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FROM THE NOW RETIRED
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Do Not Be Daunted

Transition and change.

These two words blaze before me like the midday solstice sun. As I write my final column as Executive Director, I reflect on changes I've witnessed in my career in conservation and the transitions we are experiencing on Earth. It's shocking to realize that "global warming" and "biodiversity" were terms barely in use in the late 1980s when I completed graduate studies and began my conservation work.

Today, climate change and biodiversity loss pose the greatest threats to wilderness, natural systems, and our human environments—threats whose solutions are blocked by the political and economic stranglehold of industries and increasing consumption by affluent populations.

Ecological principles teach us that everything is connected in a web of life. It's impossible to ignore that the web has been severely damaged. Reconnecting that web requires careful strategy, hard work, cross-disciplinary collaboration, carefully applied pressure, and a whole lot of determination. It demands that we learn from and respect the knowledge and leadership of those most affected by environmental impacts—something that was little recognized by the conservation movement until more recent years. It takes a carefully-coordinated dance—from local to regional to national and global scales, and then back again.

As Great Old Broads, we can't help but take the long view. We have seen so much change over our many decades of life, and we remember a world once more natural, wild, and hopeful—even perhaps, one less impacted by human greed.

Our founders did not recognize climate change and biodiversity loss as major threats when our organization formed in 1989. Still, they instinctively kept their eyes on the prize. They knew that intact ecosystems across large landscapes formed the foundation for all life. They knew wilderness designation and protected public lands served as the best buffer from the impacts of modern-day human activities. They rolled up their sleeves to conserve habitat, restore ecosystem function, and monitor impacts.

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"Control is an illusion. That may be the most important lesson of death, whether the death of someone we love, of civility and democracy, or of the earth as we know it. No matter how skilled and compassionate we are, we can no more control the course of life that we can steer a hurricane... We can only bring our best self, whatever that means, to each moment and each day."

— Broads member Susan J. Tweit, in her latest book, *Bless the Birds: Living with Love in a Time of Dying*



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Welcome A-Broad! Our New Executive Director

If you were out in the wild and missed the email in early

July, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Sara Husby as our new Executive Director.

Sara will act as the key visionary and management leader of Great Old Broads for Wilderness. She is responsible for inspiring, setting the direction, and overseeing the programs, development, advocacy agenda, outreach, and administration of the organization.

Sara is an accomplished environmental advocate who originally hails from Chicago, Illinois. As a city girl, her love for the outdoors came from family summer fishing trips in Green Lake, Wisconsin and weekend campouts with her Girl Scout troop.

Intrigued by the landscapes she saw only in calendars or on television, she headed to California, where she has worked since 2007. As Executive Director with Tuleyome, Sara led the campaign for the permanent protection of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region, which was declared a national monument on July 10th, 2015, by President Obama.

She also served as Executive Director at the Anza Borrego Foundation, working with the State of California as the official partner of Anza Borrego State Park; and, led the Native American Land Conservancy in the effort to return tribal lands to tribal hands.

Sara advocated for the wildlands of the northern Yosemite region of the Sierra Nevada with the Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center. And, as a consultant, she has helped guide small environmental nonprofits through different stages of organizational planning, as well as the development of campaigns and advocacy strategies.

Sara earned a Bachelor's degree in Community and Regional Development, with an emphasis in Policy and Planning, from University of California, Davis.

Sara will relocate to Durango with her partner Jordan (a Colorado native), and her two pups Skippy and Freddy.

"I am excited to be joining the Broads team—and to have the opportunity to lead a national grassroots organization is a dream come true," says Sara. "I am passionate about protecting our public lands and waters and I look forward to this new chapter of my life."

Please join us in welcoming Sara to the Broads family! You can email her at sara@greatoldbroads.org.

Speed Dating with Sara

Where is your favorite place to get into the wild?

I love exploring the mountains! Since I grew up in Chicago, I did not see my first mountain until I was 26!

You have your own late night talk show, who do you invite as your first guest?

Barbara Walters

What has been your most memorable hike to date?

Hiking with former Secretary Sally Jewell when she came out to explore the Berryessa Snow Mountain region for the potential monument designation.

What's your favorite sandwich?

The "Godfather" from Chris' Liquor and Deli in Ocean Beach, San Diego. It has dry salami, capicola, and provolone cheese with diced pepperoncinis, and oil and vinegar on an Italian roll.



