

SMART GROWTH

By Kristin Kelly

Smart Growth Executive Director



ACTION NEEDED

Snohomish County Council
Public Hearing

The Council will hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, June 28**, regarding three private proposals to amend the land use comprehensive plan that would expand the South-west Urban Growth Area. This hearing will determine if these proposals will get onto the docket for analysis and consideration during 2018-2019.

PAS is opposed to two of the UGA Proposals, SW2 and SW3, that would expand the SWUGA along 43rd Avenue between Maltby Road and 196th. Each of these two proposals includes three subproposals for the County Council to consider: 1) expand the UGA; 2) expand with a reduction and downzone of property in the UGA along Lowell-Larimer Road; 3) expand UGA with a reduction and downzone in Granite Falls in the Menzel Road area.

Please write the County Council and request they do not allow these proposals to go onto Docket XIX, as recommended by the County Executive and Planning Department, based on the fact that these proposals do not meet county-wide planning policies or the Growth Management Act.

More details about these proposals can be found on PAS website at <http://pilchuckaudubon.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page&pageid=387§ionid=150>

And on the County Council's website at <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/43335>

For questions, email Kristin Kelly, PAS Smart Growth Executive Director, at execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org. ✧

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JUNE PROGRAM MEETING

Friday, June 9, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

YEAR OF THE EAGLE

with Kevin Ebi

Nature Photographer

Kevin will present his year documenting the lives of Puget Sound-area bald eagles, how they develop and learn to fly, survive their first winter in the upper Skagit, and learn how to hunt in Hood Canal.

Kevin is a professional nature photographer. His images are used regularly by major calendar and greeting-card lines, and by a wide range of publishers including National Geographic, National Wildlife, Smithsonian, BBC Earth, and Outdoor Photographer, as well as travel guides Lonely Planet and Moon. His image of Haleakala National Park was featured on the commemorative U.S. postage Forever stamp to honor the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Two of his images are printed mural-size in the Mount Rainier National Park visitor center at Sunrise. The National Geographic Society has used his images to promote tourism in the Central Cascades. A major automobile manufacturer also used one of his images in a campaign.

He has authored or co-authored four photography books, including *Year of the Eagle*, *Running in Circles*, and *Living Wilderness*. He lives in Seattle and has photographed more than half of the United States, as well as Canada, Mexico, Iceland, and New Zealand.



Kevin Ebi Photo



Everett Firefighters' Hall

2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett ([map](#))

CONSERVATION REPORT

by Allen Gibbs, Conservation Chair

State Legislature

The first special session ended May 23; the second special session began minutes later, to end June 22, days before the end of the current state fiscal year on June 30. Not much has changed in way of environmental legislation, good or bad, since the regular session ended April 23, nor passing of the 2017-2019 budget. Notices go out June 1 to most state employees that funding for their positions ends June 30. There has never been a state government shutdown for lack of an operating budget, but there have been a few times when the governor signed a new budget act minutes before July 1.

Perhaps to stimulate more activity, Governor Inslee removed from the Democratic Party's negotiations table a proposed tax on capital gains demanded by Senate Republicans.

There is some good news! Discussions are quietly ongoing about possible carbon emission controls under a carbon tax or other incentive. The Nature Conservancy is rumored to have joined these discussions. Audubon WA pretty much had the carbon reduction proposal field to itself when it joined Carbon.WA in its I-732 campaign; some individual state chapters also joined. More groups are showing up for discussions with business and labor organizations.

Perhaps even better news is that Ferndale Senator Doug Ericksen's temporary job as EPA's communications director since January (part of the Trump transition team) has ended without a job offer to a political appointment by President Trump. Ericksen has said he would like to be EPA's Region 10 Administrator (Region 10 covers Alaska, Oregon, WA, and ID). Doesn't mean

there is no job offer in the future; it does mean Senator Ericksen is now back to full-time presence in our state senate.

Tesoro letter

Pilchuck Audubon joined other groups opposing a Tesoro refinery proposal to expand its operations at March Point near Anacortes to manufacture xylene, which is used in some plastic products. Tanker loads of reformates would come in from the Pacific Ocean as well as more railroad transportation of bulk oil; tankers with xylene would go out through Puget Sound.

