Dear Broads & Bros,

Well, 2022 was certainly an interesting year! We saw gratifying progress on campaigns and issues you’ve been involved with—for years in some cases! And we know that’s the way it works in conservation. You’ve got to be in it for the long haul—and wow!—our members showed their passion and dedication last year as we got out and back at it after a couple of very challenging pandemic years.

It was also a year of transition and change. I was honored to be selected to lead the organization, joining as Executive Director in July, and picked up the reins as we wrapped up our comprehensive campaign and finished a refresh of our identity with the development of a new logo and website.

But wait, there’s more—we also began our strategic planning process, which is well underway. In fact, by the time you receive this annual report, we’ll probably be sharing our new plan with you.

Please read on to learn more about your great work, and the progress we made together conserving public lands and waters. Thank you for your devotion to all things wild, and the fun you bring to this important work. Broads would not be who we are today if it was not for you, and I cannot thank you enough.

Wildly,

Sara Husby
Executive Director
BROADS IN ACTION!

From monitoring water quality and grazing impacts, to attending countless public meetings and writing substantive comments, Broads and Bros worked overtime for our wild public lands. The extent of the outstanding advocacy, stewardship, and education work done by members in 2022 is dizzyingly impressive! There’s not enough room to report on everything in this space, but here are some highlights from the past year.

Arizona’s Sonoran and Tucson Broadbands joined with partners to successfully stop construction of a bizarre shipping container “wall” being illegally built by the state of Arizona along the U.S.-Mexico border in the Coronado National Forest. Advocates held their ground in the presence of construction vehicles and security forces, camping at the construction site for several weeks.

Broadband leaders from across the country sent letters to the Department of Justice asking them to file suit against the state of Arizona to demand the container wall be removed—which the DOJ eventually did, and the wall started coming down in January of 2023. Monitoring the area continued until the shipping containers were all finally removed.

The South San Juan Broadband (CO), in partnership with Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center, organized a series of outdoor educational events focused on water, plants, and beavers. These events gave families who might not otherwise have had an opportunity to get out and explore the San Juan Mountains and build a connection with public lands.

Jennifer Watson, Co-Leader of the Northwest Montana Broadband, organized a successful rally at the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Region 1 headquarters at Fort Missoula. They delivered 6,000 petitions gathered by Broads and our partners asking the USFS to develop a durable rule that protects mature and old-growth forests from logging. Over 50 people attended the rally, which received media coverage in the Missoula Current. A few days later, the Willamette Valley and Cascade Volcanoes Broadbands (OR) participated in a similar rally outside the Portland USFS office, with 100 people attending.
Grateful Thanks!

**BROADBAND LEADERS**

Alaska Soles Broadband (AK)
  Kathy O’Reilly-Doyle
  Loren Karro

Northern Arizona Wild (AZ)
  Cuyler Boughner

Sonoran Broadband (AZ)
  Emily Matyas
  Roz Switzer

Tucson Broadband (AZ)
  Fran Crackow
  Su Libby

Yavapai/Prescott Broadband (AZ)
  Jenny Cobb

SoCal Broadband (CA)
  Margaret Meyncke

NorCal Broadband (CA)
  Maureen Forney

Northwest Colorado Broadband
  Barbara Vasquez
  Cristina Harmon
  Diane Miller

South San Juan Broadband (CO)
  Chara Ragland
  Louise van Vonn

Northern Front Range Broadband (CO)
  Della Garelle

Cherry Creek Broadband (CO)
  Diane Mueller

Wild Watershed Broads (CO)
  Fran Silva-Blayney
  Patience Paisley

Four Corners Broadband (CO)
  Jennifer Singer
  Shelby Robinson

Roaring Fork Broadband (CO)
  Karen Ryman

Grand Junction (CO)
  Mary McCutchan

Middle Park Broads (CO)
  Patricia Welch
  Sarah Bransom

Palouse Broadband (ID)
  Anne McLaughlin

Teton Valley WHALES (ID/WY)
  Liz McCabe
  Janna Rankin

Wood River Broadband (ID)
  Martha Bibb

Sand Point Broadband (ID)
  Pam Duquette

Nor’easter Broads
  Nancy Frost (MA)
  Theo Pratt (ME)
  Linda Graham (NH)
  Lara Lonon (VT)

Minnesota Wild Waters Broadband
  Jan Bourdon
  Mo Monroe

Northwest Montana Broadband
  Donna Pridmore
  Jennifer Watson
  Mary Alexine
  Rosemary McKinnon

