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10 am to 4 pm, Saturday, September 28th, 2019

McMenamins Olympic Club

112 N Tower Ave., Centralia, Washington

The Federation invites member clubs and members to its annual meeting Saturday, September 28th at McMenamins historic Olympic Club near from the train station in Centralia, Washington. FWOC is postponing this year's full Convention. The annual meeting will feature updates on FWOC, the election of officers, voting on Resolutions and Conservation presentations. A complimentary luncheon will be served. We are encouraging attendees to come by Amtrak train from Seattle or Portland to lower our group's carbon emissions.

McMenamins is noted for its restoration of historic sites into trendy restaurants and hotels. The infamous Olympic Club in Centralia, Washington opened in 1908 and had its first opulent remodel in 1913. It was the posh rendezvous for gamblers, train robbers, bootleggers and ladies of the evening. McMenamins' updated Olympic Club has its historic



bar, a restaurant, movie theater, meeting room and 27 hotel rooms and halls decked with historic photographs. Attendees who also wish to spend the night may make reservations online at www.mcmenamins.com. Please RSVP your attendance by September 15th to raelene@seanet.com.

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Olympic Club's magnificent mahogany bar with lead glass canopies.

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 Bark, Portland, OR
 California Alpine Club, Mill Valley, CA
 California State Park Ranger Association (CSPRA), Bowman, CA
 Chemeketans, Salem, OR
 Chinook Trail Association, Vancouver, WA
 Contra Costa Hills Club, Oakland, CA
 Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Portland, OR
 Friends of Mt Hood, Clackamas, OR
 Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Reno, NV
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 Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Durango, CO
 Hobnailers, Spokane, WA
 Indian Creek Botanical Mission, Selma, OR
 Klahhane Club, Port Angeles, WA
 Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, Williams, OR
 Mazamas, Portland, OR
 Mt. St. Helens Club, Longview, WA
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 Obsidians, Eugene, OR
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 Oregon Wild, Portland, OR
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 Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, Los Angeles, CA
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 Siskiyou Audubon Society, Grants Pass, OR
 Siskiyou Field Institute, Selma, OR
 Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Salt Lake City, UT
 Tamalpais Conservation Club, Mill Valley, CA
 Trails Club of Oregon, Portland, OR
 Washington Alpine Club, Seattle, WA
 Whitman College Outdoor Program, Walla Walla, WA
 Wilderness Watch, Missoula, MT
 Winter Wildlands Alliance, Boise, ID



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Established 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

FWOC News



Shirley Cameron

FWOC is sorry to see our Vice-President **Jorry Rolfe**, resign as she is moving backeast. Jorry was very helpful with technology and to our Investment Committee. We welcome our new Vice-President **Robertson Miller**, a member of the Washington Alpine Club. *See page 5 for more about Roberson.*

We are also sorry to see long time ExCom member **Jan Walker** resign as Jan says she is "feeling old." We especially appreciate the two Conventions she organized at the Siskiyou Institute in Selma, Oregon.

We also say goodbye to longtime dedicated Executive Committee member **Shirley Cameron**, who passed away on July 13th, 2018 at the age of 90. Shirley compiled Club News for *Outdoors West* and represented the Obsidians,

where she served as Conservation Chair. Her warmth, positiveness and wisdom were very much appreciated at our meetings and conventions.

We are urgently seeking new younger Executive Committee members to serve as State Vice-Presidents. Please help. *See page 5.*

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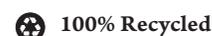
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

I have been impressed with the recent efforts of our member organizations and individuals to promote protection of existing public lands and resources in the political turmoil of this last year. In addition, efforts to promote inclusion of current unprotected lands has had success in a few places as well.

I have represented FWOC in joining the Sierra Club in the opposition to the Jordan Cove LNG Export Terminal in Southern Oregon. We have addressed this issue in the past, but it keeps coming up.

Also, I have represented FWOC in support of KS Wild in reference to the Shasta Agness Timber sale in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in the Oregon Coast Range.

