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"The Earth is a fine place and worth fighting for."

-Ernest Hemmingway

BroadChat with South Santiam and Calapooia Watershed Council Staff Monday, April 3 4:00 pm Kirk Room of the Brownsville Community Library 146 Spaulding Avenue in Brownsville and also on Zoom

Come hear about the important work of these conservation organizations and their ideas for stewardship activities we could be involved in. How does creekside planting, monitoring stream temperatures and water quality and doing some fish trap monitoring sound? Join us to find out more and meet other members of our Broadband and watershed council staff.

Please RSVP **HERE** for in-person or Zoom.



Earth Day is Saturday, April 22. We will be participating in an Earth Day Rally for Forests and Climate 1:00 pm in Eugene The Old Federal Building 211 E 7th Ave More info HERE...

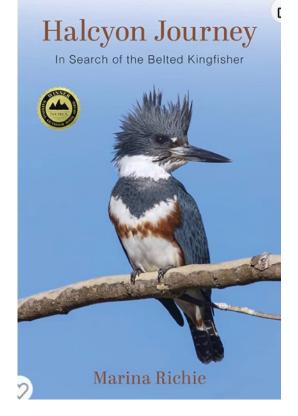


Spring Book Broads with Carol Friday, April 28 4:00 pm

Sign up and get your Zoom link

HERE.

Carol has selected a book by an Oregon nature writer, Marina Richie. Her book Halcyon Journey: In Search of the Belted Kingfisher was published last year by Oregon State University Press. Get your book from a local library or favorite independent book seller. Carol's book discussions are fun and lively. You'll enjoy it whether or not you've read the book!





Help Plan Some Summer Time Fun

We have reserved the Canal Creek group campsite (both areas described below) in the Siuslaw National Forest near Waldport for Tuesday, August 1 - Thursday, August 3. This large, beautiful, secluded space bordered by lovely Canal Creek, will be all ours for 2 nights. Cost will be campsite fees divided by number of participants.

Broads hiking the Amanda Trail, one of the many hikes near the Canal Creek Group campsite.

"Canal Creek is a group campground shaded by Douglas fir and spruce trees with two group campsites, each providing a tranquil, scenic setting. Canal Creek flows through the campground, dividing the two sites. Site 1 is accessed by fording the gentle creek. It has a large open field with a picnic shelter, tables and a campfire circle. The site accommodates up to 100 people and 20 vehicles. RVs are not recommended. Site 2 is bordered by the creek. It is made up of 10 separate campsites surrounding a central dining area with tables and a campfire circle. The site accommodates up to 50 people and 10 vehicles. RVs are welcome. Vault toilets are provided, but no drinking water or electric hookups are available at either site.

Nearby activities include fishing and crawfishing, hiking, tubing and swimming."

We welcome your help to plan meals, activities, hikes and stewardship. If interested in helping or attending please contact Cyndi Anderson at <u>541-570-1055</u> or <u>thebrownsvillehouse@gmail.com</u>.

Take Action NOW!

Climate Forests Earth Day Petition

Take Action! Sign our petition to permanently protect mature and old-growth federal forests from logging.

The clock is ticking for President Biden to make good on last year's Earth Day promise to protect mature and old-growth forests. It's time to tell him all the reasons why our climate forests are worth more standing.

Last Earth Day President Biden issued an executive order calling on the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to conserve mature and old-growth forests as a climate solution. This was a momentous step towards meaningful protections, but now it's up to us to ensure that this turns into real and lasting changes in how federal agencies manage — and protect — older forests.

As we approach the one-year anniversary of this executive order promise, <u>hundreds of</u> <u>thousands of acres</u> of federal mature and old-growth forests are on the chopping block right now. Now more than ever, it's important to show the White House that there is widespread, overwhelming public support from every corner of the country for letting these trees grow.

Your voice does matter! Our goal is to receive 500,000 signatures on this petition by Earth Day Please sign the petition at <u>https://www.climate-forests.org/take-action</u> and help Broads and our allies send a message that is loud and clear!

And also of interest:

There is a week-long run of **Elemental: Reimagine Wildfire** at the Darkside Theater in Corvallis April 7-13. Showtimes on the Darkside website **https://darksidecinema.com/** and note that Thursday, April 13th there is a Q&A with experts. In case anyone in the group hasn't already seen it!

And registration has opened for....



Additional information about the conference HERE.

Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list to focus on wildlife issues contact Su Libby at <u>bigwiscon@gmail.com</u>

Did you know that the Willamette Valley Broadband has a FaceBook page? It's right <u>HERE</u>.

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 <u>greatoldbroads.org</u>.
Willamette Valley Broadband page is: <u>https://www.greatoldbroads.org/</u> <u>chapters/oregon-willamette-valley-broadband/</u>

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