



Sara Husby

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Priority 1—Protecting Public Lands

I'm old school. I believe land protections, if done in the right way, are the best way to do the job to save our public lands and waters.

I find it is especially rewarding when we can get the community involved and get them to the table to make protections happen.

I've seen off-highway vehicle folks, ranchers, hunters, anglers,

underrepresented voices, and conservationists all come together to successfully work things out. It all boils down to the fact that we all love our public lands—and while we use them in different ways—the starting point is our love for the land.

But what do I mean by “the right way”? Protection is protection, right? Nope. Just because lands are protected, it doesn't mean they will be well-managed. It is essential that Broads are there to represent the conservation perspective before, during, and after protections to ensure the landscape is safeguarded and an effective land management plan is in place. That's where Broads shine and truly make a difference!

Before—We boldly advocate for a framework focused on land health that prevents activities that tear up ecosystems. Often, local Broads have a familiarity with the landscape. They've hiked it and conducted stewardship and monitoring projects. They know vulnerabilities and where and what activities may be harmful. That first-hand knowledge is valuable in the early planning process.

During—We support designation by reaching out to elected officials, Indigenous and tribal entities, and the community. In this phase we advocate for language that we want to see in legislation or a presidential proclamation.

After—Our work continues! Members stay involved to be sure conservation measures are reflected in the land management plan. We watchdog agencies to ensure land managers adhere to the plan, raise the alarm when activities go against the plan, and ask the hard questions. If a proposed plan is inadequate or agency management is unacceptable, we may even initiate litigation.

The Path to Protection

And we're on the right path to achieve this. In the fall of 2022, we were honored to be selected as a key participant in the America the Beautiful for All Coalition (ATB4ALL) as a part of the Public Lands Workgroup. It is the largest coalition working to advance the 30X30 initiative and

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Your winning bids support our programs from WALTS to webinars to educate and inspire advocates (like you) to protect wild public lands and waters!

Your participation is a fun way to support our important work—and celebrate Earth Day, which falls on April 22!

When you win, wilderness and public lands win, too!

Do you have an Airbnb, vacation home, or special service or talent? Make a donation to our auction today at:

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2023 EVENTS!

Get out your gear and let's get into the wild!
Broadwalk registration opens **February 27** and
fundraising events are open **NOW**, so get to it!

BROADWALKS!



Have you heard the Broadwalk song?
Guaranteed to get you in the Broadwalk state
of mind. Check it out at:
<https://bit.ly/BroadwalkSong>

Molok Luyuk Broadwalk

Monday–Friday, May 15–19
Northwest of Sacramento, CA

Designated in 2015, Berryessa Snow
Mountain National Monument in Northern
California offers extensive natural, cultural,
and historical attractions. The monument
is the most biodiverse in the state, with
ecosystems ranging from chaparral to old-
growth forest to rugged mountains festooned
with rare plant species.

Join Broads and partners from Tuleyome,
CalWild, and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
to get to know this distinct landscape and
learn about efforts to expand the monument
with the addition of Walker Ridge, (known as
Molok Luyuk [*Ma-lok Lue-yoke*], which means
Condor Ridge in the Patwin language), a area



packed with important cultural sites, unique
geology, and fragile ecosystems.

There will be plenty of great speakers and
activities including wildflower and geology
hikes, birding, and more. We have some fun
add-on adventures for an additional fee—day
passes for Wilbur Hot Springs Spa & Resort
and river rafting, too!

This is a retro Broads back-to-basics camping
event. We'll set up on property near Molok
Luyuk, suitable for tent camping, or small
campers and camper vans. There is no
electricity, refrigeration, or showers (bring
your headlamps, coolers, and deodorant), but
we'll have plenty of porta-potties. You will
need to bring potable water for personal use.

For those that prefer lodging, there are
hotels and casinos where you can make
arrangements separately.

We'll provide healthy breakfasts and dinners
—you just need to pack your lunches, snacks,
and beverages.

