

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (& Associates)

Establish in 1932 for the Mutual Service and for the Promotion of the Proper Use, Enjoyment and Protection of America's Scenic Wilderness and Outdoor Recreation Resources

President's Invitation – June 2018

Greeting Everyone,

I am inviting you to attend the **2018 FWOC Conference, the weekend of August 17-19, in Los Altos, California**, hosted by the California State Park Rangers Association and the California Alpine Club. They have scheduled experts in conservation and environmental issues to help us promote and protect outdoor values.



Subsidized by the Winchell Thrall Hayward bequest, conference registration is \$180.00 for food and accommodations. **Registrations are due by July 14th.**

We receive dozens of appeals for support on hundreds of concerns regarding wilderness, water, forests and wildlife daily. It is difficult, by myself, to respond to all these communications without background on the issues we are asked to support as a Federation. However, by having many organizations and individuals share in a common cause there is always the opportunity to reach out to other FWOC members for information, opinions and education to broaden our knowledge and add validity to our responses.

During the conference there are so many opportunities to share your concerns and network with a broad spectrum of individuals and organizations. As a result you will have the opportunity to hear how they are dealing with local as well as national issues. Since 1932, FWOC has delivered hundreds of messages through the use and sharing of our resolutions. In going through past minutes and newsletters I realized how extremely relevant they are today. Available on our website, resolutions can add support on the particular issues. **You may submit new resolutions** to Sydney Herbert; 5125 SW Dosch Rd; Portland, Oregon 97239-1252 **by August 1**. They will be voted on by delegates at the conference and those resolutions adopted will be published in the next Outdoors West.

We all recognize the extreme importance to be vocal in supporting generations of protection our predecessors achieved, not only in this country, but also worldwide. Bikes in wilderness is one of the top issues across the country today. Attempts to reduce the size of current protected lands and forests must be opposed and it requires numbers to have an influence. As I mentioned, there are so many separate concerns that will require a united front to have an influence in the outcome. It cannot be left to a few large organizations to address the issues alone. The more names that are added to the cause, the more impact it will have.

Come share and experience the wonderful comradery of organizations and the people of FWOC and learn how together we can continue to protect our natural environment.

Sincerely,
George Milne
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