

CASCADIA QUARTERLY



(above left) OR-7's pup caught by remote camera in July 2014, and (above right) remote camera photo of OR-7 captured on May 3, 2014 in Eastern Jackson County on USFS land. (USFWS)

The Pack is Back!

Journey and Wanda Create First Wolf Pack in Oregon Cascades in 70 Years

By Nick Cady, Legal Director

A majority of the people we met this summer tabling at the Oregon Country Fair, String Summit and other events where Cascadia hangs its shingle had heard about the remarkable story of OR-7, or Journey. In the fall of 2011, this young adult from northeast Oregon's Imnaha pack began an epic 2,000-mile journey, which saw him travel across the state, down the Cascades and nearly all the way to Sacramento where he became the first wolf in California in almost 100 years.

This young wolf dispersed from his pack, and his journey was all an effort to find a mate and start a pack of his own. In May of this year, biologists confirmed that OR-7's long-awaited mate showed up southwest of Crater Lake in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, and by June they verified at least three wolf pups.

This news has been incredibly joyful and validating for Cascadia Wildlands on many different levels. This young wolf started the first wolf pack in the Oregon

Cascades in approximately 70 years, and kicks the door open to wolf recovery into the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion and on into California where no known wolves exist today.

The story that led up to this new pack is particularly rewarding for Cascadia Wildlands. In early 2011, we hurriedly filed for a restraining order against the state of Oregon who had sharpshooters in the field trying to kill OR-7's father, OR-4, and one of two younger wolves in the Imnaha pack for their alleged involvement in livestock depredation. This was at a time when there were a mere 14 wolves in Oregon. We prevailed in saving the Imnaha pack, and the legal success has prevented wolves from being killed in Oregon for over three years now. Today, 12 packs and approximately 75 wolves call Oregon home.

Another incredible part to this story is in the physical path that OR-7 took on his trek to California and back.

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Blowing Smoke Rings to Journey and Wanda

from Executive Director Bob Ferris



I am not a smoker, but if I were I would be enjoying a large cigar right now and blowing smoke rings in the general direction of Oregon's southern Cascades. Why? In celebration of Journey (OR-7) and Wanda's (what we have named his uncollared mate) first litter of wolf pups — the first for the Oregon Cascades in nearly 70 years. Congratulations!

We thank the wolves for doing their part, but also thank all of our supporters for helping us with the lawsuit that halted killing of wolves in Oregon and supporting us through the 17 months of wolf rule negotiations that ultimately made this happy event possible.



(above, left to right) OR-7's mysterious mate Wanda, and OR-7, the wolf known as Journey. (USFWS)

I like the story about Journey and Wanda because this coming together and growth tale so reflects Cascadia Wildlands' own narrative in that we are growing and dynamic. We grew when staffer Francis Eatherington joined us a few years back to focus on the critical work to protect the greater Umpqua watershed from harm. We also grew last fall with the adoption of Big Wildlife and our emerging work to protect all carnivore populations from significant threats in Cascadia.

The parallels are figurative and literal because growth also means the need for wolves to find new dens and for us to locate new office space reflective of our own "pack size." (If anyone has leads on affordable downtown or near downtown Eugene space, please let us know.)

The Journey/Wanda saga is success writ large and is testimony to what we can do with your support. We hope that you will take time to read the enclosed fall appeal letter and consider continued or increased support — particularly through the generous Mountain Rose Herbs matching gift program. It all helps in keeping Cascadia wild!

Together, we can keep it wild!

Bob

Coos Bay Gas Export Scheme Inching Forward

Impact Study for LNG Pipeline & Terminal Expected This Fall

by Francis Eatherington, Conservation Director

An energy company from Canada, Veresen, is hoping to use southern Oregon as their conduit to ship liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Asia. The proposed 230-mile pipeline, requiring a clearcut 100-150' wide, would start near Klamath Falls and end at the proposed Jordan Cove terminal in Coos Bay, where gas would be compressed by liquefying it and then loaded onto ships.

