



Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs President's Message January 2023



Greetings and happy new year to everyone. We are excited to witness so many environmental successes in the last few years, despite all the setbacks. Accomplishments of grave importance to our county and to our world include those of our own member organizations and ones restored by the Biden Administration that were cancelled by our previous president.

FWOC continues to be hard hit internally from the long reach of Covid still sweeping across our nation - the organization's annual in-person conference has been on a three-year hiatus, instead moving to a Zoom meeting format. Efforts are under way to make a real conference happen in late August or early September 2023, yet nothing is confirmed at this time. You will be notified of the time and place as plans solidify.

Whether through Zoom or In-Person, the conference will continue to hold elections for officers and regional vice-presidents as well as vote on resolutions submitted by member organizations. This assures we remain up-to-date on our website resources used to advocate for important environmental change.

Currently, our organizational strong suit is relying on the technology of our digital age. As you prioritize your commitments for the new year, consider sharing leadership skills needed to guide us back toward utilizing our 2018 Strategic Plan to implement our six prevailing strategies. Number one is to reinvigorate resources for State VP Outreach to our Member Organizations. It's important to remember that our strength resides in the volunteer efforts of our members, and FWOC will continue to inform members on important issues through our website and newsletter.

If you are interested in sharing your leadership skills, please contact me, George Milne (Georgemilne44@gmail.com, phone 503 572-8512) or Secretary / Treasurer John Rettig (johnbrettig@yahoo.com, phone 503-805-1525).

Sincerely,
George Milne