Federal Scene

President Trump has directed Secretary of Interior Zinke to explore options to rescind most, perhaps eventually all, designations of national monuments by presidents Clinton and Obama. Of special interest to Washington Audubon chapters is the Hanford Reach National Monument, which required years of effort led by the Lower Columbia Basin Chapter, eventually gaining traction with support by all Washington chapters. President Clinton designated the monument in the waning days in 2000 of his administration. President Trump released his executive budget which, among other things, reduces EPA's funding by nearly one-third. No doubt worse cuts in the request as details are learned. Rarely do congresses give presidents what they want. Congress usually creates budgets bigger or smaller for various federal operations and capital investments. ✧

About Pilchuck Audubon Society

The Pilchuck Audubon Profile, official newsletter of Pilchuck Audubon Society, is published monthly.

Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS) is a grass-roots environmental organization with members throughout Snohomish County and Camano Island, Washington.

Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife, for the benefit of the earth's biological diversity.

Through education, advocacy, and community activism, PAS is committed to bringing people closer to wildlife in order to build a deeper understanding of the powerful links between healthy ecosystems and human beings, and to encourage the involvement of our members in efforts

to protect the habitat this wildlife depends upon for survival.

We serve as a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. PAS is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Washington.

Newsletter Submissions

Submit articles to news-letter@pilchuckaudubon.org or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290. Submissions must be received by the 21st of the month preceding publication. We reserve the right to edit.

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BIRD BLITZ – A citizen science effort to support planning for birds and wildlife at Lord Hill Regional Park

Pilchuck Audubon Society is sponsoring a Bird Blitz at Lord Hill Regional Park to inform a master planning process that supports healthy, sustainable futures for resident and migratory birds and wildlife.

PLEASE JOIN US JUNE 25, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. to noon to document habitat features and bird life in the park

WHY WE ARE UNDERTAKING THIS EFFORT

Lord Hill Regional Park is a 1,480-acre site located in central Snohomish County. A former timberland area, the site offers a mature forest, wetland and riparian areas that are rich with native plants, and habitat for birds and wildlife. The park offers connectivity of wildlife corridors between the Paradise Valley Conservation area and Bob Heirman Wildlife Park and serves as a buffer between farmlands and urban areas.

The County's goals for the Master Planning of this site can be found on-line here: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3757/Lord-Hill-Regional-Park> and include, in part, the development of "New mountain bike skill-building areas with beginning and intermediate loops". PAS has concerns that the current park planning is not taking into consideration the full scope of critical areas and the protection of important habitat areas.



Data collected from the Bird Blitz will support the following goals:

- Conducting a full critical areas assessment in order to protect wetlands, shorelines, and steep slopes.
- Decommissioning of current unauthorized trails that impact critical areas
- Planning for some Audubon trails where low-impact recreation supports bird and wildlife viewing.
- Improved educational and interpretive signage to encourage good stewardship of the park.
- Improved way-finding signage.
- Limiting trail use to activities compatible with wildlife areas; NO MOUNTAIN BIKES.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Please let me know you are coming by emailing president@pilchuckaudubon.org or giving me a call at (425) 876-1055. Or you may also contact our Executive Director, Kristin Kelly, at (425) 923-8625 to RSVP. We'll give you additional information on **where to meet** and **what to bring**.

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE NEEDED! Ear-birders are especially welcomed since much of this park is densely forested.

Level of effort: We'll assign teams to cover certain areas of the park. The size of your area will depend in part on how many people we get to participate. Please encourage your friends and fellow birders to join us! You'll be provided forms for documenting habitat features, water/wetland areas, slope areas... and, of course, bird life.

Your job will be to hang out, enjoy this beautiful park, and take some helpful notes along the way.

PUBLIC MEETING – ADVOCATES NEEDED

Please attend the **public meeting** planned for **June 21, 2017**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds. While we will not yet have our data from the Bird Blitz, we hope to have an impact at this meeting in support of planning that focuses first on the important role this park plays in sustaining wildlife corridors and in providing breeding and refuge areas for resident and migrating birds. ✧

BOB HEIRMAN—Environmentalist, Historian, Poet, and an Inspiration

1932-2017

A Tribute by Kristin Kelly

It is with sadness that I write this tribute to my dear friend Bob Heirman, who died April 30, 2017, at home with his wife and children at his side.

