



E-Sierran Newsletter



Events, Updates, News, and more!
September 2026

Dear Friend,

September has arrived with quite the commotion from day one! While primary election day is always a whirlwind, this one was especially so; happening on the same day that 70% of leases in the the Boston area turn over.

This momentum is carrying through the rest of the month, with lots of Sierra Club events and actions kicking off the fall season. Keep reading to see what else is happening at the Chapter this month!

Cape Cod Pipeline Expansion



Down on the Cape, a fossil fuel company is exploiting \$300 million in federal and state bridge funds to expand a fracked gas pipeline and bypass environmental assessment by claiming that it's simply a pipeline relocation.

👤 This project has floated through federal and state regulations and now lies with the Cape Cod Commission.

👎 This expansion is just one of three fracked gas pipeline expansions in the state that fly in the face of the Commonwealth's climate goals.

📌 We joined [Extinction Rebellion and the Red Rebel Brigade](#) last Friday to shed light on the heinous mischaracterization of this expansion as part of [our campaign to drive public comment and participation in the Cape Cod Commission's review process.](#)

If you're on the Cape, check out these upcoming community meetings:

 **Wed, September 16th:** [Sandwich Public Library](#)

 **Thurs, September 17th:** [Eastham Public Library](#)

Hands Across the Sand Boston



Join us for a nationwide day of action to protect our oceans and demand no expansions of offshore oil drilling! Sierra Club Massachusetts, local partners, community members, and elected officials will gather at [Constitution Beach](#) in East Boston as part of a nationwide Hands Across the Sand day of action. We'll join hands along the shoreline to show support for ocean protection, clean energy, coastal economies, and climate action.

Sign up to join us!

Legislative Action Hour Series Continues

Our legislative action hour series continues with 3 more sessions coming up over the next month and a half! Join us to dive into different topics in the energy bill and use the last half of the meeting to contact our legislators, neighbors and friends about the topic.



September 17th at 6pm: Data Center Regulations

This week's topic is data center regulations. We'll talk about the provisions proposed in both versions of the energy bill and how we advocate for strengthening them in the final bill.

Sign up here!

October 1st at 6pm: [Alternative Compliance Payments \(ACPs\)](#)

October 15th at 6pm: [Nuclear and Biomass](#)

Glyphosate: Tell the MA Pesticide Board to Act



Photo: <https://www.pexels.com/@gustavo-fring/>

Join us in calling on the Massachusetts pesticide board to make glyphosate a state-restricted pesticide! We are concerned about the impacts of this herbicide on our health and the environment. Sierra Club Massachusetts recommends classifying glyphosate as a state-restricted pesticide would ensure that (1) all applications are conducted by trained professionals, and (2) that all product sold within the state is to licensed applicators.

[Send a message to the MA Pesticide Board!](#)

Action of the Month

Help Protect Our Wildest Forests from Trump

Our undeveloped national forests are the heart of our public land. But now one of the most important -- and most underappreciated -- conservation policies is on the verge of being cut by Trump. If the Roadless Area Conservation Rule is repealed, 45 million acres of pristine national forests across the country would be opened up for the first time in over 20 years to road building and the logging, mining, and extractive industries that come with that.

 [**Join your voice with thousands of others by submitting your comment today!**](#)

Upcoming Chapter Events

Energy Storage Walk at Freetown-Fall River State Forest

 **September 13th at 10:30am**
 **Assonet, MA**

Energy storage is a crucial part of transitioning our state to clean, affordable energy. Join us to walk through the beautiful Freetown-Fall River State Forest and talk about the benefits and safety considerations of these projects.

New Volunteer Welcome Call

 **September 16th at 5pm**
 **Virtual event**

Calling all those who want to take action for climate and community in Massachusetts! We're hosting a chapter welcome call to talk about volunteering and how you can get involved and start making an immediate impact. This is

open to new volunteers or existing volunteers looking to plug back into our volunteer teams.

Cape Cod Canal Pipeline Expansion: What the Frack?

 *September 16th at 6:45pm*
 *Sandwich Public Library*

Join us to hear about the expansion of fracked-gas infrastructure threatening to increase Cape Cod's reliance on expensive and polluting fuels and how you can get involved in the regional decision making processes.

Legislative Action Hour: Data Center Regulations

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 *September 17th at 12pm*
 *Eastham Public Library*

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Elder Grove Hike in Mohawk Trail State Forest

 *October 3rd at 11am*
 *Charlemont, MA*

Please join the Sierra Club Massachusetts Chapter, Wendell State Forest Alliance, and Standing Trees on a guided fall hike to the renowned Elder Grove in Mohawk Trail State Forest. This grove of old growth trees contains some of the tallest white pines in the Northeast, most exceeding 160 feet in height.

Forest Film Screening at Patagonia Cambridge

 *October 8th at 7pm*
 *Cambridge, MA*

Join us for a screening of Old Growth Forests: Nature's Biotic Water Pump at Patagonia in Cambridge! This film made by Ray Asselin of Western Massachusetts describes how important forests are and explains how forests control our climate and "pump" water across continents.

Visit our [Chapter events calendar](#) to see all upcoming committee and team meetings, in addition to special events!



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Friend & Partner Events

September 12 | [Forest Fires in Massachusetts: Myths and Reality](#)
September 14 | [The Money Train: A Learning Series](#)
September 17 | [Film Screening & Virtual Hearing on the Future of our Wild Roadless Forests](#)
September 19 | [Saving Real Organic: In Defense of Science](#)
September 29 | [Say YES to BESS Webinar](#)

What We're Reading

- Our energy needs are projected to boom. Battery storage must grow, too. ([Boston Globe](#))
- Melissa Hoffer, nation's first state-level climate chief, to step down ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))
- Massachusetts needs a data-center strategy, not a series of permits ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))
- 'Future-proof' or 'a strategic mistake'? Inside the MBTA's effort to electrify its commuter rail system ([CommonWealth Beacon](#))
- Electricity suppliers overcharged New England consumers billions of dollars over past decade, report says ([Boston Globe](#))
- Advocates frustrated over lawmakers' failure to pass PFAS legislation ([WGBH](#))



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