

The Wall that Severs the Wild

by Shelley Silbert

Ecologists recognize transition zones between two adjacent ecological communities as places of great significance. Called *ecotones*, these areas often hold a greater number of species than areas nearby. By nature, they are places of merging, adaptation, and evolution. The concept applies metaphorically to America's southern border zone, a sensitive, remarkable, and largely unrecognized place where militarization and construction of a border wall are wreaking havoc on the rich animal, plant, and human communities.

In a literal sense, America's southern border is a place where species from temperate and tropical zones meet. Birders flock to its prime birding hot spots to see birds rare to the rest of the country: the elegant trogon, gray hawk, green jay, clay-colored robin, plain chachalaca, tropical parula, and diverse, abundant hummingbirds.

Not only birds are unique to this region. Jaguars, the world's third largest feline, frequently travel between northern Mexico and the U.S. in search of suitable habitat, food, and mates. Other endangered mammals such as the peninsular bighorn sheep, Mexican gray wolf, ocelot, and jaguarundi move back and forth between countries. The borderlands provide a bridge that ensures genetic diversity as well as

migratory corridors for these and other species to move north as climate change impacts the region.

Some border regions, particularly the lower Rio Grande Valley, have lost more than 95% of the native thorn scrub habitat to agriculture, roads, and cities. Practically the only place left for rare cats, the Texas tortoise, and iconic plants like the endangered star cactus, are a string of national wildlife refuges creating a

wildlife corridor along the Rio Grande. They present a serene and natural calm against the bombastic hysteria of the national emergency declared by the Trump administration. Most devastatingly, these public lands will be dramatically severed from significant habitat to the south, as they become the first places sacrificed to new and expanded border walls atop concrete levees, with glaring floodlights, and vegetation scraped bare for patrol roads. Since federal lands don't

require condemnations common on private lands, these ecologically valuable lands—purchased by our tax dollars—are the first demolished.

Destroying Hope and Habitats

Great Old Broads viewed the stunning beauty of the borderlands and the startling reality of border walls at our Borderlands Broadwalk in April (see pg. 12). Through



Broads express their indignation at the border wall, which they visited during the Borderlands Broadwalk.

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In a BROAD Sense

Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes?

When you hear the name Great Old Broads for Wilderness, it's obvious who we are, right? Older women who like to get into the wild, which may or may not conjure up the image of little old ladies in tennis shoes. (Curiously, this phrase was coined disdainfully in 1961, according to William Safire's Political Dictionary, to describe intensely-dedicated Republican women from southern California whose doorbell ringing led to Barry Goldwater upsetting the forces for Nelson Rockefeller in the California primary.) Today, LOLITS—not to be confused with lowlifes—commonly refers to older activist women. Now that's a fit for Broads!

WRINKLES NOT REQUIRED

Recently, a few of you have asked if the face of Broads is changing, with younger women on our staff, in our Broadbands, and in our ads and images. It's a good question.

There's no doubt that a group of older, grey-haired women carry a certain standing and clout, and attract media attention, especially when walking into a congressional office, as grannies with rolling pins rallying against public land bullies, or arms linked together to protect an old growth tree.

At the same time, we have always stated "Broadness is a state of mind." It's even printed on our logo coffee mugs.

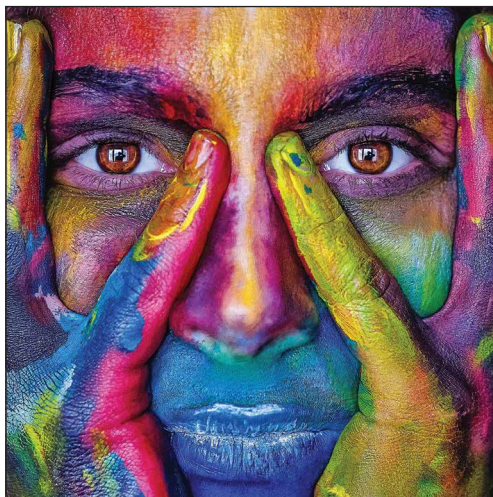
We know that older women will always form the core of our membership, and the very definition of who we are. As a women-led organization, we've noticed that younger women seek us out, too. Searching for the

camaraderie of females who value humor and the wild, perhaps seeking mentorship, or simply wanting a place for activism where they know their voices can be heard. We welcome them wholeheartedly, knowing that they will carry the torch when we no longer can. And we are delighted to have a variety of ages on our staff, bringing in a breadth of skills and perspectives to strengthen our organization. And of course, as always, Broads' members come in all genders.

INCREASING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION—WITH A PLAN

Just as we value ecosystem diversity, we value diversity in our human ecosystem. Yet anyone can recognize that our membership does not yet represent the face of America. Our Values Statement has long said, "We value expanding racial, cultural, and gender diversity in the conservation movement." We also value action, and that's where we've

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Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a national grassroots organization, led by women, that engages and inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.

Conceived by older women who love wilderness, Broads gives voice to the millions of Americans who want to protect public lands for this and future generations. With more than 8,500 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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MEMORIES . . .

The **BROAD** View

As we reflect on 30 years of Broadness, we talked to a few Broads and Bros who have been with the organization since its earliest wild days to share some insights and adventures with founder Susan Tixier.

LINDA LISCOM – CALIFORNIA

"I'm not a founder, but I came along early," said Linda, who first met Susan Tixier on a 3-day backpack trip in Utah from Escalante to Lake Powell. Only 10 yards down the trail Tixier said to her, "You qualify as someone that fits our profile."

"What's that?"

"A Great Old Broad for Wilderness."

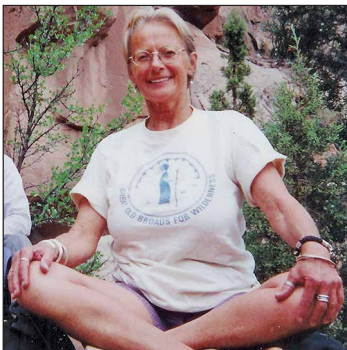
"Sign me up!" said Linda. The rest is herstory...