Price: \$395

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/MolokBWalk>

Honor Avi Kwa Ame Broadwalk



Sunday–Thursday, Oct. 8–12*
Near Laughlin, NV

At the top of the President's list for
monument designation, Avi Kwa Ame (*Ah-
Vee-Kwah-Meh*) is the Mojave name for Spirit
Mountain and surrounding
lands in southern Nevada. The
region is sacred to the Hopi
and Chemehuevi Paiute. The
monument would connect
protected lands in the region
and create contiguous habitat
for the plants and animals of
the Mojave Desert.

Join Broads and partners from
Honor Avi Kwa Ame, the Fort
Mojave Indian Tribe and others to explore the
area's spectacular beauty and star-filled skies,
and learn why protection is vital to preserve
sacred lands that are also home to fragile
ecosystems. We'll hike, learn from local
experts, and find out more about Indigenous
co-management.

*Note: Confirmed dates may shift slightly for this event.



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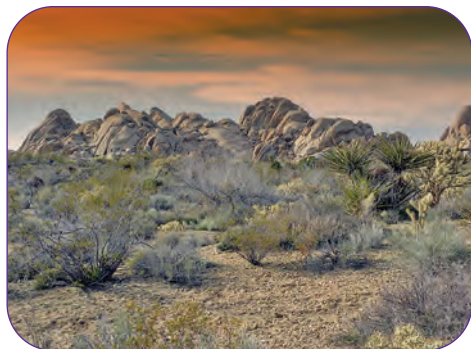
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wilderness and wild lands.**

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reprinted articles.



Enjoy wide open spaces, amazing petroglyphs, hikes, birdwatching, a visit to Mystery Ranch (an art and ecology research station), and more!



This is another back-to-basics camping experience—no electricity, refrigeration, or showers, and participants need to bring potable water for

personal use. Conditions will accommodate tent camping, small campers, and camper vans.

We'll feed you scrumptious meals for breakfast and dinner. Participants are on their own for lunches, snacks, and libations.

Price: \$395 • Learn more: <https://bit.ly/AviBWalk>

FUN-DRAISING TRIPS!

Exceptional experiences with partners who donate a portion of trip proceeds to Great Old Broads. Giving has never been more fun!

San Juan River Adventure with Ancient Wayves

Thursday–Sunday, May 26–28 • Near Bluff, UT

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to learn about the Four Corners region from experienced Indigenous guides. You'll travel by oar boat on the upper stretch of the San Juan River from Sand Island Campground to Mexican Hat through a breathtaking landscape that is the ancestral homeland to many clans and tribes. Your guides will provide expert interpretation of the region's history, archaeology, and natural features.

Ancient Wayves is the first and only Navajo-owned outfitter commercially permitted to provide tours in the Bears Ears National Monument and along the San Juan River in Utah. Their tours focus on sharing the beauty of the cultures that exist in the region.

A member of Broads' staff will join you and talk about advocacy efforts to protect the landscape for future generations. A portion of proceeds from this trip will support Broads' equity and justice work.

Price: \$1075 • Learn more: <https://bit.ly/WayvesSJ>

Craig Childs Writing Workshop: A Sense of Place

Friday–Sunday, July 28–30 • Boulder, Utah

Break out your journal and favorite pen and join us for a very special writing workshop with award-winning author and adventurer Craig Childs. Craig will discuss the cultural and natural history of the Colorado Plateau to inspire and guide your writing while immersed in the picturesque setting of Boulder, Utah.

Craig has published more than a dozen books of adventure, wilderness, and science. He has won the Orion Book Award and has twice won the Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award, the Galen Rowell Art of Adventure Award, and the Spirit of the West Award for his body of work. His writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Men's Journal*, *High Country News*, and *Outside*.

We'll stay at the beautiful Boulder Mountain Guest Ranch where you'll be treated to big skies and dramatic redrock country. Meals will be provided, and members of Broads' staff will join in the fun, sharing stories of Broads' work to protect public lands and waters.