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by Lauren Berutich



Ever sit at a traffic light for what seems like forever, watching as others get the green arrow? Or, as the opposite traffic keeps buzzing along, you think, “When is the darn light going to turn green?” Yes, so do we. That is how pushing conservation legislation through Congress feels right now—we’re staring at a red light and impatiently waiting for permission to move forward.

For example, in February 2021 the House passed the

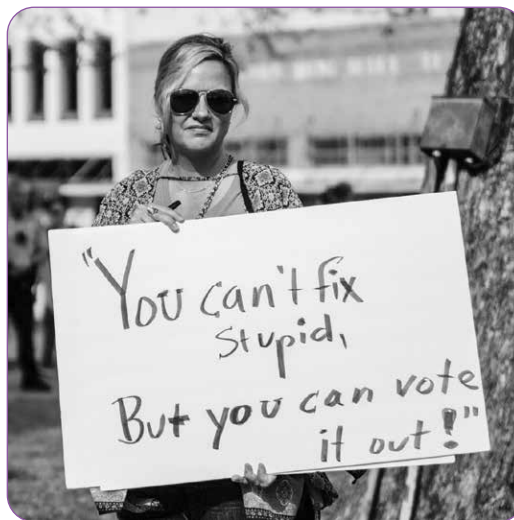
Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act (PAW+, HR 803), a significant package, that if signed into law, would protect over 3-million acres of wild public lands and waters. It would be a major milestone toward combatting the climate crisis, acknowledging environmental injustice and tribal sovereignty, securing critical wildlife habitat, and encouraging clean air and water across the west.

So, what is the problem with that? It’s a win-win—right? Wrong. While national polling shows a majority of voters support protecting public lands, it is daunting that elected officials don’t represent our voices. After a year and a half, the Senate version of this bill sits like dead weight in the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Red light.

The PAW+ Act is just one of many conservation bills that have passed the House of Representatives but haven’t moved in the Senate. The *Environmental Justice for All Act* (S 872), which would remedy environmental injustices such as the disproportionate subjection of low income and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities to pollutants, is stalled in the Committee on Environment and Public Works. The *Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act* (HR 1146), which aims to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and sacred home to the Gwich’in people, languishes in the lap of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The Senate’s inability to work together puts our tax dollars, health and wellbeing, and future generations at risk—not to mention leaving millions of acres of wild public lands unprotected and prone to irreversible damage.

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You may be scratching your head. “But we won Congress back, right?” Yes, it is true that the last round of elections allowed for a Democratic majority in the House, who tend to vote pro-environment, and claim a desire to address the climate crisis. However, the Senate is essentially split right down the middle, making it much more difficult to move legislation to the floor, let alone to the President’s desk. And with the widening crevasse between parties, there is little agreement on environmental, economic, and social issues. The red light just keeps getting longer.



I take a deep breath. It’s frustrating! Our planet is in distress, the disastrous impacts of climate change are felt every day, yet Congress does nothing. Well, it’s time to take that frustration

and put it into action. Don’t give up—get busy!

Press your Senators to demonstrate courageous leadership, break this stalemate of inaction, and do what’s best for our planet. With impending elections, now is the time to insist on their support for legislation that protects our land, air, and water, and moves us toward repairing our broken climate. Should the Senate shift to a conservative majority, climate and conservation legislation will have even less chance of moving forward. Let’s light a fire under the Senate and ignite action. And let’s get to work on electing candidates who care about the environment!



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LAWSUIT FILED TO PROTECT MATURE FORESTS

The lawsuit alleges that the decision violated the National Environmental Policy Act and National Forest Management Act.

We'll keep you updated on this legal action as it unfolds.





IT'S TIME TO PUT THE 1872 MINING LAW OUT OF ITS MISERY

The 1872 Mining Law, covering mineral extraction on public lands, is old. Absurdly old. Some might even say comically old—except that the impacts still being felt some 150 years after it was signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant aren't the least bit funny.

The law allows for the extraction of “hardrock” minerals like gold, silver, copper, lithium, uranium, and others from federal public lands—lands owned by the American public—without requiring the payment of any sort of royalties to the federal government beyond a miniscule claim fee (currently set at \$125 per claim).

