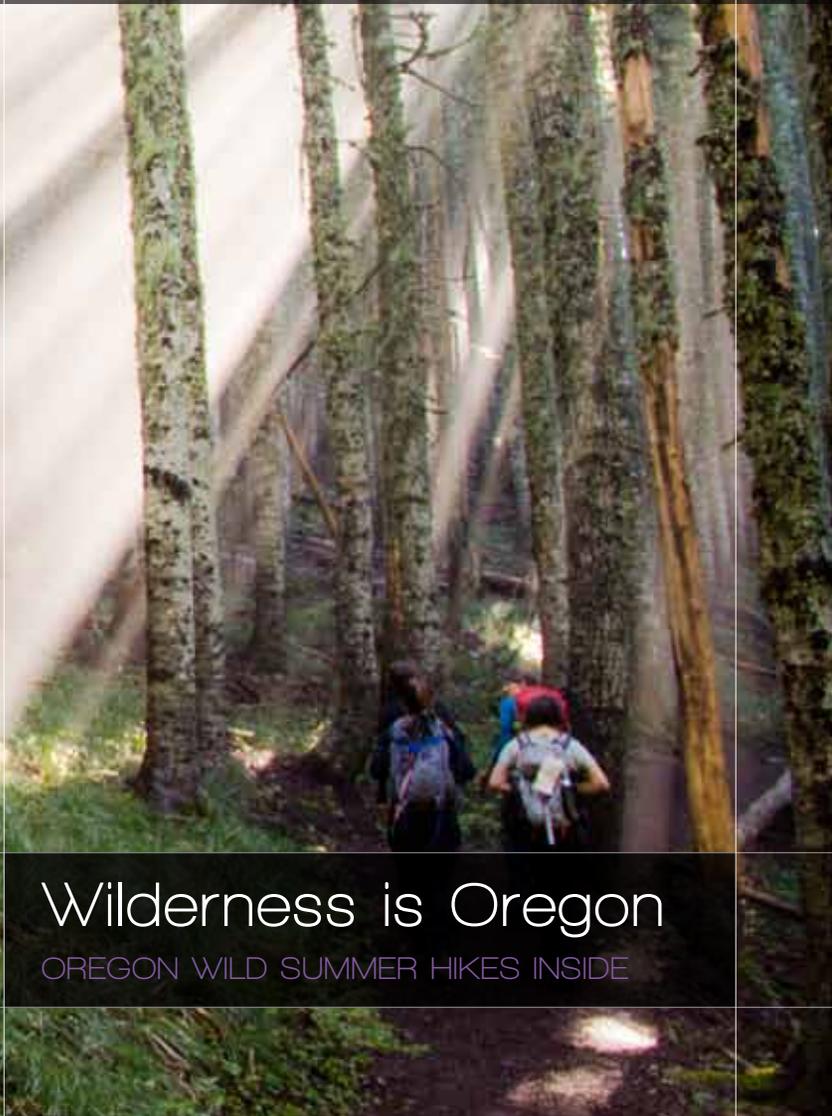


Oregon Wild

Spring/Summer 2014 Volume 41, Number 2



Wilderness is Oregon

OREGON WILD SUMMER HIKES INSIDE



Working to protect and restore Oregon's wildlands, wildlife, and waters as an enduring legacy.

Main Office

5825 N Greeley Avenue Portland, OR 97217
Phone: 503.283.6343 Fax: 503.283.0756
www.oregonwild.org

The e-mail address for each Oregon Wild staff member: initials@oregonwild.org (for example: ef@oregonwild.org)

Wilderness Campaign Organizer	Bridget Callahan x 203
Outreach & Membership Coord.	Marielle Cowdin x 213
Wilderness Coordinator	Erik Fernandez x 202
Development Director	Jonathan Jelen x 224
Finance Director	Laura Mears x 219
Office Manager	Christie Moore x 200
Conservation Director	Steve Pedery x 212
Wildlands & Wetlands Advocate	Quinn Read x 226
Executive Director	Sean Stevens x 211

Oregon Wild Board of Directors

Daniel Robertson, President
Brett Sommermeyer, Vice President
Pat Clancy, Treasurer
Vik Anantha, Secretary
Kate Blazar
Megan Gibb
Leslie Logan
Patrick Proctor
William Sullivan
Jan Wilson

Western Field Office

P.O. Box 11648 Eugene, OR 97440
454 Willamette, Suite 203
Phone 541.344.0675 Fax: 541.343.0996

Conservation & Restoration Coord. Doug Heiken x 1
Western Oregon Field Coord. Chandra LeGue x 2

Northeastern Field Office

P.O. Box 48, Enterprise, OR 97828
Phone: 503.551.1717

NE Oregon Field Coordinator Rob Klavins

Southern Field Office

P.O. Box 1923 Brookings, OR 97415
Phone: 541.366.8623

Wildlands Interpreter Wendell Wood



 www.facebook.com/OregonWild

 [@oregonwild](https://twitter.com/oregonwild)

Oregon Wild is a tax-exempt, non-profit charitable organization.

Newsletter printed on New Leaf 100% recycled, 50% post-consumer, FSC certified paper with soy based inks. *Oregon Wild* is printed locally by Environmental Paper and Print, an Oregon Wild donor and business partner.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

We are the things we share	{4-7}
Oregon Wild Summer — 40 years, 40 hikes	{8-9}
Picture Wilderness in 2014	{back cover}

COVER PHOTO: ERIC NOMURA Wilderness benefits all Oregonians – the quality of life it brings from protected watersheds for clean drinking water to countless opportunities for outdoor recreation and benefits to local economies is unparalleled. It is crucial we protect what is left to ensure a future and a bright legacy for generations to come.





From the Director's Desk It's not easy being green

Sean Stevens, Executive Director

*When green is all there is to be
It could make you wonder why,
but why wonder why
Wonder, I am green and it'll do fine,
it's beautiful
And I think it's what I want to be*

– Kermit the Frog

In 21st-century culture and commerce, “green” doesn’t always mean what it used to.

Kermit probably wouldn’t have expected the likes of Waste Management Inc. to encourage him to “think green” or for General Electric to praise his song as an example of “Ecomagination.”

Heck, you can dump a few billion barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico and still claim your green and yellow logo represents your effort to move “Beyond Petroleum.”

But I’m not here to talk about greenwashing. As an Oregon Wild supporter you already know the

deeper meaning of green. You see it when you’re out hiking. You feel it when you step into a mountain stream. You hear it if you’re lucky enough to encounter the far off howl of a wolf.