Linda's longest hike she ever went on with Broads was in the early 90s. The founding Broads were still riled up by Utah Senator Hatch's comment about "needing roads in wilderness for the aged and infirm." So, Susan planned a four-week wilderness trek from Moab to St. George, Utah to publicize the importance of wilderness. Broads hiked during the week and took weekends off to rest. They could join the jaunt for part or all of the trip. Linda, Susan, Frandee Johnson, and Ginger Harmon, hiked ALL four sections together. The mega-hike generated media attention, including NPR reporters meeting the hikers on the trail for interviews.



JOE BREDDAN – COLORADO

Joe, an active Bro on the Broads' Advisory Board, knew Susan from Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), where she was second in command. She first told Joe about Broads at a SUWA roundup.



Founder Susan Tixier, a common thread for how many came to discover Broads in the early days.

Not being of the female persuasion, Joe did not get deeply involved until Susan told him, "Broadness is a state of mind—and if you're fine with that, we'll give you a t-shirt and you're a member!" That's the way it worked back then—somewhere around 1994, he started paying "real" dues.



2004 - Broads at Grandmother Mountain in Idaho. Front row (left to right): Susan Tixier, Dottie Fox; Back row: Ginger Harmon, Frandee Johnson, Edie Pierpont, Cecilia Hurwich, Marilyn Price-Reinbolt.

Joe deeply appreciates how Susan capitalized on the unique concept of a conservation organization made up of older women, and used that to get media attention.

In 1993, Susan was a guest on the syndicated radio show eTown, where she accepted an eAchievement award presented to Broads. During the program, Joe recalled her saying, "...we're going to Washington and give all of the members of Congress memberships to Broads, and if they don't vote right, we'll call their mothers!"

"It was a little hard for politicians to be dismissive of little old ladies—not that the entire group is that today—but it was the marquee at the time," Joe said.

And, there was something about the Broads' attitude that intrigued him, along with the humor—a key attribute of the organization.

"Things that are kind of hard to look in the eye, like what we're doing to the planet, that sort of thing...I guess with the tough stuff, you can get it to sink in with a lot of humor."

FRANDEE JOHNSON - COLORADO

Part of the core group of founding women, Frandee Johnson told us that in the early days Broads was "brazen and out there." Some criticized the group as unladylike—going out hiking and camping and getting dirty.

Frandee said it was stroke of genius for Susan to incorporate "Broads" into the name. It was a disrespectful word, like a swear word—and shocking—so it was perfect! It threw people off balance and they didn't quite know how to react.

There was a bold strength inherent in this founding group that set the tone for the organization. As Frandee describes it, these powerhouse women didn't kowtow to men, nor wait for them to take on wilderness protection. No one told them what to do or how to live up to society's expectations of women, because they had their own power!



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ADVOCACY CORNER

The Do's and Don'ts of Direct Action

by Lauren Berutich

In 1993, Steven Tyler wrote a song that reflects a nation living on the edge: "There's somethin' wrong with the world today, don't know what it is, there's something wrong with our eyes." The lyrics continue to circle around in my head. Are we seeing the world as is? Without a doubt, we live in a time where great change is needed, and a call for a million voices to rise together is a regular occurrence.

As loyal readers of the Advocacy Corner, you're familiar with the check list for creating on-the-ground, effective grassroots change, but let's review. To address an important issue near and dear to your heart, you:

- Lobby to influence the political direction of decision makers or the policy of an organization. Argue your point of view and do everything possible to bring others on board.

DO'S

DO GIVE THE CAMPAIGN TIME: Make sure the political and logistical work of your campaign has completed each phase of advocacy before diving into direct action.

DO OUTLINE AND AGREE UPON OUTCOMES: Clearly define your intent, the proposed alternative, and what success looks like for the campaign.

DO KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE: Map out who you are trying to affect, who the decision makers are, and what message you want to communicate.

DO STRATEGIZE TIMING AND POLITICAL CLIMATE: Your action should be timely and well suited to the political environment. Can your audience relate to the meaning behind the action, and is it significant enough to make an impact?

DO BUILD MOMENTUM & SET GOALS: Take steps to build the movement and a following; inspire supporters through standard grassroots advocacy techniques. Set clear, achievable goals.

- Mobilize through marches, rallies, street performances, and public speaking. Create fun, yet strong ways to educate others about the issue and how to influence change.
- Write letters, sign petitions, and call your representatives. These efforts go far, yet the energy required is minimal.
- Attend public meetings; put your ideas on the table to encourage dialogue and meaningful discussions. Explore all sides of the issue and help others become more familiar with your campaign.
- Encourage voting! Practice your right as an American citizen and support others to exercise that right.

Each of these steps are essential for effective change making and each method employs a different point and reaction. But what if NOTHING is working? The bulldozer is coming down the pike and the campaign needs a last resort approach to halt its momentum. This is where one might consider a direct action approach.

Direct action is defined as, "action that seeks to achieve an end directly and by the most immediately effective means (such as a boycott or strike) in either a nonviolent or violent manner." This article focuses on nonviolent direct action only.

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DON'TS

DON'T TAKE DIRECT ACTION AS YOUR FIRST METHOD to approaching your issue, nor think it will be your last.

DON'T JUMP IN BLINDLY. Ensure you can envision every step before and after your action. Have a plan mapped out for each phase of the process.

DON'T ENGAGE WITH FOLKS WHO LACK BUY-IN or are not stakeholders. Your action may be dramatic but you won't see results.

DON'T CONSIDER ACTION WHEN IT DOES NOT DIRECTLY TIE TO A RELEVANT AND RECOGNIZED ISSUE, when it is not compelling to your audience or environment, or if timing is poor.

DON'T GO AT THIS ALONE. It can be very dangerous. Building collective power, voice, and numbers is essential to create attention and encourage success.



With direct action, someone may put their body on the line to prevent an action such as bulldozing a tree, creating a toxic landfill, or laying pipeline through a sacred site. This approach is confrontational and used as a strategy when no others remain. Direct action attracts media attention and can have immediate results, but comes with legal risks (and sometimes physical).



Our power is in our actions. Our voices are our power.

