

Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter

October 8, 2021

Indigenous Resistance Against

Carbon: This new report "*seeks to uplift the work of countless Tribal Nations, Indigenous water protectors, land defenders, pipeline fighters, and many other grassroots formations who have dedicated their lives to defending the sacredness of Mother Earth and protecting their inherent rights of Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination*".



The report highlights the many effective campaigns that utilize a mix of non-violent direct action, political lobbying, multimedia, divestment, and other tactics to accomplish victories in the fight against projects that seek to destroy our world via extraction.

The aim of the report is to embolden Indigenous land defenders, and also to inform "*settler nation-state representatives, organizations, institutions, and individuals*" of the impact of Indigenous leadership.

Talking Stones Appreciation Ride:

Sunday, October 10, at 2 p.m., Eugene. **Climate Revolutions by Bike** will celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, and acknowledge the environmental ethics of this area's first people and their descendants, by visiting the 15 Talking Stones found in a loop in Alton Baker Park's Whilamut Natural Area. The Talking Stones reintroduce words of the Kalapuya language onto land where the people hunted, fished, and gathered camas bulbs for thousands of years. Meet at Monroe Park, Monroe St & W 10th Ave. Our motivation: Meet great people. Share and support a bicycle lifestyle. Disrupt the status quo and build a revolution for the Earth.

350: an international movement of ordinary people working to end the age of fossil fuels and build a world of community-led renewable energy for all.



From 350: (October 5) It's with a heavy heart that we share the news that tar sands oil has officially begun to flow through the Line 3 pipeline. It's deeply upsetting that we've reached this point – that our leaders have **once again** failed to honor Indigenous treaties and put oil company profits above our survival. In the last year, 900 water protectors have been arrested for peacefully resisting Line 3. More than 400 organizations and 63 elected officials asked Biden to reject the project. **Meanwhile, President Biden never spoke a word about it.**

But here's the truth: We have so much to be proud of and this fight is far from over ... we need to flood the White House with calls, messages, and actions: Will you contact the White House today to demand that President Biden declare a climate emergency and block all new fossil fuel projects?

[Go to this page to call.](#)

[Or leave a written message here.](#)

- Team 350

People VS Fossil Fuels: 350 and others are hosting a gathering in DC from October 11-15 for the largest civil disobedience action in decades, demanding President Biden use his executive authority to hasten the end of the era of fossil fuels.

Watch and support at [People vs Fossil Fuels.](#)

The Great Willamette Clean Up:

Over the past 18 months, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Willamette River and

many other places in our great outdoors have experienced record usage in terms of visitors and recreation. Unfortunately, this has led to a lot of trash and debris left behind. **Your river needs you more than ever!**

Willamette Riverkeepers is hosting events throughout the Willamette watershed. We will adhere to any updated social distancing guidelines, and work in smaller than usual groups in order to protect ourselves while we improve the Willamette River. Sign up and volunteer:

[10/9: Maurie Jacobs Park](#)

[10/30: River Road Neighborhood - Owosso Bridge to Hillcrest Dr](#)

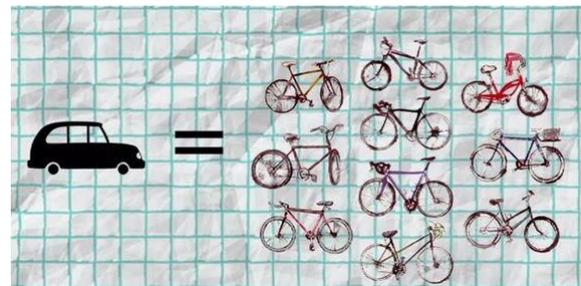
Post-fire logging in Silver Falls?

Wait. What?! Silver Falls State Park has quietly begun post-fire logging in backcountry areas of the park. Officials are cutting not only burned, hazard trees, but live green ones. “Profits from the Silver Falls State Park logging operation are slated to go toward “forest health programs.” What the park is neglecting to recognize is that post-fire ecosystems are a critical and severely under-represented component of healthy forests in Oregon. The Park should be letting these areas recover naturally and use these complex early-seral forests as learning opportunities within one of Oregon’s most popular outdoor recreation destinations.” - Cascadia Wildlands. Read more about how you can help **by sending an email letter to the park’s directors [here](#).**



Parking Minimums: The world is shifting; people want to live in more people-friendly cities, with greenery, friendlier and safer walking and biking conditions, with access to transit and less reliance on car culture and infrastructure.