Looking at a map of Oregon, it is those deep green spots that call out to us – the special places that have been permanently protected as Wilderness. But Kermit was right. This kind of green – the Wilderness green – ain’t easy.

Wilderness areas are remote. The trails are steep. These places do not easily reveal their wonders. They also can be hard as heck to protect – taking decades of grassroots activism, political arm-bending, no small measure of luck, and indomitable spirits to see legislation through to the finish line.

It is the spirit of one such environmental hero that we carry with us this year – and forever – as we strive to better safeguard the Oregon we love. In February, our dear friend and colleague Tim Lillebo passed away – gone from this landscape far too soon. At his

memorial and in a flood of correspondence from those he inspired during his nearly 40 years of advocacy for a wild Oregon I was reminded of the seismic difference one dedicated, passionate, and unyielding individual can make.

Tim’s memorial was also a poignant reminder of the need for those of us who care about our remaining wilderness to gather together, share our stories, and inspire each other to continue the fight. We have a great opportunity to do just that on June 5-7 in Portland as we bring back the

Oregon Wilderness Conference for the first time in ten years (see back cover for details). I hope to see you there.

As you have no doubt heard by now, 2014 marks two distinct milestones for Oregon conservationists – the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act and the 40th anniversary of Oregon Wild. These landmark anniversaries are all the more meaningful when we think of how hard those who came before us fought to pass on a legacy of wilderness to this and future

generations. Somehow, Kermit had Oregon in mind when he sang:

*But green's the color of spring
And green can be cool and friendly-like
And green can be big like an ocean,
or important
Like a mountain, or tall like a tree*

In this *Year of Wilderness*, and in this time when the value of all things wild is more important than ever, we know that it might not be easy being green. But it sure is worth it.



SCOTT SMORRA Rowena Crest

Wilderness is Oregon – we are what we share

Chandra LeGue, Western Oregon Field Coordinator

“Oregon is home to some of the most amazing coastline, rivers, and forests on Earth. These treasures define where we live, providing outstanding recreational opportunities, clean drinking water, and economic benefits for our communities as we attract tourists from all over the world.”

– Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley

Here in Oregon, we share many things: a love/hate relationship with rain; a love/hate relationship for the Ducks and Beavers (depending on your affiliation); a love of craft beer, local wine, and sustainable food; and maybe most unanimously, an appreciation for the outdoor environment that makes this state such a special place. While not everyone is a sports fan, microbrew drinker, or public transit user, wherever you live in Oregon, we share and enjoy our natural legacy.

In the 2013 Oregon Values & Beliefs Project¹ survey, a strong desire to protect the environment for future generations was one of the unifying values found across Oregon’s geographic and political divides. The poll found that 78% of Oregonians identified “natural landscapes,”

“cleanness of air and water,” “green landscape,” “forests and mountains,” and “open spaces” as things they value about our state.

I, for one, am not surprised. As a transplant from the Midwest (yes, another one of *those*), Oregon’s landscapes and natural wonders both attracted me and kept me here.

Oregon’s people have long been leaders in working to protect the wildlands, wildlife, and wild rivers we all value. In 1902, Crater Lake became one of the country’s first National Parks. In the 1970s, Oregonians led efforts to conserve farmland and other resources. Today, Oregon has more than 600 environmental-related non-profit organizations working to protect land from development, restore wetlands and streams, advocate for wildlife, provide environmental education, and save old-growth forests.

Oregon’s outdoor cultural identity is so strong in fact, that the state’s official tourism organization, Travel Oregon, has invested \$3 million to “promote the scenic splendor of Oregon” with its *7 Wonders of Oregon* campaign (see sidebar page 6).

Perhaps not surprisingly, a common thread in this campaign is Wilderness. Of the “7 Wonders” chosen by Travel Oregon – Crater Lake, the Oregon Coast, the Columbia River Gorge, the Willows, Mount Hood, Painted Hills, and Smith Rock – all are found on public lands, five of them with designated Wilderness or an active campaign to protect them as such.

The living’s easy

The outstanding quality of life associated with our state’s wild lands and waters brings both people and businesses to Oregon. Pristine drinking water and phenomenal outdoor recreation factor particularly heavily.

One of our most basic needs as humans is clean water to drink. In Oregon, two-thirds of our tap water comes from surface waters – much of these from watersheds located either completely or partly in public forestlands, including designated Wilderness. These intact forests serve as natural reservoirs: absorbing, storing, filtering, and gradually releasing water to forest streams. This protects the purity of



JOHN WALLER Wilderness is a shared value in Oregon. Our state’s diverse landscape is intrinsic to our quality of life and brings us together with unmatched opportunities for outdoor adventure.

the water and consistency of its flows.

These forests do such a great job that two of Oregon's protected drinking watersheds - greater Portland's Bull Run and Baker City's Elkhorn Front - require no filtration and little treatment. Drawn from the McKenzie River, the Eugene area's drinking water has been rated amongst the best in the nation. About a quarter of the McKenzie watershed is protected as Wilderness, and much more is National Forest with some restrictions on logging.

Oregon's Wilderness also enhances our quality of life through high quality, diverse and accessible

outdoor recreation. The most popular forms, by a 2:1 margin, fall into the "quiet recreation" category according to a survey of National Forest users in Oregon. Hiking, fishing, hunting, backcountry skiing, kayaking, and more can all be enjoyed in designated Wilderness and other backcountry areas.

Though Wilderness is often thought of as "out there," away from civilization, Wilderness in Oregon is amazingly accessible from population centers. Drive 45 minutes east out of Portland and you practically step out of your car into newly designated additions to the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness in the Columbia River Gorge. Access the Pacific Crest Trail

from any major highway pass to venture into five different Central Cascades Wilderness areas. A 20 minute drive from Bend gets you to a trailhead in the Badlands Wilderness. Amazing!

Of course when solitude is what you crave, Wilderness offers us that too. Whether hiking to a remote lake in the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness to fish, backpacking into the remote and rugged Kalmiopsis Wilderness, stalking elk in the North Fork John Day Wilderness, or simply taking in the jaw-dropping view from the top of the Kieger Gorge in the Steens Mountain Wilderness - these remote places offer us another way of experiencing this beautiful state.

Though we often can't get out to enjoy Oregon's wildlands as much as we'd like, the scenic and intrinsic values of these places are just as important. Just knowing they are out there contributes greatly to our lives here in Oregon.

