



2016 Member Clubs and Organizations

Angora Hiking Club
California Alpine Club
California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA)
Cascadians
Chemeketans
Chinook Trail Association
Contra Costa Hills Club
Friends of Mt. Hood
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Friends of Oregon Caves
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Hobnailers
Indian Creek Botanical Mission
Klahhane Club
Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center
Mazamas
Montana Wilderness Association
Mt. St. Helens Club
Nature Friends
Obsidians
Olympians
Olympic Park Associates
Oregon Nordic Club
Oregon Wild
Rusk Ranch Nature Center
Santiam Alpine Club
Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter
Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter
Sierra Club, Mother Lode Chapter
Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter
Sierra Club, Toiyabe Chapter
Siskiyou Audubon Society
Siskiyou Field Institute
Skagit Alpine Club
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
Tamalpais Conservation Club
Trails Club of Oregon
Washington Alpine Club
Whitman College Outdoor Program
Wilderness Watch
Winter Wildlands Alliance

The following resolution was adopted by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs at their 2016 annual meeting.

Resolution 2016-2: Support Of Water Conservation/Water Efficiency/Water Banking and in Opposition To New Irrigation Dams Submitted by Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband, the Washington chapter of Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Whereas, under the 2009 Secure Water Act (P.L. 111-11), the federal Bureau of Reclamation has funded at least 12 studies of major river basins in the west to find new dams to supply water in response to Climate Change, and in 2012 testified before Congress concerning a Bureau study that found nearly one hundred potential sites for new storage dams; and

Whereas in 2009, the Bureau and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Office of Columbia River) established a "Workgroup," to develop a "Yakima Plan" for new storage dams for irrigation districts in the Yakima Basin with limited Workgroup membership, closure of the Workgroup implementation subcommittee meetings to the public, preparation of a \$20 million "Early Action Implementation Request" prior to release of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, and failure to include a range of alternatives in the Programmatic Impact Statement; and

Whereas the Yakima Plan calls for the construction of a new Bumping Lake Dam within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest near Goose Prairie, WA, which would flood out ancient forests, endangered species habitat for bull trout and Northern spotted owls, as well as National Forest Bumping Lake Trail No. 971; and

Whereas FWOC passed a resolution in 1978, opposing the construction of a new Bumping Lake Dam; and Whereas, the Yakima Plan calls for the construction of a Wymer Dam between Ellensburg and Yakima, which would flood shrub-steppe habitat for sage grouse; and

Whereas a 2014 report of the State of Washington Water Research Center found that the costs of both a new Bumping Lake Dam and Wymer Dam exceeded the benefits; and Whereas, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Office of Columbia River) together with Chelan County has established a

“Workgroup” to develop an “Icicle Plan” for developing additional water storage within the Alpine Lakes Wilderness;

Resolution That FWOC supports water conservation, water efficiency, water banking, and viable fish passage; and That FWOC opposes any Congressional or state funding for the continued study or the construction of new irrigation dams that threaten our National Forests and trails, our National Wilderness Areas, our roadless areas, and endangered species habitat; and That FWOC opposes any additional funding for the Washington Department of Ecology’s Office of Columbia River.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shelley Spalding".

Shelley Spalding

Washington State Vice President