



Loo Wit Rumblings



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by Richard Kolber, Political Committee

Based on their positions and records, Sierra Club has identified these candidates as environmental champions. You are encouraged to support them and their campaigns. For more information, please visit their campaign websites or <https://www.sierraclub.org/washington/politicalaction>.

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President: Joe Biden

Governor: Jay Inslee

Lieutenant Governor: Denny Heck

Attorney General: Bob Ferguson

Commissioner of Public Lands: Hilary Franz



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LOO WIT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Until further notice, all Loo Wit events will be held remotely. For information on how to join the Executive Committee or Beyond Oil & Coal Task Force meetings, please email markleed02@gmail.com The Conservation Committee meetings are temporarily on-hold and will resume when it is safe to once again meet in public. We look forward to seeing you when it is safe to do so.

Executive Committee Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Vancouver, WA. Glass Room. 6:30—8:00 pm. ***REMOTE MEETING**

Beyond Coal & Oil Task Force Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Vancouver. Meet & greet with pizza starts at 6:00 pm, followed by the meeting at 6:30 pm. ***REMOTE MEETING**

Connect With Us!

If you haven't already, please give us a "like" on Facebook! We share information about upcoming events, photos from outings and the latest Loo Wit news. You can even share our posts with your own Facebook friends, helping to spread the word about Loo Wit!

All of our upcoming outings are posted on MeetUp, and archives of our monthly newsletters on our website. You can find us on Instagram by searching "LooWit.Group"

www.facebook.com/loowit.group

www.meetup.com/Portland-Vancouver-Sierra-Club-Outings-Events

www.sierraclub.org/washington/loo-wit

You can also join our listserv for pertinent conservation related news! Send an email to CASCADE-LOOWIT-CONSFORUM@LISTS.SIERRACLUB.ORG with "subscribe" in the subject line to be added to the list!



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GET TO KNOW A RIVER NEAR YOU

By Lehman Holder, Outings Liaison

Fifty-two years young.

On Oct. 2, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers act passed it's 52nd birthday. On Oct. 2, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed it into law. Think about that – even in turbulent times, rivers are a constant. Their clean, free-flowing waters nourish our bodies, spirits and communities. Their lush habitats safeguard birds, fish and wildlife. They connect us to our history, to our future and to each other.

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act established a system of protection for rivers with outstanding values, and it's still doing that job today. The Act is close to securing designations for 5,000 new miles of rivers.

So get out and enjoy a river near you – of course, wear a mask and maintain social distance to protect your family, friends, and community.



The Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River in Montana was the location for an outing led by Lehman Holder in 1985 (photo by American Rivers).



FOSSIL FUEL REPORT, CONTINUED

By Don and Alona Steinke, Advisory Council

In late September we endured 15 hours of public hearings on the second supplemental EIS for the Kalama Methanol plant. During that time, approximately 140 people testified in opposition to the project and 55 spoke in favor. Our friends in Kalama and our colleagues from partner organizations have submitted thousands of comments in opposition to the project. Over time, we've come to realize that the natural gas industry is the master of greenwashing and incomplete information.



Opponents of the Kalama Methanol Refinery at a rally, pre-Covid restrictions.
Image courtesy: Sierra Club

NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB SEEKING SUGGESTIONS

Lehman Holder, Loo Wit Outings Liaison

Many Sierra Club volunteers are looking for ways to connect with and to their communities during this time of Covid, which an alternative model for outings might provide. Leaders are encouraged to experiment.

Possibilities include distance, dispersed, decentralized and virtual outings. Loo Wit outings chair Tom Forest has held a couple of virtual outings over the past 3 months on Zoom.

National Sierra Club doesn't yet have the perfect name for this idea and is looking for suggestions. Suggestions may be emailed to melmacinnis@sierraclub.org. Mel directs outdoor activities (including local outings) at national.