Price: \$1200 • Learn more: <https://bit.ly/ChildsBMGR>

Stars & Raft River Trip

Monday–Thursday, Sept. 18–21 • Near Green River, UT



Discover the ultimate in dark skies with a stargazing raft trip with Holiday Rivers Expeditions. This 4-day adventure on

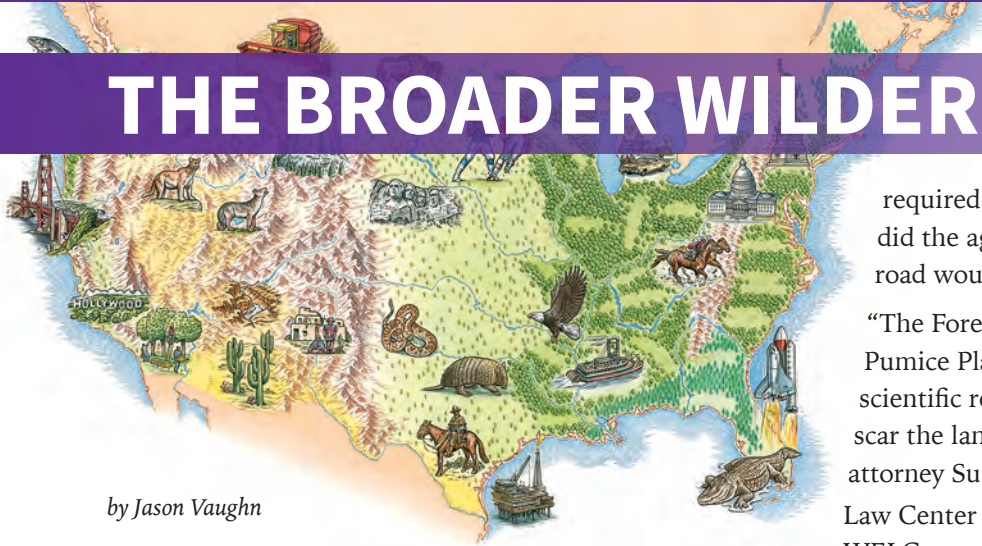
the Colorado begins in the pink and orange sandstone walls of Ruby Horsethief Canyon and continues on through the black schist of Westwater Canyon, starting in Colorado and ending in Utah.

A professional star guide from Moab Astronomy Tours (a women-owned business) will lead activities each evening. You'll reflect on your place in the universe as you look for stars, listen to ancient constellation stories, and view the Milky Way through a telescope. A member of Broads' staff will join you and share our latest work to protect wilderness and wild public lands.

Price: \$1400 • Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2023Stars1>



THE BROADER WILDERNESS



by Jason Vaughn

Court OK's Destructive Road Through Pumice Plain

The Pumice Plain in Washington's Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument is one of the most unique living laboratories on the planet. But because of a federal appeals court ruling, it appears that the Pumice Plain is about to suffer a permanent scar.

Late last year, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that dismissed challenges brought by a coalition of wilderness advocacy groups—including Broads—to fight a United States Forest Service (USFS) project to build a road through the ecologically pristine Pumice Plain.

The road would be used to haul equipment and machines to repair an intake gate for a tunnel built in 1985 to regulate the level of nearby Spirit Lake. The USFS claims the only way to make that repair is to build a road across one of the most sensitive landscapes in North America.



In the decades since the 1980 eruption, scientists have had the opportunity to study and witness how plants and wildlife recover—without human intervention or interference—following what seemed like complete devastation.

In the lawsuit, the coalition contends the USFS did not conduct proper environmental assessments as

required by the National Environmental Policy Act, nor did the agency adequately consider the damage the new road would cause.

“The Forest Service’s proposal to build a road across the Pumice Plain will not only destroy the globally unique scientific research occurring there, but also will indelibly scar the landscape: all of which would be a tragedy,” attorney Susan Jane Brown of the Western Environmental Law Center (WELC) told the *Centralia Chronicle* (WA). WELC represents the coalition, which includes Broads (led by the Cascade Volcanoes Broadband), Cascade Forest Conservancy, the Washington Native Plant Society, the Sierra Club, and others in the lawsuit.

The coalition will continue to ask the USFS to reexamine their decision on the Pumice Plain, but this disappointing court ruling essentially clears road construction to begin as soon as this summer.

