placeholder title—introduction is expected this summer), which proposes wilderness and wild and scenic river designations, as well as restoration projects in Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino, Del Norte, and Trinity counties. <http://mountainsandrivers.org>

Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act—establishes a National Wildlife Corridors System to ensure that species are able to move between habitats. <http://bit.ly/WCCAct>

Continental Divide Wilderness Bill, which would protect 58,492 acres of critical watersheds and wildlife habitat in the central Rocky Mountains of Colorado from development, mining, logging, and road building. <http://continentaldivide.org>

Although it would be fun to do a Broadwalk two-fer or three-fer, you don't have to attend the Redwoods and Habitat Connectivity events in order to go to D.C.—it's open to everyone—and we'll train you. By the way, if you really want to go, but are financially challenged, give us a call to discuss a scholarship opportunity. Time is running out, so sign up today and we'll see you in our nation's capital!





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B.S.-Broadly Speaking

We want you to share thoughts, experiences, and creative expressions about your connection to Mother Earth. What moved you to be an advocate? What inspires you? Why Broads? Please share poetry, essays, art, and other musings.

Please keep your word count to about 400 words. We may edit your piece, but will seek approval and let you know when it will appear in *Broadsides*.

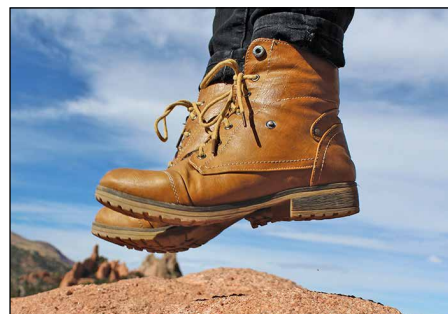
We are accepting submissions online at:

<http://www.greatoldbroads.org/broadly-speaking>

...or send by mail to P.O. Box 2924, Durango, CO 81302. If sending by mail, please double space and title the document, and include your name, address, phone, and email.

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Join Hana Maris from Coming Home Adventures for a backpack trip in Bears Ears National Monument through Grand Gulch/Cedar Mesa, an area incredibly rich with well-preserved ancestral Puebloan ruins.

20% of proceeds will go to support Great Old Broads and our protection of wild public lands.

Space is limited to 10 participants. Price: \$1350 - Includes guide, permits, camping, and dinners. Should you have any questions about the trip, please contact Hana at hanaheron@aol.com. To register visit: www.cominghomeadventures.com.

WHAT DO YOU DO, ANYWAY?

So you didn't know Broads' had staff running our programs? A few members have seemed surprised to learn that, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share a bit about what we do.

Broads has a small staff for a national non-profit—only seven people, plus up to three dogs some days that join the fun. We work in a cozy cottage in Durango, Colorado.

A large part of what we do revolves around supporting the public lands advocacy work of Broadband chapters and our members. However, behind the scenes, there are many not-so-glamorous day-to-day activities required to keep the organization humming along.



JOYCE THOMSEN
Membership Maven

Ever call the office with a question?

Chances are, that friendly voice on the phone was Joyce, who wrangles memberships and donations, keeps our database and mail and email lists up to date, and manages Broads' merchandise (orders, shipping, inventory). All this keeps her busier than popcorn on a skillet—especially since she only works part time!



PEGGY MALLOY - Operations Manager

The other welcoming voice on the phone is Peggy, who pays our bills, tracks our finances, and handles fun things like personnel, payroll, and nonprofit status filings. She keeps our world spinning in greased grooves in ways too numerous to mention. Peggy oversees the Wild for Wilderness Online Auction and juggles a plethora of logistics for our national Broadwalks and Broadworks—from registrations to troubleshooting, to outfitting trips with mission-critical things like porta-potties and first aid kits.



LAUREN BERUTICH
Grassroots Leadership Director

Lauren creatively leads our Broadbands to advocate for public lands. She works tirelessly to train, support, and problem-solve with over 60 dedicated volunteer Broadband leaders. She is part cheerleader, part strategist, part advocacy specialist, and part counselor—endlessly showering our Broadband leaders with education, ideas, and inspiration. She often represents Broads at events and functions, constantly recruits new leaders, writes grants, and dreams up inventive ways to fundraise.



LIONEL DI GIACOMO
Research & Advocacy Associate

As part of the Grassroots Leadership team, Lionel offers advocacy guidance and technical support to Broadband leaders on a daily basis. Our resident techno-whiz, he is the finesse behind everything from website troubleshooting

and improved activity reporting, to developing educational webinars and resources for Broadband leaders. Aptly titled, he researches topics and issues and helps craft talking points and summaries for comment letters and other communications distributed by Broadbands and the national office.



SUSAN KEARNS
Communications Director

Serving as graphic designer, wordsmith, and webmaster, Susan creates a whirlwind of communications that take flight from headquarters. This includes *Broadsides* newsletter, email alerts, promotional materials, brochures, website content and design, press releases, social media, and more. She also provides marketing support and promotional advice to Broadband leaders and the Broadband program.