A strong economy

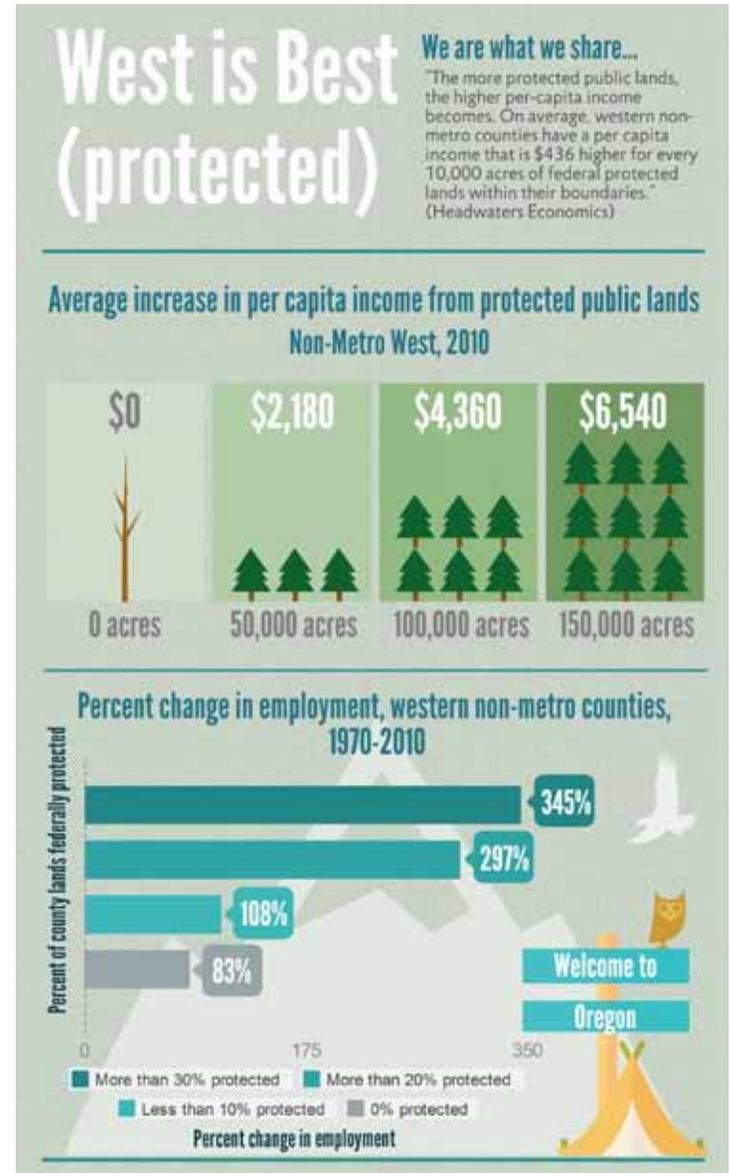
In Oregon, outdoor recreation generates nearly \$13 billion in consumer spending annually, and includes 141,000 direct jobs, bringing in \$955 million in state and local tax revenue.

- Outdoor Industry Association

It's no coincidence that the root of "ecology" and "economy" is the same.



LEON WERDINGER Humans aren't the only ones who need protected Wilderness for better quality of life. Wilderness provides critical habitat for Oregon's native creatures, and creates migration corridors vital for wildlife as they adapt to changing environmental needs due to climate change.



Wilderness links these concepts too. Wilderness protections in Oregon not only benefit the *ecology* of our state – water, soil, plants, and wildlife – they also benefit and drive Oregon’s *economy* – commerce, jobs, and careful use of resources.

The 2013 Oregon Values & Beliefs Survey found that 57% of Oregonians believe environmental protections are more important than economic growth. But these do not

have to be mutually exclusive. Economists have weighed in for years on the numerous economic benefits of protected areas. In a letter to President Obama in 2011, over 100 leading voices in the field stated that “federal protected public lands are essential to the West’s economic future, attracting innovative companies and workers, and contributing a vital component of the region’s competitive advantage.”

Oregon’s protected wildlands and outdoor culture help draw new businesses to our state. A recent Headwaters Economics’ report shows how business location decisions increasingly are tied to quality of life and natural amenities in particular. Businesses are more likely to locate in a place where their employees are happy, and where they can pursue shared values and activities with fellow workers and their communities.

Wilderness specifically can be an economic boon to a region. Studies have found that protected public lands play an important role in stimulating economic growth and are associated with some of the fastest growing communities in the West. Wilderness designation also enhances nearby private property value, and is associated with rapid population, income, and employment growth relative to non-Wilderness counties.

These findings are simply common sense for many businesses in Oregon. They understand that protections on the Deschutes and Rogue Rivers mean more opportunities for fishing and the related tourism economy that comes with it. They understand that employees will relocate (and stay) in a place where they can be sure their families will drink clean water and be able to enjoy the outdoors on the weekend.

Business support for adding protections to the Wild Rogue in southwest Oregon, for example, has been a major part of that Wilderness campaign. Surrounding communities rely on the recreation and tourism the river supports— river recreation alone generates \$30 million annually and provides 445 jobs. Dozens of local rafting and fishing guides, lodges, and other local businesses have signed on to support adding Wilderness and Wild & Scenic River designations to this area.

Even in cash-strapped Curry County on the southern Oregon coast, where the call for increased logging on some public lands goes hand-in-hand with public outcry over any proposed tax increases, businesses recognize the importance of protecting wild places. The Port Orford/North Curry County Chamber of Commerce supported the campaign to protect the Copper Salmon Wilderness, designated in 2009, because it recognized that anglers from all over

Oregon’s Wonders

Linea Gagliano, Global Communications Manager at Travel Oregon

Oregonians value our amazing natural resources, and they also want to share its scenic beauty with others. We find that once visitors experience Oregon’s exceptional natural wonders, they’ll also form a stronger affinity for Oregon and its products, people and places.