BPA Neglects Columbia River Salmon Yet Again

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), the federal agency that operates generating stations at hydroelectric dams across the Pacific Northwest and sells electricity to regional electric companies, is short-changing salmon and steelhead recovery projects on the Columbia River as the iconic fish continue their tragic—and entirely avoidable—slide toward extinction.

In early January, the BPA announced it would distribute more than \$500 million in surplus revenue from the sale of electricity in 2022. The bulk of the money (70%) will be returned to BPA’s customers in the form of reduced rates, while 20% will be used to reduce the agency’s debt load. That leaves just 10% (\$50 million) to go to fish and wildlife projects.

The move comes after the agency essentially froze spending levels on state and tribal fish recovery programs in 2018 under the guise of “controlling costs.” One project that has gone completely unfunded would have reintroduced salmon into the upper Columbia River above the Grand Coulee Dam, where salmon have been blocked since the dam’s construction almost 90 years ago.

Disappointingly, the White House—which had committed to effective salmon and steelhead restoration projects in the Pacific Northwest—did not require the BPA to do more to pay for projects and programs to save the fish species the





agency's dams are killing. "BPA is nickel-and-diming the Northwest's iconic fish to extinction...and the Administration is letting them get away with it," said Idaho Conservation

League's Salmon & Steelhead Associate Mitch Cutter in a statement.

Broadbands across the Pacific Northwest have long been advocates for salmon recovery projects, including the removal of dams that block the fish's natural spawning routes. This fight is far from over—stay tuned for updates.

For more about the issue of salmon recovery:
<https://www.greatoldbroads.org/dont-dam-salmon>

Tribal Co-Management Plans Gain Momentum

For thousands of years—long before the creation of national parks, national monuments, and wildlife refuges—Indigenous people lived on and cared for the landscape, acquiring an intimate knowledge of plants, animals, and ecosystems. This knowledge, passed down through generations, could be invaluable to mitigating the worsening climate change and biodiversity crisis.

But the key word there is “could.” Most (if not all) of the public lands in the United States only exist because the Indigenous people who had lived there were, at one time or another, removed from them—typically by force. And throughout the nation's history, public land management discussions have usually excluded Indigenous voices.

So given this history, what does substantive, meaningful, and timely engagement with tribes on public lands issues look like? How can Indigenous knowledge and voices be incorporated into conservation and public land decisions?

This past fall Broads—strong supporters of tribal co-management policies—hosted an online panel discussion on Bears Ears National Monument's co-management plan to discuss these questions. The panelists described some of the successes and challenges of developing a co-management plan.

“The challenge is to determine how we create an environment where (Indigenous community members) feel welcomed,” said panelist Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk

of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Chair of the Bears Ears Monument Advisory Committee, and member of Broads' Council of Advisors. She said it's going to be up to government agencies, Tribal organizations, and environmental groups like Broads to create space where Indigenous voices feel like they really have a part in the conversation over land management decisions.

A draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be ready for public review and comment in the spring. Regina emphasized the importance of public participation in public comment periods to show support for collaborative management of Bears Ears.

In addition to Bears Ears National Monument, cooperative management policies between the federal government and Tribal and Indigenous groups are also in place at Canyon de Chelly National Monument, located within the Navajo



Nation in Arizona; Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve in southeast Alaska; Grand Portage National Monument, located within the Grand Portage Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota; and Big Cypress National Preserve in Florida. In addition, several proposed national monuments—including Avi Kwa Ame in Nevada—as well as proposed expansions at Berryessa-Snow Mountain National Monument in California and others that we hope will include tribal co-management policies.

We'll keep you updated on this important ongoing topic. To watch a recording of the Conversations on Cooperative Management Practices on Public Lands webinar, go to <https://bit.ly/3JtOieo>

WISHLIST



We need a portable defibrillator! They are \$1200-\$1500, which is a small cost for us to be prepared and possibly save a life at events that can be quite remote. Donations towards this purchase are greatly appreciated!



BROADBANDS IN ACTION!

by Jason Vaughn

Arizona Broads Stand Their Ground at the Border Wall

The sheer scale of some of the issues we face can often seem overwhelming. But one thing that we always say is that “your voice matters”—and Broads along the border proved that to be true last year.