We have also signed on to a letter addressed to the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Chelan National Resources Department regarding the Icicle Creek Water Resource Management Strategy. The letter refers to outstanding gaps and deficiencies in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. There are 33 other organizations that have added their name to this letter.

FWOC members, and member organizations, have been active in addressing issues throughout the Western States.

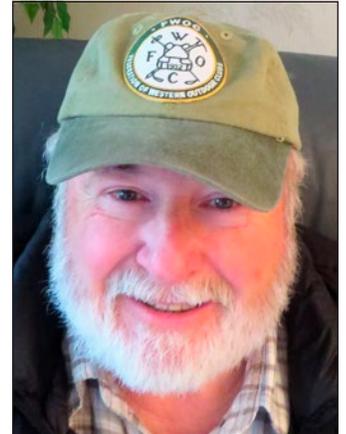
Unfortunately, I suffered an internal infection that seriously impacted my ability to plan and react to FWOC needs. Several ExCom members have been carrying the load, and doing so successfully. We have now been restored to our 501-C4 status with the Federal

Government thanks to Sylvia Milne, John Rettig and Robertson Miller along with our accountant Troy Reichlein.

We will not have the usual 3-day annual conference this year. We will have a one day meeting September 28th in Centralia, Washington to conduct necessary business for 2019. Raelene Gold and Shelley Spalding have worked to arrange for our meeting place at the McMenamins Olympia Club, which is a block from the Amtrak train station in Centralia. Several members have already committed to come by train.

It is important to have as many organizations participate in this meeting as possible to enable us to pass new resolutions as well as elect officers for the next year. Sylvia and I are planning to stay overnight at McMenamins Friday and Saturday to visit with those that want to do the same and facilitate a longer drive home the following day. Please email Raelene at raelene@seanet.com by September 15th to indicate your attendance.

Sincerely,
George Milne



*FWOC President
George Milne*



Joe Fontaine, with wife Bugs, receiving the Conservation Award from Marianne Scharping.



John Rettig receiving the FWOC Service Award from Marianne Scharping

2019 FWOC ANNUAL MEETING

History of the Area

Centralia began as a stopping place for stages driving between the Columbia River and Seattle. It was platted in 1850 and incorporated in

FWOC's NEW VICE PRESIDENT

While attending the FWOC annual meeting in Los Altos, California, August 17–19th I was honored with an offer to become FWOC Vice President. My name is Robertson Miller and I live in Kirkland, Washington. I am a member of the Washington Alpine Club (WAC).

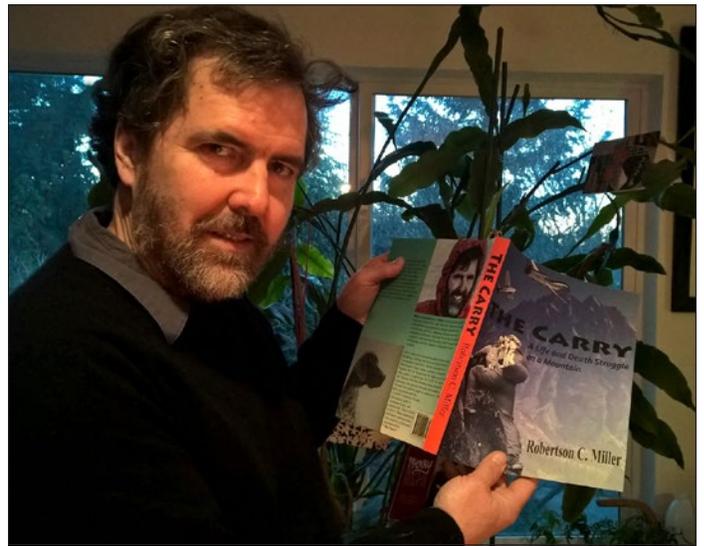
I graduated from University of California, Irvine, in 1982 with BS in Information & Computer Science. While still in high school I began working in the tech industry and continued through college and after graduation until I retired in 2015. I married my wife on January 1st, 1983. We have one daughter.

