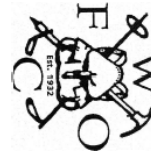


2016-2017

Member Clubs & Organizations

Angora Hiking Club
California Alpine Club
California State Park Rangers Association
Cascadians
Chemeketans
Chinook Trail Association
Contra Costa Hills Club
Friends of Mt. Hood
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Friends of Oregon Caves
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Hobnailers
Indian Creek Botanical Mission
Klahhane Club
Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center
Mazamas
Montana Wilderness Association
Mt. St. Helens Club
Nature Friends
Obsidians
Olympians
Olympic Park Associates
Oregon Nordic Club
Oregon Wild
Rusk Ranch Nature Center
Santiam Alpine Club
Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter
Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter
Sierra Club, Mother Lode Chapter
Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter
Sierra Club, Toiyabe Chapter
Siskiyou Audubon Society
Siskiyou Field Institute
Skagit Alpine Club
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
Tamalpais Conservation Club
Trails Club of Oregon
Washington Alpine Club
Whitman College Outdoor Program
Wilderness Watch
Winter Wildlands Alliance



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**Dedicated to protecting
our natural environment**

**Uniting Western
conservation groups in
a shared agenda**

“All ethics ... rest upon a single premise: that the individual is a member of a community of interdependent parts ... The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land ... A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”

-Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac



CONSERVATION AIMS

Primary Objectives

- To secure additional protection for qualified areas of wilderness on public lands.
- To set aside land for wildlife refuges and work to protect wildlife and native plant habitat
- To protect, restore and preserve the natural integrity and quality of air, water, soils, rivers, lakes, wetlands, coastal shorelines, grasslands, deserts and alpine and montane zones valuable for recreation
- To promote stewardship of forests on public and private lands, while preserving remaining old-growth forests



HOW IT WORKS

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs and Associates relies on members from the Western States and Washington DC to carry out its mission. FWOC members act on conservation issues at national and state hearings by gathering information, sending out member alerts, and collaborating with other environmental organizations and agencies to provide testimony.

VOICES OF THE FEDERATION

- **In Congress and at Public Hearings:** The FWOC president is its chief spokesperson; however, State Vice Presidents may be authorized to speak officially on behalf of the Federation
- **Publications:** The Federation publishes *Outdoors West*, a biannual newsletter. Topical bulletins are sent by regional officers on special issues.
- **Email Alerts:** Members are updated on current issues and training opportunities.



ANNUAL CONVENTION AND RESOLUTIONS

Each year delegates from member organizations attend an annual convention.

- To learn about current issues from a cadre of conservation speakers
- To discuss resolutions submitted by organizations and individual members
- To adopt resolutions to strengthen our Conservation Aims

Resolutions address a diversity of issues. Some specific to an area may provide an early warning of new widespread challenges. Our policy advisor works to broaden the framework of an individual resolution. This forges coalitions on a common issue, harnessing the energy of thousands of concerned members, including public officials, legislators and private bodies, ones responsible for long-range plans to preserve our natural resources.

MISSION

- To unite its member clubs behind a shared agenda of conservation goals.
- To help its member clubs become more effective in their own conservation work by educating them on the basic issues; by disseminating information on the challenges and opportunities for conservation; and by fostering understanding of effective means for reaching its goals.
- To lend its support to the conservation campaigns of allied groups that specialize in given issues (in pursuit of its shared agenda).
- To help its member clubs find solutions to their operating problems through sharing information about solutions that some may have found.

HISTORY

As the American frontier closed in the late 19th century and a land ethic emerged founded on enjoyment and preservation of natural beauty rather than economic exploitation, people throughout the West began to gather in local outdoor clubs. In 1932, in response to the growing need for the cooperation and coordination of these clubs, the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs was organized. Through the years, the Federation has helped expand our systems to protect nature.