This is an incredibly one-sided deal that economically favors mining companies. It's estimated that roughly \$300 billion in royalty-free minerals has been extracted from public lands over the past 150 years. And, it's been an unmitigated disaster for taxpayers who are left on the hook to clean up the environmental damage left behind by mining operations. The impact has been especially felt by Indigenous communities in terms of wrecked landscapes, poor air quality, and diminished or destroyed water resources.

Legislation that would change hardrock mining law has

largely stalled in Congress. But in February, at the urging of numerous conservation and Tribal organizations, the Biden administration created an interagency working group—led by the Department of Interior (DOI)—that is looking into ways to strengthen the Bureau of Land Management's rules regarding hardrock mining.

This interagency working group is currently accepting public comments and this is a great opportunity to make your voice heard. Tell the DOI that it's long past time to bring America's mining laws into the 21st Century.

Public commenting closed on July 31, 2022. However, let's keep up the pressure and send comments directly to the DOI here: <https://www.doi.gov/contact-us>.

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.



Sent to us by Broad & Artist Bonnie Wilkerson. Thanks, Bonnie!



BROADBANDS IN ACTION!

by Jason Vaughn

2022 WALT: BACK IN PERSON AND BETTER THAN EVER!

After a couple years of being cooped-up by Covid, this year's WALT (Wilderness Advocacy Leadership Training Sessions) felt special—as 20 awesome Broads (and a Bro!) gathered in person in Santa Fe, NM, to learn the basics



of grassroots organizing and leadership, communications skills, public lands issues, event planning, lobbying and advocacy techniques, and so much more.

Many will use these vital skills as they assume leadership roles in existing Broadbands, start new Broadbands (Fort Collins, CO, northwest Montana, northern Wisconsin, and Nebraska), or reignite chapters in Flagstaff (AZ) and Santa Fe (NM).

One of the participants had this to say:



Margaret Meynecke (CA) and Penelope Peterson (WA) working on a WALT exercise.

"I've reached the age where time is an invaluable resource and gift. My time at WALT was definitely time well spent...and invested... in myself as a new Broadband leader and as a woman entering this new chapter of my life. I gained knowledge, insight, experiences, friends, and inspiration... for what more could one ask?"

Are you ready to step up and take a leadership role? For more information about WALT and becoming a Broadband leader, contact Grassroots Leadership Director Lisa Pool at lisa@greatoldbroads.org.

A BROADBAND GROWS ON THE PRAIRIE

Concern for the environment, especially for clean water and healthy wetlands, is a family tradition for Kathleen Emry-Mefferd. Her grandfather fought—and helped defeat—state legislation that would have put a dam on Nebraska's Niobrara River, along which much of her family was born and raised.

Today, Kathleen—a certified Master Naturalist and outdoor educator—lives along the Republican River in south-central Nebraska. She is also the leader of the newly-established Nebraska Broads—our first Broadband in the state.

"My mission is to be the best clean water and river steward I can be," says Kathleen.

"I educate people about keeping our waters clean and how not to waste them."

Water is a major issue in Nebraska, which sits atop the Ogallala aquifer—a sprawling and absolutely vital groundwater source that stretches across six states in the middle of the nation.



"I don't think people know how precious our water is, until they have to carry their own for their basic needs!" says Kathleen. "Polluted water from agricultural chemicals is one issue we are tackling. I know this is a huge mountain, but we have to start somewhere."

Kathleen says once she found out about Broads, she felt a strong calling to become a leader.

"Broads has been the first group that I've actually felt a part of," says Kathleen. "And I've been through the gamut of groups...the support, from top to bottom, is what I've looked for."

One thing Kathleen would like the world to know about



Nebraska is that it's not at all what one might imagine—a dull landscape of endless cornfields. In reality, it's anything but.

“People think Nebraska is flat and beige,” says Kathleen. “Our Sandhills are lush green, and we have a very large national forest (Nebraska National Forest), with several units. In fact, one unit is the only totally hand-planted national forest in the United States.”

You can check out the latest with the Nebraska Broads at their Facebook page here: <https://bit.ly/NebraskaBroads>.



MEET THE NORTHWEST MONTANA BROADS

In Montana—where Broads have been fighting hard for decades to protect the state's many natural wonders, wilderness, and public lands—there's a new Broadband to defend wild lands in the state's mountainous northwest.