The *7 Wonders of Oregon* campaign is designed to inspire explorers to visit Oregon’s most iconic sites, and the many points in between. Choosing between Oregon’s many natural wonders was an arduous task. We chose Mt. Hood, the Coast, Crater Lake, Painted Hills, Smith Rock, the Willows, and the Columbia River Gorge based on their unique features



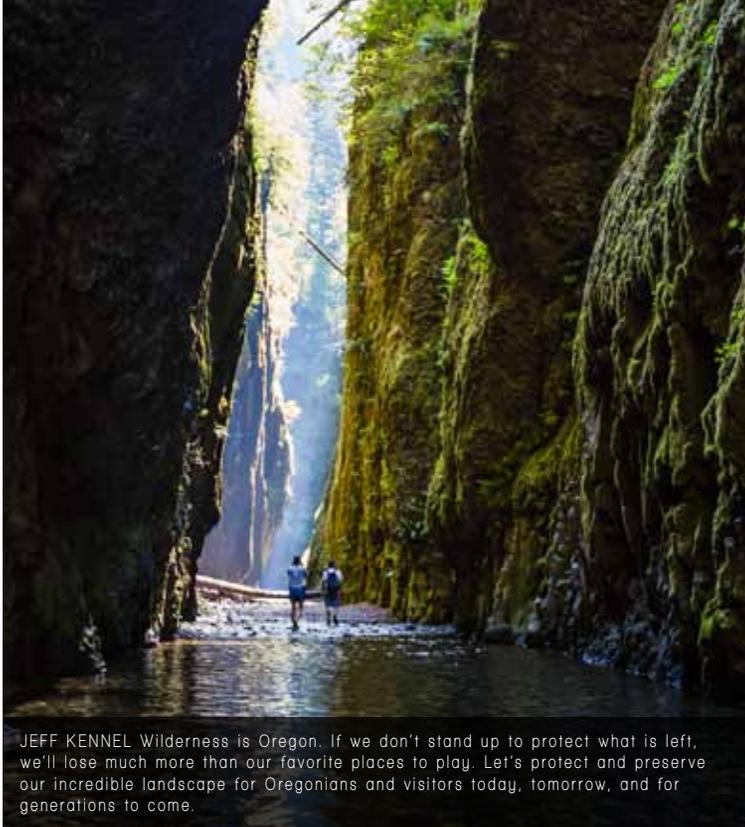
that highlight the vast and varying terrains of Oregon.

Though we have always promoted Oregon’s greatest attributes to visitors, the *7 Wonders* campaign is definitely our biggest push to promote Oregon’s outdoor splendor. More cities and towns now look to tourism to generate much-needed economic impact and meaningful jobs, while showcasing and thus preserving the

multitude of outdoor opportunities available throughout the state.

For the most part, rural businesses and communities are the beneficiaries of such recreational opportunities and marketing campaigns. Travel Oregon consistently works to enhance the economic benefit tourism can bring to rural communities through our innovative Rural Tourism Studio.

Sustainable tourism is not only beneficial to Oregon, but is also increasingly of interest to travelers. With that in mind, we created the Travel Oregon Forever program, giving tourism businesses access to the most current sustainable tourism resources and an opportunity to give back to Oregon communities. With businesses committed to sustainable practices and the stewardship of our state, we can make a better Oregon for visitors and for Oregonians.



JEFF KENNEL Wilderness is Oregon. If we don't stand up to protect what is left, we'll lose much more than our favorite places to play. Let's protect and preserve our incredible landscape for Oregonians and visitors today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

the country come to fish for salmon in the Elk River, employing local people in numerous businesses. Without protections for the river's headwaters, those economic benefits wouldn't exist.

A brighter future

Wildness is a shared value among Oregonians – but we have much

more work to do. Despite our green reputation, we lag far behind neighbors Washington and Idaho when it comes to protecting unspoiled lands as Wilderness. We can and must do better.

We need to finally protect places like the proposed Devil's Staircase and Wild Rogue Wilderness, connect the

wildlands surrounding Crater Lake National Park, preserve the biodiversity of our one-of-a-kind Kalmiopsis region, protect the Owyhee Canyonlands, and defend our remaining old-growth forests across the state. If Oregon is to remain a state defined by its natural beauty, quality of life, and commitment to preserving our wild heritage, these places and more must be set aside and safeguarded.

It is doubtful that anyone will ever look back and accuse our generation of protecting too much. But we *can* be sure that future Oregonians, and visitors, will thank us for preserving the wildlands, wildlife, and waters that they, too, can share in. ☺

1 Oregon Values & Beliefs Project, 2013. oregonvaluesproject.org/

* For a full list of resources, visit www.oregonwild.org

Take Action!

Help us celebrate 50 years of Wilderness in Oregon by attending our Wilderness Conference, taking the 50 Hikes Challenge, or participating in any number of other special events this summer. Find out more at www.oregonwild.org

Wilderness What?

Put your wildlands knowledge to the test with our Oregon Wilderness Quiz! [Answers on p. 11]

- Currently, 15% of the state of California's land mass is designated as Wilderness. In Washington, that number is 10%. What percent of Oregon is protected as Wilderness?
- What is Oregon's largest Wilderness?
- Which Wilderness permanently protected in 1996 helped shine the national spotlight on the need to preserve the last of our old-growth forests?
- Oregon Wild has crafted a proposal to permanently protect over 500,000 acres of the Crater Lake Wilderness. What three iconic Oregon rivers have their headwaters in the Proposed Crater Lake Wilderness?
- Which Wilderness is the home of Faith, Hope, & Charity?
- Which Wilderness contains roughly 40 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail and is also the home to Dinah-Mo and Grizzly Peaks?
- Which Wilderness's namesake peak has been dubbed "the Lightning Rod of the Cascades"?
- Which three Oregon Wilderness areas overlap another state's boundaries?



SCOTT SMORRA

Oregon Wild proudly presents

Oregon Wild SUMMER 2014

40 years. 40 hikes. Find your wild.

To register visit www.oregonwild.org or call 503.283.6343

Oregon Wild summer outings are guided by experts and require online reservations. Please leave pets at home. For your comfort and safety, please wear appropriate attire, bring plenty of water, a lunch, and your sense of adventure! Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Presented by *KEEN Footwear*.
Special thanks to Willamette Week.



