
MARCH 2022

“The coolest most amazing people I have met in my life are the ones who are not very interested in power or money, but who are very interested in laughter and courage and grace under duress and holding hands against the darkness, and finding new ways to solve old problems, and being attentive and tender and kind to every sort of being, especially dogs and birds, and of course children.” Author Brian Doyle from his book ‘Chicago’



Nan Van Sandt checking out a legacy tree near House Rock

Monday, March 14
Advocacy Night
6:00 pm
on Zoom
Sign Up [HERE](#)

Saving Old Forests: The Climate-Forests Campaign

Learn more about the newly-launched, nation-wide effort to end mature and old-growth logging on public lands. Yes, we all know how important

these forests are to combat climate change, protect biodiversity, and provide habitat, recreation, and clean water. Now we just need to get our government on board to protect them! We'll talk about the campaign's strategy and go over concrete ways GOB - from the National level to our local Broadband - can get involved. Get more information from Oregon Wild about the campaign [HERE](#).

Sign up for March Advocacy Night [HERE](#).

Tuesday, March 22
Hiking with Maya
Silver Falls State Park

In Silver Falls State Park we'll hike the Trail of Ten Falls. This beautiful hike will take us through forested canyons to visit 10 spectacular waterfalls, five more than 100 feet high. The full loop to see all 10 waterfalls (from South Falls to North Falls) is a moderate hike of 7.2 miles, gaining 800 feet of elevation. For those wishing a shorter hike and a shorter day, there are other loops that are either 5.1 or 2.8 miles. At this time of the year, we should experience the falls in all their glory because of the rainfall. This hike could be muddy and slippery so bring poles and sturdy shoes and a good sense of adventure. Hopefully we can easily arrange carpools from Corvallis, Albany, Brownsville and Eugene. Sign up for the hike [HERE](#).

Questions? Email Maya at maya.abels@gmail.com.



Save the date and get your book!
Spring Book Broads with Carol
Friday, May 6
4:00 pm
Location TBD

Carol has selected a Brian Doyle classic, *Mink River*, about a fictional town on the Oregon coast. Will we meet on Zoom or in person? Time will tell.

More information to come.

Hike Leaders STILL wanted!

Do you love to hike and explore new trails? Would you consider leading a hike to one of your favorite places? We encourage more people to lead a hike. And we promise to make it easy for you. All you have to do is choose the date, the time, the distance and the starting place. Your leadership team will send out the notice and create the Signup Genius for registration. You can do this once or as often as you want. If this appeals to you, contact Maya at maya.abels@gmail.com.



February hikers Carolyn Petersen, Beth Brown, Amy Rossman, Becky Garrett, Cyrel Gable, and Ann Filson at Fitton Green.

Tuesday, March 1
Forest, Wildlife and Natural
Resources Policy in Oregon
7:00 pm

John Selker is running for Oregon's 4th House seat (Defazio) and is hosting a series of Policy Conversations. This one is lead by Brenda McComb, a retired OSU Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Oregon State University and Professor Emerita in the OSU Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society. She has independently served as a Chief of the Watershed Ecology Branch in Corvallis for the U.S. EPA. She holds a BS and MS from the University of Connecticut, and a PhD in Forestry from Louisiana State University. She continues to advise graduate students working on forest habitat selection studies, is a consultant on forest management issues, and serves on the Oregon Board of Forestry and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

[REGISTER HERE](#) to receive a Zoom link and passcode to join the conversation. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Public Interest Environmental Law Conference

March 3-6

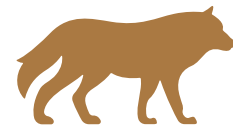
It's time for the 40th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC)! This year's PIELC will be held remotely (barring one outdoor Nature Walk held for attendees here in Eugene) from March 3-6, 2022. The full schedule is posted below.

The conference will be an event full of energy, innovation, and inspiration for all of us involved in the environmental movement. Whether you are a seasoned conference attendee or a first-time participant, we look forward to (virtually) seeing you soon.

the PIELC will be hosting some incredible keynote speakers! Find more information and get the schedule [HERE](#).

Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list for the [Broads Regional Action Team \(BRAT\)](#) to focus on [wildlife issues](#) contact Su Libby at bigwiscon@gmail.com



March 21 at 6:00

And speaking of wildlife protection, join Danielle Moser, wildlife program coordinator for Oregon Wild, for an advocacy training in preparation for Wildlife Lobby Week, March 22-25.

<http://oregonwild.org/events/march-2022-wild-ones>.

AND [sign up for the actual advocacy week](#) to receive information about the meetings with Congressional members (and/or their staff).

It will all be virtual.

Advocacy Action to Take NOW

Please take a minute to ask the Biden administration to protect mature and old-growth forests. We have an opportunity **until March 7th** to submit comments on “30x30” — an effort to protect 30 percent of lands and waters by 2030 to help address the growing climate and biodiversity crises in our country. The Biden administration is seeking input on an “American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas” to identify areas, actions, and values that can help meet 30x30 objectives. Get more information and how you can comment [HERE](#).

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

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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.