Broads & partners gathered at the border container “wall”.

In November, members of the Sonoran and Tucson Broadbands (AZ) joined with other conservation groups and concerned citizens to take action against the construction of former Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey’s bizarre, shoddy, and illegal shipping container “wall” in Coronado National Forest along the U.S.-Mexico Border.

There wasn’t any expectation that they would even be successful, however the protesters (or, perhaps more accurately, the “protectors”) just had the feeling that their voices needed to be heard. So, they gathered to stand watch along a 60-foot-wide stretch of federal land known as the Roosevelt Reservation and held their ground in the presence of the construction vehicles and security forces. It seemingly worked, too, as no more containers were placed during the daytime...

But after the first week, what had started as a daytime protest became a 24/7 action when the protectors found out the contractors began placing shipping containers late at night. A makeshift camp immediately sprung up—dubbed “Camp Ocelot” after the desert wildcat—allowing the protectors to be there when the contractors showed up.

When they did, around 2:00 AM, the protectors jumped

from their tents, and in freezing temperatures, held their ground in the face of the oncoming equipment. And it worked—no more shipping containers were placed.

With construction of the wall stopped, the protectors finally broke camp on December 18th. Before departing, they came together one last time to talk about what they had accomplished.

“The protest felt more like a celebration,” said Sonoran Broadband Co-Leader Emily Matyas. “The folks who had actually stopped the construction by physically being in the way were quiet heroes.”

“It was like a spiritual experience,” she added.

As this action was going on, Broadband leaders from across the country sent letters to the Department of Justice (DOJ) asking them to file suit against the state of Arizona to demand the container wall be removed—which the DOJ eventually did, and the wall started coming down in early January. By late January, the containers were gone.

This shipping container structure was located in a particularly sensitive wildlife corridor, and the construction process damaged sensitive desert soils and destroyed vegetation. In addition, the move by Ducey could have set a dangerous precedent on how states deal with federal lands.

Sonoran Broadband Co-Leader Roz Switzer says their actions have shifted to monitoring to make sure no new wall is built in this area.

“A small group of people, moving with purpose and love for the Earth, stopped the progression of the shipping container wall construction by standing up to the State and prodding the federal government to act,” says Switzer. “Our actions make a difference.”

Montana & Oregon Broads Rally for Forests



A Broad at the Oregon Rally.

Untouched mature and old-growth forests are key in the fight against climate change—which, of course, makes cutting them down a catastrophically bad idea. Montana and Oregon Broadbands rallied last fall to make their voices heard by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on behalf of these remaining ancient forests.



On November 14, Jennifer Watson, Co-Leader of the Northwest Montana Broadband, organized a rally at the USFS office in Missoula to advocate for permanent protection for mature and old-growth trees in Kootenai National Forest. Partners from several conservation organizations joined the event. The group raised concern about a three-square mile section of old-growth trees under immediate threat from the proposed Black Ram and Knotty Pine clearcutting projects.

“It’s being proposed in the name of wildfire mitigation. Ironically, there are no human homes for miles and miles. It is home to a small population of voiceless grizzly bears, Canada lynx, wolves, and wolverines,” said Mary Alexine, Co-Leader of the Northwest



That’s no old-growth tree next to that gentleman, it’s NW Montana Broadband Co-Leader Mary Alexine at the USFS office in Missoula.

Montana Broads. “These large, mature trees are the lungs of the planet.”

A few days later, the Willamette Valley and Cascade Volcanoes Broadbands (OR) gathered with partners outside of the Portland USFS office to call for rules protecting old-growth forests.

Nearly 100 people participated in the rally, which highlighted logging projects in Oregon’s Malheur National Forest and elsewhere. Organizers also presented the USFS with petitions demanding protection for old-growth forests.

Laurie Kerr, Co-Leader of the Cascade Volcano Broads, says that the event was a success, and a great way to engage with Broads’ partners and residents in the area.