ERIC NOMURA

WILDERNESS WEEK

 Saturday, June 7
Opal Creek Wilderness
Ancient Forest
Leader: Jonathan Jelen
(Moderate, 5-7 miles)

 Saturday, June 7
Tamanawas Falls
Leader: Bridget Callahan
(Easy, 4 miles)

 Sunday, June 8
French Pete Creek
Leader: Chandra LeGue
(Moderate, 5-8 miles)

 Thursday, June 12
Salmon River
Wildflower ID
Leader: Wendell Wood
(Moderate, 4 miles)

 Saturday, June 14
Angel's Rest to
Wahkenna Falls
Leader: Wendell Wood
(Strenuous, 6.4 miles)

 Monday, June 16
Larch Mountain
Wildflower ID
Leader: Wendell Wood
(Moderate, 5.5 miles)

 Saturday, June 21
Tilly Jane/Cloud Cap
Saddle
Leader: Margo Earley
(Strenuous, 6 miles)



SCOTT LARSEN

 Thursday, June 26
Mount June and Sawtooth
Ridge (Roadless Area)
Leader: Chandra LeGue
(Moderate, 5 miles)

 Sunday, June 29
Pine Bench/Boulder
Creek Wilderness
Leader: Chandra LeGue
(Moderate, 6 miles)

 Thursday, July 3
Bull of the Woods
Wilderness
Leader: Jonathan Jelen
(Moderate +, 6.6 miles)

Thursday, July 10
Eagle Creek
(Columbia River Gorge)
Leader: Bridget Callahan
(Moderate, 4.5 miles)

 Saturday, July 12
Tamanawas Falls
Leader: Erik Fernandez
(Easy, 4 miles)

 Sunday, July 13
Olallie Mountain
Leader: Chandra LeGue
(Moderate, 7 miles)

 Sunday, July 13
Boulder Lake
Leader: Erik Fernandez
(Moderate, 5 miles)

 Saturday, August 2
Rooster Rock/
Menagerie Wilderness
Leader: Chandra LeGue
(Difficult, 6.5 miles)

 Thursday, August 7
Serene Lake/Roaring
River Wilderness
Leader: Jonathan Jelen
(Moderate, 6.6 miles)

 Saturday, August 9
Vista Ridge
Leader: Erik Fernandez
(Strenuous, 8 miles)

 Tuesday, August 19
Horsetail & Triple Falls
(Oneonta Gorge)
Leader: Bridget Callahan
(Moderate, 3.3 miles)



SUE PARSONS Oregon Wild hikers enjoy the view at the top of Angel's Rest in the Columbia River Gorge.

 Thursday, August 21
Rooster Rock/Table
Rock Wilderness
Leader: Jonathan Jelen
(Moderate, 5.0 miles)

 Saturday, September 6
Patjens Lakes/Mount
Washington Wilderness
Leader: Jonathan Jelen
(Moderate, 6 miles)

 Sunday, September 7
Shale Ridge/Three Sisters-
Waldo Lake Wilderness
Leader: Chandra LeGue
(Easy-Moderate, 5.5 miles)

 Sunday, September 14
Diamond Peak Wilderness
Leader: Chandra LeGue
(Strenuous, 12.5 miles)

 PROTECTED WILDERNESS  PROPOSED WILDERNESS

Save these dates!

With so many milestones and anniversaries, we need just as many ways to celebrate them. Mark your calendars and join us for these special events throughout the summer and fall:

May 1 – October 31
50 Hikes Challenge (see p. 10)
(Trails across the state)

May 15 – September 19
10th Annual Oregon Wild
Outdoor Photo Contest
(see back cover)
(Trails across the state)

June 5-7
The 2014 Oregon
Wilderness Conference
(see back cover)
(Eliot Center, Portland)

June 7-14
Wilderness Week &
Oregon Wild Summer Kickoff
(Trails across the state)

June 12-15
Fifth Annual Wolf Rendezvous
(Northeast Oregon)

June 28
Great Old Broads for
Wilderness Family Hike
to Tamanawas Falls
(Portland)

June 29
Grizzly Peak Botanical Hike
with KS Wild
(Ashland)

July 4th Weekend
Klamath Basin Canoe &
Kayak Trip
(Klamath Marsh NWR)

October 17
Call of the Wild annual benefit
(Leftbank Annex, Portland)

We hope you can join us as we celebrate the Year of Wilderness. For the full list of 2014 happenings visit www.oregonwild.org/hikes_events

ROB KLAVINS 2013 Wolf Rendezvous participants.



50 Hikes Challenge – #iamwilderness

Marielle Cowdin, Outreach & Membership Coordinator



Track your adventures and get credit for your 50 Wilderness hikes using Instagram with the hashtag #iamwilderness.
[Top: SJOERD VANDENWORM Frazier Lake; Bottom: MARIELLE COWDIN Cummins Creek Wilderness]



To know wilderness is to love it.

And people who love wilderness, like so many Oregonians, are the best folks to help protect it. This is why **Wilderness is you**. As we enter peak hiking season in this *Year of Wilderness* and celebrate 50 years of the Wilderness Act, Oregon Wild invites you to explore, hike, and win in our **50 Hikes Challenge**.

How to join the adventure:

- Register for the Challenge at www.oregonwild.org/50hikes
- Hike in as many of the 50 Oregon Wilderness areas listed as possible between now and October 31 and earn great prizes – not to mention serious bragging rights!
- Take photos of your adventures to show which Wilderness area trails you made it to and upload them to Instagram using the hashtag #iamwilderness.*
- Use the **50 Hikes Challenge** Log to track your progress.

Registration is free, but Oregon Wild member challengers will receive great prizes upon completing different **50 Hikes Challenge** levels including:

- An Oregon Wild Klean Kanteen (10+ hikes)
- A Columbia Sportswear backpack (25+ hikes)
- VIP tickets to *Call of the Wild* (25+ hikes)
- A pair of KEEN shoes (50 hikes)

You must be an Oregon Wild member to get these great incentives, and you can become a member when you register for the Challenge online.

*All **50 Hikes** challengers will be recognized at *Call of the Wild* where we'll announce the winners of the Oregon Wild Outdoor Photo Contest, including the best #iamwilderness **50 Hikes Challenge** Instagram photo as a special fifth category.

So get out there, know your Oregon Wilderness, and win!

Take Action!

Register today for the 50 Hikes Challenge and find more details at www.oregonwild.org/50hikes

Bill's Excellent Adventures

Climb Mount Bailey!

William Sullivan



WILLIAM SULLIVAN

Two major mountains loom just north of Crater Lake National Park: Mount Thielsen and Mount Bailey. Hikers everywhere fear the scary summit spire in the designated Mount Thielsen Wilderness, the “Lightning Rod of the Cascades.” But a much prettier hike, and a fairly scary traverse, leads to the summit of Mount Bailey in an undesignated wilderness threatened by logging, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles.

How could we allow a jewel like this to be lost on the border of Oregon's only national park? Hike up Mount Bailey to see what's at risk.

The 2.7-mile trail to the top gains a healthy 2,330 feet of elevation, but is full of surprises

— passing a hidden crater, a rock garden of wildflowers, a double summit, and a rock wall with a window overlooking Diamond Lake.

You'll need a slightly rugged vehicle to drive to the trailhead. Take Highway 230 west from the Diamond Lake turnoff toward Medford 3 miles. Near milepost 21, turn right on gravel Three Lakes Road 3703 for 2 miles, turn right on rutted dirt Road 300 for 0.2 mile,

and fork left on unmarked Road 380 for 1.5 miles.