The use of strikes, demonstrations, sit-ins, or other forms of public protest take precedence over negotiations. They respond to an urgent call for transformative change, both personal and political. Individuals, communities, and institutions may choose direct action to change their circumstances and shift power back to the people. Here are two ways direct action works:

- It interferes with the carrying out of injustice, such as stopping the Dakota Access Pipeline or the clear cutting of an old growth forest.
- It presents an alternative to address the issue, such as the implementation of Just Transition movement.

Our power is in our actions. Our voices are our power. Every campaign requires time, planning, nurturing, strategy, focus, and process. Each advocacy effort plays a significant role in effecting change and your efforts should build collective momentum. 🌿

RESOURCES TO LEARN MORE

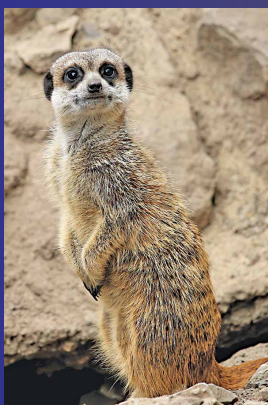
Beautiful Trouble: Direct Action: <http://bit.ly/btdir>

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HAVEN'T HEARD FROM US LATELY?

Do we have your current email address? We don't want you to miss a thing! Just shoot us an email at broads@greatoldbroads.org and we'll get you back on the list.



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The BROAD View

MARILYN PRICE-REINBOLT

Marilyn was an originating Board Member: "For the first several years, we prided ourselves in having no paid staff." As membership grew, Broads put on more gatherings, and that required the Board to bring on staff.

Marilyn remembers going with Susan to New Mexico's Gila Wilderness to see a wolf in the wild. It was April, and as they hiked, they saw plenty of bear sign. After 11 miles, they were tired, so they set up camp—despite seeing more evidence of bears along the way. As soon as the tent was up, two bears across the stream got into a snarling brawl.

"So, no question, tired as we were, we grabbed our gear, and with the tent bundled up in my arms, we ran a mile back up the trail," Marilyn recalled. The two made a campfire and took turns through the night on watch for bears. They never got to see a wolf, but heard one howl during the long night. 🌿



2002 - Broads on a day hike in New Mexico up to Jicarita Peak. Left to right: unknown Broad, Cecilia Hurwich, Ginger Harmon, Marilyn Price-Reinbolt.

"To defend wilderness, you need hope and to have hope, you need to laugh and enjoy life with like-minded companions. It's the combination of wonderful settings for meetings, great conversation, hard facts and a touch of nature's mystery that makes the Great Old Broads unique."

—Edie Pierpont, 1992



THE BROADER WILDERNESS

by Lauren Berutich
& Katya Spiecker



now is on southwest Colorado, be watchful—this may come to a forest near you in the future.

On May 22, Broads joined a lawsuit against the Forest Service for their secretive approval to violate the Wilderness Act. Broadbands around the country work in collaboration with the Forest Service, but in this case, the need to protect the Wilderness Act compelled us to take legal action.

Read the press release and take action: <http://bit.ly/chainsw>

CHAINSAWS IN WILDERNESS A BUZZ KILL

If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound? How about a chainsaw in wilderness? In May, the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region approved emergency chainsaw use on all system trails in Colorado's Weminuche and South San Juan Wildernesses for the 2019 field season—that's 659,000 acres! The agency claims this is required to clear trails affected by significant beetle kill over the last decade.



The Wilderness Act does not allow motorized equipment in wilderness except in emergencies. Hmm, since when do downed trees require emergency use of motorized equipment, without any public involvement? We believe these actions violate

the Wilderness Act, National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), and the Endangered Species Act. Of critical concern is the precedent this "emergency" approval of chainsaw use would set for designated wilderness on federal lands in any region of the country.

We recognize that Congress has not fully funded the Forest Service, which has left it understaffed. But crews with crosscut saws can do this work. Retired wilderness ranger Anne Dal Vera, from the South San Juan Broadband, is providing crosscut saw training, recruiting volunteers, and has even offered to help find funding for crews to assist the Forest Service.

What's at stake? Trail users might damage vegetation by going around downed trees, or trails could be closed temporarily until cleared, but this impact must be weighed against the violation of the Wilderness Act, noise pollution from motorized operations, increased human presence, and habitat disturbance to endangered species such as the Canada lynx.

Unfortunately, this is a very slippery slope. What will the next "need" for motorized equipment in Wilderness be? Drones? Temporary roads? Electric bikes? Although the focus

NEPA EYED FOR "REFORM"

The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has schemed for months to "reform" the rules and regulations of one of our country's bedrock environmental laws, NEPA. A systematic and democratic process, NEPA protects us from federal projects that could cause harm to the environment and public health. The Act mandates that projects are open to public input from start to finish. There must be multiple alternatives presented and agency decisions must be based on science.



The "reforms" are likely to gut the protections and procedures that are the foundation of the Act. An announcement on these changes is expected soon, so let's get on the offense—contact your elected officials, and ask them to reject any proposed changes to NEPA! And keep your eye on the Federal Register (www.federalregister.gov) for a NEPA reform Executive Order and comment directly.

Broads' NEPA reform talking points: <http://bit.ly/NEPAtalk>

DRILLING IN ANWR BY END OF 2019

What began as a rider to the 2017 tax bill to allow drilling in the coastal plains of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), could very soon lead to oil and gas leasing and drilling in the Refuge. In March, the Trump administration completed its draft EIS, rushing forward its "energy dominance" plan in complete disregard of the biological, cultural, and climate effects on a rapidly warming Arctic. This action comes despite a majority of



Americans supporting protections for the Refuge.

ANWR is a perfect example of diverse, intact, and naturally functioning habitats occurring within a single protected unit. Energy extraction on the coastal plain threatens not only this thriving ecosystem, but also the sacred lands and way of life of the Gwich'in people. Furthermore, this could set a horrible



precedent for future drilling in America's wildlife refuges, wilderness, national parks, and monuments.

We need to send the message that the American people do not want the nation's largest wildlife refuge sacrificed for short-term profits. Please contact your members of Congress today.