The government agency responsible for approving the export scheme is the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC will soon release a Draft

Environmental Impact Study, finding (or not) that this project is in the public interest, which is needed to condemn private property, and identifying what environmental problems will be mitigated. The entire project would impact 28 species protected under the federal Endangered Species Act, including seven species of whales (ship strikes), four sea turtles, two salmon species, four other kinds of fish, seven plants and four birds. Cascadia Wildlands will write and submit substantive comments when the analysis is released.

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Getting Bullish Over Trout

Cascadia Wildlands and Allies Fight for Bull Trout Survival

by Rory Isbell, Legal Intern

Most folks in Cascadia have seen the warning signs at their favorite mountain waterways: "Anglers, you are in bull trout country!" Have you ever wondered why the bull trout is so special? The species loves the clear and cold high mountain waters of the Pacific Northwest and northern Rocky Mountains. When too much road construction, grazing, and logging occurs adjacent to streams, sediment is released into waterways and the water temperature increases and quality diminishes. This is bad news for the bull trout, and precisely why the population has dithered, causing the species to be listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act in 1999.

Healthy bull trout populations are an indicator of healthy ecosystems overall, and protecting the bull trout means protecting the health of the entire Cascadia bioregion.

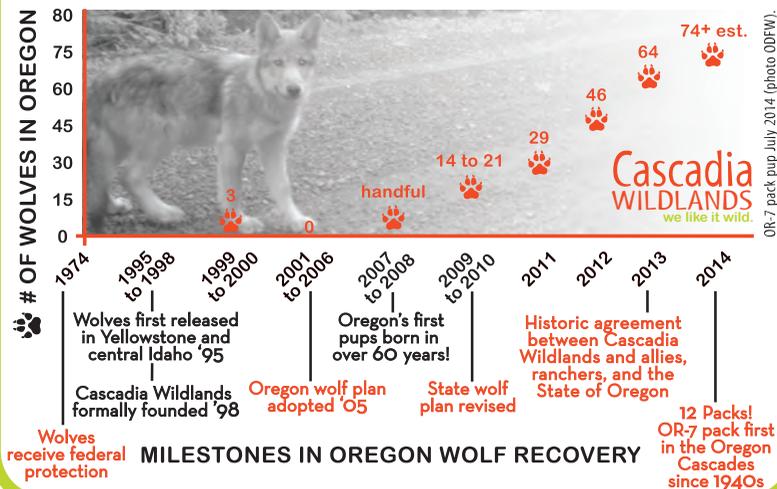
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CRITTER CORNER

Fighting for Scientific Integrity in Northern Cascadia

Wolves and Wolf Science Persecuted by Bureaucrats

by Gabe Scott, Alaska Field Director

Cascadia's work with wolves on the northern and southern ends of our bioregion run an interesting circle. In the Pacific Northwest, our focus is on restoration. The ecological and cultural value of top predators are broadly recognized. The difficult issues here are how to accomplish restoration, and how to learn to live with wolves howling in the back-country.

On our bioregion's northern end, in Alaska's rainforested southern coast, there is no need to restore top predators — they are already here. Our focus here is saving wolves from extirpation. The State of Alaska would happily kill every last wolf if they could. Elimination of wolves from huge areas is routine. It's a century behind the rest of the country.

More worrisome even than direct killing of wolves is habitat destruction, especially logging the last of the big-tree, old-growth forests in the Tongass. Wolves on the Tongass need deer; deer need old-growth to survive through the winter. That is why we are fighting so hard to stop the Big Thorne timber sale, and others, which

would clearcut thousands of acres. Scientists say this sale will be the straw that breaks the camel's back. On both ends of our bioregion, the keys to success lie in science. Wolves carry so much cultural baggage — from the "big bad wolf" to cute and cuddly icons of wilderness — that meaningful dialogue and wise decision-making is impossible without some objective common language.



Alexander Archipelago wolves reside in and around the 17 million acre Tongass National Forest. (Robin Silver)

Wildlife science is that common language. Making wildlife policy is hard, period. Science, while it never dictates policy, at least provides means for rational discussion.

