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Spring Greetings!

I'm really looking forward to Tuesday night's program, **Menu for the Future**. April means the Earth Day Fair on the 18th. It's spring and time to get outdoors—Eagle Crest to Masden Tract hike on the 25th and our field trip to Pringle Falls Forest on the 19th. Opportunities to take action on energy and other forward-moving legislation are listed below. Plus on the 29th there's a town hall where we can support Attorney General John Kroger's bid to create an Environmental Crimes Enforcement team at DOJ. Many thanks to those of you who have made calls or sent emails. It works!

PROGRAMS

1. Tues, April 14 - Menu for the Future. The idea that our daily food choices impact our ecosystem is relatively recent, and it brings up some intriguing questions. What are the impacts of how we grow and prepare food? What will farming look like in the future? How do our food choices affect our health and well-being, and who influences those choices? How do eating habits affect culture, society and ecosystems? What is Food Justice? How do we support more sustainable food systems? Northwest Earth Institute's Diane Dedrick will present highlights from Menu for the Future, a six-part course offered by NWEI, and facilitate a discussion exploring these questions. Visit www.nwei.org to learn more about NWEI. Menu for the Future books will be available for $22 to those who sign up for the course. 6:30 pm gathering, 7:00 workshop. COEC, 16 NW Kansas, Bend.

2. Tues, May 12 - Motorized Mayhem or Wild Nature: Enjoying and Protecting our Forest Wonderlands. This slide presentation will address Off Highway Vehicles in our forests and communities, given by Eastside Forest Organizer Asante Riverwind along with two Sierra Club volunteers. OHV damage has grown exponentially across our region's public lands and communities, though OHV users represent less than 5% of the public. OHVs bring intrusive motorized noise, displacing wildlife and disrupting the natural qualities and serenity of our forests. OHVs severely damage forest soils, meadows and native plants, spread invasive weeds, and harm wildlife habitat and salmon water systems. Sierra Club volunteers have been joining with local communities and other recreationists to help close damaged areas to prevent further damage. During 2009 the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests are developing plans that include greatly expanded OHV trail systems across our region's forests. Learning about OHV impacts will

inform public communication to the Forest Service about their OHV trail development plans. For additional information, see our website:

http://oregon.sierraclub.org/groups/juniper/index.asp

EARTH DAY FAIR IN BEND

3. Sat, April 18 – Earth Day Fair in Bend – A fun day for everyone. Watch the Procession of the Species Parade at 11:00 a.m., then browse the many booths at Troy Field next to McMenamin's. Drop by our booth to say hi and get a free CFL lightbulb.

3rd SATURDAY FIELD TRIP

4. Sun, April 19 – Pringle Falls Forest – Our next Field Trip is to Pringle Falls Lookout Mountain Experimental Forest Project, located in the Deschutes National Forest about 3 miles east of Crane Prairie Reservoir, about 30 miles southwest of Bend. (Since the Earth Day Fair is the 18th, we've changed this outing to Sunday.) The Deschutes National Forest has proposed this scientist-led (Andy Youngblood/ OSU) logging-thinning project which would log all age classes of trees in rare, relatively intact old growth ponderosa pine forest. The area was naturally regenerated following two separate severe fires in 1845 and during the 1860s. The project's Environmental Analysis and Decision are planned for 2009. More information on this project, including the recently signed Study Plan (March 2009) and maps, can be found on the Forest Service EXF Vegetation Management Project page. More information on experimental forests can be found at Pacific Northwest Research Station: Experimental Forests.

