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Greetings!

There is so much going on this month with the election and important land use public input opportunities, please read on!

- Program night this Tuesday, **Kids and the Outdoors!** (Item 1). Why the outdoors matters.
- **Election Guide** (Item 4). Also available on the Juniper Group website (click here).
- **Important Destination Resorts public input meeting** (Item 5), Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission, **Wed, Oct 15**. A stunning opportunity to help shape the future of how developers will impact our region—roads, forests, groundwater, public services, fire risks, farm land, neighborhoods. Please try to attend! Do we really want the equivalent of 8 new cities the size of Sisters?
- **Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan Update**, public input on Destination Resorts, Thurs, Oct 23. Destination Resorts have a major impact on our way of life. Give the County your input on what you value.
- **Adopt-A-Forest** (Item 7). You can help replant our forests.
- **Sierra Club Victories** (item 8). We love good news.

PROGRAMS

1. Tues, Oct 14 – OSU Cascades Asst. Professor Kreg Lindberg presents Kids and the Outdoors: Why Is Activity Down, and How to Reverse It? In Oregon and around the nation, there is increasing concern that youth participation in outdoor activities is decreasing because of several factors, including loss of open space, reduced free time, electronic distractions, and parental safety concerns. As one San Diego 4th graded noted, "I like to play indoors better 'cause that's where all the electrical outlets are." Why is the decrease in outdoor engagement important, how pervasive is it, and what can be done to reverse it? Mr. Lindberg will review the context, including available data on the extent and causes of decreased youth outdoor activity. This will be followed by selected results from Lindberg's statewide survey of parents and youth, conducted for Oregon State Parks. Programs and recommendations for increasing youth engagement in the outdoors will be discussed. 6:30 pm gathering, 7:00 program. Central Oregon Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas (cross street Lava Road), Bend.

2. Tues, Nov 11 – Sierra Club Eastside Forest Coordinator Asante Riverwind offers an update and analysis of the state of Eastside forests, including contributions, resources, threats, needs and role in our future. COEC, Bend.

3. Tues, Dec 9 – Juniper Group Holiday Party, with music by COYO, 6:00 pm, COEC, Bend. Pot luck, bring something to share.

ELECTION GUIDE

4. VOTE – Sierra Club has endorsed the following candidates. (This listing also can be found on the Juniper Group website (click here). The complete statewide slate of Oregon SC endorsements is on the website (click here).

Federal:

President of the United States: Barack Obama – www.barackobama.com

United States Senate: Jeff Merkley – www.jeffmerkley.com

State:

Attorney General: John Kroger – www.johnkroger.com

Secretary of State: Kate Brown - www.katebrownfororegon.com

Treasurer: Bend Westlund - www.westlundfortreasurer.com/home.php

Commissioner of Labor & Industry: Brad Avakian - www.bradavakian.com

Oregon House District 53 - Conrad Ruel (Sunriver, LaPine, Redmond, Tumalo, Sisters) - www.ruelforrep.info

Oregon House Dist. 54 – Judy Stiegler (City of Bend) - www.judystiegler4hd54.com

Oregon Dist. 59 State Representative - Mike Ahern (Jefferson, Wasco, Wheeler, Sherman, Gilliam Counties) - www.oregonvotes.org/may202008/guide/cand/ahern_m.html

Oregon Senate Dist. 27: Maren Lundgren (Redmond, Bend, Sisters) – www.lundgrenforsentate.org

Local:

Deschutes County Commissioner - Alan Unger – www.ungerfordeschutes.org

Ballot Measures:

Yes on Measure 56

No on Measure 59

No on Measure 62

No on Measure 63

Additionally, though SC did not weigh in on the other 2 ballot measures, OLCV recommends the following:

No on Measure 61

No on Measure 64

Candidates ask for your help in canvassing and phone banking!

Call today! Deschutes County and statewide candidates have offices at the Deschutes Democrats Campaign Headquarters, 709 NW Wall Street, Bend (one block north of the Library), 541-693-8620. There you will find candidate materials, buttons, bumper stickers, lawn signs and volunteer sign-up. Participate!

