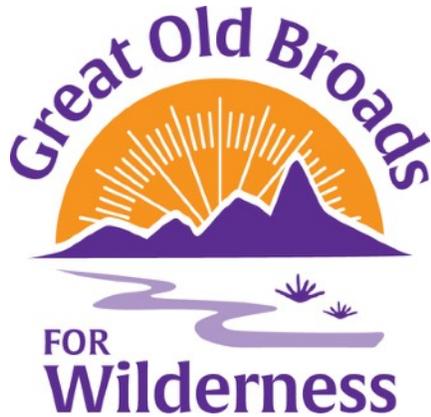

NOVEMBER BROADCAST 2023

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“Here’s to the Oregon Desert Trail. It gives you ample room and opportunity to feel lost because it doesn’t hold your hand. You map your own way. You swim or sink in the sagebrush ocean. You have the freedom to roam, to call your path your own.”

-Ellen Waterston

Wilderness Monitoring 2023 Celebration

Sunday, November 5

3-5 pm

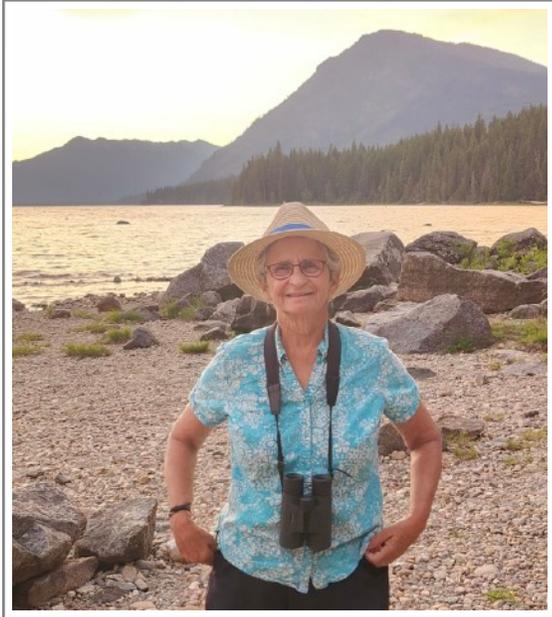
5432 NW Crescent Valley Drive, Corvallis

We’re having an afternoon celebration to express our appreciation for all the work you completed doing solitude and recreation site monitoring. We’ll share stories, adventures, experiences, frustrations and plans for 2024. We accomplished a lot this year but there’s more to do in 2024. We completed 75% of the recreation site monitoring and have 75% more trails to complete for solitude monitoring. Let’s devise a plan to experience the majesty of the Middle Santiam.

Bring your favorite afternoon snacks to share. Maya and Lynn will provide beverages. If you want a Broads t-shirt for a holiday gift, we have some for sale. Lynn’s house has the long driveway and solar panels. Everyone is welcome! Spouses, partners and friends who might want to participate next year are invited.



Sally Bird, Beth Brown & Mary Darling monitoring in the Diamond Peak Wilderness.



Join Pat Boleyn for a Lane County Hike North Fork Trail #3666 Tuesday, November 7

This is an easy to moderate out and back hike of around 8 miles along the Middle Fork of the Willamette River through beautiful old growth forest. Pat is a birding guide and retired wildlife biologist so she will have much knowledge to share along the way.

Take Hwy 58 toward Oakridge and turn onto Westfir Rd at milepost 31.5. This road junction is located immediately north of the Middle Fork Ranger District office. Turn left after crossing the green bridge over the Middle Fork Willamette River. Travel to Westfir and make a left turn at the stop sign and cross the covered bridge (Office Bridge). The trailhead is located on the right. There is a playground and restroom at the trailhead. There is ample parking usually. The covered bridge is very pretty.

We will meet at the trailhead at 10:00. Bring water, lunch, snacks and rain gear. To join the hike please sign up **HERE**.



Caption this photo submitted by Becky Garrett from our Alsea Falls hike in October. Send captions with your name by replying to this email. The winning caption will be announced in next month's Broadcast. The winner may choose a prize from an assortment of Broads merchandise.



Advocacy Night is Back in Person!

Update and Advocacy for the River Democracy Act

Wednesday, November 15

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Calapooia Brewing in Albany

The River Democracy Act, which would protect thousands of miles of streams under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act in Oregon, was introduced in Congress by Oregon’s Senators in 2021. Today, we’re still waiting to see movement on this important public lands bill. Get a refresher on what this proposed legislation does, why it’s important, what rivers and streams that YOU CARE ABOUT are included, and how you can help keep the pressure on our elected officials to make it happen.