The trail skirts a snowfield in a 300-foot-wide crater and climbs to Mount Bailey's south summit. If you're not wearing boots with soles that grip well, consider turning back here. Ahead, the path dips across a cinder saddle, climbs along the left side of a 30-foot rock wall with a window-like peephole, edges briefly across the slippery top of a talus scree slope, and then climbs steeply to a ridgecrest and the true summit, a broad rockfield with alpine dandelions.

From here you can scan the entirety of Crater Lake National Park, but you can also survey the proposed Wilderness that would save the park's borderlands, including beautiful Mount Bailey.

For more hikes in this area, pick up *Bill's 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*. ©



WILLIAM SULLIVAN

Keep it wild, keep it free

William Sullivan

Hiking for a living has taught me a great truth. Oregon's Wilderness is a fragile gift. Hiking would seem to be one of the few sports that is free. But it's not really free if the land isn't really protected.

That's why I'm asking you to join me in supporting Oregon Wild, the statewide conservation group with a 40-year track record of Wilderness preservation success. Without Oregon Wild, it's safe to say we wouldn't have the Hells Canyon Wilderness, the Opal Creek Wilderness, or the new Clackamas Wilderness. Right now, Oregon Wild staff is leading the fight for a Crater Lake Wilderness that protects the borders of our only national park, a Devil's Staircase Wilderness in the wildest corner of the Coast Range, and a Zane Grey Wilderness on endangered parts of the Rogue River.

This year, on the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, join me in helping Oregon Wild make our favorite places safe forever.

Take Action! Send a special gift using the envelope between pages 8 and 9 and join Bill in helping protect Oregon's wildlands for generations to come.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON P. 7: 1. 4% 2. EAGLE CAP 3. OPAL CREEK 4. ROGUE, UMPQUA, KLAMATH 5. THREE SISTERS WILDERNESS 6. MOUNT JEFFERSON WILDERNESS 7. MOUNT THIELSEN 8. HELLS CANYON (DAHO), WENAHATUCANNON (WASHINGTON), AND RED BUTTES (CALIFORNIA)



LOIS SETTLEMEYER

Can't stump us now – an O&C forest round-up

Steve Pedery, Conservation Director



ALAN HIRSCHMUGL Pristine, publicly-owned forestlands like Alsea Falls, key for clean water and recreation in our local communities, remain threatened by Senator Wyden's O&C proposal.



STUMP

On April 1st, a mysterious group known as STUMP (Sustainable Timber from Urban Municipal Parks) unveiled a shocking proposal to clearcut public parks around Oregon to generate money to bail out local government budgets. STUMP wanted to target Forest Park in Portland, Spencer Butte in Eugene, and Lithia Park in Ashland, and the group's spokesman, Saul UMBER, was quoted in their press release saying "...we can no longer stand by and let nature run wild on these parks and public lands. It is

high time we put these trees to work."

Fortunately, STUMP was just an April Fools' joke put together by some mischievous Oregon Wild staffers. Unfortunately, the STUMP proposal was identical to US Senator Ron Wyden's plan to double logging levels on Western Oregon O&C lands, including a form of clearcutting euphemistically called "variable retention regeneration harvest." Wyden's plan would abandon the Clinton Northwest

Forest Plan and undercut both the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act in order to provide cheap timber to logging interests and revenues for county politicians.

While Oregon Wild has worked closely with Senator Wyden on a whole range of pro-environment legislation, when it comes to clearcutting public lands in Western Oregon, Wyden has gone off the rails.

Oregon Wild has been working hard to push back against the Wyden clearcutting proposal. In February, Executive Director Sean Stevens opposed the bill in testimony before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. In March, Wilderness Coordinator Erik Fernandez met with Oregon and Washington Senate offices and with Obama administration officials to highlight problems with Wyden's plan. And it isn't just Oregon Wild working to block the bill – dozens of conservation groups from the local, state, and national level recently signed a letter to the Senate opposing the plan.

As Wyden struggles to advance his logging plan, many Oregonians are wondering where our other Senator, Jeff Merkley, will come down on these proposals that use clearcutting of America's public lands to bail out county budgets. So far, Merkley hasn't taken a position, but he is under fierce attack by logging interests and some county politicians who want to see him abandon the Northwest Forest Plan and embrace more logging. ©

Take Action!

Ask Senator Merkley to oppose the current O&C bill, and protect the Northwest Forest Plan and carbon-storing forests. Visit www.oregonwild.org to act now.



Executive Director Sean Stevens testifying on behalf of our threatened public forestlands before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in February.

Wildlife round-up

BRETT COLE Home to over a hundred different species of birds, the Klamath Basin hosts upwards of 80% of the migrating waterfowl using the Pacific Flyway.



Oregon Wild is working with partners this year to make sure the US Fish & Wildlife Service prepares and implements a management plan that puts wildlife first. Doing so will give all of us who care about the refuges a voice in the process.

A good little wolf update

Rob Klavins, Northeast Oregon Field Coordinator

Last May, after 17-months of negotiations, we announced settlement of our legal

challenge to Oregon's wolf killing program. For the second year in a row, no wolves were killed by the state.



QUINN READ Drought was already declared in the Klamath in February. Wildlife in the region will need an even stronger voice as the year continues.

With a focus on non-lethal conflict *prevention*, Oregon's known population increased to 64, and only 5 cows were confirmed lost to wolves (owners are eligible for full compensation). Perhaps the most exciting piece of news was confirmation of wolf tracks on the slopes of Mount Hood!

Despite a refreshingly positive year, it's not all good news. All but one known wolf are confined to the Northeastern corner of the state, and an outbreak of parvovirus, poaching, and hunting in Idaho took their toll. We're still a long way from full recovery - efforts are underway at the state and national level to strip basic protections from Oregon's wolves.

However, with your help, we'll keep wolf recovery on track here in Oregon. ☺



ODFW Wolf recovery stayed on track in 2013, but it wasn't all good news. OR-17 seen here was killed for sport in Idaho, and none of the pups in her pack are known to have survived.

Wildlife Reform

Rob Klavins, Northeast Oregon Field Coordinator

The mission statement of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reads surprisingly like our own. Despite its broad conservation goals and the fact that the vast majority of wildlife is classified as "non-game," only 4% of the budget is spent on conservation and habitat.