While in college I used to spend weekends hiking in the mountains above Palm Springs, California. Work and family demands mostly ended that until 2010 when I began hiking and mountaineering. I've climbed five west coast volcanos including five summits of Mount Rainier. I work as a volunteer climbing instructor in the WAC's Basic Climbing Class.

I hope to bring another perspective to the FWOC's conservation activities. I believe strongly in preserving our beautiful landscapes, wilderness areas, mountains, rivers and seas. I also believe it's important to seek cost-benefit analysis of proposed FWOC resolutions and carefully examine what may be unintended consequences of otherwise well-meaning initiatives.

As Vice President I want to have an electronic "open-door policy." I look forward to receiving feedback (positive or negative), suggestions and comments. My e-mail address is RobertsonMiller2015@gmail.com. I can be found on Facebook by searching for "Robertson Miller."

Your new VP is also an author. My novel, *The Carry*, a mountain rescue story, can be found on Amazon by searching for my name and book title. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did writing it.



Robertson Miller

Please Help! Bring Your Passion and Expertise to FWOC

The FWOC was incorporated in 1932 to unite western outdoor clubs behind a shared conservation agenda and to be able to take legislative action. At the time many outdoor climbing and hiking groups had been formed to explore the western outdoors and wanted to be able protect those precious public lands they knew and loved.

The FWOC is currently in urgent need of new, motivated, volunteers to join the Executive Committee. ExCom members are composed of members of member groups and individual members from across the western states. We meet by in person or by teleconference about four times a year and hold an annual convention.

We are especially in need of new Executive Committee members for the position of State Vice Presidents for Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana or Nevada. State Vice Presidents do outreach to member organizations in one or a part of a State, keep up with the activities of member groups, report on and initiate action on conservation issues and attend FWOC meetings and the annual convention. Our annual conventions provide the opportunity to visit and appreciate many treasured places in the West.

Please email or call FWOC President George Milne and learn more about playing a role in FWOC.

The Federation has a widely diverse group of member clubs. The founding members in 1932 and early joiners were focused on getting outside into western landscapes and mountain climbing and hiking. They also had a strong interest in conservation and saw the Federation as a vehicle to address conservation legislation. Since the 1970s with the new environmental movement, new members, called environmental organizations rather than clubs, have tended to prioritize conservation of certain states or areas.

Please send your newsletters or a newsworthy article for Club News to Raelene Gold at raelene@seanet.com or by mail to Raelene Gold, 16614 Juanita Dr NE, Kenmore, WA 98028.

CALIFORNIA

California Alpine Club has two lodges and a very active hiking calendar. They have a wonderful Facebook page filled with sharing of photos of trips showing the weather, plants and animals they encounter. Check it out: www.facebook.com/groups/102003342589.



Contra Costa Hills Club (CCHC) in El Cerrito, CA is a hiking club located in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. They schedule hikes on Thursday and Sunday of each week, and scheduled overnight outings during the year. Founded in 1920, CCHC will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary next February 2020. They already began celebratory events with a May 18th tour of the John Muir House in Martinez, CA.



California State Parks Ranger Association FWOc continue to be grateful to Mike Lynch and Ann Meneguzzi for the the grand September 2018

FWOC Annual Convention in San Jose, California that they organized. The author speakers were fantastic and the attendance one of our best. Mike and Ann continue to be very active working for CSPRA and on the organization's CSPRA annual meetings.



Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter. The 50,000 member strong Angeles Chapter based in Los Angeles is focusing on climate change by organizing public forums and presentations on clean energy and making the connections between public health and clean air and water, and relating climate change to drought, fire, emissions and sea level rise. They are planning a "Hike for Clean Air" through the city to raise money for their conservation work.



Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter based in Bakersfield is opposing a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) draft proposal for the lease/or sale of 1.2 million acres of BLM land for oil productions from fracking. They organized a turnout of 75 people for a hearing on the draft proposal May 21st. The main issues voiced were about health effects, including the well-documented hazards of drilling such as asthma, COPD, birth defects, early dementia in the elderly and even possibly Parkinson's disease. Many of these

impacts are caused by increased particle pollutants in the air as well as around fracking sitesald Beldernss heBaterled inDtur82.1 (a)5 (n)9 (g)10.9 o spion rpawlik" to(imo(r)-19.9 (t41 (a)5 (n)0 t (c)6 (on thePoly Drey and(theCt)61 (as)3.1 c(a)9 ded a(a mod B65.1 (r)13 ()95.9 (a)9 d(w)2.1 (li)-12 (k They(t)14 ou(r)13 (e)6 (dmony of the fur Sr)122 o(ck)-8 (in)9 (gmpos)5.1 utsifromping to



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Compiled by Raelene Gold



that current operation of Columbia and Snake River dams is causing continued irreparable harm to imperiled salmon and steelhead and has ordered increased water releases over spillways to improve salmon survival rates for juvenile salmon migrating to the ocean. Agencies are now conducting a NEPA Environmental Impact Statement review that must consider removing the lower four Snake River dams as one of the several alternatives in the analysis. This analysis is due to be completed by 2021.

OREGON

Mazamas is based at their Mazamas Mountaineering Center in Portland and owns a lodge near Mt. Hood. Its mission is “inspiring everyone to love and protect the mountains.” It is a founding member now celebrating its 125th year. It is our largest member club with 465 members. Mazamas currently is offering its support to a conservation partner, BARK, another FWOC member club and the protector of Mt. Hood National Forest.



Oregon Wild based in Portland is Oregon’s largest conservation group. This summer it holds its Fifteenth Annual Outdoor Photo Contest and a great roster of hikes and outings to get those shots. “Find your wild” by hiking in old growth forests, then go up on a Salmon River Tree Climb, or float down the Deschutes or Rogue River for 5 days. Check out the full roster of events at www.oregonwild.org; events are open to all.



Bark is also based in Portland but centers its activities in the Mt. Hood National Forest. It is leading the “Free Mt. Hood” campaign that strives to change Mt. Hood National Forest’s Management Plan. The goal is to change the plan from the current emphasis on converting mature natural forest into managed plantations to managing the

forest according to surrounding community values such as climate change, recreation and clean drinking water.

Bark is holding its annual Summer Base Camp this August, a public campout in the beautiful Mt. Hood National Forest, during which campers will contribute time to gather critical field information on proposed logging projects in the surrounding area. They invite everyone to join them and experience the joy of living in the forest! Mt. Hood is currently one of the top carbon-storing forests in the country, placing its future management at the forefront of averting the most catastrophic effects of climate change. The immediate area around the camp has spectacular scenic beauty including intact ancient forest, high mountain lakes, and dazzling native plant species. To be involved go to: www.bark-out.org.



Angora Hiking Club based in Westport is also celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020. The Centennial Planning Committee decided to hold 12 Centennial hikes, done in past decades, leading up to the final hike on their founding date of July 4th on Saddle Mountain.



Chemetkans based in Salem was founded in 1928 and currently has 700 members. Their primary activity is day hiking but includes many other outdoor activities and special events. We schedule cross-country ski trips, snowshoe outings, bicycle trips, canoe/kayak adventures, backpacks, mountain climbs, and picture nights where members and guests share their adventures. Other events include museum trips, urban hikes, car camps, and building and maintaining trails. We own a mountain cabin which members can reserve. There is a program for those who wish to share in the club’s ever expanding commitment to conservation of natural resources. We

have an Annual Banquet and a two-week Annual Outing which will go to Lassen Volcanic National Park this summer.

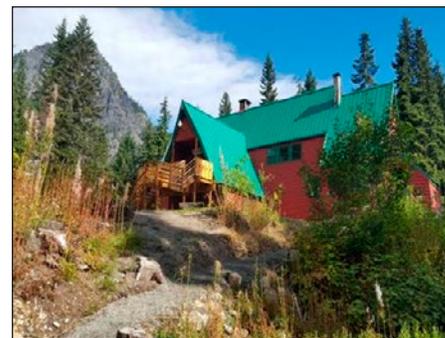
WASHINGTON

Mt. St. Helens Club, based in Longview was founded in 1930, is involved with a wide range of activities year-round including hiking, bicycling, paddling, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, weekend retreats, campouts, and social events. Generally two activities are scheduled each week on Mondays (less strenuous) and Saturdays (more strenuous). Meetings are monthly.



