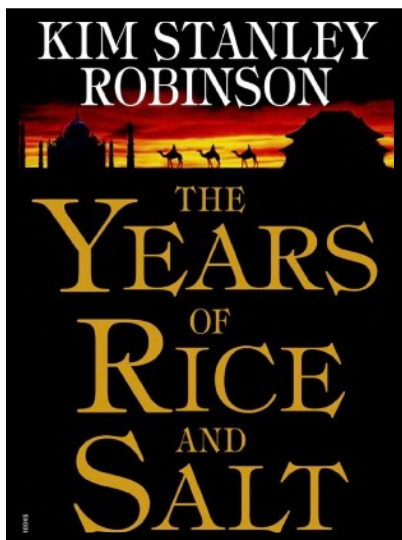

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“We are living in a world that beavers created.” - Ben Goldfarb

Advocacy Night Oregon Wildlife Legislation Monday, January 9 6:00 pm on Zoom



The Oregon legislature will convene in January and will be considering some important legislation pertaining to natural climate solutions, wildlife, and more that impacts what Broads care about. **Danielle Moser, Wildlife Program Manager with Oregon Wild**, will join us to let us know where and when our advocacy will be needed for wildlife in this session, and we'll talk generally about other bills we might want to plug into. Sign up [HERE](#).



Book Broads with Carol Friday, January 13 4:00 pm on Zoom

Haven't read the book? It's ok. Join us anyway to share favorite reads from 2022 and suggest books for future meetings. Sign up [HERE](#) to join us.

Hike with Maya and Celebrate 2023!

**Second Annual New Year Hike
Across McDonald Forest
Friday, January 20
9:00 AM**

Start at Oak Creek in McDonald Forest and hike northward to the Peavy Arboretum to experience the best of the forest roads. We'll celebrate a few birthdays along the way, stop for lunch, and enjoy spending time together. For the ambitious hikers who want to start the year with a long hike, plan to shuttle a car and hike to the Arboretum--about 11 miles. For those who want a shorter hike, shuttle a car to the Saddle and hike to the parking lot on Sulphur Springs Road--about five and one-half miles. One other option? Park at Oak Creek and turn around wherever you choose as the halfway point. This hike has something for everyone.

Sign up and get more information [HERE](#).

Happy New Year!

Get involved in a BRAT

The Broadbands in the Pacific Northwest have formed Broads Regional Advocacy Teams, BRATs, to focus attention and actions on issues we care about. Most of these groups meet quarterly via Zoom. If you would like more information and/or to be added to a mailing list, contact these Willamette Valley Broadband member representatives and leaders.

- 1) Lower Snake River Dams - Kelly Burnett, kellymarieburnett@gmail.com
- 2) Healthy Forests and Rivers - Chandra LeGue, cl@oregonwild.org
- 3) Wildlife Protection - Su Libby, bigwiscon@gmail.com
- 4) Cattle Grazing - Marjorie Stuart, marjorie.stuart@gmail.com



Maya's New Years' Hikers 2022

And also of interest:

PIELC, the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference

PIELC will be back in Eugene in 2023, March 2 - March 5. The conference features panels and speakers under this year's theme "Reconnecting and Transitioning Together." **Broads plan to table at the event.** If you're interested in taking a tabling shift please let Cyndi know at 541-570-1055. For more information and to register for the conference visit: <http://pielc.org/>

Recreationists of all ages enjoy the OSU Research Forests

blogs.oregonstate.edu/collegeofforestry/2022/12/14/recreationists-of-all-ages-enjoy-the-osu-research-forests/

December 14, 2022

by Steve Lundeberg

Among the recreationists who regularly enjoy McDonald and Dunn research forests are members of a nationwide, grassroots organization of women dedicated to the preservation of America's wild places.



Great Old Broads and Bros enjoy McDonald Forest, rain or shine.

“We lead hikes here every month, sometimes more. We’re grateful to have the forest accessible,” said Peg Herring of the [Willamette Valley Broadband](#), a local chapter of the national [Great Old Broads for Wilderness](#). “We appreciate that the College of Forestry offers the research forest as a place for community members to hike and recreate and find solitude in the natural world. And we appreciate that the stewardship plans for the forest are being shared with those who use and love the forest. We are keen to protect its ecological values, which are irreplaceable.”

Headquartered in Durango, Colorado, Great Old Broads for Wilderness was founded in 1989 by “older women who love wilderness,” according to its website, for the purpose of bringing “knowledge, leadership and humor to the wilderness preservation movement.”

Since its inception, Great Old Broads has spread throughout the United States in the form of Broadbands, member-run local or regional chapters that support the group’s mission of education, advocacy, outreach and collaborative stewardship. Willamette Valley is one of four Broadbands in Oregon.

Among Great Old Broads is a strong representation of retired professionals, academics and scientists, said Herring, herself an OSU professor emerita of science communication. The Willamette Valley Broadband was established about 15 years ago by another OSU professor emerita, Carol Savonen, and now there are more than 300 people on its newsletter mailing list.

“It gives us opportunities to organize for the purpose of educating ourselves about forest issues and research, and it offers a beautiful place to recreate together,” Herring said. “The accessibility of McDonald and Dunn forests is a real gift to the community. Our desire is to see the forest sustained not just as a timber plantation but as a demonstration of research and ecological management as part of its mission of education.

“The Willamette Valley Broadband is focused on the legacy that’s left to future generations, and we’d like that to be an intact forest where students can learn and visitors can experience how forest ecosystems function,” she added. “We want to do all we can to ensure the forest is managed with that in mind.”

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 \$35 per year, visit the website greatoldbroads.org.

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