Bend City Council:

JG suggests voting for the following candidates:

Bend City Council Position 1: Peter Gramlich - https://gogramlich.com/

Bend City Council Postion 2: Jodie Barram - www.jodiebarram.com/

Bend City Council Position 3: Linda Johnson - http://reelectlindajohnson.com/index.html

Bend City Council Position 4: Jim Clinton - http://jimclinton.org/

Election Tip: Campaigns get regular updates on who has returned their ballot, so return your ballot early to avoid phone calls reminding you to vote.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETINGS ON LAND USE, WITH LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS

5. Wed, Oct 15 – **DESTINATION RESORTS** – The state's Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is taking **public comment on 2009 destination resort reform legislation.** Please attend and testify in support of legislation that will prevent adverse impacts from destination resorts and assure that any new resorts are sited wisely. 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!** In Powell Butte, a community of 800 will expand into a town of over 4,000 with proposed resorts. At full buildout, these destination resorts will create an additional 20,000 residential and overnight units covering 36,000 acres, or 55 square miles of rural farm, ranch and forest land. For your testimony, you'll have 3 minutes to make points about your experiences and broader concerns such as why resorts threaten our water supply, farms, wildlife, local infrastructure or increase the risk of forest fires. Siting requirements for destination resorts should include protections and consideration of **rural economic engines, groundwater, forestlands, fire risks, habitats, neighbors.**

If you have concerns about destination resorts, it's critical to let DLCD and the legislative committee know so they will have an opportunity to consider whether or not to incorporate them in planned legislation. Bring 20 copies of written testimony in case there isn't enough time for all to speak. Arrive early to sign-up to testify. **Time: 3:00 pm at Prineville City Hall,** 387 NE 3rd St., Prineville. On Thursday, Oct 16, 8:30 am DLCD continues taking public comment on other agenda items. (DLCD meeting Agenda available here). For more information on land use and destination resorts, contact Juniper Group ExCom member Merry Ann Moore, merryann@bendcable.com.

6. Thurs, Oct 23 – Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan Update, public input, 5:30 pm, Deschutes Services Center at 1300 NW Wall St., Bend. **Discussion of Destination Resorts.** The Comprehensive Plan contains **goals and policies that guide future land use growth and conservation.** The county will be considering the following: Should we amend our map that shows where resorts are permitted? How do we determine appropriate locations? What are the benefits from currently approved resorts? What are the impacts from the resorts currently approved and are they adequately mitigated? For more information about the county's overall process, see www.deschutes.org/cdd or call 388-6575.

ADOPT-A-FOREST – IT'S A GOOD THING

7. Adopt a tree today! The loss of natural forests around the world contributes more to greenhouse gases than the transportation sector. Every American on

average consumes in paper and wood products the equivalent of one old-growth tree, year after year. With the Adopt-A-Forest program, we can start replacing those trees. Order a native tree seedling and you'll receive a Certificate of Ownership. Then your tree is fed, watered and protected by Adopt-A-Forest to give it a better chance of survival, to eventually become an old-growth giant. At the end of the growing period (12-18 months depending on optimum planting conditions) 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, and you can choose a Ponderosa Pine, Aspen, Alder or Cottonwood tree. It's our goal to adopt 1,000 trees. 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 is the right thing to do!

SIERRA CLUB VICTORIES - THE GOOD NEWS

8. Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope has compiled a list of **Sierra Club accomplishments** nationally since the 2005 Summit in San Francisco. You can be proud that you, as a member, have helped make these victories possible. Your membership renewal every year is vital to continued successes. I'll be sharing with you a few of our victories over the next several months.

America's Wild Legacy:

--Blocked most of the Bush administration's regulatory assaults on parks and wildlife: protected Big Thicket National Park, held off logging in the Sequoia National Monument, blocked efforts to make the National Parks primarily about commerce, and put the wolf back on the endangered species list.

--Stopped Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey, who oversees the Forest Service, from destroying the National Forests by ensuring that only 7 miles of roads were built in national forest roadless areas, and blocked assaults on environmental restrictions in the Southeast, Sierra Nevada, Tongass, White Mountains, and Pacific Northwest.

--Ensured funding for state and local wild places totaling almost $5 billion in land acquisitions.

--Saved private lands by winning major land preservation battles in places as diverse as Tejon Ranch and Headwaters Forest in California, and Babcock Ranch in Florida.

JUNIPER GROUP WEBSITE

9. 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 an upcoming Program and our Holiday party in December. Email me any time. And please join us on Tuesday, Oct 14th for Kids and the Outdoors. And please vote for the environment, vote early!

Sierra Club--Explore, Enjoy, Protect.

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