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Greetings!

Fall is arriving—how about an exciting evening with wolves and cougars next Tuesday!

Join the effort to stop expanded ORV trails near Sisters, come to a volunteer get-together, read about honors and awards—find out more below.

PROGRAMS

1. Tues, Oct 13th – Lords of Nature: Life in a Land of Great Predators, a documentary. Birds, butterflies, beaver and antelope, wildflowers and frogs — could their survival possibly be connected to top predators like the wolf and cougar? For those who have seldom given thought to the great predators so often missing from the web of life, here is a world of reason to think again. Following in the footsteps of wolves and cougars, and the scientists working to understand their place in the rapidly changing world of nature, award-winning filmmakers Karen and Ralf Meyer of Green Fire Productions have captured the predators' ongoing drama in their documentary, *Lords of Nature: Life in a Land of Great Predators.*

Narrated by Peter Coyote, *Lords of Nature* journeys to the heart of predator country: the Yellowstone plateau; the canyons of Zion; the farm country of northern Minnesota and the rugged open range of central Idaho – all places now resettled by the great beasts society once banished. Here scientists discover these top carnivores as revitalizing forces of nature, keystone species whose presence in sufficient numbers can dramatically reverse the slow decay of America's wild West.

This is an acclaimed film which you won't want to miss! Afterward we'll hear reactions and comments from our panel of experts and then dive into a Q&A. Where: The Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas, Bend - 6:30 social, 7:00 program begins. $3 suggested donation. DVD's will be available for $20. Email me to reserve your copy early; limited supply.

2. Tues, Dec 8 – Holiday Party. Save the date! Our annual pot luck dinner with music and fun. Bring something to share. 6:00 PM, The Environmental Center.

ACTION ITEMS

3. The Comprehensive Plan of Deschutes County is being updated, and now is the time for citizens to get involved for smarter land use planning and resort development! The proposed Revised Comprehensive Plan has been posted by county planning staff at http://lava5.deschutes.org/cdd/compplan/index.cfm?event=compplan . This document reflects a sincere effort by county planning staff to respond to the many concerns residents raised about resorts and land use. It includes important proposed reforms on how and where resorts can be sited, and how wildlife, water and habitat should be protected.

However, there's significant opposition to such reforms on the County Planning Commission, and the Board of County Commissioners could swing either way on whether to support reform or not, depending on the level of public support.

Let's get in the driver's seat and make sure the momentum for real changes to the 30-year-old County Comprehensive Plan continues. One of our members reported that at the last meeting, County Commissioner Dennis Luke mentioned that the last time reforms to the plan were made, there was a subsequent recall effort against two county commissioners who voted for reform. In response to this comment, Planning Commissioner Keith Cyrus, developer of Aspen Lakes Golf Estates (who has attempted to convert a subdivision to a resort) warned County Commissioners to "Walk softly." If the public wants change, we must be vocal about reform.

Here's the meeting schedule link for the Comp Plan review. http://lava5.deschutes.org/cdd/compplan/index.cfm?event=schedules Please attend those of interest and make your views known. Read the portions of the revised plan that interest you, forward the web site to colleagues and groups that care about better protection of Central Oregon natural resources, submit comments, and make sure both the County Board of Commissioners and the Planning Commission get copies.

4. Thurs., Oct 8, Planning Commission Meeting in LaPine. An opportunity in LaPine to listen and make comments on the Natural Resources and Water sections of Deschutes County's Draft Revised Comprehensive Plan. Let the

Planning Commission know your views! (See above item 3. for more information.) 5:30 PM, Mid State Electric Building, 16755 Finely Butte Road.

5. Sisters ORV Trail Proposal – HELP! There's a proposal in the works for opening a big new area in Sisters to ORVs. Big Lake ORV trails would cross the Pacific Crest Trail, looping around to lakes. Most people come to national forests for quiet recreation vs. just 3% for mechanized, yet there is a disproportionate emphasis on accommodating motorized vehicles. Contact Asante Riverwind to help on this issue, asante.riverwind@sierraclub.org

6. FYI – There's an Umpqua Wilderness Conference, 9:00-3:30, Nov. 7, 2009, Umpqua Community College in Roseburg. Keynote: Bill Bradbury. Info: 541-672-7065, umpquawilderness@gmail.com

OREGON HONORS AND AWARDS

7. Four Oregon Leaders Honored at SC National Annual Meeting Sept. 26 - Congratulations to Jill Workman, our Oregon Chapter Chair, on receiving a Special Service Award for strong and consistent commitment to conservation over an extended period of time, in recognition of providing leadership for wilderness protection campaigns that have resulted in more than a dozen wilderness protections bills and public lands legislation. This is a special recognition indeed! Thank you, Jill.

OSU student Nathan Jones of Corvallis won the **Joseph Barbosa Earth Fund Award** which recognizes a club member under the age of 30. Nathan has been involved with a variety of environmental initiatives at Oregon State and was a founder of the region's student climate network, the Cascade Climate Network. He's also a leader in the Sierra Student Coalition. A $250 award goes to his group to continue its work. Barry Wulff won the **Susan E. Miller Award** in recognition for his ten years of leadership of the Marys Peak Group. And congratulations to Dave Bybee who won the **Oliver Kierlien Award** for outings leadership.

JUNIPER GROUP LEADERSHIP NEWS

8. Gretchen Valido just returned from the annual Council of Club Leaders meeting in San Francisco Sept. 25-26th where she represented the Oregon Chapter. The biggest outcome to report is that National's financial support of Chapters will be cut by 44-48% in 2010 due to a decline in unrestricted funds giving. Donations to targeted campaigns remain steady, fortunately, but these funds cannot be used for day-to-day expenses and other conservation

campaigns.

Merry Ann Moore continues to invest considerable time in Destination Resort and Comprehensive Plan reform in Central Oregon.

Larry Pennington updates our web page with news, forest-related lawsuits and appeals, programs and much more, including the beautiful photographs rotating on the home page. He's been exploring different wilderness sites this summer and attending field trips to Forest Service-proposed logging sites.

Marilyn Miller spends big chunks of time attending ongoing forest-related meetings with the Forest Service, BLM, Travel Management (ORV issue) and other resource committees, as well as on-the-ground monitoring of proposed logging sites. Larry, Marilyn, Gretchen and Eastside Forest Coordinator Asante Riverwind will attend the Oregon Chapter Strategic Planning Retreat from Oct. 16-18.

Lyn Mattei has become a member of the new Klamath Basin Dam Removal Task Force as the Juniper Group representative, joining Rogue Group (Oregon), Redwood and Mother Lode Group (California) representatives.

Asante Riverwind is working to stop the opening of huge areas of the Heppner District, Umatilla National Forest to new ORV trails. Hundreds of miles would be opened in roadless areas, by a popular recreational lake, near a natural resource area, and near important fish streams.

VOLUNTEER MEETING IN PLANNING STAGE

9. Later this month – We're in the process of scheduling a get-together for members who have expressed interest in becoming active volunteers on issues where they have areas of strength, experience and/or passion. Let me know if you're interested in coming so we can keep you in the loop.

WEBSITE

10. Stay Current! The Juniper Group website is your updated resource for information on programs, committees, National Forest and Wilderness advocacy, volunteer opportunities, newsletter articles, contact information and more, at http://oregon.sierraclub.org/groups/juniper**/.** Larry Pennington, Webmaster. Also check out the Oregon Chapter's website at http://oregon.sierraclub.org/.

Welcome, new and transferring members!

Welcome to the Juniper Group! Please join us at Lords of Nature screening on the 13th and introduce yourself. Let us know your interests.

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