The Northwest Montana Broadband—led by Mary Alexine, Donna Pridmore, Rosemary McKinnon, and Jennifer Watson (who led the Missoula Broadband since 2020 and has now teamed up with the others)—hit the ground running: pushing for the state to act on the White House's 30x30 initiative, hosting several events, and reaching out to work with like-minded organizations.

“We're baby Broads,” says Mary Alexine. “Things are brand new to us. We had a launch party in late May, and had a great turnout, especially considering the weather.”

Mary says that the ecosystems of the region face a number of challenges, and there are deep political divides. Montana is a state where the governor not only supports wolf hunting, but has actually bragged about killing a wolf himself.

“Our wolves aren't protected in the same way as other states under the Endangered Species Act,” she says, adding that they are working with partner organizations to educate and raise awareness for protecting wolves.

In addition, the Broadband is working to advocate for ecosystems as urban areas and development begin to encroach on areas that had been, until very recently, wild. She says that they have noted a lot of development in riparian areas—including the construction of trails that have negative impacts on water quality and the overall ecosystem.

“I love it that people want to be outdoors,” says Mary. “But how do we do it in a way that doesn't damage the water?”

Mary says she was drawn to Great Old Broads by the grassroots nature of the organization (“We get to decide what matters in our community”), but she especially appreciates the special power of women working together.

“There's something special in the energy of women,” says Mary. “The history of those feisty women—the mature voice needs a place at the table—I love it!”



Washington's South Sound Broads (from left to right) Taylor Goforth, Susan Bakke, Tami Black and Annie Cubberly, close ranks around the inflated Orca to show support for the removal of the Snake River Dams. If the Snake River salmon go extinct, the southern resident Orca will not be far behind.



Infusing Equity & Justice Into Our Work

by Lisa Pool

Broads is working to advance equity and justice for people of every race, ethnicity, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, marital status, disability, and sexual orientation throughout our organization. Internally, we're updating hiring practices, HR policies, staff accountability, and more. Externally, we're working to infuse these values into all our programs and activities.

Our Grassroots Leadership Program (GLP) Team, who provide support to Broadband chapters, have been very active on this front. In the past several months they've introduced trainings and workshops on methods to advance equity and justice. And, this topic is on the minds of our Broadband leaders, surfacing in discussions more than ever before.

For the first time, this spring the GLP team incorporated equity and justice training into Broads' annual Wilderness Advocacy Leadership Training Sessions held for new Broadband leaders. They facilitated discussions and workshops on diversity, equity, and inclusion at four Regional Rendezvous and developed several online trainings for leaders. These activities allow leaders to share, learn, and lean on each other in what can be vulnerable discussions about how to recognize and work to overcome systemic discrimination. We often make mistakes, but it's sharing what we learn from those mistakes that helps grow our Broadbands and organization.

Several workshops dealt with learning how to build authentic relationships with underrepresented communities and how to be an *ally*. An ally is someone who essentially takes on the struggle of an oppressed person as their own. (Visit GuideToAllyship.com to learn more, and buy the writer a cup of tea!) This is essential to the work of Broadbands and Broadband leaders who are forming and maintaining relationships every day.

One of the concepts emphasized is to avoid forming "transactional" relationships, and instead focus on authentic or transformational relationships. With a transactional approach, the focus is on the task at hand and the output—instead of the actual relationship. An example of a transactional relationship would be to ask an Indigenous person to lead a hike and share their traditional ecological knowledge, but not continue to develop the relationship. To build an authentic relationship, it is important to have conversations about their needs and how you can support their community.

Then, perhaps there is an opportunity to create common goals together.

To move from a transactional to an authentic relationship the emphasis must be on the people.

Though this might be obvious, it's a

foundational concept to call out because for the past several decades the conservation movement (historically led by white males) has focused on transactional partnerships, thereby excluding underrepresented communities. That's why Broads and many other conservation organizations are honing in on these fundamental concepts.

As with advocacy and stewardship efforts, each Broadband charts its own path based on the community and the strengths and experiences its members bring. Some have had great discussions to establish a "why"—why it's important to help dismantle forms of oppression as a Broadband. Some have focused on self-growth by hosting book clubs, reading books such as *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer or *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem. Others have sought out additional trainings and facilitated discussions, whether it's a Broads' offering or an outside opportunity.