Washington Alpine Club is based in Seattle but centers its activities at Guye Cabin near Snoqualmie Pass, which had deep snow last winter. WAC has about 500 members and focuses on mountain climbing, offering basic and intermediate climbing, as well as backcountry classes. Their new President Edlen Altizer is working to increase membership and develop a long-term strategic plan. Former longtime President Mike Mahaney continues as Guye Cabin Chair. He has been successful increasing the cabin usage and rental income. Last summer they hosted 400 hikers from the nearby Pacific Crest Trail which passes nearby. The WAC is hosting hikers again this summer as well as the Pacific Crest Trail Association Trail Crew.

For cabin rentals, go to www.wac.org.



WAC’s Guye Cabin at Snoqualmie Pass

CONSERVATION NEWS

Changes in the 116th Congress after the November 2018 Election

George Nickas, Executive Director of **Wilderness Watch** updated us on the changes in 116th Congress since the last election: The Democrats are now the majority 235–200 in the House. Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) Chairs the House Natural Resources Committee. Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN) is now Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. The GOP remains in control of the Senate 53–47. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) remains the Chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee as well as Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and related Agencies.

Environmental Bills in the 116th Congress

Thanks to member group **Wilderness Watch** in Bozeman, Montana that maintains updated information on wilderness related bills in Congress. Go to www.wildernesswatch.org for more information, bill status and how to take action.

Thanks also to member group **Winter Wildlands Alliance** based in Boise, Idaho dedicated to promoting and preserving winter wildlands and human-powered snowsport experiences on public lands. They also closely track and update public lands and winter recreation bills in Congress. To see their up-to-date bill tracker, go to www.winterwildlands.org.

H.R. 1146 Arctic Cultural and coastal Plain Protection Act. Introduced by Jared Huffman (D-CA), the bill amends the amendment that opened the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil leasing and development, which was included in the 2018 GOP Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Urge your Congressperson and Senator to co-sponsor and support this bill.

H.R. 2579 Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2019. Introduced by Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), the bill would reform and replace the 1872 Mining Act that for the last 147 years has allowed US and foreign mining companies to mine US public lands and pollute waterways for free. Bill also in need of your Congressperson's co-sponsorship and support.

H.R. 2491/S. 1311 Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2019. Permanently codifies the Roadless Rule, which

protects 58.5 million acres of National Forest Lands from logging and road building in 39 states.

H.R. 2652/S. 1382 Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act introduced by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) and Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA), protects 126,500 acres of Olympic National Forest as Wilderness and 19 rivers, totaling 464 river miles as Wild and Scenic Rivers.

S. 10 Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Funding Act Water. Introduced by Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV). Bill also introduced in the House by Representatives Jeff Van Drew (D-NJ) and Raul Grijalva (D-AR). Bill would insure full, guaranteed funding at \$900 million each year for more parks and public lands.

S. 264 To rescind the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to waive Federal law to facilitate the construction of border barriers. Introduced by New Mexico Senators Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall, the bill would prohibit federal funds from being used “to design or construct any levee wall, steel bollard fence, or other wall” within any unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System and National Wildlife Refuge System. Five U.S. designated wilderness areas are found adjacent to the U.S. border with Mexico.

The Administration Moves to Bulldoze Three Critical Environmental Acts

National Environmental Policy Act -NEPA. The Forest Service on June 13th published its proposed changes to its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. NEPA was signed into law in 1970 and insures that the environmental impacts of projects are assessed. Changes would decrease public input on public lands management and expedite logging and roadbuilding.

The Forest Service is trying to weaken that law – the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) – by proposing to eliminate public review for many logging, energy development and road-building projects. See www.oregonwild.org.