Talking Points & Resources: <http://bit.ly/ANWRtp>



ADVOCACY WINS!

By Katya Spiecker



WILDLIFE CORRIDORS CONSERVATION ACT

In a critical step to conserve wildlife habitat, the bi-partisan Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019 was introduced in both houses of Congress in May. Led by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM), Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA), and Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL), the bill was introduced just before Endangered Species Day, and a week after an extensive U.N. biodiversity assessment proclaimed the urgent need to act to save one million plant and animal species from extinction.

The Act would establish a National Wildlife Corridors System to protect and restore native species and habitat diminished by habitat loss and fragmentation. It grants the Department of the Interior authority to collaborate with other key agencies, states, tribes, and private landowners to meet connectivity needs. Ready to get your nerd on? It also creates a National Wildlife Corridors database available to the public to inform corridor protection!

Broads' members held over 70 meetings in D.C. to lobby for this bill in November 2017, so we are delighted to see its introduction. It's time to call on your inner panther, pronghorn, butterfly, or grizzly, and raise your voice to support this science-informed bill.

Please thank the senators and representatives who introduced S. 1499 and H.R. 2795 and call your representatives and ask them to "hop" on board as a co-sponsor.

CORE ACT INTRODUCED

Colorado's Senator Michael Bennet and Representative Joe Neguse introduced the Colorado Outdoor Recreation & Economy (CORE) Act in January 2019. S. 241 and H.R. 823 combine four previously introduced bills in to one public lands package that protects 400,000 acres of iconic Colorado landscapes. If you're a Colorado Broad, now's the time to encourage Senator Cory Gardner to support the bill.

NW CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS ACT INTRO'D

In April, Representative Jared Huffman (D-CA) introduced the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act to protect local wild lands, expand recreational opportunities, improve fire management, and restore impacted watersheds. It would secure over 262,000 acres as new and expanded wilderness and 480 miles of Wild and Scenic rivers. Our Middle California Broadband and participants of our 2017 Redwoods Broadwalks, have lobbied, testified, and written letters to advance the introduction of this diverse and innovative bill that they'll continue to champion.

OREGON LNG PIPELINE PAUSED

Plans for a Jordan Cove liquid natural gas (LNG) pipeline and export terminal in southwest Oregon received a major setback in May when the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality denied a permit because the project did not meet the state's water quality standards. The fight isn't over yet, as the project may reapply for the permit, and other approvals are pending, including from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Rogue Valley Broadband is actively fighting this project and Oregon Broads will hold a regional Broadwalk in August 2019 to rev up efforts.

DRILLING HALTED IN GREATER CHACO

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in May that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) illegally approved oil and gas drilling and fracking in New Mexico's Greater Chaco region. From now on, BLM cannot approve oil and gas wells in the region unless it completes a cumulative analysis of air pollution and water use impacts of drilling nearly 4,000 wells in the Mancos shale. The decision reverses the approval of 25 drilling permits and the case has implications for hundreds of approved or anticipated permits in the region. The long-time goal of a moratorium on new drilling in Greater Chaco, which Broads supports, now has sound legal support.



Broadbands *in ACTION!*

by Lisa Pool & Mike Kruse

Our Broadbands around the country are building momentum! From the exciting victory over Jordan Cove LNG and the introduction of wilderness legislation, to establishing new Broadbands coast to coast, we have much to highlight.

NEW LEADERS ACROSS THE NATION

We trained thirteen new Broadband leaders at our Wilderness Advocacy Leadership Training Sessions (WALTS) in March, birthing five much-needed Broadbands in new areas around the country.



Presenting the Women's Advocacy Leadership Training class of 2019.

TEXAS! The Lone Star State finally has a Broadband! Initially, our new leader, Brenda Armstrong, was concerned about the lack of public lands in Texas (97% privately owned!) But, after realizing that Broads' voice, passion, and advocacy is still needed for conservation efforts, she dove into the issues and began networking with people and partner organizations. She held a successful kickoff meeting to launch the new chapter, and is moving ahead full speed with plans for stewardship projects and hikes with a purpose.

NEW HAMPSHIRE! Broads have expanded in the northeast with Linda Graham leading the Granite Broads in New Hampshire. She held the first meeting in May, and has developed partnerships with local organizations to host future camping trips and hikes in the White Mountains. She also began collaborating with her neighboring leader in Maine, Theo Pratt.

SAN LUIS VALLEY, CO! The San Luis Valley in south-central Colorado is one of the largest alpine valleys in the world. Our new leader for the Valley of the Broads, Lisa McClure, plans to tackle pertinent issues such as chainsaws

in wilderness, water transfer from the San Luis Valley to the Front Range, and halting the transfer of public lands from federal to state management. Lisa also hopes to get Broadband hands dirty by coordinating stewardship and monitoring projects.

ALASKA! Let's head north to the Last Frontier, where Loren and Kathy are spearheading the Alaska Soles Broadband. They both have plenty of experience in the

Alaskan bush and have a great sense of humor to boot! Some of their top concerns are Wild and Scenic rivers, addressing the proposed Ambler road to the Ambler Mining District, the Donlin and Pebble Mines, and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

VENTURA, CA...is a hop, skip, and jump from Channel Islands National Park and the Los Padres National Forest, which holds five wilderness areas. This is where the Beachside Broads reside with their new leader, Amanda Zrust. She is exploring

issues to support, such as the Central Coast Heritage Act that proposes new wilderness, two scenic areas, and 159 miles of wild and scenic rivers. She's also working with more seasoned leaders, while networking and organizing Broads' members for her new broadband.

Meanwhile, our established Broadbands are doing great work. Here are two examples:

HOLDING THE AIR FORCE ACCOUNTABLE

Moving up to Idaho, our fearless leader of the Boise Broadband, Pam Conley, is leading the fight to hold the Air Force accountable to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Yes, even the Air Force must adhere to the Act.