I first met Bob more than 20 years ago when I was invited by a new friend to the Fobes School reunion after moving to Snohomish County to start a small business. I remember Bob was very talkative about all sorts of things he knew and did. At first I thought, 'Who is this guy who seems to know so much and loves to talk?' For those of you who knew Bob, you know what I'm talking about.

It was just a few years later that I began to get to know Bob, and I was amazed to find out how much he loved and did for Snohomish County, and now am reflecting on how much he taught and inspired me. His basement was filled with books, writings, and clippings—all about Snohomish County. I was amazed at his passion and his knowledge. He was a true renaissance man—an environmentalist, a poet, a historian, a singer, and an activist.

In his book *A Poet's Paradise* he gave to me, he wrote: "To Kristin, God gave us a beautiful county—let us care for it!" And that was Bob. He never wavered from his love of this county nor his work to protect it. In this book he wrote:

*Let us seek that special quiet place
Far from the busy throng,
Where in solitude, our souls embrace
The beauty of nature's song.*

I'm sure many of you have been hiking at Bob Heirman Wilderness Park at Thomas' Eddy, a park dedicated to Bob because of his persistence to convince the county to preserve this land from a housing development. The park is a shining example of Bob's activism and love of the natural world. Bob also preserved some of his own home property in a natural forest state; it boasts many trilliums each spring. I was fortunate to be asked to photograph these rare forest flowers his poetry book. Bob wrote:

*Spiraling up from the forest floor
Unfolding in three-leaved glory
Oh wildwood delight, sweet flower
of white,
Jewel in God's springtime story.*



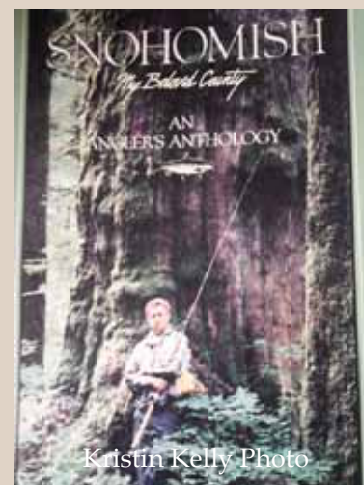
In 1998, Bob published his third book about his experiences working for the railroad for 43 years, *A Railroad Runs Through It: Reflections from Everett to Darrington*. After finding out I was a black-and-white photographer, Bob asked me to take the photos for his book, which I was honored to do. We spent many, many days driving to Darrington and all the stops in between, hiking around old trail beds and other places to photograph some of Bob's favorite fishing holes. I also was fortunate to meet several people he had worked with. In this book Bob wrote:

*Where the Boulder River wends its way
There spans a bridge to yesterday.
The rails are gone but the ties remain,
And years have flown since there was a train.
Now maples blow and cottonwoods sway
Where the iron rusts and the timbers decay,
And young alders sprout and blackberries creep
Where the old branch line has gone to sleep.*

Bob was best known as a fisherman and was involved in helping stock our ponds and creeks. He wrote the book *Snohomish—My Beloved County*, stocked full of his experiences fishing rivers, streams, creeks, and lakes throughout the county. Bob loved to take people on drives to his favorite places and tell them (and me) many fishing tales. His face and eyes would light up when he spoke of fishing in his younger days and how fish were everywhere before growth and development became the norm for our county, and before steelhead (his favorite fish) were commercialized. The following verse, written by Bob, sums up what I believe was his true spirit:

*Bordered on the west by Puget Sound,
Lovely valleys blest with fertile ground,
With rolling hills and gentle rain,
The singing rill's sweet refrain.
To Glacier Peak's eternal snow
Where the climber seeks the scenes below.
Where the rapids churn and roar,
Where the eagles turn and soar.
Oh favored land formed by God,
This spot so grand on which we trod,
And to fish 'mid nature's bounty,
Snohomish, my beloved County.*

Thank you, Bob, for all you were and did—I will not forget you. ✧



Kristin Kelly Photo

TRIP CALENDAR

Check our website at www.pilchuckaudubon.org for the latest information



Tuesday, June 6

Big Four Meadows

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Lake Stevens Frontier Village Park & Ride (9600 Market Place). From State Highway 9, turn eastbound onto Market Place (the street the Target Store is on), then north into the Park & Ride just west of Target. Big Four Meadows is a beautiful setting for our annual potluck bird trip. Bring something to share. Virginia provides hot dogs and potato salad and will advise if you want to know what to bring. Expect Swallows, Hummingbirds, Swifts, Warblers, Vireos, and Dippers. A trailhead pass or Golden Age Pass will be needed but is obtainable en route. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, [360-435-3750](tel:360-435-3750)

