
MARCH & APRIL 2023



“Like halcyon days bracketed by storms, a good river accentuates the fleeting quality of happiness. There’s no complacency. What else makes a good river? Birds of all sizes, songs, and shapes and among them the kingfisher presides. This is the bird that scours the currents, launders the sky, and rinses the forest with every cleansing wingbeat.”

-Marina Richie from *Halcyon Journey*

Public Interest Environmental Law Conference March 2-5, 2023 Eugene

The four-day Conference includes over 125 panels, workshops, and multi-media presentations addressing a broad spectrum of environmental law and advocacy. Topics include: forest protection and ecological restoration, grazing and mining reform, labor and human rights, air and water pollution, Native American treaty rights, globalization and “free” trade, environmental justice, corporate responsibility, marine wilderness, international environmental law, water rights and dam removal, oil and gas litigation, genetic engineering, and urban growth.

To register and for more information:

<http://pielc.org/about-us/>

**The Broads will be tabling at this event on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
Interested in taking a 2 hour shift?**

Contact Cyndi at [541-570-1055](tel:541-570-1055) or thebrownsvillehouse@gmail.com.

There will be a gathering of Broads attending the conference on Friday evening. For more information contact Chandra LeGue: chandralegue@gmail.com

**Instead of our usual Advocacy Night in March we invite you to join
Danielle Moser's training for
Wildlife Lobby Week
Monday, March 13
6:00 pm**

Get more information and sign up here:

<https://www.oregonwild.org/events/march-2023-wildlife-lobby-week-training>

**Maya's Signs of Spring Hike
Tuesday, March 14**

March hiking lifts Maya's spirits and she hopes it will for you too. We will hike somewhere special to see the earliest signs of Spring. This hike is for Broads who like to hike at a moderate pace, are interested in hiking 7-10 miles, and who want to spend the morning with others who like to do the same. To get details and sign up for this hike go [HERE](#).



The February hikers

For those of you who love to hike and wish these hikes would be shorter, consider choosing a day and a route, and Maya will organize it for you. All you have to do is show up and know where you are going. And if you want ideas on where to go, she has lots of ideas. All you have to do is hike it once or twice before you take others so you can be the guide. We encourage other volunteers to lead hikes! To have Maya help you organize your own hike email her: maya.abels@gmail.com

**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 creek-side planting, monitoring stream temperatures and water quality and doing some fish trap monitoring sound? Join us to find out more!

Please RSVP [HERE](#) for in-person or Zoom.

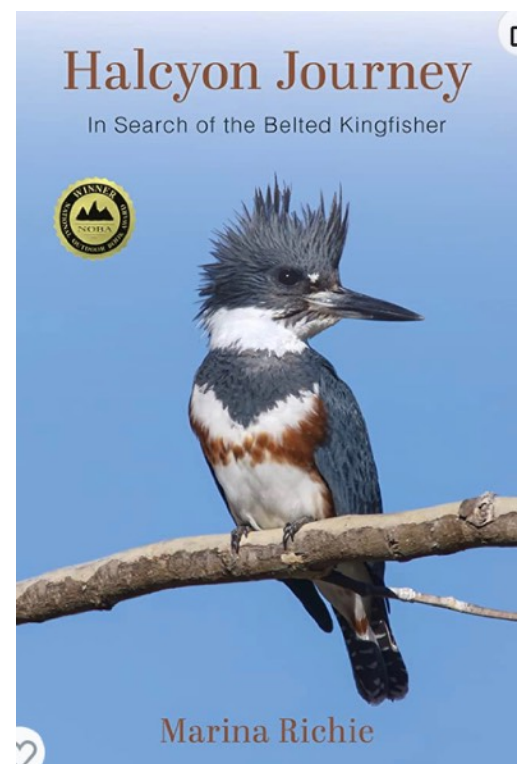


**Earth Day is Saturday, April 22.
We will be participating in a rally so
Save the Date. More info to come...**



**Spring Book Broads with Carol
Friday, April 28
4:00 pm
Probably on Zoom. Look for details in April.**

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.



Summertime Wilderness Monitoring 2023

Are you starting to dream of summer adventures in the Cascades? Maya Abels and Lynn Humphrey are in active talks with OSU and the Forest Service about writing another grant to conduct wilderness monitoring in **July and August**. Volunteers will be reimbursed for mileage, will receive a t-shirt and hopefully some other perks. You would be expected to participate in training and then spend time walking the trails. Our preference will be for volunteers to backpack in and camp at least one night on the trail. For those of you who get motivated, you can earn a Central Cascades permit for 2024 that will allow you to hike wherever and whenever you want to go. You won't have to apply for a permit because you'll receive a permit that allows you to take one other person with you. Please send Maya an email if you think you might be interested in participating: maya.abels@gmail.com with the heading **Wilderness Volunteering**. Help organizing this effort is also needed. Please let Maya know if you are interested.



The trainers and some of the trainees of the class of 2022 wilderness monitors.

Join the class of 2023!

Take Action NOW!

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, [hundreds of thousands of acres](#) 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 <https://www.climate-forests.org/take-action> and help Broads and our allies send a message that is loud and clear!

And also of interest:

Join Oregon Wild's **WILD WEDNESDAY WEBCASTS**. Find information about the next one on March 15, [HERE](#) featuring our own Chandra LeGue.

Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list to focus on [wildlife issues](#) contact Su Libby at bigwiscon@gmail.com

And one more item of interest....

Presented By:   

2023 Re-Wilding Oregon Conference

Limited to 160 Participants



May 13, 2023 @ Lake Creek Lodge
Camp Sherman, Oregon

Registration opens April 1st

<https://bit.ly/RewildingOregon>



Panels on:
Carnivores, 30x30, Forest Ecosystems,
Desert Ecosystems & Native Fish



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.

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

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