When the U.S. Air Force ignored NEPA and released



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its new Urban Warfare Training Program and the intent to deploy F-15 military jets day and night for up to 160 days per year over Boise, surrounding towns, and wild lands, our Boise Broads took a stand. They teamed up with Advocates for the West in a lawsuit to fight for local residents and nearby public lands—such as the Boise Foothills—a popular recreation area. We send a big shout out to Boise Broadband members and partners in Idaho!

SPEAKING OUT FOR WILDLIFE!

As we learned from the recent U.N. Report, we need to do everything we can to protect habitat. Our local chapters have worked around the country to protect and restore habitats since our beginning, but it is tough work.

In Montana, our Bozeman Broadband leaders Nancy Ostlie and (newly-trained!) Linda Healow consistently speak out for the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE), which is universally recognized as the best intact ecosystem in the lower 48, and the most highly functioning temperate ecosystem in the world.

The Gallatin Range—a major and crucial



migration corridor in the ecosystem—is in need of permanent wilderness protection. This is a place where the ever-growing debate—and sometimes argument—between recreation groups and wildlife conservationists is in full force. Unfortunately, a few large conservation organizations placed more emphasis on recreational users' demands than on the science supporting critical wildlife habitat.

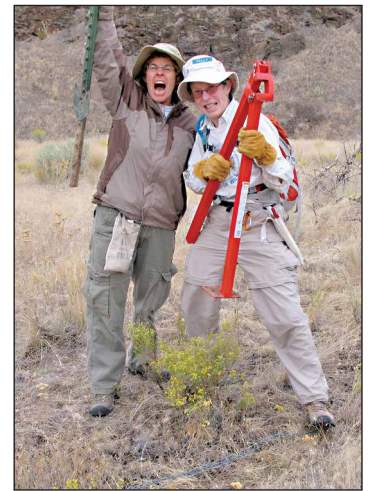
Nancy and Linda have helped sign-on over 100 scientists, professors, and wildlife advocates in public support for a large recommended wilderness to protect the region. The outlook is hopeful that the Forest Service moves toward the best protection for these wild lands in the GYE. 🌻

This One Time, at a Broadwalk...

Every Broadwalk has its memorable moments...we captured just a sampling of the many experiences from over the past 30 years.

2000 Nightingale Mountain Broadwalk, NV

Broads drove to an old mining area, leaving a key on a tire of the vehicle before they headed out to explore. When they returned, the key was gone. Susan Tixier had to hike out on a point to get cell service, calling a dealer in Reno about getting another key. Not only were they out of keys, it would have cost nearly \$1000 to buy one. Susan negotiated the rental of a metal detector at a nearby Indian Reservation. Meanwhile the rest of the Broads spread out and continued the search for the keys. Karen Ryman found them a football field away at the bottom of an embankment.



2014 Gallatin Wilderness Broadwalk, MT

Broads saved the day on this Broadwalk. When out hiking, they came



across a small fire in a grove of trees. They called 911, but decided to take action rather than wait for help to arrive. After they extinguished the fire using their lunch cups and hands to put water on the blaze, they saw some

young, husky guys coming up the trail—firefighters with their picks and shovels. But the Broads had already done the work for them and told them so. Talk about brave Broads!

2017 Habitat Connectivity Broadwalk, CO

At this Broadwalk a few Broads set up their tents on a slight ridge. During the night, a fierce, gusty wind came up. JoLynn Jarboe says she heard a loud crash and figured a tree limb had fallen. When things calmed down, she got up to walk down the short trail to the porta potties. But, when she came to where they had been, she saw a short structure and thought, "Did they shrink? How do you shrink a porta potty?" Then, she realized all three had blown over and she was looking at the bottom of them. Luckily, no one was in the porta potties at the time.



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2019 RAFFLE ART QUILT: "Get into the Wild!"

This year's art quilt "Get into the Wild" celebrates Broads' 30 years of exploring and protecting the varied landscapes we love. Four panels represent Mountains, Forests, Waters, and Canyon Country—each panel created and crafted by a different artist. A fifth artist inventively combined the panels into the final piece with the addition of our logo Broad about to step off into the wild for an adventure.

You'll be charmed by the playful detail—the artful asymmetry of protruding elements on each panel, and delightful embroidered woodland creatures in the Forests section. Measuring 35" wide by 54" tall, the quilt is made to hang on a rod, and includes the artists' names on the back.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. The winner will be drawn December 16, 2019.

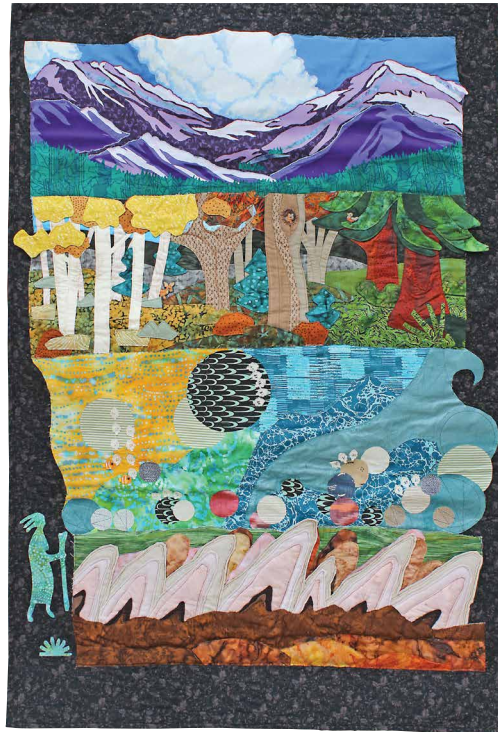
Purchase tickets online at <http://bit.ly/2019raf>

Meet the Artists

PEG BAKER – QUILT ASSEMBLY



After years of sewing for herself and friends, Peg launched a custom slipcover business in 2002, Little Bug Slipcovers. She added quilting to her repertoire in 2015. Peg also loves music, having studied piano since childhood. She seeks a healthy balance to these sedentary pursuits with outdoor experiences—treasuring the dear friendships and growing self-confidence she's gained through Broads. She lives in Portland, Oregon.