Clean Water Act. In December the Administration rolled back federal protections for wetlands and miles of US waterways under the Clean Water Act. Then recently it proposed changes in the CWA permitting rules in order to fast track gas pipelines and energy infrastructure projects. The changes would weaken the ability of states and tribes

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to protect their waters by limiting the time for reviewing a permit and giving the government the ability to override states and tribes denials for water quality permits now necessary for projects to proceed. Denying a water quality permit has been an important tool for states to stop destructive projects. See www.sierraclub.org.

Endangered Species Act – ESA. On August 12th the Administration announced rollbacks of protections of plants and animals under the ESA. The Endangered Species Coalition in Washington DC names it the “Trump Extinction Plan” and lists three ways it weakens the ESA:

1. Removes protections for plants, fish, and wildlife designated as “threatened” under the Endangered Species Act. Under the new rule, states could open hunting and trapping seasons on threatened species unless explicitly prevented from doing so.
2. Encourages policy makers to calculate the perceived economic costs (but not the benefits) of Endangered Species Act protections to plants, fish and wildlife . Under the Act, economic factors were intentionally not considered in listing decisions . Listing decisions should be based on science, not on money. This rule upends that.
3. Makes protecting habitat much more burdensome despite habitat loss being a leading cause of extinction.

The Trump Administration ignored more than one million activists that submitted public comments and rejected the advice of hundreds of scientists, biologists and wildlife experts who oppose the changes. Go to the Endangered Species Coalition’s website for more information and ways to take action: www.endangered.org.

Climate Change and the Green New Deal

The Washington State Legislature made progress in the 2019 session passing five hard fought bills for climate protection. This was after two statewide Carbon Tax Initiatives I-732 in 2016 and I-1631 in 2018 had failed. Governor Inslee was joined by state legislators, Seattle Mayor Durkin and King County Executive Constantine at the bill signing. A smiling Inslee donned a baseball cap with 100% on it and said it was “persistence” that led to this success.

Signed bills included:

- SB 5116 WA 100% clean energy bill, that mandates all electricity sold in the state come from renewable wind, solar, geothermal or hydropower by 2045.
- SHB 1112 reducing greenhouse gas emissions by phasing out use of superpolluting hydrofluorocarbons,
- E3SHB 1257 encouraging energy efficient buildings
- 2SHB 1444 applying energy efficiency standards for appliances
- HB 1512 a transportation electrification bill incentivizing electric vehicle purchases

Governor Inslee has made addressing Climate Change the centerpiece of his campaign for the 2020 Presidency. His plan is credited as the most comprehensive and an operation manual for a Green New Deal.



Washington Governor Jay Inslee at the signing ceremony for Climate Change bills, May 2019 in Seattle

Conservation Member groups in Action

Oregon Wild is sounding the alarm urging action on the U.S. Forest Service’s proposed policy changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): “the U.S. Forest Service is attempting to dismantle one of the most important environmental laws in the country – eliminating environmental review for the majority of activities on our National Forests and fast-tracking approval for logging, road building and other development without public involvement.” ... “Specifically these changes would create loopholes that could vastly increase the

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amount of logging and mining on public land, while keeping the public in the dark and eliminating science-based reviews.”

Passed in 1969, the NEPA is a foundational law protecting the environment. The NEPA requires federal agencies to review the environmental consequences of any proposed activity on public land and document them in an environmental analysis, called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is subject to public comment. The deadline for comments has been extended to August 26th. For more information and to take action go to www.oregonwild.org.

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) continues its hard fight to preserve Bears Ears National Monument that was created by the Obama administration in 2016 to protect Native American cultural and archaeological sites. The Trump Administration has reduced the Monument by 85%. There is currently a legal battle led by Earthjustice to restore the original size of the Monument. Now the site’s managing Bureau of Land Management posted a management plan that further weakens protections. For more information and to take action go to www.suwa.org.

Great Old Broads for Wilderness in Durango, Colorado is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year, now having 40 chapters and 8,500 members nationwide.

Communications Director Susan Kearns writes that the 2018 release of the Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA) spoke to the “alarming effect that global warming will have on ecosystems, infrastructure, economy and health of all living creatures.... The Broads strategic plan includes the goal to make public lands part of the solution to climate change.... The healthier our lands and waters, the better they can weather the impacts of a changing climate and contribute less to the problem.”

