
AUGUST 2022

Hike with a Purpose and with Perks in the beautiful Mount Washington Wilderness

The Purpose: Help us fulfill our commitment to conduct **Solitude** Monitoring.

The Perks: You will receive mileage reimbursement, a Broads t-shirt or hat and one dinner reimbursement on a day you hike.

No training is necessary except a short phone call with either Lynn or Maya to become acquainted with how to collect data and submit it when you have completed your hike.

Where: (as of July 31 and subject to change)

At Hand Lake and Scott Mountain Trail: 2 weekend days are needed.

At the PCT North starting near Big Lake at Hoodoo: 3 weekend days are needed.

At the PCT South starting near Dee Wright Memorial on the McKenzie Highway: 2 week days and 3 weekend days are open.

If you are interested and we hope that you are, send an email to maya.abels@gmail.com or text her: 541-231-4386 and she will send you more information.



New Brownsville Broad member, Barbara Andersen, wearing her “perk” for participating

Hiking with Maya in August?

No other hikes are planned in August until the Solitude Monitoring is completed. If you wish to participate and want to find someone to join you, let Maya know and she will attempt to find you a hiking buddy.

Monday, August 8 August Advocacy Night (and actions to take now) 6:00-7:00 PM on Zoom

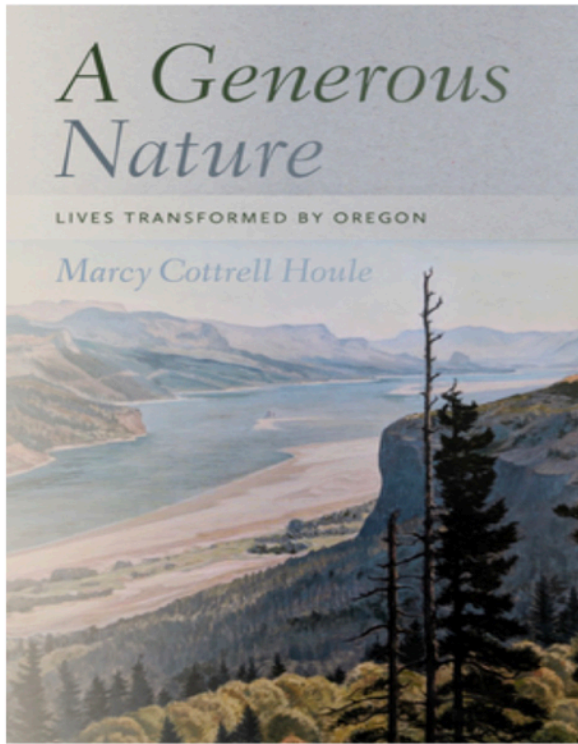
Advocacy actions to take now: Protecting mature and old-growth forests!

On 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 first step turns into real and lasting changes in how federal agencies manage older forests.

In response to the President's Executive Order, the federal agencies have opened an official public comment period to solicit public feedback on how "to define, identify, and complete an inventory of old-growth and mature forests on Federal lands." It is critical that we demonstrate widespread, overwhelming public support for permanent protections from every corner of the country. There may be limited chances for the public to weigh in, so we need to take advantage of every opportunity.

Your voice matters! The Climate Forest Campaign has a goal of getting 100,000 comments submitted before the August 15th deadline. Please [use this toolkit](#) and the sample letter found here to write your own comments, and consider sharing this information with others.

Advocacy Night on Monday, August 8, 6-7pm, we'll have an Advocacy Night - via Zoom - to answer any questions folks have about writing and submitting comments, and further elevating this opportunity to inform the future of mature and old-growth forest protection. **Sign up [HERE](#) to join us.**



**Summer Book Broads
with Carol
Friday, September 9
4:00 pm on Zoom**

Carol has selected “A Generous Nature: Lives transformed by Oregon” by Marcy Cottrell Houle, for our summer read. It’s about conservationists, most unknown to us, who have made enduring contributions to the preservation of Oregon’s wild places. We’ll be meeting on Zoom so sign up [HERE](#) to get your link.

(This book is available through OSU Press:
osupress.oregonstate.edu)

SAVE THE DATE!

**The Willamette Valley Broadband
Annual Potluck, Meeting and
Program
Sunday, October 16
12:00 - 3:00
Brownsville Pioneer Park Pavilion**

We’ll have a potluck lunch and social time to start off, do a brief year in review, get feedback and ideas from you to plan upcoming activities, and present something of special interest, topic TBA.



Chandra LeGue, our Willamette Valley Broadband co-leader, giving a presentation at last year’s annual gathering.

Other Items of interest...



Mapping Old Growth Forest Coast-to-Coast

Wednesday, August 3rd at 11:00 am
with Dr Dominick DellaSala

**Get more information and
register [HERE](#)**

The Oregon Wild Outdoor Photo Contest

An annual tradition with a 15-year history.

This is your opportunity to share photos of Oregon's beautiful wildlands, waterways, native wildlife, and the people who enjoy them.

Submit your photos in five categories:

Wildlands & Waters - From stunning peaks and vibrant forests to dynamic rivers, featuring wildlands and waters as a unique part of Oregon's natural heritage.

Wildlife - Featuring Oregon's incredible diversity of native fish and wildlife.

Endangered Places - Giving special focus to Oregon's climate forests.

***NEW* People** - Featuring the people who enjoy Oregon outdoors.

***NEW* Social Media Photography** - Giving space to up-and-coming phone and social media photographers.

Submissions will be judged by a diverse panel of photographers, outdoor recreationists, bloggers, and local business owners, in addition to Oregon Wild staff.

Prizes include a package from ProPhoto Supply worth \$250, a 2-night stay at Smith Creek Lodge, Trout Creek Wilderness Resort, Cyndi's Riverhouse on the Alsea near Waldport, or Barking Mad Farm, a photography masterclass from Greg Vaughn, and more!

The deadline for entry is September 5. Find out how to enter by going to this link:

<https://www.photocontest.oregonwild.org/>

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 national grassroots organization,
led by women, 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 \$30 per year visit the website greatoldbroads.org.

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