CARRIE KING - Associate Director

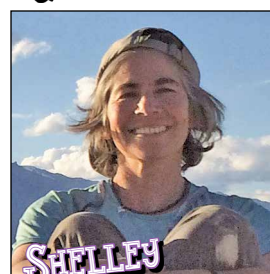
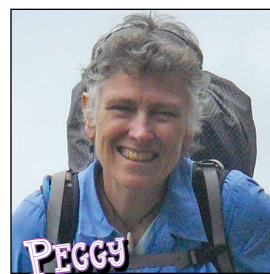
The architect behind Broadwalks and Broadworks, Carrie chooses advocacy and stewardship priorities, event locations, speakers, stewardship projects, hiking activities, and—to the delight of all—caterers. She works with conservation partners and acts as the Broadwalks' Mistress of Ceremonies. Working in partnership with Shelley, she is deeply involved in public lands advocacy endeavors. Carrie researches and reviews legislation, conservation issues, and land management plans. She writes comments on behalf of the national office, and evaluates actions and lawsuits Broads has been asked support. She oversees membership development and merchandising, and crunches numbers to generate the organization's budget.



SHELLEY SILBERT
Executive Director

In addition to steering the "mothership" and directing staff activities, our fearless leader Shelley leads the charge on Broads' advocacy efforts. She works closely with Carrie to stay abreast of public lands threats and conservation issues, and composes comments and responses on behalf of the organization. She manages big-picture fundraising, grant proposals and cultivation of major sponsors and donors. Shelley serves as the organization's ambassador and spokesperson at events and symposiums. She sets the tone and direction for member outreach and works with our Board of Directors and Advisory Board to maintain organizational strength, stability, and continuity.

In a nutshell, our team works together like a well-oiled machine to keep the wheels turning at Broads. Want to know more? Give us a shout at broads@greatoldbroads.org.



TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

In its action, the new administration ignored tribal sovereignty, and the fact that Native American tribes are independent nations, separate from and not subordinate to the Executive Branch, states, counties, or foreign governments. In particular instances, states have tried to extend power over tribal nations, but the courts have repeatedly ruled in favor of tribal sovereignty issues related to property, hunting, and fishing rights.

To that point, only elected tribal officials and their appointed representatives can speak for tribal nations, and there is a specific government-to-government protocol set to integrate tribal input into policy decisions. President Nixon recognized tribal self-

determination in a 1970 address to Congress, and every president from then until now has reaffirmed or strengthened this commitment.

In his press call about interim recommendations, Zinke said, "I have recently talked to members of the tribes and had a discussion on major points." What's wrong with this picture is the lack of formal

consultation through government-to-government meetings, not simply meetings with stakeholders who are tribal members. That's equivalent to ignoring the Utah governor and state officials, and then claiming that the state has declared support after speaking with local residents and county officials. Zinke's interactions in Utah were primarily with pre-selected local people, including some local tribal members opposed to the monument. (Of comments received by the Department of Interior regarding BENM, 88% of Utah residents support leaving the monument intact.)

Broads' executive director and associate director, along with other members, went to Blanding, Utah to support the monument during Zinke's visit. We saw that Zinke spent significant time with San Juan County Commissioners, including Rebecca Benally, a Navajo tribal member. As an elected official to San Juan County, she does not represent the Navajo Nation and cannot speak for them, or for any other tribal government. In his four days in Utah, Secretary Zinke held only a one-hour, closed-door meeting with official tribal leaders. Respect for tribal sovereignty? We don't think so.

INDIGENOUS ACTION

Indigenous communities around the world have become powerful, dedicated, and effective voices for protection of land, water, air, and the sacredness of "all our relations". The impacts of environmental injustice often hit tribal communities directly and hard—whether from resource extraction, dams,

logging, dumpsites, or industrialization. And the damage left in the wake of these activities is further exacerbated by climate change. In the U.S., the Standing Rock Sioux have led the fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline, just as tribal members have organized indefatigably against copper mining at Arizona's Oak Flat, the expansion of coal mining in Montana's Powder River Basin, oil and gas drilling near New Mexico's Chaco Canyon, oil trains and coal ports in the Pacific Northwest, and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

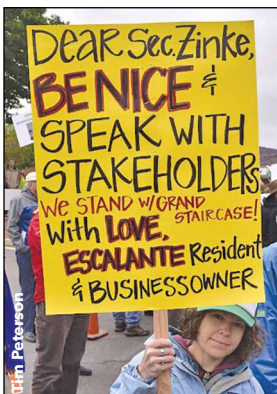
In many of these and other locations, our Broadbands have joined with tribal communities to protect lands and waters, just as we have at Bears Ears. In each case, we have learned from indigenous perspectives. We will continue to build strong partnerships with tribal communities, sharing a sacred commitment to Mother Earth. The Bears Ears are listening. We will be their voice, just as

our voices rise for many other areas of glistening waters, resplendent forests, and expansive tundra.

