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Newsletter of the Coulee Region Group

SEPTEMBER 2015

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Tuesday,  
September 29**

7pm at the

**HoChunk**

**Three Rivers House  
at 8th & Main**

Sierra Club members and  
non-members all welcome

*Wheelchair accessible*

### **Public Policy & Wildlife Management at Yellowstone**

**Presenter: Jo Arney, Associate Professor, Political Science and Public Administration, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse**

Managing our shared resources requires the ability to find shared values and create common ground. It is only by acting together as citizens that we can overcome the organizational and political challenges we face in being good stewards of the natural world. As part of this presentation, Ms. Arney will share stories and lessons gleaned from creating a Stewardship of Public Lands national blended course and faculty seminar for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. As part of this work, she speaks with a variety of stakeholders regarding issues of disease control, wildlife management, and winter use of the land in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Jo Arney's main area of teaching and research interest is in environmental politics and policy. She is one of the lead scholars in the creation of a nationwide blended course about the stewardship of public lands being developed by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). She is also the director of a stewardship of public lands AASCU course for faculty held in Yellowstone National Park each summer. Jo recently authored *Wilderness and the Common Good: A New Ethic of Citizenship*.

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## **Coulee Region Transportation Study Update**

Please attend Public Involvement Meeting #3 of the Wisconsin DOT's Coulee Region Transportation Study. It will start evaluating potential solutions to transportation needs. There are two opportunities to attend the meeting:

**Wednesday, September 23, 5-7 p.m. at  
Onalaska Eagle Bluff Elementary School  
Gymnasium**

**Thursday, September 24, 5-7 pm. at  
La Crosse Central High School Cafeteria**

Thank you to all who attended the first two public meetings. The turnout was good and many written and oral comments were turned in supporting the City of La Crosse's progressive transportation vision. Please add these new meetings to your calendar and try to attend.

For more information, go to  
[www.couleeregionstudy.dot.wi.gov](http://www.couleeregionstudy.dot.wi.gov).





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## 2015 Autumn Assembly, October 2-4 Perlstein Resort - Lake Delton, WI

**T**he Wisconsin Sierra Club Autumn Assembly is a fun, family-friendly event featuring indoor and outdoor environmental activities for all. Hosted by the Four Lakes Group, Autumn Assembly 2015 offers hands-on activist workshops with 3 great keynotes, breakout sessions, our annual Awards dinner, outings, and 3 optional tours of the International Crane Foundation, the Aldo Leopold Center, and the geology of the Upper Dells by boat. Register for the whole weekend or just our action-packed Saturday sessions.

Presentations and breakouts will explore the connections between local activism and state-wide priority issues to protect water, block destructive mining, promote clean energy and expand clean transportation. We hope to see you there! Register by September 1 to enter our Early Bird Contest! <http://www.sierraclub.org/wisconsin/2015-autumn-assembly>

## Fall Highway Cleanup

**I**t's almost that time again—for the third of three annual cleanups of River Valley Drive in the La Crosse Marsh. The cleanup will be held **Tuesday, October 6, at 5:30 p.m.** Meet at the city water well building near the intersection of County Highway B and River Valley Drive on the north side of La Crosse.

Wear old clothes and bring work gloves. Orange vests and garbage bags are provided. We'll work for an hour to 90 minutes. There's a traditional stop at Rudy's Drive-in after the cleanup. For more information contact Pat or Bobbie Wilson: **608-788-8831** or [pbwilson@centurytel.net](mailto:pbwilson@centurytel.net).

## NEEDED: Newspaper Editor

Beginning in January 2016, the Club will need someone to put together the monthly newsletter. This



is a once-monthly commitment of about 1-3 hours, September through June and includes light editing of submitted articles and setting up in either a word document or page-layout program. (It can be in a very simple format; it's the content that is important.) We will supply you with a template in either Microsoft Word or InDesign, from which you'll save out a final PDF. NOTE: Maureen Kinney at Johns Flaherty has been kind enough to handle all the actual copying and mailing.

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