

THE LANDS COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT AND ATTEND THE 24TH ANNUAL

April Showers

auction & dinner

APRIL 13 AT 5:00 PM

SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER

334 W SPOKANE FALLS BLVD

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PROJECT SUSTAIN

This January, Kat took the Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho into the great outdoors for some snowshoeing on Mt. Spokane.

Also, this winter, students from The Community School again participated in Project SUSTAIN's "Snow Science and Water Resources in a Changing Climate" winter field unit at Mt. Spokane. On the first day, the students:

- Dug snow pits,
- Identified snow layers,
- Measured snow layer temperature, hardness, and density, and
- Classified individual snow crystals.



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THOUGHTS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BY MIKE PETERSEN

I have been having some interesting conversations with elected officials about moving forward with Wilderness legislation – in both the Colville and Kootenai National Forests. I’ve heard a number of concerns that I think are resolvable, and thought I would share some thoughts about solutions. The Wilderness Act, passed in 1964, was a bi-partisan effort to protect our wildest areas, leaving them untrammled for future generations. Undeveloped public lands are a haven for animals, fish, and birds, providing them with safe places to live, raise offspring, rest, and feed, as well as a way to traverse from one area to another along migration corridors.

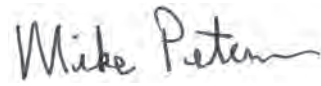
Wilderness areas also offer hikers, horseback riders, and skiers an experience not available in areas with roads and motors. Maintenance of recreation trails in Wilderness areas is a major concern. Since mechanized equipment like chainsaws are generally not allowed in Wilderness areas, how will trails be kept open? I believe there needs to be a trail maintenance plan that has a source of guaranteed funding. In addition to volunteers using handsaws, I think there is a need for paid work crews, especially when wind storms can blow thousands of trees across a trail in a few

hours. Along with trail clearing, there should be a dedicated fund to improve trail signage and maps. We recently became the fiscal sponsor for Brittany Aäe, who is starting a mapping project in the Kettle Range Mountains of Northeast Washington.

The issue of livestock grazing is very important to rural communities. Livestock grazing is permitted in Wilderness areas and motorized equipment is allowed for emergency purposes, such as rescuing sick animals. However, Wilderness areas are often the most challenging areas to graze, due to steep terrain, dense forest, and predators. The Lands Council has met with the Forest Service, our state wildlife agency, and others to promote grazing in more open, easier to protect areas.

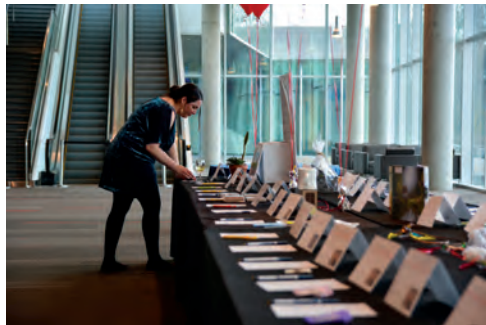
Wildfire is also a concern, particularly in towns that are downwind of the proposed Wilderness area, like Lone and Metaline Falls. The Wilderness Act allows fires to be controlled in Wilderness using all available tools, including prescribed (intentional) fires to reduce fuel loads and restore historic forest conditions. I believe communities near Wilderness areas deserve to have specific plans and resources to reduce the risk from wildfire - and we want to include this in any Wilderness legislation.

Speaking of legislation, The Lands Council has been more involved than ever in a number of bills introduced into the Washington State Legislature. Board member Neil Beaver has been our great pro-bono lobbyist, working on clean energy legislation, funding for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the ever-challenging wolf issue. Wildlife Program Director, Chris Bachman, Energy Program Director, Laura Ackerman, and I have all been to Olympia to meet with legislators and give our Eastern Washington perspective. We are supportive of a number of bills that will help Washington be a leader in taking action on climate change and transportation. We are also working to stop a wolf bill that would delist this endangered animal and slow recovery efforts. Finally, I hope you will attend our annual Auction, which is on April 13th at the Convention Center. There will be an exciting program, great company, and many great auction items!



Mike Petersen | Executive Director

YOU'RE INVITED!



This year celebrates the 24th April Showers auction and dinner. This much-anticipated event is a staple in our philanthropic community. We put a lot of work into making this event as special and fun as possible. Please help us in making this year’s event a success by attending or inviting your friends and family!

ATTENDING. April Showers has a 24-year reputation of being one of the best events of the year. Ticket prices are only \$75 for individuals and \$500 for a table of 8, which includes a three course meal, and wine - plus great deals on hundreds of items.

INVITING. Even the best events are better shared with your friends and family. We would love the opportunity to share the mission and work of The Lands Council with you and your community. Please invite your friends and family to share in this lovely night.

To buy auction tickets or reserve a table, visit www.landscouncil.org, call Chelsea at (509) 209-2407, or email cupdegrove@landscouncil.org.



DONATE AN ITEM

Donating to our auction is a great way to promote your business to our wonderful members and guests while supporting cause that matters to you. April Showers is our most important and well-known fundraising event of the year. In 2017, we hosted nearly 400 guests and made over \$85,000 for your local forests, water, and wildlife. Not only will your donation contribute to the health of our region, but your donation will also be recognized in our program and booklet that our 400+ guests receive.

The April Showers Auction and Dinner never fails to offer an exciting line up of live and silent auction items. You can donate online or stop by! Items needed:

- TICKETS TO GONZAGA BASKETBALL GAMES OR OTHER REGIONAL SPORTS EVENTS
- TICKETS TO THE SYMPHONY, PLAYS, OR OTHER EVENTS
- AIRLINE MILES
- TIME SHARE VACATION WEEKENDS
- HOTEL POINTS
- OUTDOOR GEAR
- LOCAL GETAWAYS
- ART AND JEWELRY
- RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATES
- WINE
- SPA SERVICES
- ANY OTHER GREAT AUCTION ITEMS

STATE OF THE BEAVER CONFERENCE

TLC’s Beaver and Restoration Ecologist, Joe Cannon, just returned from a week at the biannual State of the Beaver Conference. This conference is held in Canyonville, Oregon by the South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership Beaver Advocacy committee. Groups from all over the globe once again gathered to share information about their own beaver projects or interests. This is Joe’s fourth trip to the event.

The focus of the 2019 State of the Beaver Conference was dedicated to speaking on behalf of the beaver, its plights, contributions to ecosystem viability, and natural solutions to pressing environmental challenges.

This 6th biennial conference provides an international venue for academia, agencies, and stakeholders to gather and disseminate information to beaver ecology.