Broadbands have formed equity and justice or Indigenous outreach committees to evaluate their actions through this important lens, and many have made a concerted effort to share resources with underrepresented communities in their area—from delivering care packages during the pandemic to providing financial support for local projects

Transforming the conservation movement and our organization is ongoing as we continue to learn, grow, build, and maintain relationships. No one is sitting idly by—and that feels good.



Laurie Kerr, Emilee (Miss Yakama Nation), and Barb Kilgore-Fox at the Rally for Salmon.

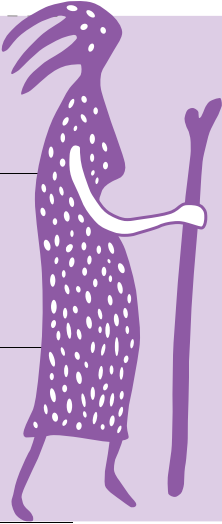
Equity & Justice Rationale

Why is equity, inclusion, and justice critical to achieve our mission? Please read our rationale on our website at <https://bit.ly/EJBroads>.



GOAL: \$3.1 million

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We are SOOOOO Close!

After 3 years, we are on the home stretch of our Women for the Wild Comprehensive Campaign, with **only \$100,000 left to meet our \$3.1 million goal!** This campaign will help us deepen our impact and become an even more powerful grassroots women-led organization. Please consider a gift to take us to the

summit! Every dollar counts—no matter the amount, your contribution makes a difference!

Another way to contribute to our goal is to lace up your hiking boots and participate in the Miles for the Wild Hikeathon during the month of September. Get your friends, family, and neighbors to sponsor the miles you commit to walk. More information about this FUNdraiser coming your way soon!

For more information contact Kaye Berman at kaye@greatoldbroads.org or (303) 667-5433.



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Always Moving Forward

"I am evolving and it's so damn beautiful." — Anonymous

As an organization, Broads learns and grows every day. We are, and will always be, a work in progress. Delving into equity and justice issues is a part of this evolution and as discussed on the previous page (*Infusing Equity & Justice Into Our Work*), new and changing values are being incorporated into every aspect of the organization.

Over the past year, we've had many discussions about the Broads' logo, which began to appear in materials around 30 years ago. It reflected Broads' roots in Utah, where our founders were deeply involved in advocating for protections in Red Rock country. The artist designed the figure to represent the elder woman—the grandmother—whose wisdom is revered throughout many cultures around the world. She is slightly stooped, her breasts are saggy, her tummy protrudes, and she holds a walking stick to support her old knees.

Over the years, just like the organization, the logo has changed and become more refined, but it still maintained the same visual concept of the crone or sage.

While our logo is much beloved, we have received feedback from members and partners that the figure has similarities to the Kokopelli imagery of Hopi, Zuni, and other Puebloan tribes. The logo also resembles figures from other ancient cultures from around the world. Some

see our logo as cultural appropriation (the adoption or exploitation of another culture by the more dominant culture) and we've had feedback ranging from "leave it alone" to "change it NOW."

One organization incorrectly assumed we were an organization of Indigenous women based on our logo. In the northeast, the Wabanaki Alliance (an alliance of native nations with whom we have built a partnership) has specifically stated that they will not work with groups who use "Indigenous-like images," which has led the Broadband to strip the image from our materials, or to cover it.

Just as the organization has matured, so must the logo. As our Equity and Justice Rationale states: *"Because all public lands are Indigenous homelands, it is of particular importance in our work that we commit to learning from and working with Indigenous communities."*

And part of that commitment is to create an identity that does not risk offending our important partners, and quite simply, to do what is ethically right.

We look forward to learning, growing, and staying open to feedback as we embark on this process over the coming months, respecting our rich history as an organization and the cultural concerns that have evolved over time. 🌿



An early version of the logo before the signature purple was adopted.



We carry that tradition on today, emphasizing healthy, connected habitats to help mitigate the complex, evolving, and uncertain effects of climate change. We value intact habitat for common species—not just endangered ones—ensuring a place for them long before they are on the brink of disaster. When individual species can serve as a lever for legal action, our organization serves as a fulcrum, bringing our direct landscape-level experience to strengthen a lawsuit and apply pressure as needed.