Sunday, June 11

Kid's Picnic & Tidepool Adventure Edmonds Marine Park at Brackett's Landing

This announcement has been updated with the location and other highlighted details. We will park in the vicinity of the Edmonds Marsh boardwalk access near the Blue Collar Doghouse pet store at 180 W. Dayton Street, Edmonds, at 10:30 a.m. (They are closed Sundays.) We will walk over to the Marine Park by the ferry terminal and may examine the salmon pens on the Edmonds Marina Pier. This is a change in schedule dictated by the low tide. We will be looking for birds and other marine life whilst exploring the shore and surrounding areas. No experience is necessary—you need bring only your curiosity and binoculars, if you have them. We have several pairs of binoculars to lend for the event if you do not have your own. In the early afternoon, we will have a family picnic along the waterfront. For the walk, bring: snacks, water, binoculars, and foul-weather gear just in case. This is a family event, and children are welcome. Please, no pets. Trip Leaders: Jonathan Blubaugh, [425-244-7633](tel:425-244-7633), aracfi@msn.com, Sue Nightingale, 206-356-9198, suemiller1@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 13

Ellensburg Area

Meet at 6:00 AM at Monroe Park & Ride on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the Fairgrounds. We will bird portions of Umtanum Creek area, Robinson Canyon, and other areas. This will be a long, rewarding day. Hope to see Yellow-breasted Chat, Warbling Vireo, Lazuli Bunting, and maybe Canyon and Rock Wren. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leaders: Virginia Clark, [360-435-3750](tel:360-435-3750), and Wilma Bayes, [360-629-2028](tel:360-629-2028)

Tuesday, June 20

Mid Whidbey Island

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Quilceda Village Wal-Mart lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). [Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5).] This is the area between Crockett Lake and Swantown, an always exciting experience for both birding and scenery. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Art Wait, [360-563-0181](tel:360-563-0181)

Tuesday, June 27

Camano Island

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Quilceda Village Wal-Mart lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5). We will bird Triangle Cove, Eide Road, English Boom, Iverson Spit, and wherever else Virginia prefers. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, [360-435-3750](tel:360-435-3750)

Saturday, July 22

Reserved for a Shorebird Survey

YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

Seattle Audubon, Seward Park Audubon Center, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Heron Habitat Helpers, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Department of the Interior, and US Fish and Wildlife Service are teaming up to host a youth poster contest! Winning posters will be selected by the Urban Bird Treaty panel by July 14, 2017, with a celebration and display of all art work at Seattle Audubon's Rookery Carnival Celebration on August 18, 2017, at Magnuson Park. **Before submitting, read all of the regulations and guidelines below.**

Poster Submission Regulations & Guidelines

- Posters will be judged in three categories: age 5-9, 10-14 and 15-18. Each age category will have a runner up and winner.
- Submissions become property of Seattle Audubon.
- Create an original drawing, painting, collage, or something else on 8.5"x11" paper that shows wild, local birds in their native urban habitat. Visit www.birdweb.org to learn about local WA birds.
- Submit designs between May 23-June 30, 2017, by mail (8050 35th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115) or email a .jpg or .pdf with at least a 300dpi resolution to postercontest@seattleaudubon.org. **Submissions must include name, age, and contact information.**
- Winning entries will be printed and displayed around Seattle. Winners in all three age categories will receive a water color paint set and a private art lesson. Runners up will receive a gift from the Seattle Audubon Nature Shop. ✧

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ALERT

Land Almost Lost: A Call to Save Our National Monuments

Kevin Ebi, presenter of the June program meeting, is the photographer who assembled a group of professional nature photographers to produce the photo book *Land Almost Lost: A Call to Save Our National Monuments*.

Download the book at no cost from the following website, view the gorgeous photos of the National Monuments proposed for review to remove their National Monument designation (and protection),

and then take action. The deadline for action is July 10, 2017.

