



# Lunz Letter April 2023

# **Wood Pellet Biomass**and the Climate Emergency

Emily Zucchino
Dogwood Alliance
Palmetto Conservation Foundation

Thursday, April 6 7:00pm

\*\*Remote Only\*\*

Online via Zoom: Register Here

A link to join the live meeting will be sent by email.



Our forests are our greatest natural resource. They support biodiversity, remove carbon from the atmosphere and provide natural protection from more severe flooding and drought. Southern forests are at risk from the wood pellet industry, which has grown rapidly in the US South over the past decade. The industry logs forests, turns them into wood pellets, and ships them overseas to be burned for electricity in Europe and Asia. The production of wood pellets is polluting low-income communities of color in the US South, and putting more carbon into the atmosphere than coal. Yet the industry touts itself as clean and green energy.

Please RSVP through <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Meetup</u>.

# **Happy Memories From the 2023 Oyster Roast**

Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy a beautiful day and support the Lunz Group! <u>View More Photos</u>



## **Make Your Voice Heard!**

Vote in the 2023 Sierra Club Board of Directors election



The annual election for Sierra

Club's Board of Directors is now underway. All active members have the opportunity to vote on 5 candidates to serve a three-year term.

Paper ballots will be sent to eligible voters in March. Additional information about the election, including this year's candidates, and how to vote can be found on the Sierra Club website at <a href="https://www.sierraclub.org/board/election">www.sierraclub.org/board/election</a>

# \*\*Your participation is critical for a strong Sierra Club\*\*

Cast your vote early and encourage other members you know to do the same. Ballots must be received by 12:00 PM Eastern Time on April 26th.



Save the Date:



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# **PFAS - The Forever Chemicals**

Kathleen Kempe Ron Sobczak

Thursday, May 4

What are PFAS? How do they get into the environment and our bodies? How can we avoid them?

## **The Palmetto Trail**

Marie Butler, Lowcountry Trail Coordinator for Palmetto Conservation presented at the at our March program. Marie gave an overview of the everexpanding Palmetto Trail, which will eventually extend 500 miles from Intracoastal Waterway to the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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# **Spring Native Plant Market!**

Saturday, March 25, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon Charles Towne Landing

A farmer's-market-style native plant sale with local vendors. Admission to the Native Plant Market is free!

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# **Upcoming Outings**

\*\*This Saturday\*\*

Mountain Bike the Moultrie Passage of Palmetto Trail

Saturday, March 25

Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

Difficulty level: Strenuous

We will carpool to Hwy 52 Trailhead for the Palmetto Trail Swamp Fox Passage then arrange a shuttle to move bikes to the start. This section is about 32 miles. Expect the pastels of redbud trees blooming, lots of pine pollen and dozens of alligators.



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# **Paddle on Mosquito Creek**

Saturday, April 8
Trip Leader: Bill Turner

Level: Moderate

10 to 12 mile loop trip on Mosquito Creek, a tributary of the lower Ashepoo River in the ACE Basin. Salt marsh

interspersed with pine and hardwood hammock islands, with a stop and short walk on the dikes of Bear Island Wildlife Management Area.

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# **Paddle in Rimini Swamp**

Thursday, April 13
Trip Leader: Bill Turner

In springtime, Rimini Swamp is possibly the most beautiful place in SC. This



weekday paddle will launch from Sparkleberry Landing and explore moss-draped cypress/tupelo swamp forest. Some mild upstream paddling and maneuvering through tight passages. Not for beginners

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