NEW LOOK, SAME GREAT OLD BROADS

By now you’ve probably noticed a few changes as we transition to our new logo and website. While we may have a new look, our core mission hasn’t changed—to **advocate for the protection of wilderness and wildlands with knowledge, leadership, and humor.**

The decision to update Broads identity was not instantaneous—the evaluation and development process began nearly two years ago. Over that time, we held many discussions with a wide cross-section of members, and gathered feedback over several months to fully explore our next steps.

We put together a committee that hashed out the likes and dislikes of the original logo and what was desired in a new logo. As an example, the old logo was very focused on Southwest imagery and Great Old Broads has grown well beyond our founding in the Four Corners region (just ask our large contingent in the Pacific Northwest!).

The committee discussed colors, too. Did you know we struggled to keep the old logo from turning pink in printed projects? We talked about how it was important to create an

identity that would reproduce well whether it was the size of a pencil eraser or a basketball.

And what about the female figure? Couldn’t we just “change it a little” to avoid perceptions of appropriation of Native American archetypes? After experimenting with many, many variations (a few submitted by members, too), we found that creating a figure that was not too fat, too thin, too “something,” or that did not project race or ethnicity resulted in a meaningless, stylized stick figure.

For those reasons, the committee concluded a figure wasn’t necessary. Our name, unlike many other organizations, tells people who we are. It is unforgettable (a stroke of marketing genius by our founders!), and it says we are women and we work for wilderness.

Elements of the old logo (the sun and yuccas) and the color purple were intentionally included as a nod to the organization’s past and to provide continuity. The orange of the sun combined with the deeper purple projected the strength and vibrancy of our amazing members.

As we enter our 34th year we begin with a new, modern, and professional identity that better reflects who we are as an organization today—and who we want to be into the future!



Wins for Wilderness

The removal of the Arizona shipping container wall wasn't the only major win for our Broadbands and partners in recent weeks.

Roadless Rules!

After years of hard work, the Alaska Soles Broadband and partners are celebrating a pair of huge victories. First, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has restored the national Roadless Rule to Tongass National Forest, restricting road construction and timber harvest on more than nine million acres of coastal rainforest in southeast Alaska. This move reverses a 2020 Trump administration decision that exempted the Tongass—home to over 400 species of wildlife, including bears, salmon, and bald eagles—from the restrictions.

The Tongass is also an important landscape in the fight against climate change, as it's one of the largest carbon sinks in the world—



absorbing huge amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and trapping it deep in the soil.

Water is Life!

Also in Alaska, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has used the Clean Water Act to finally pull the plug on the long-proposed Pebble mine near the headwaters of Bristol Bay, about 200 miles southwest of Anchorage. This decision (hopefully) puts an end to the gold and copper mining project, which threatened to harm sockeye salmon in Bristol Bay—an important (and deeply threatened) resource to the area's Indigenous people.

The EPA's final 435-page ruling says the mine would cause an “unacceptable, adverse” impact to Bristol Bay fisheries by destroying about 100 miles of streams that support salmon habitat.

A Reprieve for Boundary Waters

Meanwhile, in Minnesota, the U.S. Department of Interior has withdrawn over 225,000 acres in Superior National Forest from mineral and geothermal leasing



for 20 years, protecting the greater Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) watershed from potential catastrophe from mining operations.

The Save the Boundary Waters Coalition, which includes the Minnesota Wild Waters Broadband, has been working for years to protect these nearly pristine waters and forests from destructive mining operations. The 1.1-million-acre BWCAW is home countless species of fish, trees, and wildlife, and is one of the most-visited wilderness areas in the U.S.

Tongass National Forest, the Pebble mine, and the greater BWCAW watershed have all been featured in our Action Alerts—these victories are a testament to the power of people advocating for wilderness at both the local and national level.

Your voice matters!



Save a Tree, Donate Online

Did you notice there is no donation envelope tucked into this newsletter? To save costs and be more earth friendly, we ask that you give online to help support our programs to train and support badass advocates like you to protect wild lands! Give at <https://bit.ly/2023Win-Spr>

We are “greatful” for your support!



2023 Member Tee!



We are delighted to present this year's member tee in a luscious kelly green, created by graphic designer and award-winning photographer Leslie Scopes Anderson.