Find out more about this project and how an afternoon of your time can help. Join us! Meet at 12:30 p.m. at Central Oregon Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas in Bend to voluntarily carpool. Wear appropriate clothing and boots, bring water. We'll stop for pizza, beer, coffee/tea afterwards. Planned return time is 5:00 p.m. Let us know you're coming! asante.riverwind@sierraclub.org or 322-4065. Information is also available on the website: http://oregon.sierraclub.org/groups/juniper/index.asp Upcoming Field Trips:

a) Sat, May 9 – West Tumball proposed fuels reduction project. The Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District is proposing to reduce hazardous fuels on approximately 1,302 acres along Forest Roads 4601 (Skyliners Road) and 4603 in the Tumalo Creek watershed starting approximately 10 miles west of the City of Bend to approximately 1/2 mile upstream of the confluence of Tumalo and Bridge Creeks. We are looking to monitor this project and need volunteer help.

b) Sat, June 20 – Lava Cast Forest, south of Bend. This "Timber Stand Improvement Project" was initiated in 2005. While volunteer efforts succeeded in significantly changing this "fuels reduction" project, its implementation still resulted in widespread logging harms. Despite Forest Service agreements to limit logging of trees greater than 18" diameter, retain wildlife cover areas in each logged unit, and

drop areas of particular wildlife and old growth concerns, they proceeded to decimate forest habitat and cover. In some areas there were near clearcuts, with large areas of ravaged soils and logging slash debris. The Juniper Group is looking to document the significant harmful impacts from this project and conduct agency and public education to help prevent similar "fire-risk reduction/forest health" logging project harms. We ask your help, even for just an afternoon; no experience necessary.

DESTINATION RESORT REMAPPING FOR DESCHUTES COUNTY

5. Mon, April 20, 5:30 p.m. Destination Resort Remapping - Informational update meeting on the Destination Resort remapping process that will occur in the coming months. We have room for a couple more people to attend. Contact me for details if you're interesting in accompanying committee members.

TOWN HALL, PROTECT OREGON'S ENVIRONMENT – HB 5022 & SB 797

6. Wed, April 29, 6-9 p.m. State Legislature Ways & Means Committee Town Hall on HB 5022. The Sierra Club was an early supporter of **John Kroger** in his bid to become Attorney General. Now he's looking to implement a campaign pledge to prosecute environmental crimes in our state, by **creating a small Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit (ECEU)** to work with District Attorneys, DEQ and EPA to prosecute polluters. The Ways & Means Committee is holding town halls around the state to obtain citizen input on seed-funding the ECEU (and a Civil Rights Unit), which will generate funds through fines/settlements and prevent future pollution clean-up costs. HB 5022 and SB 797 will establish an Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit beginning with a $1 million investment from the legislature. This would allow DOJ to immediately start prosecuting Oregon's worst illegal polluters. That investment will level the playing field for companies that are playing by the rules, and send a strong message to companies that violate the law. This unit will change polluter behavior and save the state money. Location of the hearing on the 29th is yet to be determined, so please go to our JG website late next week to get the address. It is very important to come and show support for this important legislation! That night I'll be handing out lapel stickers to show our united support for HB 5022. If you can't attend, please call/ email your representatives and Ways & Means Committee members Rep. Peter Buckley, Rep. Chip Shields, Sen. Margaret Carter and Sen. Joanne Verger.

LOCAL HIKES FOR SPRING

7. For all hikes, call leader in advance for carpool meeting location. Destination may change depending on weather or trail conditions. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Wear comfortable, broken-in boots and clothing appropriate for weather

conditions. Sorry, no dogs.
a) April 25th meet 9:00 a.m. Hike Eagle Crest to Masden tract along Deschutes river. Approx 5-6 miles moderate. Long pants/light colors recommended. Alison Hamway, 382-2035
b) May 16th meet 9:00 a.m. Hike Alder Springs approx 8 miles moderate. Beautiful canyon rock formations, wildflowers. One stream crossing (bring rubber sandals and/or hiking stick). Alison Hamway, 382-2035
c) June 16th meet 9:00 a.m. Hike Pine Mountain, approx 6 miles moderate. Mostly cross country, so wear long pants and sturdy boots. Wildflowers and views of the Great Basin. Alison Hamway, 312-9822

VOTE FOR NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB DIRECTORS
8. Remember to Vote: Send in or email your ballot to participate in the election for 2009 National Sierra Club Board of Directors. Deadline is April 21st.