As an example, our northwest Broadbands have collected data in the field on forest management, prepared reports, written extensive comments, and worked in partnership

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with other organizations. Their focused work led us recently to file a lawsuit to challenge a Trump-era rule that would permit logging of mature and old-growth trees in national forests in eastern Oregon and Washington. Not only damaging to critical habitat, the rule flies in the face of the Biden administration’s climate goals and his recent Executive Order to protect mature and old growth forests. The timber industry, however, continues to pressure the Forest Service to cut large trees, and this rule would allow for that. A reversal would protect birds, fish, frogs, fungi, lichen, and other species dependent on mature forests (See *The Broader Wilderness*, page 4).

Women have always played a central role in conservation. In the early 20th century, women who had been involved in the suffrage movement began a grassroots fight against the killing of birds for plumage for the hat industry. Heroines



Oregon’s Rogue Broadbands protesting a timber sale.

like Rosalie Edge took a “broad-minded” view, employing a prescient understanding of ecology while advocating for habitat protection. They stood up to protect all species, not just game animals. The work of these trailblazing women often went unrecognized, even as they succeeded in shifting perspectives.

As a women-driven, grassroots movement motivated by passion and tenacity, we build on this history and improve upon it by humbly learning from each other and those who have been caretakers for land and water for countless generations.

In this time of unprecedented global change, we await a new chapter in Broadbands’ history under the leadership of a new Executive Director, Sara Husby (see sidebar next page). With our strong staff, board, and members (truly the most amazing people with whom I’ve ever had the honor to work), our organization will keep up the fight to address the most serious crises of our time—the decline of the very systems supporting all life on Earth.

As I transition into retirement, with all the inspiration that I’ve gained through our organization, there is one thing of which I am certain—I will never give up the fight for a world that respects all species. My Jewish tradition of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) has guided me throughout my life. I take comfort in the words of the sages so beautifully interpreted by Rabbi Ram Shapiro, “Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Do justly, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.”

It’s sage advice for all of us, as a broad community, to simply put one foot in front of the other and continue to do the work of healing the world. We may not have control over the outcome, but we will bring every ounce of ourselves—including our joy and friendships—to the task.

Thank you for all the many ways you show up for this crucial work.



“Movements do not have official moments when they start and end, and there is never just one person who initiates them. Movements are much more like waves than they are like light switches. Waves ebb and flow, and they are perpetual, their starting point unknown and their ending point undetermined, their direction dependent upon the conditions that surround them and the barriers that obstruct them. We inherit movements. We recommit to them over and over again even when they break our hearts, because they are essential to our survival.”

– Alicia Garza, in *The Purpose of Power*

Broads’ success in the last 30+ years is built on a strong foundation. With an impressive and unique organizational history, we continue to draw highly-skilled staff, board members, broadband leaders, and active members to the fold. This has been the recipe for success, and we look forward to growing to new levels of impact under Sara Husby’s leadership. It takes a village!

KEEP IT “E” AND SAVE A TREE!

Want to stop receiving a hard copy of the newsletter and get your Broadside newsletter by email? Let us know at broads@greatoldbroads.org.



Best Activity Report Ever

One of the critical duties of Broadband leadership teams is to submit activity reports to the national office. These reports help document the important work our Broadbands are doing and provide statistics that are used in a number of ways to share our impact and successes as advocates for public lands.



Alaska Soles Broadband leaders, Loren Karro and Kathy O'Reilly-Doyle had a little fun when they entered the following report, which was later voted by staff as the best ever submitted. Keep up the good work, ladies!

METHANE EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Key Issue: Climate Change

Activity Type: Stewardship (monitoring, sampling, planting, etc.)

Key Partners: Wild Moose of Alaska

Short Description of Activity

We temporarily captured wild moose in the Mat Su Valley. Kathy yielded the lasso like the professional she was, and Loren ran and tied the back legs like the mutton-buster she might have once been (but wasn't). They sat atop the subdued Moose and put a plug in the end that is known to emit methane gas. The moose was then untied while we sang it soothing songs from the 60s such as “We Shall Overcome” and “Yakity Yak, Don’t Look Back”.

Reflection/Evaluation

The moose generally responded well, shaking and standing, then running off. A few of the moose were later seen spinning around, head to butt, with a curious look on their equine faces. They aren't too smart! It is unknown what quantity of methane gas emissions were avoided but the fate of the slowly bloating moose is probably not



good? Will the plug be forcefully ejected, releasing the pent up the methane, or will the moose learn to live with it? You might notice a large number of post-activity hours posted but cleaning up after such an effort was not easy nor was it pretty...





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Shelley Silbert and her son Laiken at her
recent going away party.



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