Bozeman Broadband (MT)
  Linda Healow
  Nancy Schultz
  Nancy Ostlie

Nebraska Broads (NE)
  Kathleen Emy-Mefford

Aldo’s Silver City Broadband (NM)
  Denise Smith
  Joanie Connors
  Marcia Stout

Rio Grande Valley Broadband (NM)
  Linda Starr
  Susan Ostlie

Blue Diamond Broadband (NV)
  Laura Gilsinn

Rogue Valley Broadband (OR)
  Bucky Dennerlein
  Susie Schmidt
  Linda Pace

Willamette Valley Broadband (OR)
  Chandra LeGue
  Cyndi Anderson

Central Oregon Bitterbrush Broads
  Amy Stuart
  Julie Weikel
  Mathieu Federspiel
  Rynda Clark

Cascade Volcanoes Broadband (WA)
  Darlene Chimna
  Micky Ryan
  Linda Buckley

North Olympic Peninsula (WA)
  Carrie Krickbaum
  Christiane Frischmuth
  Judith Lopez
  Linda McNiel
  Peggy Lyon
  Robyn Cascade
  Sallie Thoreson

Grand Junction (CO)
  Chris Jauhola
  Elizabeth Arendt Delgado
  Lisa Eckert
  Sherry Schenk
  Su Joffron

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS**

NorCal Broadband (CA)
  Ana Bertero
  Carol Kuelper
  Corina Lopez
  Elaine Gorman
  Sheila Jacobs

Middle Park Broads (CO)
  Anne Gerleman
  Melanie Zwic

South San Juan Broadband (CO)
  Dan Parkinson
  Deb Paulson
  Laura Olais
  Laurie Parkinson
  Susan Hicks

Northern San Juan Broads (CO)
  Carrie Krickbaum
  Christiane Frischmuth
  Judith Lopez
  Linda McNiel
  Peggy Lyon
  Robyn Cascade
  Sallie Thoreson

Grand Junction (CO)
  Chris Jauhola
  Elizabeth Arendt Delgado
  Lisa Eckert
  Sherry Schenk
  Su Joffron

Teton Valley WHALES (ID/WY)
  Carol Gregory
  Deb Grove
  Elaine Simmons
  Kathleen May
  Lori Spoelhof
  Kathy Hoffman

Minneso Wild Waters Broadband
  Cecily Harris
  Louise Morgan
  Valee Dowel

Aldo’s Silver City Broadband (NM)
  Stephanie Smith

Central Oregon Bitterbrush Broads
  Amy Stuart
  Julie Weikel
  Mathieu Federspiel
  Rynda Clark

Willamette Valley Broadband (OR)
  Maya Abels
  Beth Malitz
  Carol Savonen
  Kelly Burnett
  Laura Oulette
  Linda Humphreys
  Janifer Larson
  Nancy Mauter
  Pam Herring

Pam Conley

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Pacific NW Regional Advocacy Team
  Debra Ellers

NOTE: If we forgot anyone, please forgive us. We LOVE you!
**ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION**

The **Grassroots Leadership Team** was all about collaboration in 2022. Drawing on the expertise of our Broadband Leaders, land management agency luminaries, and Indigenous partners, online educational events were compelling and **drew a greater number of attendees than ever before.**

**Nor’easter Broadband** leaders scored a win when they recruited environmentalist, author, and journalist **Bill McKibben** to present a webinar about “Climate Activism in Life’s Third Act.” Facilitated by the national office and opened up to the entire Broads community, **more than 130 attendees joined the webinar.**

Another highly popular event, **Navigating Tribal Co-Management of Public Lands**, featured Indigenous panelists and a representative from the Bureau of Land Management. They discussed their involvement in the formation of Bears Ears National Monument and the development of cooperative management policies between the federal government and Tribal and Indigenous groups. **More than 145 people attended the live webinar.**

Regionally, Broadbands hosted more than **50 in-person or virtual educational events** with more than **1,225 attendees** on topics from endangered species to wildfires and forests, and proposed mines to climate change.

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**ROBYN CASCADE (NORTHERN SAN JUAN BROADBAND, CO)** monitoring bighorn sheep in the high country.

