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# Sierra Club Lake Group

## January-February 2021 Newsletter

### Community Forum: Ranch Fire Restoration

Lake Group's next general membership meeting will be held virtually at 6PM on Thursday February 11: Mendocino National Forest Upper Lake and Covelo Ranger Districts District Ranger Frank Aebly and Fuels Officer Hinda Darner will present progress on post-fire restoration activities within the footprint of the 2018 Ranch fire, focused primarily on the Upper Lake Ranger District above the towns of Nice and Lucerne. Much progress has been made with Burned Area Emergency Response implantation complete, hazard tree removal along roads, and planning of a 40,000+ acre post-fire restoration project. The collaborative process of planning and implementing the North Shore Restoration project will be presented within the framework of shared-stewardship. The Environmental Analysis, funding sources, and opportunities for public involvement will be discussed.

Please join us to learn what's going on. This presentation was originally scheduled at a community forum in March 2020, but cancelled because of the Covid pandemic: we're delighted to have been able to regroup, and to offer the presentation on the Zoom platform. Although the meeting is free and open to the public as always, registration is required: everyone who signs up will receive confirmation and a followup email with connection details a day or so before the event. To register, go to the Lake Group website, [sierraclub.org/redwood/lake](http://sierraclub.org/redwood/lake) and click the link in the embedded calendar.

### Taking Action to Protect the Climate

Redwood Chapter has recently rolled out a new grassroots initiative with the mission of inspiring, enabling and mobilizing teams of informed volunteers to demand, facilitate, measure and enforce the bold local policies and personal actions needed to cut current greenhouse gas emissions and naturally sequester prior emissions in time to meet United Nations targets for preventing climate catastrophe.

We are the Climate Protectors, and we invite you to become a Climate Protector, too.

A climate protector is someone who takes the climate crisis seriously enough to:

- Learn the science of climate change to build actions upon a solid factual foundation
- Take steps in our own lives to minimize our contributions to global warming
- Network with others locally and beyond to implement effective climate policies

Now is the time to do what we can! (con't)

**(Climate Protectors, con't)** That means work on all aspects of the climate equation—stopping the sources of greenhouse gas pollution, sequestering carbon dioxide found in nature, and helping society achieve broader transformations. Climate Protectors is initially focusing upon Redwood Chapter's nine-county region of Northwestern California, including here in Lake County.

To learn more, especially about the ways we can build climate action here in our own community, visit the Climate Protectors website, [climateprotectors.net](http://climateprotectors.net) and reach out to Lake Group Climate Protectors coordinator Deb Sally at [enviracat1@gmail.com](mailto:enviracat1@gmail.com).



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### Let's Go Digital

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*ExCom meetings are held at 5:00PM on the third Wednesday of the month, on the Zoom platform. All members are cordially invited to attend, but requested to contact the Chair first to confirm time and connection details*

## ACTION ALERT: Ask Rep. Garamendi to support Eel River fish passage

Rep. John Garamendi, whose district includes most of northern and eastern Lake County as well as other portions of Redwood Chapter, has gone on record opposing dam removal on the Eel River. Not only is dam removal the most expeditious pathway to recovery of imperiled salmon and steelhead populations, it's also almost inevitable, given the nonexistence of any responsible party willing to take on maintenance and liability for PG&E's antiquated Scott Dam facility.

Rather than expressing categorical opposition, Congressman Garamendi could serve his Lake County Constituents much more effectively by helping to negotiate meaningful mitigations. Please ask him to reconsider by calling his district office at (530) 753-5301 or sending an email to [Iain.Hart@mail.house.gov](mailto:Iain.Hart@mail.house.gov).

# Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Workshop January 28

The Bureau of Land Management Ukiah Field Office invites the public to a BSMNM Trails and Travel Management Workshop on **January 28, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** This virtual workshop will provide an overview of the BLM travel management process, which is scheduled to begin later in 2021, and invite participants to provide comment.

The BLM and Mendocino National Forest, which co-manage the Monument, believe partnerships and inclusion are vital to managing sustainable, working public lands. This workshop and associated planning efforts are specific to travel management within public lands administered by the BLM within the monument.

The BLM Trails and Travel Management Workshop is designed to engage stakeholders and members of the public on the vision for travel management at BSMNM. The plan will be important for designating a wide variety of roads and trails for motorized, non-motorized and non-mechanized recreational opportunities. The BLM will use an online map and survey tools, provide an overview of roads and trails within the monument, detail the current status of travel management, present an overview of the BLM travel management process, and offer opportunities to provide input.

To access the workshop, please register at  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1478865541170293776>

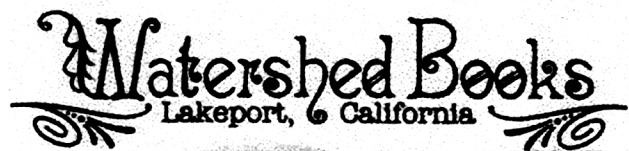
A second BLM Trails and Travel Management Workshop will be announced at a later date. For more information, please contact BSMNM Manager Rebecca Carr Wong at (707) 468-4023 or [rwong@blm.gov](mailto:rwong@blm.gov).

## Outings

**Help Wanted:** Outing Leaders. No experience needed, just a love for brisk exercise in the out-of-doors. There are many good reasons to become an Outing leader, including an opportunity for autonomy: as leader *you* get to choose where to go, and when. Interested? Get in touch with Outings Chair Deb Sally at 235-9011 or [enviracat1@gmail.com](mailto:enviracat1@gmail.com)

### Rent This Space

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