That is the reason why ideological resource exploiters, such as Alaska's Governor Sean Parnell, so aggressively wage war not just on forests and wolves, but also on wildlife scientists.

Alaska's wolf scientists of late have been living under professional siege. The more they learn, the more clear it becomes that continued old-growth logging on the Tongass could drive the unique "islands wolf" subspecies to extirpation. So, their work is censored and manipulated. Their jobs are threatened. Their groundbreaking work goes unrewarded.

And so, in Alaska, a primary focus of Cascadia's work has become fighting not just for wolves, deer and forests — but for scientific integrity itself. It is a shame that something so fundamental should require advocacy, but it does. They say the earth doesn't require defense, only more defenders. For a critter with so much cultural baggage as wolves, no defenders are more important than the wildlife scientists, laboring thanklessly away the bowels of a hostile bureaucracy.

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Dear Supporter,

1) In 2013 or 2014 OR-7, the now-famous wolf known to some as “Journey,” met up with a female wolf that we are calling “Wanda” in the southern Oregon Cascades.

2) Journey and Wanda mated in 2014 and had at least three pups in the backcountry near Crater Lake.

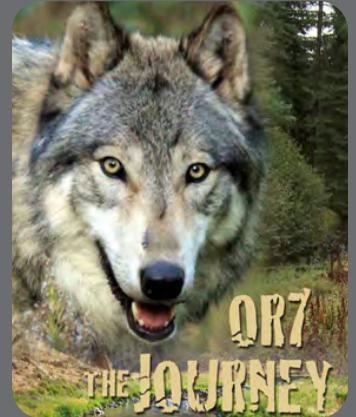
The above are two statements about a simple biological process. But the thought of these wolves doing what they did in that place less than 20 years after wolves were reintroduced back into Yellowstone and central Idaho is utterly thrilling. What’s more, it is emblematic of what we do here at Cascadia Wildlands and the promise of what we can do in the future.

Your support, for example, enabled us to undertake 17 months of intense negotiations that ultimately led to rules that now require common sense steps to reduce conflict between wolves and livestock before lethal control can be considered. And our legal actions have prevented a single wolf from being lethally controlled in Oregon for the past three years. You stepping up for wolves has allowed the wolf population to go from a single breeding pack and 14 total wolves—some with death sentences—to our present condition with 10 packs and more than 64 wolves counted in 2013—not including OR-7’s and the newly discovered pack at Catherine Creek.

But Oregon wolves are neither our only focus nor our only success in our 15th year of operation. We also stopped



(above) OR-7 pups peek out from a log in the Siskiyou National Forest, June 2014. (USFWS)
(below) Film poster for “OR-7 The Journey”, showing Sept. 18 in Eugene, OR. Visit CascWild.org for more info. (Clemens Schenk)



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virtually all old growth clearcutting in the 93,000-acre Elliott State Forest through grassroots organizing and a legal challenge—thus protecting important habitat for marbled murrelet, salmon, and elk. We reduced suction dredge mining for gold in Oregon waters, too, which will have lasting beneficial impacts for our troubled wild salmon and steelhead populations as well as help to preserve our precious drinking water resources.

In addition, we also kept the pressure on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the US Forest Service to primarily focus on restoration thinning in second-growth tree plantations instead of reckless logging in mature and old growth forests, as well as pushed back on legislative and administrative proposals that aimed to ramp up clearcutting in our legacy forests. While in the northern reaches of Cascadia, we've been successful thus far in preventing the massive Big Thorne timber sale in Alaska, on our Nation's largest National Forest, the 17 million-acre Tongass National Forest.

We likewise continued efforts to block the construction of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal in Coos Bay and the associated pipeline through private, tribal, and public forests in southwest Oregon that would jeopardize human safety and environmental quality along its 230-mile route. Notable, too, is our work on stopping approval of genetically modified salmon - coined the "Frankenfish", creating the 30,000-acre Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the Oregon Coast Range, and preventing another road-to-nowhere project in the fragile Prince William Sound near our Alaska office in Cordova.

Our successes have brought notoriety and that means more requests to do more work in more places than we have ever

we like it wild.