LINDA HELDING - WATERS



Linda joined Broads in the late 80s after seeing a neighbor wear a Broads' t-shirt. She was then further intrigued by the Broads who demonstrated against environmental degradation with brooms to metaphorically sweep up the problems. Linda has dyed fabrics and yarn since the 1970s and has knitted since age 8. Currently, she explores sculptural fabric ideas using recyclables. When asked what inspired her panel design, she declared, "Bubbles!"



CYNDI HOLMAN – CANYON COUNTRY

Cyndi recently moved to Colorado to be closer to her beloved San Juan Mountains, where she spent summers backpacking when she was in college. Her love of canyon country

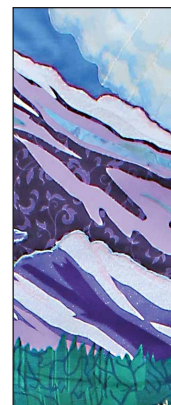
wilderness, especially the Henry Mountains and the red and white rocks of southern Utah, inspired her quilt panel design. When not quilting or cooking, Cyndi travels with her fisherman husband, chasing the trout and gorgeous Colorado scenery.



BETSY JANECEK – FORESTS

Betsy's mom taught her how to sew by age 10 and it's been a comforting hobby since then. Seeking oxygen, green, and adventure, she recently moved to Eugene, Oregon.

Her panel includes aspens, a hickory thicket, and coastal giants like the Sequoia redwood. She shared, "It may be a fantasy that all those trees would co-exist in the same area, but my dream is that we humans could value all forests, all landscapes, and all the wild areas enough to fight to save them."



SUSAN KEARNS - MOUNTAINS

Susan is an artist and sometimes quilter who serves as Broads' Communications Director. She has been drawing and painting nearly all her life and posts her work to her

blog at www.artologynow.com. She's always loved the mountains and once she moved into them more than 20 years ago, she swore she would never be a flatlander-city-dweller again. Susan and her husband live in Durango, Colorado.



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This one time, at a Broadwalk...



2017 Redwoods Broadwalk, CA

At the Redwoods Broadwalk, the staff from the national office was adamant about

participants cleaning up and locking food in cars to prevent bears from getting into it. Lo and behold, the busy staff forgot to put their cooler away and a bear got into it and helped itself to food—and wine! At that same event, many recall the mosquitoes that practically ate them alive—even through the mosquito netting, while the presenters continued to politely conduct their talks.

2018 Continental Divide Broadwalk, CO

Hikes on this high elevation Broadwalk had people huffing and puffing! On the hike up Hoosier Ridge, Linda Starr (NM) learned the “wedding step” (AKA Rest Step) technique from Pat Carden (CO),



which made the trek easier and became a go-to for Linda on future hikes, including a tremendously difficult ascent to the Tiger’s Nest Monastery in the foothills of the Himalayan Bhutan.

Thanks to Laurie Kerr, Linda Starr, JoLynn Jarboe, Cristina Harmon, Karen Ryman, Marilyn Price-Reinbolt, and Sue Gunckel for sharing stories. 🌻

Legacy Giving: Ensuring Broads’ Work Continues

by Susan J. Tweit



Robert Muller, Santa Fe

I’m a planner, the kind of person who prefers to be as prepared as possible for whatever’s ahead. Which doesn’t mean I think I can actually control what will happen, just that I want to consider the possibilities. I’m a long-thinker, not a leaper-before-I-look.

That tendency to plan for life’s eventualities explains part of why I have a will. My husband and I first drew up wills when my stepdaughter, Molly, was young. We (well, actually, I, since Richard would have ignored the issue if I hadn’t bugged him) wanted to make sure that if anything happened to us, Molly’s future would be secure, both financially and in terms of family.

I didn’t give wills any more thought until after Richard died at 61—too young—from brain cancer. Living through his ending taught me the importance of spelling out what mattered. After I dug myself out of a medical debt hole, I revised our wills into my will. Wading through the legal language, I realized that a will is a statement of values. I wanted mine to do more than ensure the future for my family. (That aim is important, it’s just not everything.) So, I decided to leave some of my resources to organizations whose work spoke to my heart.

I’m the child of passionate activists, parents who were deeply involved in social justice and environmental issues. When I was growing up, we didn’t have the middle-class trappings other families had: new cars, vacations to Disneyland, or the latest toys and trendy clothes. We did have life-changing experiences, like the time we marched with Martin Luther King and thousands of others singing “We Shall Overcome.” We spent most summers in a homemade camper-van, camping and backpacking our way across the West. Not surprisingly, both my brother and I grew into activists as passionate as our parents were.

When it came to planning for what my savings will do after I die, I picked a few organizations to carry my values forward. Great Old Broads for Wilderness is one because it’s women-led and the organization does more than just advocate. Broads do. Broads lead hikes and show people why wilderness matters, restore wild lands and waters, and speak truth to power. Also, Broads laugh and enjoy the work, key values for me. We can’t make the world a better place for all if we forget to act like the kind of human society we want to see, which includes having fun.

No one looks forward to death. But I take comfort in the idea that through my will, my passing on to whatever’s next will help Broads continue speaking up and out, acting up, working out, and celebrating this wild and wondrous Earth!

Susan J. Tweit is a botanist who studied wildfires, grizzly bear habitat, and sagebrush communities before realizing her calling was to tell the stories behind the data. She’s written twelve books, won multiple awards, and her stories and essays have appeared in Audubon, Popular Mechanics, High Country News, Los Angeles Times, and more. Her mission is healing and restoring this extraordinary living planet and we who share it.



BORDERLANDS BROADWALK

by Lauren Berutich

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - 1:15 PM

I'm taking my first deep breath of appreciation for this place, sitting under a gorgeous willow to ground myself and prepare for the magic that awaits. 65 Broads and Bros are en route to join us at the Southwestern Research Center, a biological field station nestled in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeastern Arizona. In the heart of the Madrean Sky Islands, the Center is bustling with visitors, birders, scientists, and volunteers. I am amazed by the diversity of this region, from low desert to alpine meadows, rich riparian areas, and unique blends of Chihuahuan and Sonoran desert species. The registration table is set, our prep work is complete, and I better run—it's game time!