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**2022 BROADBAND ACTIVITIES**

- **20 Broadband Leaders Trained**
- **5 New Broadbands**
- **201 Leaders Trained to Date**
- **700 Advocacy Actions**
- **183 Substantive Comments & Letters**
  - On more than **100 Different Issues & Plans**
Monitoring the impact of cattle on the Gila River.

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Getting kids involved at an Earth Day celebration.

Clearing trails with crosscut saws in Wilderness.

Identifying old-growth and mature trees.

Broads protest against drilling taking place near Chaco Canyon Nat’l Historical Park (NM).

MORE...

CAMPAIGNS INVOLVED

>109.5 MILLION ACRES OF PUBLIC LANDS

39,557 VOLUNTEER HOURS

1,525 TREES + PLANTS PLANTED TO RESTORE RIPARIAN & RECREATION AREAS

5,400 HOURS MONITORING WILDLIFE, SOLITUDE, TRAIL USAGE, GRAZING IMPACTS, TIMBER SALES, WATER QUALITY

MILES & MILES OF TRAILS CLEARED OF DOWNED TREES, BRUSH, AND INVASIVE PLANTS
In the past year, with the support of our members, a number of our advocacy campaigns took major steps forward. While our work is never done, we are proud of every advance made to protect public lands and waters.

**COLORADO**

President Biden established Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument in Colorado, which also initiated a Process of Mineral Withdrawal of Thompson Divide for 20 years. Broads first brought attention to this region at the *Continental Divide Broadwalk* held in 2018 and Colorado Broadbands and the national office worked as part of a coalition to see this designation come to fruition. A win—but also only one of several landscapes in a suite of Colorado lands up for protection, so the work continues...

**NATIONWIDE**

Broads was honored to be invited to participate in the *America the Beautiful for All Coalition*, which aims to move forward the White House’s 30x30 initiative to protect 30% of the nation’s public lands and waters by 2030. Executive Director Sara Husby represents Broads and serves on the Public Lands Workgroup. This diverse and high-powered coalition has the potential to effectively increase land protections across the country. Stay tuned...

In April, the White House restored long-standing rules regarding environmental reviews conducted under **NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)**. This is an initial step toward reversing the former administration’s rollbacks that attempted to gut NEPA and other critical bedrock laws.

In 2020, a Trump-era Executive Order shortened the review period to fast-track infrastructure and fossil fuel projects—making it more difficult for the public to weigh in on such activities. The former administration also removed the requirement to consider indirect and cumulative
environmental impacts, which excluded the long-term impact of projects on climate. While this is a win, there is more action needed to fully restore NEPA.

**UTAH**

Bringing an end to a long-running battle—the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) upheld the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) 2017 decision to close the bottom of Utah’s culturally-rich Recapture Canyon to motorized use.

In 2005, Broads staff were among the first to report to the BLM the illegal construction of ATV trails through the canyon. Broads documented cut and fill construction of trail tread, culvert installations, trees damaged or destroyed, and even a 20-foot bridge built over a drainage. A number of cultural sites were damaged as well.

In 2007, the BLM declared an interim closure due to illegal pot-hunting in the canyon. Continued efforts by San Juan County to reopen the canyon through a right-of-way (ROW) application dragged on. In 2014, an illegal ATV protest ride led by County Commissioner Phil Lyman drove through the closed area, damaging more cultural sites.

In 2017, the BLM finally completed an Environmental Assessment and issued a decision, which denied a ROW to the County for a motorized ATV trail. The County appealed, challenging that BLM failed to ensure consistency with the County’s Master Plan and failed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The IBLA denied the appeal, stating the County’s first argument was without merit and for the second, they did not have standing.
WOMEN FOR THE WILD CAMPAIGN COMPLETED!

The Women for the Wild Comprehensive Campaign wrapped up in the projected 3-year timeline—even though it was launched just before the pandemic erupted! Talk about a challenge...

This marked Broads’ first comprehensive fundraising campaign. We are thrilled to share our success and express our thanks to our members for their generosity. Your gifts combined with special one-time grants, the Wilderness Defense Fund Endowment established by the Pope family, and other sources propelled us to our $3.1 million goal.

Campaign funds supported valuable conservation and climate change outreach and programming, helped us invest in membership growth and retention (memberships are up!), allowed us to keep everyone on staff full time through the pandemic, and expand our reserve funds. We are so appreciative for the donations that sustained us through the challenges presented by COVID-19 and look forward to greater fiscal success in 2023.

Members of the Teton WHALES (ID/WY) hiking the Teton Shelf.