Her design is intended to remind us of “the wondrous wildlife that still exist around us, and how precious they are!”

Leslie believes we must do our utmost to preserve our wild areas to ensure the survival of all species—great and small. We couldn't agree more!

MORE ABOUT LESLIE

Leslie has been a passionate nature lover since an early age when her family frequently visited Yellowstone, Bryce, and Zion, which instilled in her a deep love for wildness and a desire to preserve it for posterity.

Leslie has served on several boards and worked with Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and others for the designation of Bears Ears National Monument. Her photography has been used by several conservation organizations to raise awareness of earth's irreplaceable natural treasures and promote their protection. See some of Leslie's amazing photography: <https://bit.ly/LSAPhotos>

I WANT A MEMBER TEE!

Everyone who contributes \$100 or more in 2023 will receive one of these limited-edition t-shirts as a sign of our appreciation for your support

We want YOU for our Board!

Have you ever considered applying your life experience, skills, and knowledge toward serving on Broads' Board of Directors? Our Board members come from careers in federal agencies, non-profits, and businesses. They are architects, teachers, medical workers, administrators, lawyers, and scientists.



The Board of Directors provides guidance on strategic direction and assures the necessary resources—including funds, staff, and professional expertise—are available to accomplish Broads' mission.

We are looking for those who have skills or experience with fundraising, financial management (we need a Treasurer!), and strategic planning, or have a background in the legal field, environmental sciences, public land agencies, or wilderness management.

The Details

- Directors serve 3-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- The Board meets quarterly by conference call to focus on strategy, advocacy, budget, programs, activities, and fundraising.
- An annual retreat is held near the end of the fiscal year (December 31) to review past actions, plan future directions, and approve the budget.
- Each member is expected to take an active role in the organization.

Interested? Learn more at
<https://bit.ly/BroadOnBoard>

or contact Board Co-Chair Micky Ryan at mickyryan@aol.com or LD Delano at ldelano@withoutta.net.



represents nearly 150 organizations including International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Outdoor Afro, Green Latinos, Earthjustice, and Children’s Environmental Health Network.

ATB4ALL has established two main goals:

- Conserve, connect and restore at least 30% of land, water, and ocean in protected areas by 2030 to avoid massive species loss, secure equitable access to nature’s benefits, and prevent and repair the impacts of the climate crisis for all communities.
- Implement the “Justice40” metric for the America the Beautiful Initiative to ensure at least 40% of investments are made in communities of color and frontline communities that have historically seen little to no investment in conservation and equitable access to nature.

The ATB4ALL steering committee and workgroups have developed a 2023 policy platform that identifies coalition priorities that advance the twin goals—many of which align with Broads’ advocacy priorities.* Some examples include:

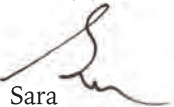
- Support increased opportunities for co-management and co-stewardship of public lands with Tribes, Native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives, and territorial governments.
- Use the Antiquities Act and other authorities to protect ecologically and culturally important areas.
- Conserve old and mature forests via rulemaking.
- Reform outdated mining laws and regulations.

Broads’ Role

It is very exciting to have the opportunity to work with this vibrant and diverse coalition. I am part of the Public Lands Workgroup, which contributed to the list of lands prioritized for protection in the policy document. (See the sidebar at right.)

The alignment with our mission and the collective power of this coalition gives me great optimism toward gaining more public lands protections. Our invitation to become involved is a direct result of the dedication and hard work of our members as wilderness advocates—and for that, you should all be very proud. You are responsible for building Broads’ reputation in the conservation community as an organization whose members get things done, and I am ever grateful for your commitment!

Wildly yours,



Sara

* See the complete policy platform:
<https://americathebeautifulforall.org/policy-agenda/>

Protection Priorities

The following are a few of the lands identified for priority protection as National Monuments (NM):

Pacific Remote Islands Marine NM Expansion

In addition to increasing protected areas, this campaign would also rename the monument to honor the Pacific Islands community. It would establish a co-management policy that draws upon traditional ecological knowledge and ensure representation at the highest levels of the management and decision-making process.