<https://www.docdroid.net/SdxNO4T/land-almost-lost-call-to-save-national-monuments.pdf.html> ✧



UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, and FESTIVALS *farther afield*

Compiled by Rick Brauer

Seattle Audubon Classes

Dates below

Seattle, WA

June 3: Native Tree ID Van Bobbitt

<http://www.seattleaudubon.org/sas/GetInvolved/Classes/ClassSchedule.aspx>

North Cascades Institute Classes

Dates below

Various Locations

June 23-25: In the Company of Corvids John Marzluff

July 22: Mt. Baker Geology 1: Fire & Ice in Morovitz Meadow Dave Tucker

July 29: Urban Dragonflies Dennis Paulson

Aug 5: Mt. Baker Geology 2: Artist Point Scott & Marca Babcock

Sep 16-17: Hawkwatching at Chelan Ridge Kent Woodruff

Sep 22-24: Wildlife Tracking Marcus Reynerson

Information for these classes and more at: <https://ncascades.org/signup/programs/classes>

Acadia Birding Festival

June 1-4

Mount Desert Island, Maine

Celebrate the ecological wonders of the birds of the Gulf of Maine. Explore Mount Desert Island and its birds through numerous events and venues. Enjoy warblers on early morning birding walks, visit with puffins and pelagic birds at sea, and observe Peregrine Falcons at an active breeding site in Acadia National Park. <http://www.acadiabirdingfestival.com/>

PSBO Banding Class

August 18, 19, 20, 26, and 27

Edmonds, WA

Christine Southwick will teach a beginner's banding course at the Willow Creek Hatchery in Edmonds, where the PAS Native Plant Garden and the Edmonds Marsh support a variety of resident and migrating birds. Instruction follows the North American Banding Council guidelines and includes five full days of classroom/field instruction. Class focus will be on developing skills to safely extract birds from mist-nets, proper banding techniques and the accurate collection and documentation of data. This is an introductory course which covers netting and trapping techniques, removal of birds from mist nets, proper handling, processing, data management, relations with the public, and banders' code of ethics. No previous experience required. Ages 16 to 100.

<http://pugetsoundbirds.org/> ✧

BACKYARD BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS

by Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

March 26 to April 25, 2017

A rare sighting of a Yellow-headed Blackbird reported by Carole and Larry Beason from their home at Lake Bosworth. I have seen them in Montana, but never in this part of Washington. Their total species count of 47 included 12 American Robin, 2 Bald Eagle over the lake, 6 Brown-headed Cowbird, 5 Canada Goose flying near the house, 2 Common Goldeneye and 2 Double-crested Cormorant on the lake, 3 Downy Woodpecker at the suet, 9 Golden-crowned Sparrow, an Osprey over the lake, 18 Pine Siskin on the ground, a Hutton's Vireo, 9 Purple Finch, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 11 Red-winged Blackbird, 4 Rufous Hummingbird, 6 Tree Swallow, and 10 Violet Green Swallow flying over the lake.

Hilkka Egtvedt's report from Mukilteo listed 2 California Quail, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, a Rufous Hummingbird, a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Bewick's Wren, a Golden-crowned Sparrow, 8 Dark-eyed Junco, 3 Purple Finch, 2 Spotted Towhee, 4 Steller's Jay and an American Goldfinch, for a total species count of 22.

Kriss Erickson's report from Everett listed 2 Varied Thrush, which is unusual for this time of year; of course, the weather was still cool. Her total species count of 20 also included 3 Spotted Towhee, 2 Bewick's Wren, 6 American Robin, 3 Song



Sparrow, 8 Northwestern Crow, 4 Mallard Duck, 34 European Starling, 8 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 17 Black-capped Chickadee, 21 Dark-eyed Junco, and 16 Bushtit. Mary Sinker reported that the Hairy Woodpeckers in her area seem to be having trouble flying and she also found some deceased around the

yard. She does not know what is causing the problem. Her report from her home in Stanwood also included 20 American Goldfinch, 11 Anna's Hummingbird, 12 Black-capped Chickadee, a Brown Creeper, 4 Downy Woodpecker, a Great Blue Heron at the creek, 9 House Finch, 5 Kinglet Species, 20 Mourning Dove, a Red-tailed Hawk, 7 Red-winged Blackbird, 10 Rufous Hummingbird, 8 Tree Swallow, 15 White-crowned Sparrow, and a Wilson's Warbler, for a total species count of 32.