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - 10:30 PM

A sip of wine by the creek under the most amazing star-filled sky has never tasted so good. What a day—members arrived with great enthusiasm and ready to get started. Participants range from their 40s to late 70s, first Broadwalkers to founding members, and representing 16 states from New York, New Hampshire, and Michigan to Oregon and California.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 10:40 PM

Whew, downtime is a rare gift! It's quite incredible what we've accomplished, learned, seen in just two days. Two stewardship projects to do what we do best—work hard and play harder! Half of the group headed up to the Herb Martyr Trail, hiked 1.5 miles to the work site, and dedicated the day to trail maintenance, followed by a hike to a dramatic waterfall. Others made a dent in the removal of invasive vinca.

Of course, there was time to swim in the local "reservoir" (an on site local spring-fed pool), laugh, and partake in our famous happy hours.

Each night, we dive into the politics and policies of the border wall. Visiting experts present about the impacts on endangered species such as the northern jaguar, Chiricahua leopard frog, and the Mexican gray wolf. We are sobered by 650 miles of border barriers already in place, hundreds more proposed. But how, we gasp? Many were in absolute astonishment to learn about the Real ID Act, a little recognized back door policy that the Trump Administration is using to waive laws and regulations and speed construction, with no concern for habitat or communities (see cover article). How are we going to muster the courage to stand at the actual wall tomorrow and not tear it down with our bare hands?

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 9:45 PM

Son of a...I am so angry I don't know whether to cry or scream. The monstrosity of that wall we stood at today. It was violent. Ugly. Members in our group said, "This visceral experience is overwhelming, but it's important to see this for myself." Facts and stories and calls for urgent action reflected back at us through razor wire, infinite fence lines, 20-foot barriers. Patrol cars parked every 100 yards... idling—waiting, watching, for what? I am flabbergasted, angered by the injustice to communities on both sides of the border, the human and non-human natural living world around us. We have got to keep this issue visible, alive to the public. How could people know?!



MONDAY, APRIL 29 - 11 AM

We break into groups to brainstorm how we join in the fight for these incredible borderlands. Then, we hug and high-five our dear Broad friends adieu. One last deep breath to capture the moments shared—the hikes in the Chiricahuas, the birding along the creek and forest, the tour of the research center's incredible archives, the mouthwatering meals shared under cottonwoods, and the nurturing wildness generously shared with each of our sisters. We are up against Goliath, but our hearts are filled and dedicated for the long game. Here's to a full-court press strategy, and a message that sings with unity, justice, and hope.



New Gear!

We have new Broads gear to debut, just in time for the season when we all want to get out into the wild.

First on the list is an **awesome mini-pack**, the **Daylite Sling** from our partners at Osprey. Perfect for the Broad on the go, you can carry it as a purse, or wear it cross-body style. It has interior pockets to divide the space and includes a clip to corral your keys. Branded with the Broads logo, the color is a luscious Eggplant. We'd like to thank Osprey for the generous sponsoring of this unique item in celebration of our 30th anniversary.

Speaking of our 30th anniversary, we have two limited-edition items designed to commemorate this significant milestone. Toast 30 years of protecting wild public lands and waters with a **pair of logo-etched wine glasses**. Holding a generous 8 ounces of your favorite



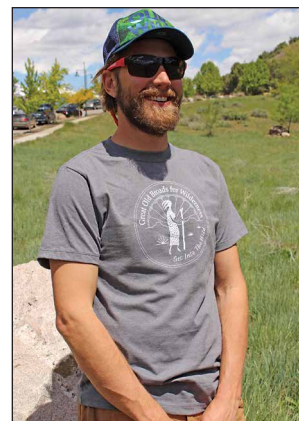
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Etched 30th Anniversary Wine Glasses



All-purpose Broads v-neck tee in heather green and classic gray. For our Bro's, we have traditional round-neck tees.



30th Anniversary Tee

libation, this is an extremely limited-edition item, so get your set today!

Check out our **30th Anniversary t-shirt**—made of 100% recycled content, this moisture-wicking tee keeps you cool and comfy whether you're out surveying invasive plants or hammering out a resource management plan with agency folks. This style comes in a chic heather black with a slim, athletic fit, so you may want to order a size larger than usual. Sizes S–XL.

Back by popular demand, add some style to your campfire happy hour with this **Broad-mazing Koozie** to keep your beverage frosty! In our signature purple with the Broads' logo on both sides, you'll be all set for a refreshing bottoms-up.



Last but not least, we have a new,

all-purpose **Broads v-neck tee**, also made of 100% recycled content in a womens cut (Sizes S–XL) in heather green and classic gray. Plus a few men's sizes (M–L) with the traditional round neck in classic gray.

See all the new gear at <http://bit.ly/BroadsShop>.

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Sergio Avila, with Sierra Club, (right) discusses the impacts of the border wall.

anger and tears, participants vowed to educate, activate, and raise public outcry to fight this ecological and community destruction.

Sadly, many Americans have little knowledge of the 2,000-mile long border, and many who oppose a wall believe that it can't be built. Border residents know that this useless behemoth, costing tens of billions of tax dollars, is being built, each and every day, despite poll after poll that show the majority of Americans do not support it.

Here are some key points on how public lands and wildlife will be impacted:

- **The border wall is slated to slice through protected areas** including Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, and the San Pedro River National Conservation Area (AZ); Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (NM), and Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (TX). The Rio Grande Valley is home to more than 500 bird species and half of the nation's butterfly species. The walls will slash through tribal lands, and Native American and other historic burial grounds.
- In May 2019, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) **opted again to waive 37 federal laws** that protect the environment, human health, and cultural resources to speed construction of 100 miles of wall in Arizona and California. Waived laws include the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Wilderness Act, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The Real ID Act of 2005 grants this waiver authority. It was not used under Obama, but has now been used a dozen times and counting under Trump. The legality of this waiver is actively being litigated.
- **Wildlife cannot pass through** new 18- to 30-foot concrete-filled steel bollards. New construction often

replaces vehicle barriers that allowed movement of wildlife and water. In Arizona, 58 of 63 miles of new construction will replace vehicle barriers. Whether called a wall, fence, or barrier, it sounds the death knell for wildlife.