The agency now finds itself in a death spiral, lacking public trust, and unable to fulfill its mission – the result of an outdated funding mechanism, declining participation in consumptive pursuits of wildlife, and political pressure.

After years of failed solutions, conservation-minded Oregonians including Oregon Wild are getting involved. As we work with stakeholders across the spectrum, we aim to reform the public agency to represent all Oregonians and be a strong voice for conservation. Stay tuned.

To action in the Klamath

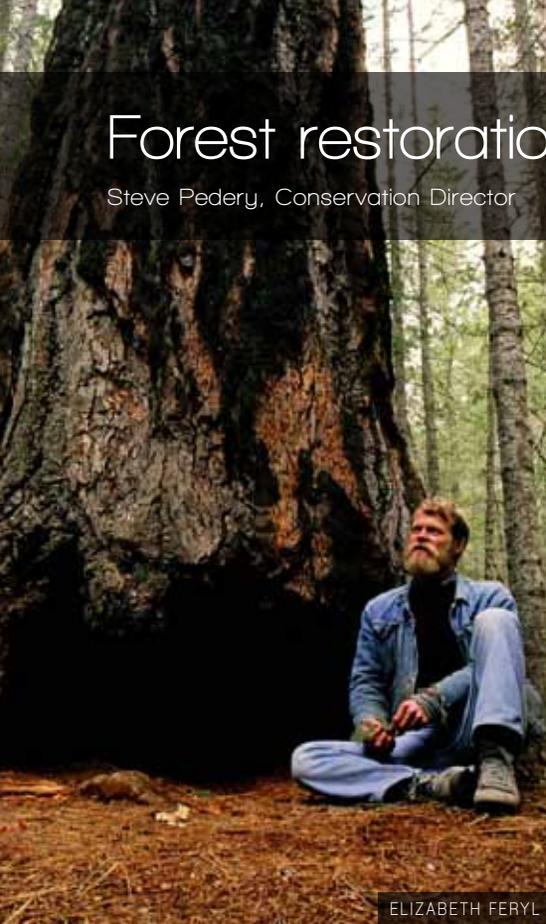
Quinn Read, Wildlife & Wetlands Advocate

While visiting the Klamath Basin's National Wildlife Refuges last March, eleven Oregon Wild members witnessed the spectacle of spring migration in the heart of the Pacific Flyway. Braving rain, sleet, snow, and wind, we witnessed thousands of geese taking flight over Tule Lake and identified 79 different bird species.

The Klamath Basin is a special place, and visiting its refuges reminded us that the remaining wetland habitat is incredibly precious. However, 2014 is shaping up to be a rough year: Governor Kitzhaber declared drought in February, Tule Lake NWR already experienced an outbreak of avian cholera, and Lower Klamath NWR will be completely dry before summer is out.

Forest restoration and Tim Lillebo's Eastern Oregon legacy

Steve Pedery, Conservation Director



ELIZABETH FERYL

When I first came to work for Oregon Wild back in 2004, I was excited to be part of an outfit with a proud history of defending Oregon's old-growth forests, wildlife, and Wilderness. A big part of that history was the work of Tim Lillebo, who had always been a tireless and fearless advocate for the protection of Oregon's wildlife and wild places.

But much of my time working with Tim was not spent going to battle against the Forest Service, but rather working to quietly reform the agency so that it could become a force for good - a tool to undo some of the damage done by 150 years of abusive logging, fire suppression, grazing, and mismanagement.

Despite Lillebo's mountain-man beard, cigars, and the battered felt hat (which looked like it had been on the losing end of a wolverine encounter in the Wallowas), he was also a man of science. Throughout his career, he was always willing to rethink his positions if new information came along. This led him to acknowledge the reality that past abuses, particularly old-growth logging and fire suppression, had made a mess out of Eastern Oregon forests. In the age of climate change, Tim argued that it wasn't enough to just save the few remaining old-growth forests and roadless areas. We must also work to restore areas damaged by past mismanagement.

And so it was that Tim came to lobby Oregon Wild's staff and board to embrace this restoration vision for Eastern Oregon forests, and to work collaboratively—where it was possible—with the Forest Service and other interests to advance this goal. Those were not easy conversations, but in the end Tim, and his science, prevailed.

With Tim Lillebo's untimely passing, there has been much reflection on the past decade, and on his legacy. Many, particularly in government agencies, have focused on his collaboration with the Forest Service to argue that hard-nosed advocacy is no longer needed. We don't need conservationists who will go to court to defend old-growth, or work in Congress to designate Wilderness, they argue. We just need more folks willing to be collaborative.

They miss the point.

Lillebo did not represent Oregon Wild in countless hours of meetings with Forest Service collaborative groups to avoid conflict, or because we thought hard-nosed advocacy to stop old-growth logging or protect more Wilderness was no longer needed. We participated in those meetings precisely because science increasingly tells us that our remaining old-growth and wildlands are more important than ever. It isn't enough to simply save the few fragments Oregon has left; we must work to heal the damage done by past mismanagement and abuse.

That is the real vision that underpinned Tim's work in collaboration with the Forest Service, and I am proud to say Oregon Wild will continue down the trail he blazed in the years to come. ©



ROD DINES A recent controlled burn in the Glaze Meadow Project. Fire contributes to the ecological health of Eastside forests when managed wisely.

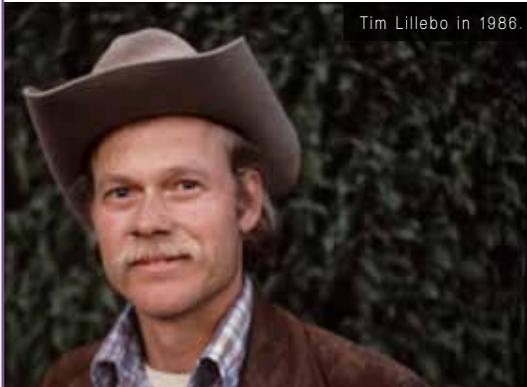


US FOREST SERVICE

Tim Lillebo: in our hearts and on our maps, always

Andy Kerr

In 1976, Tim Lillebo and I went to work for Oregon Wild. We were then two of four Oregon nature zealots in need of the legitimacy provided by having common stationery.



In the late 1970s, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was inventorying lands to protect as Wilderness Study Areas status, but missed millions of acres. Oregon Wild's formal protest led to informal field visits with local BLM staff in hopes of convincing them to reconsider.

