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Greetings!

Great winter wildlife photography is coming up this Tuesday night at COEC, we've got spring hikes scheduled, and there are some important Action Items below to make quick calls or emails. Join us on March 21st for a 3rd Saturday Field Trip to Glaze Meadow.

PROGRAMS

1. Tues, Mar 10 – Diane Reed Photography: Landscapes and Wildlife of the Arctic. Diane will show her marvelous, compelling slides of the Arctic, the Antarctic and snowy Yellowstone National Park. We'll see polar bears, penguins, walruses, wolves, coyotes, bison and big horn sheep in frozen landscapes, and Diane will share a few of her adventures and answer questions. 6:30 pm gathering, 7:00 workshop. Central Oregon Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas (cross street Lava Road), Bend.

2. 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. 6:30 pm gathering, 7:00 workshop. COEC, 16 NW Kansas, Bend.

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3rd SATURDAY FIELD TRIP

3. Sat, March 21 – Glaze Meadow 3rd – Our first 3rd Saturday Field Trip is to Glaze Meadow, west of Sisters. We invite you and friends to join us. As Eastside Forest Organizer Asante Riverwind said, "Spreading awareness of the good, the bad and the ugly of what's going on in local conservation is the first step towards protecting what we all love about the region." Meet at 1:00 p.m. at COEC, 16 NW Kansas in Bend to voluntarily carpool. Wear appropriate clothing and boots, bring water. We'll stop for pizza, beer, coffee/tea afterwards in Sisters. Planned return time is 5:00 p.m. Let us know you're coming! asante.riverwind@sierraclub.org or

322-4065. Check the website for updated information about snow conditions, etc., http://oregon.sierraclub.org/groups/juniper/index.asp Upcoming Field Trips:
a) April 19 - Pringle Falls, on the Deschutes River approx. 5 miles downstream of Wickiup Reservoir. Since Earth Day is the 18th, we've changed the date to Sunday.
b) May 9 – West Tumball proposed fuels reduction project, 5 miles west of Bend
c) June 20 – Whychus Creek restoration, Sisters area
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LOCAL HIKES FOR SPRING

4. 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 16h 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
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FAST ACTION ITEM: ASK REP. JUDY STIEGLER NOT TO CO-SPONSOR HR 3

5. Rep. Judy Stiegler from Bend is co-sponsoring resolution HR 3 in support of the Bush admin's 400% logging increase in older forests on BLM lands in western Oregon. Please call her office and express your concern and ask her to take her name off this bill. The resolution makes it sound like the WOPR is great for the environment, which is far from the truth. For more background info, here's a link to our WOPR info page, http://oregon.sierraclub.org/alerts/wopr.asp. In short, the WOPR:
1. Removes BLM forests from the scientific framework of the Northwest Forest Plan.
2. Ramps up clearcut logging across hundreds of thousands of acres and get over 70% of the timber volume from clearcuts. There would be over 7000 acres of clearcutting each year under the plan.
3. Reduces streamside buffers that protect clean water and fish by 50%.
4. Logs some of the last remaining older forests in western Oregon.
5. Increases logging by nearly 400% compared to current logging levels.
6. Adds 180 million tons more carbon to the atmosphere compared to no logging.

(equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions from 1 million cars driven for 132 years).
7. Results in 1,300 miles of new logging roads.
We need to generate a lot of calls to oppose this! Rep. Stiegler's contact info: 503-986-1454, rep.judystiegler@state.or.us

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

6. Protect the Metolius, Support HB 3100 TODAY. 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! The vote will be close. Contact info for the 18 is below.

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HB3100 Metolius Protection Act - Representtive 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
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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 HB2015, LNG PROTECTION ACT

7. SUPPORT HB 2015. The LNG Public Protection Act 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

8. 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: 175 TOXIC CHEMICALS IN OREGON'S WATERWAYS

9. Comment by March 27 – Public hearings are coming up as a result of SB 737, passed in 2007 with a big push from the Sierra Club, which required DEQ to identify the worst bioaccumulative toxins entering Oregon's waterways. The first step is identifying the priority list of toxic pollutants, so the state can then develop strategies to reduce or eliminate this pollution. It's a broad list including everything from heavy metals to pesticides, but it's not all inclusive. The public is invited to comment on the list, deadline March 27.

Tues, Mar 10 – North Bend, 5:30-8:00 p.m., North Bend Library, large meeting room

Wed, Mar 11 – Klamath Falls, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Klamath County Courthouse, Commission hearing room

Thur, Mar 19 – Portland, 5:30-8:00 p.m., DEQ Headquarters, 10th floor, 811 SW Sixth

Thur, Mar 19 – Portland, 5:30-8:00 p.m., DEQ conference call, 877-214-5010, participant number 898168 – Participate by phone.

For more info, See an Oregonian article here.

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HELP NEEDED – EDITOR

10. 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. Many thanks to outgoing Editor Fred Tanis for his talents and skills in doing a great job for us.

WEBSITE

10. Questions? Find answers at the Juniper Group website, your updated 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 Larry Pennington, Webmaster. Also check out the Oregon Chapter's newly reformatted, beautiful website at http://oregon.sierraclub.org.

Welcome new and transferring members!

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

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