<https://www.protectpri.com>

Emmett Till NM - This monument would include the historic, 125-year-old Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ in Bronzeville, Illinois, where an estimated 100,000 people attended the open-casket service for 14-year-old Emmett Till, who was tortured and murdered on a visit to Mississippi in 1955. His mother insisted on the open casket to display the violence that killed her son. <https://bit.ly/ETilNM>

Avi Kwa Ame NM - Sacred to 10 tribes, Avi Kwa Ame (Spirit Mountain) in southwest Nevada is a biodiverse region that would connect other protected areas, creating a large contiguous habitat in the Mojave Desert. (*Broadwalk! See page 2.*)

<https://honorspiritmountain.org>

Berryessa Snow Mountain NM Expansion

Conservation groups have joined with the Yocha Dehe (YO-cha DEE-hee) Wintun Nation to call for the expansion of this California monument to include Walker Ridge (renaming it as Molok Luyuk—Ma-lok Lue-yoke, which is Condor Ridge in the Patwin language). The proposal would also seek Tribal co-management and meaningful consultation. (*Broadwalk! See page 2.*)

<https://bit.ly/BerryExp>

Castner Range NM

The Castner Range in west Texas is just over 7,000 acres currently managed by the U.S. Army. It is the ancestral homeland of the Comanche and Apache people and contains cultural sites, rare plants, and endangered wildlife. The monument would open access of this pristine landscape to the largely-Hispanic borderlands community near El Paso.

<https://castnerrange.org>



Join the Circle!

by Kaye Berman

Nearly 30 years ago, Sue Gunkel of Albuquerque, NM, was invited to an early Broads event—and it made quite the impact on her.

“I was immediately hooked on what a bunch of great old women could accomplish in saving wild places,” says Sue, who described herself as a “training Broad” at the time. Despite her inflexible work schedule, she made time to get involved and was especially delighted when the Rio Grande Valley Broadband formed. Sue enjoyed uniting with other local women to advocate for wilderness and be part of the FUN that always seems to happen when a bunch of Broads get together.



Sue deepened her involvement, and later even served on Broads' Board of Directors. In that role, she encouraged leaders and members to leave a legacy gift to Broads “to ensure the long-term vitality” of the organization.

We are grateful to Sue for her service on our Board and her support as a member of Broads Legacy Circle!

Have you considered becoming a member of the Broads Legacy Circle? It includes members who have generously elected to leave a portion of their estate to Broads, which is their way of ensuring our continued success.

Estate planning involves much more than simply deciding what to do with your assets. As you ponder the legacy you'd like to leave, you'll find there are many choices to make. Ask yourself the following questions:

- How do I wish to be remembered?
- What do I want future generations to know about me?
- What core values or guiding principles do I want to impart?
- Who do I want to influence or impact?
- What do I want my legacy to be?

Then, consider what you can do now to make certain the legacy you envision will indeed be realized. Think about what specific steps you need to take.

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Be sure to talk with your financial advisor for advice on the options best for you.

If you're curious about becoming a part of the Broads Legacy Circle, contact Broads Development Director Kaye Berman at kaye@greatoldbroads.org to learn more.

Where All That Is Wild Has a Home



by Christine McDonald

One more elephant, one more whale,
one more polar bear, or frog, or lily
until none remain. Extinction
is no longer imagined or distant.
The gold has lost its luster.
I am coming down from the yellow mountain
before color dissolves and grays another horizon.
Hello belly, hello body, hello toes.
No matter where I go
my feet touch the earth.

My whole body is supported
by a whole planet.
Where all that is wild has a home.
In the shadows
of the valleys of gold
rides a wild woman.

She is calling my name, calling me home.
Together we're going to ride out of that valley,
sparking a fire that outshines the gold.
Here in the palm of my hand, in the wrinkle of my skin,
in the shine of my eyes, there is a wildfire
giving rise to a world where women and animals
are valued for something other than their parts.

Grateful thanks to Christine McDonald for allowing us to share this poem from her new book “Where Everything Wild Has a Home”.

Learn more about Christine at <https://awaken2wonder.com/>





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