
SUMMER 2021

Our optimism cannot be a sunny day attitude. It has to be gritty, determined, relentless. ~ Christina Figueres, Costa Rican diplomat who was the architect of the 2015 Paris agreement.

See the Trees, Save the Forest, Heal the Planet
A Broad Base Camp



Twenty five Broads and Bros survived the heatwave of June 27-30 camped at the Lost Prairie Group Camp Site in the Willamette National Forest. We were *gritty, determined and relentless* in our education, our stewardship and in our fun with each other during this event.

We are taking July off from Advocacy Night, hikes or other Broadband events. However, we will not take time off sharing important actions to take to protect the planet.

Hiking with Maya will resume in September

Upcoming and Save the Dates:

August Advocacy Night

Probably Still on Zoom

Monday, August 9

6:00 pm

Topic? TBD

Summer Book Broads with Carol

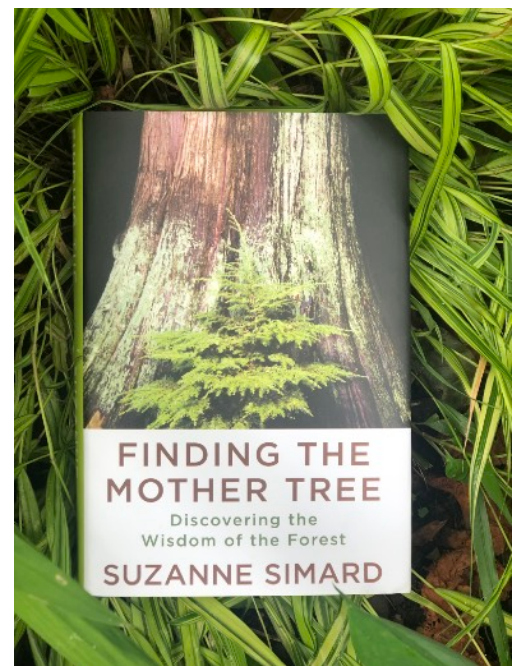
Friday, August 27

4:00 pm in Cyndi's yard

315 Stanard Avenue in Brownsville

With drinks and nibbles

Hot off the press is the book we'll be reading for our summer selection. Suzanne Simard's first book, "Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering Wisdom of the Forest" is reportedly as moving as it is educational. Simard received her PhD in Forest Sciences at OSU and now teaches at University of British Columbia. She is one of the world's leading forest ecologists and has been compared to Rachel Carson because of the way she conveys complex, technical ideas in a way that's dazzling and profound. Google her TED talks watched by millions about how trees talk to each other. RSVP info will be sent in August calendar.



We plan to gather again in early October!

Please keep Sunday, October 3rd open for a lunch potluck, program and meeting in Pioneer Park in Brownsville.

Advocacy Actions and More

PNW Wildlife BRAT

This **Broads Regional Action Team** is being launched in 2021. A short term goal (Summer 2021) will be membership in The Oregon Wildlife Coalition (currently includes Defenders of Wildlife, Oregon Wild, HSUS, Cascadia Wildlands, Center for Biological Diversity and several others). Longer term goals may involve research, lobbying activities, and more depending on what group members decide. Anyone interested in participating, please send their full name and email address (physical address and phone number would be helpful also). There are no obligations to be on the list and participation is contingent on individuals interests.

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River Democracy Act

Senator Wyden's River Democracy Act just got its first hearing in the Senate - a crucial first step towards passage. As a part of the hearing process, the Senate is inviting public comment for the next week. You can show your support for protected rivers by submitting a public comment in support of the bill **until July 7!**

[Click here to submit a comment.](#)

Forest Waters

For those interested in fish and water quality and efforts in Oregon to better protect streams in forested landscapes (including private timber lands), check out this 2nd workshop on mapping waterways to protect forest waters on Jul 8 at 4pm: [Register here to join!](#)

The workshop will feature Ted Labbe from the Oregon Greenspaces Institute, Conrad Gowell with Wild Fish Conservancy and Maria Farinacci with Coast Range Forest Watch to discuss ways communities can help chart unmapped or mis-classified waterways to expand protections for forested watersheds.

Nikki Swanson, Sweet Home District Ranger for the Willamette National Forest and her entire interdisciplinary team, spent a day with us during the campout explaining what they do and why they do it and answering tough questions from passionate-about leaving-trees-standing Broads and Bros. Of course we gifted them with our signature bandannas.



Did you know that the Willamette Valley Broadband has a FaceBook page? Here it is!

<https://www.facebook.com/Willamette-Valley-Broadband-Great-Old-Broads-for-Wilderness-660007134086136>

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.