One of the biggest hurdles in achieving this vision is the problem of **parking minimums**, local laws that require private businesses and residences to provide at least a certain number of off-street parking spaces. Parking minimums are one of the strongest factors in how cities and towns are planned and laid out, and actively work against more people-centered environments.



Steps toward a more successful (people-wise and economic-wise) city include removing car parking minimums, adding bicycle parking requirements, and increasing housing density to help with subduing urban sprawl and reducing the need to drive to destinations.

In moving toward compliance with House Bill 2001, the City of Eugene will amend its Land Use Code to allow middle housing in residential areas by June 2022. In this process, there is an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft code amendments, containing items of interest such as parking minimums and bicycle parking requirements.

[Sign up for project updates](#), and please send comments on removing car parking minimums and adding bicycle parking requirements to middlehousingtestimony@eugene-or.gov.

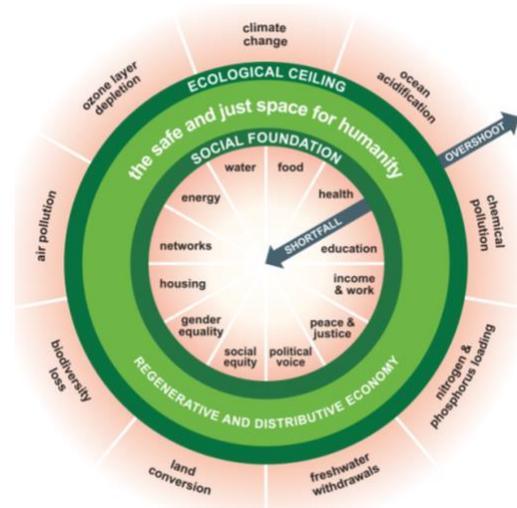
Inside the Greenhouse is the Friends Committee on National Legislation newsletter for environmental issues. [Sign up here](#) for monthly action alerts and updates on FCNL's work for climate action, sustainable energy, and a healthier planet. The latest issue includes information about **the reconciliation bill**, which is waiting a vote in the House. FCNL is lobbying for Congress to include a **price on carbon** in this bill.

Carbon Pricing: Senate Democrats are considering a carbon pricing proposal for the \$3.5 trillion reconciliation bill, despite potential opposition from progressives and the White House. It's one of several pay-fors that Senate Finance Chair Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) is working on as part of the effort to fully offset the massive spending package. *"If you're really going to change behavior and combat this climate crisis — and my God, last few weeks have shown why this is urgent — you've really got to start with taxes and prices,"* Wyden said during an event with the business group Environmental Entrepreneurs. *"That's how you drive changes in behavior."*

Congress and Climate Change: The Eco-Spirituality Committee of Sacramento Friends Meeting asks Friends to send the following message to Congressional leaders, with the goal of making Carbon Pricing a top priority for legislation immediately.

"We urge you, Congressman/woman (leader's name), to support action to ensure a price on carbon be included in the climate infrastructure packages. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2021) warns of worse climate impacts to come. Bold climate action is needed now. Actions taken will determine the Earth's future. Carbon pricing is the quickest, most active way to address CO2 in the atmosphere and to ensure dividends to the citizens most in need."

What is the Doughnut? Jill mentioned [Donut Economics](#) at our last meeting. Think of it as a compass for human prosperity in the 21st century, with the aim of meeting the needs of all people within the means of the living planet.



Next Earthcare Support Meeting: Monday, November 1, at 7 p.m. Please join us every month on the first Monday, by zoom, to share our ideas for creative actions and celebrate our successes. If you want the link, let me know! Cynthia Black (541-344-3082, cynblack55@gmail.com).

Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter is distributed monthly or bi-monthly, and will include:

1. Reports of positive Earthcare related steps we have taken or intend to take. These can be small or large, anything at all related to caring for the earth.
2. Information on topics of interest, such as plastics recycling and oceans. Send me any links or information you have researched, with the sources listed.
3. Links and dates for upcoming earthcare action events.

Next publication date: October 8, 2021. Please send news and information that relates to earthcare to Cynthia Black, editor, cynblack55@gmail.com.