LOO WIT OUTINGS

OUTINGS RESTART DATE NOW MARCH 1ST

By Lehman Holder, Outings Liaison

It seems like it's been forever since I've been able to lead an outing in February. As a Sierra Club outings leader, I've very much missed the interaction and fun with participants. Other outings leaders have told me the same thing. However, there is hope. Please read on.

There are some things happening with outings at national Sierra Club in Oakland, CA, and it's possible that local outings will be able to restart by March 1. Beginning in November, national will be experimenting with "pilot outings," a plan to test the Club's ability to "pilot" some very simple outings using draft criteria. Outing chairs, outings leaders and assistant leaders who are interested in possibly leading a pilot outing must have approval from national Sierra Club's Outdoor Activities and Safety Team to be considered.

The Outdoor Activities and Safety Team at national will select up to 12 outings to be run in Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb. These outings will not be run without Executive Team approval and must be submitted by Oct. 22. Criteria includes: 1) oversight by a local group; 2) safety management considerations must be detailed in the application; 3) location (multiple locations preferred); 4) activity (a small variety of activities is preferred).

Samples of simple pilot outings include short day hikes with minimal travel, a park clean up, a bike or snowshoe trip in a local park and/or a day paddle with minimal travel to location.

Not all of the pilot outings will be launched at the same time. The hope is to pilot some fall and winter outings. Campfire Events will be used to publish the outings, collect RSVPs and secure participants' signatures on the electronic waiver. Additional requirements are expected of leaders.

It's uncertain at this time whether Loo Wit outings will be able to participate in this effort from national Sierra Club. As outings liaison for Loo Wit, I'll be directing some questions to the director of outdoor activities at national. Stay tuned.



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WILDFIRES REMINDER OF CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

By Fred Suter, Legislative Liaison

We recently received a stark reminder of the impact climate change is having on the West Coast when we experienced first hand the recent wildfires that afflicted our area. Some of us were more fortunate than others and only had to endure the hazardous air quality that at times reached over 500ppm and was reported to be the worst in the world.

Others were not so fortunate. We all heard on the news about a rare wind event that occurred on Labor Day - during peak wildfire season, that pushed fires eastward turning them into cataclysmic events. Entire towns were wiped out. Thousands of homes were lost.

The Big Hollow fire in the Gifford Pinchot Forest caused the evacuation of Government Mineral Springs and threatened the communities of Yale, Cougar, Amboy and Yacolt. The mega fires to our south (Beachie Creek and Lionshead) combined to claim peoples' lives, destroy homes and force the evacuation of thousands of our neighbors in NW Oregon.

Thankfully the rains came and have made things more manageable for fire fighting crews, but it still isn't over. Their heroic effort continues. When we see a fire fighter or first responder, we can let them know how much we appreciate everything they did to protect us.



Photo of smoky skies in Oregon due to a number of wildfires in the area.

Courtesy: Fred Suter



CLARK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEWING SHORELINE MASTER PLAN

By Fred Suter, Legislative Liaison

The Clark County Planning Commission is working on its review of the county's Shoreline Master Program. In August, Loo Wit joined with Friends of Clark County and submitted input for the program update. We advocated for the county to address the impact of climate change in the Shoreline Management Plan, adopt Net Ecological Gain into its mitigation program, and address salmon recovery efforts at the county level.

The purpose of Clark County's Shoreline Master Program is to protect natural resources, promote public access to county waterways, and foster reasonable and appropriate uses. Parks, boat ramps, port facilities, the new Vancouver waterfront are all examples of how the Clark County implements those priorities.

As it prepares for its final recommendations of the Shoreline Management Program to the County Council, the Planning Commission will hold a work session with the Council on October 21st to discuss a review of proposed amendments and policy suggestion received during the August comment period.



Photo of Salmon Creek by Fred Suter



Don't Get Left Out in the Cold... Join Us!



Sierra Club Outings are a terrific way to meet new people and enjoy the great outdoors. Whatever your interests - hiking, canoeing or birdwatching - there is an outing for everyone. If you are new to the area, let your local Chapter or Group give you the lay of the land. Join today and become part of America's largest environmental organization offering the most enjoyable outings.

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