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Mike Brune Invites You to Join a Georgia Climate Forward Call on Wednesday



My fellow Sierra Clubbers,

One of the biggest actions we'll be holding this year is the Forward On Climate Rally — a partnership between the Sierra Club, 350.org and others to host an event in Washington D.C. on February 17th that is shaping up to be the largest climate rally in American history.

In his inaugural address, President Obama made a bold commitment to take action in the fight against climate disruption.

"We, the people, still believe that our obligations as Americans are not just to ourselves, but to all posterity. We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that the failure to do so would betray our children and future generations."

We need your Chapter members in Washington with us, making history and demonstrating to the President that his commitment to

climate change is a worthy legacy. Keystone XL is just the beginning. As the President's words in his inaugural address demonstrate, our movement is powerful and this rally will demonstrate that power in ways that we can leverage for all our local and national goals.

Starting tomorrow, I will be calling members from two Chapters each day, asking for their commitment to join us in Washington and show the strength of our movement in numbers. As I'll explain on the call, this will be a watershed event for the Club as a whole and the climate movement. We need as many of our members and activists there in person. Come, experience the power of our movement and carry home your personal stories from the rally as a foundation for the opportunities ahead. This is only the beginning - many more events are planned as part of the 100 days of Action for Climate and Clean Energy leading up to Earth Day: http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageNavigator/100Days.html

Join me on my <u>call with the Georgia Chapter</u> at **7:30 pm EST, Wednesday, February 6** by calling in to 1-866-501-6174 and conference code 2000001# and be part of the Georgia Chapter's pledge to be there in person, in strength. Work with your chapter leadership to make a commitment to join an event that will become part of the history of our movement.

If you already know you want to join us and are looking for a ride, please sign up here. If you have any questions about the call or the bus, please contact Seth Gunning, Georgia's Beyond Coal Organizer, at seth.gunning@sierraclub.org.

Talk with you soon,

Michael Brune Executive Director Sierra Club

QuickLinks

The Georgia General Assembly gets underway this week. Our legislative team of veteran lobbyist Neill Herring and Chair Mark Woodall will be keeping their eyes on all of the comings and goings, especially those on ethics, transportation, solar freedom, and rollbacks of environmental regulations. Sign up for Action Alerts here, and mark your calendar for Georgia Conservation Voters annual Legislative Breakfast followed by Georgia Water Coalition's Lobby Day on February 28.



Sierra Club Meetings

Smart Energy Team Meeting, Monday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. Seth Gunning - Staff, seth.gunning@sierraclub.org

Wildlands Committee Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 p.m. Mike Murdock - Chair, murdock1@mindspring.com

Atlanta Inner City Outings (ICO), Tuesday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.

Naomi Bock - Chair, atlantaico@gmail.com

RAIL, Monday, January 25, 7:00 p.m. David Emory - Chair, david.emory@gmail.com

Fundraising Committee, Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. Sybil Cypress, sybil.cypress@sierraclub.org

Upcoming Events

February 1 - Al Gore at the Carter Center



Ours is a time of revolutionary change that has no precedent in history. With the same passion he brought to the challenge of climate change, and with his decades of experience on the front lines of global policy, Al Gore surveys our planet's beclouded horizon and offers a sober, learned, and ultimately hopeful forecast in the visionary tradition of Alvin Toffler's Future Shock and John Naisbitt's Megatrends. In The Future, Gore identifies the emerging forces that are reshaping our world. Click here for tickets, which include an autographed copy of Vice President Gore's book.

February 9 - Sierra Club 101

You got on the Sierra Club because you care about protecting the environment, but it's hard to know where to start. Sierra Club 101 will introduce you to all the programs and campaigns going on in the Georgia Chapter and to many of the folks who are leading them. Come learn about the Sierra Club and how to get involved in our local efforts. Open to members and non-members alike--bring a friend! Refreshments provided, RSVP here!



February 9 - Transportation Camp



TransportationCamp South is coming to Atlanta on Saturday, February 9th.This day-long "unconference" – where sessions are proposed and led by attendees – brings together thinkers and doers in the fields of transportationand technology for a day of learning, debating, connecting, and creating. This is the first to be held in the Southern US. Click here for more information and

registration.

February 28 - Conservation Day at the Capitol

Georgia Conservation Voters hosts their annual <u>Legislative Breakfast</u> from 7:30-9am at the top of the West Tower of the Sloppy Floyd Building. Individual tickets are \$30, tables can be purchased for \$250. The breakfast will be immediately followed by an Issue Briefing and trip across the street to flex our green muscles under the gold dome. Please join us!



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