We’re meeting IN PERSON so we can write postcards and letters together, and also share delicious food and drinks at a local brewpub. Come at 4:00 for an early dinner or happy hour food and beverage and we’ll start our meeting at 4:45. Join fellow Broads and Bros and Willamette Valley Broadband Co-Leader and Senior Conservation Advocate for Oregon Wild, Chandra LeGue, to find out more about the **River Democracy Act**.

Calapooia Brewing is located at 140 Hill St NE in Albany.

See their webpage with food, brews and story [HERE](#).

So we know how many folks to set up for and to arrange carpools please

RSVP for Advocacy Night [HERE](#).



Julia Corbett, Becky Garrett, Barbara Grant, Cyndi Anderson and Mandy Cole enjoyed hiking with Maya Abels to Alsea Falls on October 26. The waterfall pictured is actually Green Peak Falls on Peak Creek. The South Fork of the Alsea is one of the sections of rivers included in the River Democracy Act.

Not pictured Maya, Boone & Biscuit.

Pre-Thanksgiving Hike With Maya Tuesday, November 21 McCulloch Peak

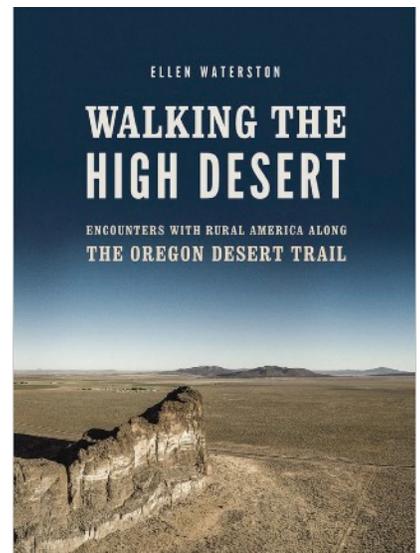
Join us for this 9 to 10 mile hike in the McDonald Dunn Forest with over 1700 ft of elevation gain and a rewarding view at the top. Much of the trail is paved or gravel so it's good for rainy day hiking but the weather will determine the exact route we take with exact meeting time and place to be determined a few days prior to the hike. Due to its length and because it's steep in places it's considered a moderately difficult hike.

To get more details about starting time and meeting place and to sign up for the hike please go **HERE**.

Next Book Broads Meeting with Carol on January 5

Carol has selected "Walking the High Desert - Encounters with Rural America on the Oregon Desert Trail" by Ellen Waterson.

This from Carol...Some of you may be familiar with Oregon writer Ellen Waterson. A central Oregon essayist and poet, she teaches writing workshops as well. Some of our Broads enjoyed her writing workshop while volunteering to plant beaver habitat on the South Fork of the Crooked River a few years ago. Ellen is no stranger to multiple perspectives, as she once lived the life of a cattle rancher in eastern Oregon.



The book can be ordered from your favorite bookstore or from the publisher, University of Washington Press <https://uwapress.uw.edu/book/9780295747507/walking-the-high-desert/>.

To learn more about the book, see Oregon Natural Desert Area's review: <https://onda.org/walking-the-high-desert/>

Take Action NOW

The North Cascades National Park is incomplete without the grizzly bear. Wherever they thrive, so does wildness, clean water, and abundant native fish and wildlife.

For more information from the National Parks Conservation Association and to take action go [HERE](#).



And also of interest:

**The Luckiamute Watershed and Marys River Watershed
Councils present
Beaverland an Evening with author Leila Philip
at the Whiteside Theater in Corvallis
Friday, November 10 at 6:00**

Get more information and your free tickets [Here](#)



Good News Corner

This just in from Oregon Wild!

**Oregon Spotted Frog Gets a Lifeline as Court Questions
Grazing Practices.**

Read the full article [Here](#)

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Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list to focus on [wildlife issues](#) contact Su Libby at bigwiscon@gmail.com

Did you know that the Willamette Valley Broadband has a FaceBook page? It's right [HERE](#).

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

For more information about the Great Old Broads for Wilderness and to join for just \$35 per year, visit the website greatoldbroads.org.

Willamette Valley Broadband page is:

<https://www.greatoldbroads.org/chapters/oregon-willamette-valley-broadband/>



Members of your Willamette Valley Broadband Leadership Team at their annual planning retreat in Tidewater in October. Photo on left from left to right, Co-leaders Chandra LeGue & Cyndi Anderson with Lynn Humphrey, Maya Abels, Laura Ouellette & Marjorie Stuart

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