By the time you read this, we will be at the door of decision, awaiting Zinke's recommendations at the close of the comment period for the other monuments on the hit list. How many will face reduction or reversal? What kind of precedent will this action set for the future? Broads will join in legal action if Bears Ears is downsized, and we will consider options for other monuments as well. More than anything, we need your support and strong voices as we join with tribal partners and others to defend against attacks on the public lands that sustain America's natural and cultural heritage.



An Apache envoy to Washington, D.C. to rally on behalf of Oak Flat. Arizona Broadband Leaders participated in a signing ceremony as part of a history-making tribal proclamation petitioning the USA to nullify the land exchange that would allow copper mining on lands sacred to the San Carlos Apache.





(CITIZEN SCIENCE...Continued from page 2)

others, are tracking the nesting success of the American Dipper, North America's only aquatic songbird. In asking to gain river access across private property, I shared our story with the property's caretaker: "We're following a dipper nest on the bridge just downstream from here. It's empty now, so we're trying to locate the fledglings." Seeing our binoculars in hand and being a friendly person, he invited us to wander

along the river. After we'd located three young dippers, I thanked him and shared what we'd seen.

"I have absolutely no idea what you're talking about," he sheepishly admitted. It hadn't even occurred to me that he might never have noticed this fascinating rapid-running bird, heard its name, or even understood what a fledgling is. That opened the door to sharing our enthusiasm in more common terms—and made me feel like the sheepish one.

Scientist and filmmaker Randy Olson writes, "Communication is not just one element in the struggle to make science relevant. It is the central element. Because if you gather scientific knowledge but are unable to convey it to others in a correct and compelling form, you might as well not even have bothered to gather the information."*

Some scientists prefer to leave communication beyond the scientific community to others, nor are they comfortable mixing advocacy and science. Yet science, communication, and advocacy are inextricably linked. Science underpins advocacy, informing policy and management. Good communication bridges the gap and helps insure the science makes sense so the right decisions can be made.

Olson calls out humor, emotion, and passion as paths to take science to a wider audience. These aren't words we generally associate with science (or politics for that matter—but who's not able to stomach today's news better through Stephen Colbert, Samantha Bee, or Andy Borowitz?) Undoubtedly, this is Broads' terrain. We can carry a climate march sign proclaiming, "Mother Earth—she's too young for a hot

flash!" We jump wholeheartedly into citizen science as a way to contribute, likewise as a way to center ourselves in conflicted times. Certainly, we share our passion for science, for Earth's processes, for wild places—boldly, but respectfully—and hopefully without arrogance.

And what about those penguins? Onlookers cheered them on with signs like "Science gives us happy feet" and "Climate science

is black and white", proving that scientists can poke fun, too. Like a frolicking dipper or a marching penguin, Broads know how to seek survival and play simultaneously. We balance science, advocacy, and communication, and we find ways to laugh while doing it. Maybe right now, in our current political climate, there simply isn't any other choice.

* See Randy Olson, *Don't Be Such a Scientist: Talking Substance in an Age of Style*, Island Press, 2009

On the Fifth Day

*On the fifth day
the scientists who studied the rivers
were forbidden to speak
or to study the rivers.*

*The scientists who studied the air
were told not to speak of the air,
and the ones who worked for the farmers
were silenced,
and the ones who worked for the bees.*

*Someone, from deep in the Badlands,
began posting facts.*

*The facts were told not to speak
and were taken away.
The facts, surprised to be taken, were silent.*

*Now it was only the rivers
that spoke of the rivers,
and only the wind that spoke of its bees,*

*while the unpausing factual buds of the fruit trees
continued to move toward their fruit.*

*The silence spoke loudly of silence,
and the rivers kept speaking,
of rivers, of boulders and air.*

*Bound to gravity, earless and tongueless,
the untested rivers kept speaking.*

*Bus drivers, shelf stockers,
code writers, machinists, accountants,
lab techs, cellists kept speaking.*

*They spoke, the fifth day,
of silence.*

- Jane Hirshfield

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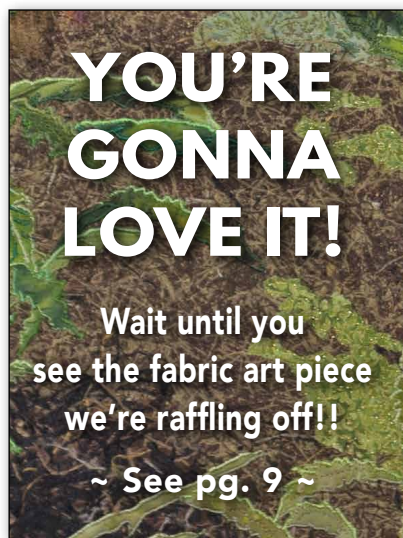


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