My count from Marysville included 8 American Robin, 4 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 6 Dark-eyed Junco, 9 Mallard Duck in the pond, 3 Pileated Woodpecker, 30+ European Starling, 6 Steller's Jay, a Winter Wren, a female Brown-headed Cowbird, 2 Canada Goose flying over, 5 Evening Grosbeak making a stopover before continuing their journey, and a White-crowned Sparrow, for a total species count of 21.

If you are interested in participating in our Backyard Birding count, please email me at pricemara1@gmail.com or leave a message on my cell phone at 425-750-8125. ✧

SINGLETERARY TIMBER SALE UPDATE

by Kathy Johnson, Forest Practices Chair

The clearcut planned for the east side of Wallace Falls State Park (WFSP)—also known as the Singletary Timber Sale—is closer than ever to realization. This beautiful forest was sold for \$1.32 million to Sierra Pacific Industries of Skagit County on SR 20 west of I-5. This means that the logging and mill jobs from this forest won't even stay in Snohomish County.

Before the auction on May 24, PAS, Friends of Wild Sky (FOWS), and Skykomish Valley Environmental and Economic Alliance (SVENA) filed an appeal of the sale in Snohomish County Superior Court against Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz, the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Board of Natural Resources (BNR).



Thanks to PAS members who contacted the Snohomish County Council prior to its public hearing in February. Public pressure resulted in the County Council's decision to reconvey up to 25 acres of this sale to the County for park land, protecting the new trail being built between the County's new trailhead and the WSFP trail. The County also asked DNR for four years to find other funding sources to compensate the junior taxing districts for the revenue lost by not logging these acres. We are grateful for this effort on the part of Snohomish County to protect recreational and ecosystem values on our state forest lands.

Meanwhile, PAS and other groups have been meeting with DNR representatives to discuss a new forest management plan for this area, which would recognize its high ecological and recreational values while allowing more sustainable logging in some areas. During the past year, DNR representatives had promised us that the Singletary sale would be put on hold while these discussions proceeded. If the remainder of the Singletary sale is cut, this collaborative effort would be completely undermined. Unfortunately, the new sale boundaries drawn by the DNR still include other planned trails, some of which would be obliterated by roads built to remove the timber.

To prevent this logging, we saw no alternative but to take legal action. The suit, filed by Wyatt Golding, asserts violations of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), as well as the State Public Lands Act, which requires the DNR to manage its forests "in the best interests of the State." We assert that the law requires the DNR to issue a new forest practices permit and perform another SEPA analysis in light of the changed nature of the timber sale, as a result of the withdrawal of the approximately 25 acres. ✧

SAVE THE DATE

Feast on the Farm August 30

Feast on the Farm fundraiser to support the Smart Growth Program and celebrate our local farms and businesses will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, at Craven Farms. Tickets will go on sale in July.

Sponsorships are welcome. Volunteers are needed! Local chefs; local farms; local wines, beers, and spirits!! And live music by the CD Woodbury Trio.

For more information, contact Kristin Kelly, execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org. ✧



Coming Soon to a Backyard Near You...

Catio Tour Seattle!

When: Saturday, June 24, 2017

from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Host homes around the Greater Seattle Area

Catios—outdoor cat enclosures—keep cats safe and protect our beloved backyard birds and wildlife.

Enjoy a fun and informative tour of Greater Seattle homes featuring catios designed to protect cats from predators and a variety of outdoor hazards. You'll be treated to some of the best feline real estate our community has to offer!

The goal of this unique event is to spread the word about the many benefits of catios, and to inspire you to build one of your own or have one built for you. By providing a safe and secure environment, catios provide cat guardians with peace of mind while protecting birds and wildlife.

For more information or to register to attend, go to www.catiotourseattle.com. Contact education@paws.org with any questions or call 425-412-4026. Organized in partnership with [PAWS \(Progressive Animal Welfare Society\)](http://www.paws.org), [The Humane Society of the United States](http://www.humanesociety.org), and [Catio Spaces](http://www.catio-spaces.com). ✧

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- New Member \$28
- Renewal \$28
- Lifetime Member \$1,000
 - 10 monthly payments of \$100
 - 4 quarterly payments of \$250
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| Program Meeting | June 9, 7:00 p.m. |
| Bird Blitz, Lord Hill Regional Park | June 25 |
| PAS Picnic @ North Creek Park | August 6 |
| Feast on the Farm | August 30 |
| Swift Night Out | September 9 |
| Puget Sound Bird Fest | September 15-17 |
| Bird Seed Sale | October |