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Greetings!

The season of transitions is upon us—autumn along with national and local leadership, and perhaps within ourselves in a new spirit of hope and bold determination.

PROGRAMS

1. Tues, Nov 11 – Forests, Fires, Resiliency and Restoration of our Forests, An insightful presentation on Forest Ecology. Asante Riverwind, Sierra Club Eastern Oregon Forest Organizer, will deliver a presentation on forest ecology and fire. Come learn more about your public land forests, the reality and myths of fire, other issues of concern and how we can restore our forests to a more natural state. This should prove to be an information and education talk and will also be a fun event! This will be a Power Point presentation with Q&A and discussion. 6:30 pm gathering, 7:00 program. Central Oregon Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas (cross street Lava Road), Bend.

2. Tues, Dec 9 – Juniper Group Holiday Party, with live music by COYO and a short scenic nature slide show. Asante Riverwind will also show a year-end slide show of what the Juniper Group has accomplished in 2008 and have a discussion on Oregon Forest Issues. Come learn more about our public lands, our National Forests and the issues of concern. 6:00 pm, COEC, Bend. Pot luck, so if you can, bring a dish to share.

ELECTION RESULTS

3. Sierra Club's endorsed candidates. Winners: Barack Obama, Jeff Merkley Senate, John Kroger Attorney General, Kate Brown Secretary of State, Ben Westlund Treasurer, Brad Avakian Commissioner of Labor & Industry, Judy Stiegler Oregon House Dist. 54 Bend, and Alan Unger for Deschutes County Commissioner. Congratulations!

WORKSHOP, DESTINATION RESORT REFORM

4. Mon, Nov 17 – DESTINATION RESORTS: CITIZEN LOBBYING AND SKILL-BUILDING WORKSHOP, hosted by 1000 Friends of Oregon. Is there any question that reform is needed for Destination Resort law? Come learn how to deliver a clear, consistent message to elected leaders in Salem in the 2009 session. This will have a huge impact. Right now in Central Oregon there are 6 resorts expanding or under construction, and another 4 in various planning stages. Each of these 10 projects brings adverse community impact. These new resorts represent the equivalent of 8 cities the size of Sisters!

- Learn about Oregon's legislative process and how to make your voice heard. Gain the skills and techniques you need to be an effective advocate and citizen lobbyist

for a cause.
- Review policy priorities of 1000 Friends and partner organizations to be well-informed on issues to discuss with your legislator.
- Meet others who share your interest in civic participation and smart land use planning for Oregon and discuss what we can do together to advance our common goals.
Check out 1000 Friends' Blueprint for Oregon's Future. 6:00-8:30 pm, COEC, 16 NW Kansas Street, Bend. Contact: Tara Sulzen, RSVP for the training 503 497-1000 or email tara@friends.org.

ADOPT-A-FOREST – IT'S A GOOD THING

5. Adopt a tree today! With every American on average consuming the equivalent of one old-growth tree every year, we've initiated the Adopt-A-Forest program to start replacing those trees. Order a native tree seedling and you'll receive a Certificate of Ownership. Then your tree is nurtured by Adopt-A-Forest for 12-18 months. Then you'll receive your tree and can start your own forest, or you may dedicate your tree to local conservation, forest and watershed restoration planting projects, and it will be planted for you. Each tree absolutely makes a difference and that's why your participation is important!
Trees are $5 each; choose a Ponderosa Pine, Aspen, Alder or Cottonwood tree. Send a check payable to Adopt-A-Forest to Juniper Group, P.O. Box 6376, Bend, 97708. We'll send you a Certificate of Ownership, and contact you again a few weeks before the tree is ready to plant. Why not get a tree for each family member? Order Forms are available on our website at Adopt-A-Tree Order Form
Adopt-A-Forest will help sustain our future!

SIERRA CLUB VICTORIES - THE GOOD NEWS

6. Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope has compiled a list of **Sierra Club accomplishments** nationally since our 2005 Summit in San Francisco. You as a member have helped make these victories possible.

Smart Energy Solutions

--Blocked planned construction of 80 new coal-fired power plants.
--Raised federal fuel economy standards from 27 to 35 mpg and obtained legal clearance for California and 14 other states to implement their own, tougher, emissions standards from cars that will almost double fuel efficiency.
--Increased the number of Cool Cities to more than 1000, in large part due to hundreds of Club organizing campaigns.
--Blocked freeways and advanced transit in places like Las Vegas, Washington, Georgia, and Salt Lake City.
--Advanced energy efficiency and renewable standards and programs in dozens of states and obtained a 20% increase in national building code requirements for energy efficiency.

JUNIPER GROUP WEBSITE

7. The Juniper Group website, 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 Visit often! Larry Pennington, Webmaster.

Welcome new and transferring members!

We welcome you to the Juniper Group and hope to meet you at Tuesday night or at our Holiday party in December!

Sierra Club--Explore, Enjoy, Protect.

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