ACTION ITEMS: CALL NOW – SUPPORT HB 3100, THE METOLIUS PROTECTION ACT

9. Protect the Metolius, Support HB 3100. This legislation will provide the strongest protection to date to preserve this Oregon treasure from both current and future threats. It is essential for the state to step in on this, since local officials in Central Oregon are not responding to the majority of their citizens who are saying no destination resorts near the Metolius River. This bill will:
1. Accept and modify Land Conservation & Development Commission's (LCDC) recommendation to designate the Metolius Basin an Area of Critical State Concern ("ACSC").
2. Stipulate that destination resorts will not be located within this ACSC.
3. Direct LCDC to supplement its management plan in order to ensure that new development within the ACSC will not negatively impact the Metolius river, including its headsprings and tributaries. It also ensures that new development within the ACSC will not negatively impact fish and wildlife resources within the ACSC. There are 18 members of the House who need to hear from us that the Metolius is extraordinary and worth protecting; urge them to vote YES on HB 3100! Contact info for the 18 is below.

HB3100 Metolius Protection Act - Representative Contact Info:
Rep. Jeff Barker (Portland , Aloha) 503-986-1428, rep.jeffbarker@state.or.us
Rep. Brent Barton (Clackamas County) 503-986-1451, rep.brentbarton@state.or.us
Rep. Cliff Bentz (SE Oregon, Ontario, Baker City) 503-986-1460, rep.cliffbentz@state.or.us
Rep. E. Terry Beyer (Springfield) 503-986-1412, rep.terrybeyer@state.or.us

Rep. Jean Cowan (Newport, Lincoln City) 503-986-1410, rep.jeancowan@state.or.us
Rep. Sal Esquivel (Medford) 503-986-1406, rep.salesquivel@state.or.us
Rep. Larry Galizio (Tigard) 503-986-1435, rep.larrygalizio@state.or.us
Rep. Bill Garrard (Klamath Falls) 503-986-1456, rep.billgarrard@state.or.us
Rep. Chris Garrett (Lake Oswego) 503-986-1438, rep.chrisgarrett@state.or.us
Rep. Sara Gelser (Corvallis) 503-986-1416, rep.saragelser@state.or.us
Rep. Vic Gilliam (Molalla, Silverton) 503-986-1418, rep.vicgilliam@state.or.us
Rep. Paul Holvey (Eugene) 503-986-1408, rep.paulholvey@state.or.us
Rep. Dave Hunt (Clackamas County) 503-986-1200, rep.davehunt@state.or.us
Rep. Greg Matthews (Gresham) 503-986-1450, rep.gregmatthews@state.or.us
Rep. Nancy Nathanson (Eugene) 503-986-1413, rep.nancynathanson@state.or.us
Rep. Andy Olson (Albany) 503-986-1415, rep.andyolson@state.or.us
Rep. Tobias Read (Beaverton) 503-986-1427, rep.tobiasread@state.or.us
Rep. Mike Schaufler (Happy Valley) 503-986-1448, rep.mikeschaufler@state.or.us

ACTION ITEM: SUPPORT HB 2015, LNG PROTECTION ACT

10. The LNG Public Protection Act, HB 2015, would safeguard Oregon's communities, clean water, and natural resources from irresponsible development of liquefied natural gas terminals and pipelines. While HB 2015 would not ban LNG, it would significantly strengthen the state's ability to protect Oregon's rivers, farms and forests and help stop the irresponsible LNG projects currently proposed for Oregon. Imported from places like Russia and the Middle East, liquefied natural gas emits 20-30% more global warming pollution than domestic sources of natural gas. At a time when Oregon and the nation are grappling with how to reduce our dependence on foreign fossil fuels obtained in hostile or unstable regions of the world, it makes no sense to build LNG import terminals in our state and deepen our dependence on yet another foreign fossil fuel. Learn more about LNG in Oregon and the LNG Public Protection Act on our website! http://oregon.sierraclub.org/goals/lng.asp. Call or email your state rep soon, because this legislation is moving. Rep contact info:

Judy Stiegler, rep.judystiegler@state.or.us, 503-986-1454 (Bend)

Chris Telfer, sen.christelfer@state.or.us, 503-986-1727 (most of Deschutes County)

Gene Whisnant, rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us, 503-986-1453 (much of Central Oregon, not Bend)

John Huffman, rep.johnhuffman@state.or.us, 503-986-1459 (Jefferson County)

Ted Ferroli, sen.tedferroli@state.or.us, 503-986-1950 (Jefferson County)

George Gilman, rep.georgegilman@state.or.us, 503-986-1455 (Crook County)

Doug Whitsett, sen.dougwhitsett@state.or.u.s, 503-986-1728 (includes parts of Crook, Deschutes and other counties)

ACTION ITEM: SUPPORT HB 80, CAPPING GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION

11. YES on HB 80 - This bill, sponsored by Gov. Kulongoski, directs the Environmental Quality Commission to set a cap on greenhouse gas pollution in Oregon from electricity generation, transportation, and other activities. It allows for greenhouse gas emission allowances and offsets to keep greenhouse gas pollution within a state, regional or nationally established cap. Would require reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and registration. SB 80 will encourage innovation to reduce greenhouse gases that will stimulate the economy and create green jobs in new and existing industries in Oregon. Call or email your rep today. Rep contact info is above in item 7. Find out more: http://oregon.sierraclub.org/tracker/SB80.htm.

ACTION ITEM: BILLS SUPPORTED BY THE SIERRA CLUB

12. Bills We Support – Click on bill number for text of bill. Let your state reps know how you stand on these!

SB 797 Renames Dept. of Justice account, expands qualifying legal expenses to include cases related to civil rights and environmental crimes
HB 3099 Modifies exclusive farm use zoning laws to rollback some forms of non-farm land use that have been allowed into the laws over time.

HB 2181 authorizes financing of building efficiency by local districts

HB 2675 permits counties to preemptively place a moratorium on tree cutting at the

time a tree cutting ordinance is proposed

HB 2015 OR LNG Public Protection Act

SB 79 Building efficiency standards

SB 80 Carbon cap

HB 2186 Transportation fuels emissions standard

HB 2626 Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Technology Act

HB 3100 Metolius Protection Act

HB 3249 State forest natural resource conservation areas

HB 2534 State Environmental Policy Act

GIVING TO OREGON CHAPTER

13. Members, it's not too late to give! - The Chapter has sent out letters to members asking for your donation to continue ongoing programs and to support our critical work in Oregon. If you haven't done so, please consider making even a small donation such as $10 or $20. If we all did so, think of the good that could be accomplished! Click here to donate online.

HELP NEEDED - EDITOR

14. Juniper Group Newsletter Editor – We're looking for a Wild Juniper Journal Editor to help publish three issues a year (hard copy). Please contact Gretchen at junipergrp@yahoo.com if you'd like to know more about becoming WJJ's Editor.

UPDATED WEBSITE

15. Check it out! The Juniper Group website has been beautifully updated! It's your resource for information on programs, committees, National Forest and Wilderness advocacy, volunteer opportunities, Wild Juniper Journal articles, contact information and more, at http://oregon.sierraclub.org/groups/juniper/index.asp Thank you, Larry Pennington, Webmaster. Also check out the Oregon Chapter's newly reformatted website at http://oregon.sierraclub.org.

Welcome new and transferring members!

We welcome you to the Juniper Group! Please join us at on upcoming program night and Field Trip. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer some time with us.

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