- DHS has issued construction proposals with **extremely short and inadequate public comment periods**. Vague project descriptions and rudimentary maps make it impossible to provide substantive comments. Construction contracts were awarded for these projects just one day after the comment periods were opened.
- As of this writing, the Pentagon plans to transfer \$2.5 billion to border wall construction, from **funds not originally authorized for border security**. This money will not be used to staff ports of entry where most illegal drugs enter, nor to process migrants legally seeking asylum.

What can you do?

EDUCATE AND ORGANIZE: Raise public outcry through presentations, films, book discussions, op-eds, and letters. Let others know that the border wall will rip apart lands designated to protect our natural heritage and do not address real problems. See <http://bit.ly/BWaction> for resources, and continued updates.

MAKE IT AN ISSUE: Meet with or call Congressional representatives. Both parties have voted to fund the wall and allow waivers, and may not know you care. Ask them to: 1) Co-sponsor H.R. 1232, Rescinding DHS' Waiver Authority for Border Wall Act so federal laws cannot be ignored; 2) Prohibit the shift of already committed funding to construct a border wall; 3) Submit a comment on the disastrous proposal to wall off Arizona's wildlife refuges, wilderness lands, and Organ Pipe Cactus NM by the July 5 deadline (see sidebar pg. 1); 4) Ask candidates for their position on the border wall. Make sure they know it's not just an affront to human rights and civil liberties—it's also an environmental catastrophe!



ECO-WHAT?

An ecotone may appear on the ground as a gradual blending of two communities across a broad area, or it may manifest as a sharp boundary line. Indeed, it is at the edges where the greatest opportunities take place. Like an ecotone, will we view the edges of our country as bridges to greater diversity or as a sharp boundary that indicates danger? Can we imagine our borders as places of richness and opportunity?





fallen short on this point. With that in mind, Broads is instituting a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy, followed by the creation of a diversity plan to ensure we have identified the steps to expand to our potential. To that end, we welcome any members who have experience with

implementing diversity plans or who represent racial, cultural, or gender diversity and can help with this needed work.

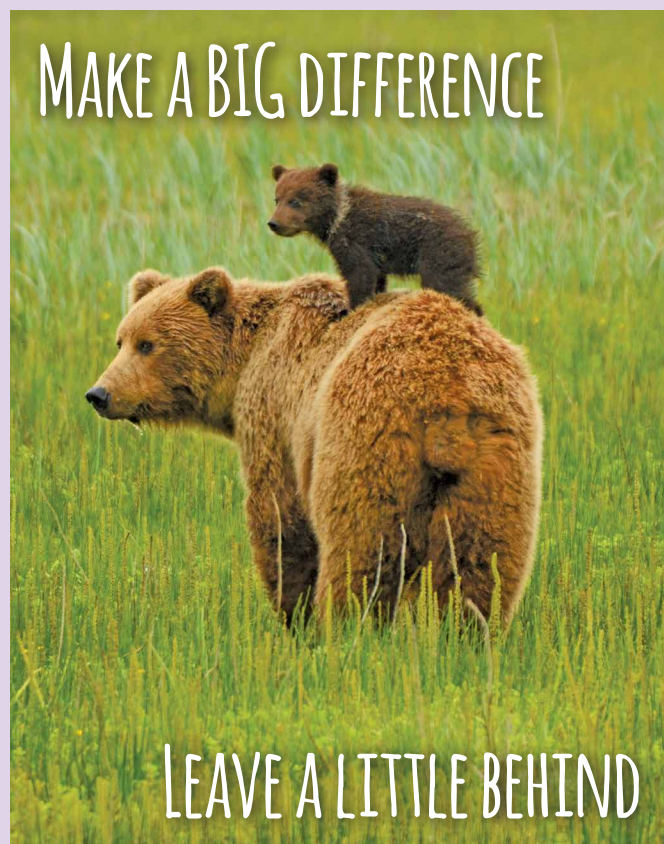
Contact me to be part of this important work.

We must also acknowledge the history of public lands as traditional homelands of indigenous peoples. Many public lands encompass sacred sites, are essential for ceremonial life, or represent important historical events to people of color, but lack appropriate recognition or interpretation. For example, all-Black troops made up some 20% of America's frontier cavalry and played a role in mapping "wilderness" and protecting settlements. Today, conversations about diversity in the conservation movement are underway, but people of color remain vastly underrepresented. This is equally true in the outdoor industry.

To right this, we will work to seek the representative voices of Native Americans, African Americans, Latin Americans and other groups whose ancestral history and present-day identity is embedded in the land. We know that we form the most effective partnerships when we work on issues of interest to diverse partners and where our commitment can help right environmental injustices. Here are examples of current engagement:

- Supporting the designation of Bears Ears National Monument and the work of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition
- Supporting free-flowing rivers in salmon habitat such as the Lower Snake River in the northwest
- Fighting fossil fuel drilling, pipelines, or export terminals in multiple locations
- Fighting a massive, expensive, and unnecessary wall in the U.S./Mexico borderlands
- Working with the San Carlos Apache Tribe to protect Oak Flat in Arizona's Tonto National Forest, an area sacred to the tribe that faces privatization for copper mining by a multi-national company.

As we approach our 30th anniversary, it's a great time to reflect on Broads' history, and map a pathway for our future. We'll never stray from our commitment to protect wilderness and wild public lands, and the multitude of plants and animals that depend upon them. Ensuring our transformation into a grassroots organization that weaves diversity, inclusion, and equity into our very structure is not only essential to who we want to be, but necessary to our success as protectors of America's wild public lands. 🌻



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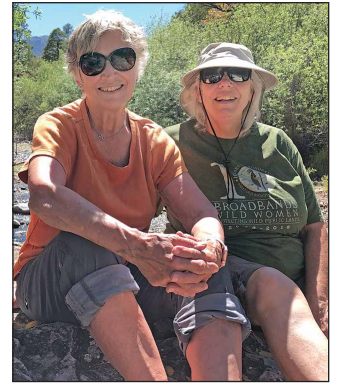
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