Executive Director Shelley Silbert writes: “Our wild landscapes have been drilled and mined for energy for over a century, but now we know that these very activities are leading to global environmental disaster. We believe land that belongs to the public should serve the public interest. We can choose to keep fossil fuel safely underground while we protect and restore our forests, grasslands and deserts to minimize climate change and allow public lands the resilience to adapt to those changes we can’t avoid.”

“Public lands can serve as a major bulwark against climate change and its effects. Managing public lands for

natural carbon sequestration and reducing or eliminating fossil fuel development is key to developing maximum resilience to the impacts of a changing climate. However, the health of these lands is threatened or weakened by those who oppose federal land management and land protections, or deny the science of climate change. These factions seek to slash agency budgets, rendering them ineffective; limit democratic processes that provide for public involvement; and encourage exploitation of public land resources for short-term gain. www.greatoldbroads.org

Olympic Park Associates in Seattle has worked as a “watchdog” to “protect the natural beauty, biological richness, and untrammled wilderness of the Olympic National Park since soon after the park’s founding in 1938. Polly Dyer, FWOC’s first woman President in 1958, was a tireless leader in protecting the park and in the establishment of the Pacific ocean beach section of the Park. Currently OPA has a large ongoing campaign to stop the U.S. Navy’s plans to use the western Olympic peninsula, including parts of the ONP (most is wilderness) for a Navy electromagnetic warfare training range. The U.S. Forest Service has approved the proposal that would permit electronic emitter trucks on Forest Service roads as contact points for fighter jet overflights. The thunderous noise of the Navy EA-18G Growler jets would destroy the quiet natural sanctuaries of the Olympic National Park and Forest, as well as the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. This area attracts over 3 million yearly visitors. OPA completed a large campaign June 12th for comments

on the project EIS/OIS March 2019 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. For much more information, and to follow the issue and take action, go to olympicparkassociates.org.



Map of Navy's Proposed Warfare Training Range

RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions passed by FWOC at the September 2018 Convention:

1. Urging conferees on the Farm Bill to reject the version passed by the house

2. Tightening regulations on trains carrying coal and crude oil

3. Halting confined animal feeding operations

4. Containing fossil fuels during earthquakes

5. Banning drones in protected areas

6. Endorsing climate-smart forestry

7. Addition to the comprehensive policy on grazing adopted by the FWOC in 2017 Resolution 7

8. Revising Oregon Forest Practices Act for climate change

9. Supporting the Columbia River Treaty Negotiations between US and Canada

A Few Timely Resolutions will be considered at the September 28, 2019 Annual Meeting

Member clubs and organizations in good standing and individual members may submit resolutions representing the regional, state, and national concerns of their member clubs and organizations. Please see the FWOC website to see past policy positions and resolutions to avoid duplication at www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.com.

The format is simple: The name of the submitting club or member, the date, a section called BACKGROUND which details the nature of the problem and possible solutions; the resolution which recommends action.

If you wish to have your concerns considered as a resolutions, fill out the Resolution Form below and send it by email it to FWOC Conservation Policy Advisor. J. Michael McCloskey at jmmccloskey@aol.com.

FWOC 2019 RESOLUTION FORM

Submitted by: _____

(Member organization or Individual member only)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

Contact person: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Resolution Title or Topic: _____

Background of Issue: (explain the issue, its history, current status..)

Proposed Resolution: (Use an action verb, such as: FWOC supports, opposes, ect..)

Suggested Actions: (who to write, where to testify ect...)

Please email completed Resolution Form to:

J. Michael McCloskey at jmmccloskey@aol.com





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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR



Saturday, September 28, 2019

FWOC ANNUAL MEETING

(one day this year)

McMenamins Olympic Club
112 N Tower Ave, Centralia, WA

10 am–4 pm
complimentary lunch

RSVP to raelene@seanet.com

*Blue Camas on
Glacial Heritage
Preserve north
of Centralia*