Lillebo and I arranged one of those trips. It was a gonzo trip in early spring, and we'd stopped the BLM rig at the base of Steens Mountain where Oregon 205 crosses Home Creek. The canyon mouth looked very enticing through the windshield and snow flurries, but I'd not personally been up that creek so I had nothing to say. In both great detail and eloquence, Tim described the canyon, its

vegetation, its beauty and its wildlife—especially the majestic bighorn sheep.

Later, I whispered, "Tim, Home Creek sounds exquisite. I really need to get up there!" To which Tim whispered back, "So do I!"

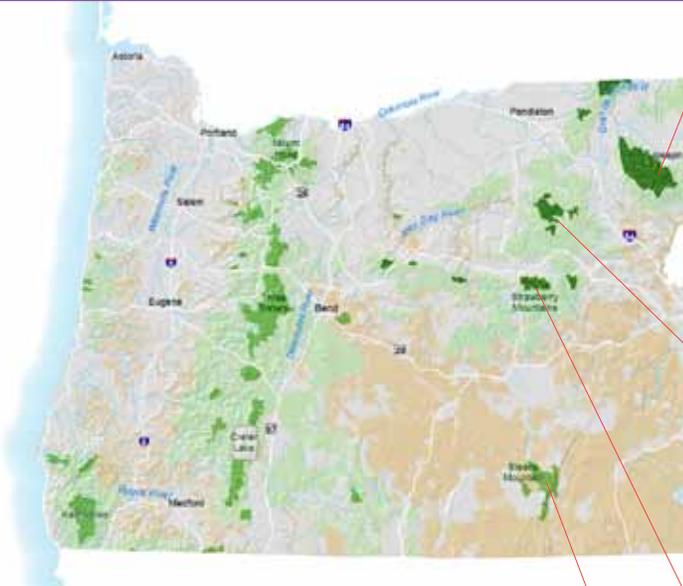
Prodded by Tim's oral argument, the BLM established the Home Creek Wilderness Study Area, granting interim protection. In 2000, Congress designated Home Creek a part of the Steens Mountain Wilderness, safeguarding it forever.

Home Creek is just one place where Tim Lillebo left his indelible marks both on the Oregon map and in our hearts and minds. From the Strawberry Mountains to the Middle Santiam Wilderness, celebrate his legacy and redouble your efforts to protect more. ☺

Tim Lillebo's Magic

Steve Pedery, Conservation Director

Several years ago, Tim Lillebo and I took two Boise Cascade logging executives on a tour of his Glaze Meadow restoration project in the Deschutes National Forest. Tim showed in his green Toyota pickup wearing his battered hat and waving around an old green camp mug. The Boise guys arrived in a big diesel pickup, and quickly expressed their disdain for environmentalists and projects like Glaze.



Over the course of the day, Tim worked his magic on the two of them. He talked hunting with one, comparing notes on elk, deer, and turkey. The other was only concerned about the bottom line. Tim spoke his language and walked him through restoration plans and projected thinning volume.

By the end of the day, the Boise execs were smiling and cracking jokes with Tim like old friends. As we shared beers on the tail gate of his pickup, I was in awe of his ability to bridge the divide with those two men, and to create a connection where they could hear his point of view and know he was hearing theirs.

That was Tim Lillebo's magic, the unique gift that made him both a delight to be around and a formidable champion for Oregon's wild places. ☺

While Tim was not solely responsible for the protection and expansion of the Oregon Wilderness areas above, many are safely on the map today due to his efforts.

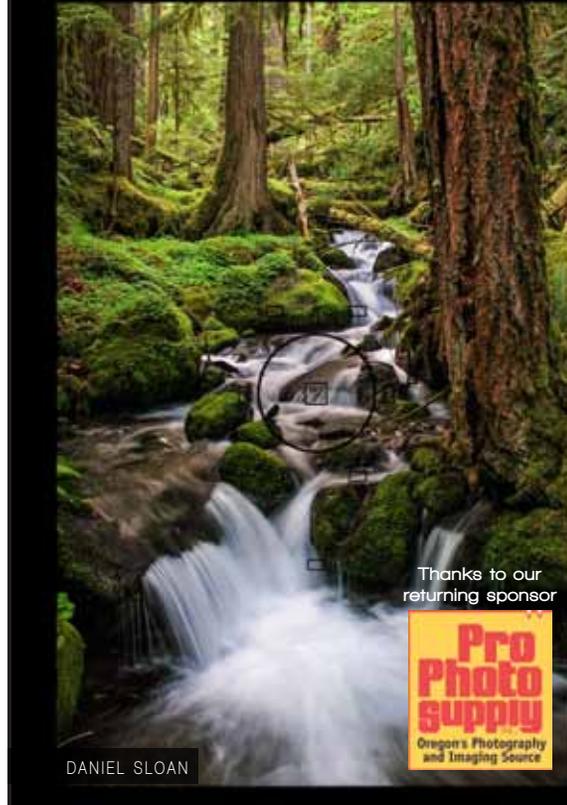


NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
Portland, OR
Permit No. 226

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

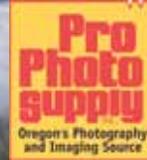


Printed on recycled paper with soy based ink.



DANIEL SLOAN

Thanks to our
returning sponsor



2014 Oregon Wild OUTDOOR PHOTO CONTEST

Your Oregon, your focus.

2014 is the year of milestones: 40 years of Oregon Wild, 50 Years of the Wilderness Act, and a whole decade of the Oregon Wild Outdoor Photo Contest. Each year, amateur and professional photographers alike have wowed us with their visions of Oregon. This time around, there are even more opportunities for YOU to have adventures, submit photos, and win big.

Enter photos in the 10th annual Outdoor Photo Contest's four main categories: *Wildlands*, *Wildlife*, *Waters*, and *Endangered Places* –

this year featuring iconic, proposed Wilderness areas across the state deserving of permanent protection. This special anniversary year also includes a unique fifth category as part of Oregon Wild's 50 Hikes Challenge (see page 10 for details). Great prizes from Pro Photo Supply and others await you, so get out there and take a wild shot!

Save the date for *Call of the Wild* on October 17 at Leftbank Annex where we'll unveil the winners and celebrate!

See contest rules and submit your photos at www.oregonwild.org/photo-contest. Sponsorship inquiries welcome.

All submissions due by September 19, 2014

This summer Oregon Wild brings back a signature event in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act: **the Oregon Wilderness Conference**. Featuring wide-ranging panel discussions, engaging conversation, and plenty of recreational opportunities, the conference will take place **June 6th, 2014** in the heart of Portland.

Visit www.oregonwild.org/wilderness50 to register or contact Bridget at bc@oregonwild.org.