(top) Last October, wild supporters and concerned citizens gathered in Salem for a CW led rally in opposition to the pipeline. (Francis Eatherington)

(bottom) The proposed LNG pipeline would run through old forests like this area on Roseburg BLM. (Francis Eatherington)

done before. People in Washington State, for instance, want us to increase our engagement in wolf recovery as well as help with efforts to curtail suction dredging in Washington's most vulnerable salmon, steelhead and bull trout rivers.

In tandem, folks in Oregon and Washington are calling on us to tackle the issue of forest herbicide use that puts human health at risk, damages needed understory habitat, and may be leading to an outbreak of elk hoof rot in both states.



Moreover, with our absorption of Big Wildlife last fall, we will continue to expand our efforts to bring reform to state wildlife agencies and increase protections for predators in Cascadia. **And—returning to where we started—we need your help to make sure that Wanda, Journey and the pups are safe in Oregon and California.**

The continuance of our current work and the expansions that we have described above depend entirely on **you**; your continued and—hopefully—expanded support of Cascadia Wildlands. So if you are able, please be generous with your monthly or annual gift. You might also think about participating in our planned giving programs with a gift of stock or leaving a wild legacy by considering us in your estate planning. We are happy to discuss these options in greater detail with you at any time.

Please also take some time to introduce others to the work we do and get them engaged as well. We are able to do so much with so little—in part—because our supporters are not only generous financially but help, too, by stuffing envelopes, volunteering at our auction or Hoedown, and getting the word out about our conservation campaigns by forwarding and sharing our messages and work both person-to-person



(top) Are you familiar with where the Tongass is? This map shows you where the 17million acre Tongass National Forest sits.

(middle) Mendenhall Glacier in the Tongass National Forest.

(bottom) CW staff and volunteers enjoying our Hoedown for Ancient Forests in May. (Cascadia Wildlands)



Please help us keep it wild.

as well as online through our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, our newly launched instagram, and YouTube channel. Please help us “keep it wild” in whatever ways you can .

Thanks so much,

Bob Ferris
Executive Director

P.S. From August 1st to November 31st **all contributions dedicated to our Wolf Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar** up to a total of \$5,000.00 by our long-term conservation partners **Mountain Rose Herbs**. So give generously to this fund and make sure that you either follow the online link or make a note of this Mountain Rose Herb Matching Wolf Fund Gift designation on your check or donation slip.



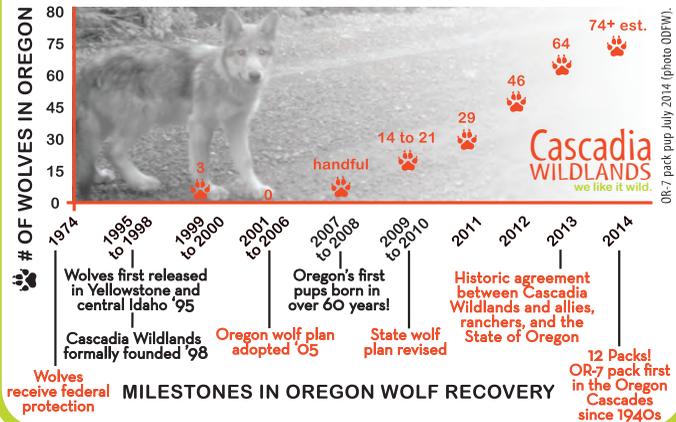
The image above is from painter/illustrator Nicole Hanusek who donated the use of her image for our new wolf t-shirts and wolf bandanas. (Nicole Hanusek)

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continued. That is why in July Cascadia Wildlands and allies filed a notice of intent to sue federal agencies for failing to properly evaluate the consequences of land management activities on the east side of the Cascades in designated critical habitat for the species.

We believe a fresh look at programmatic activities, like logging, and its impacts on the bull trout is in order to ensure this species doesn't blink away.

**"You are in
bull trout country!"**

Thank You: Pedal Power Music Supporter Spotlight

by Carolyn Candela, Development & Operations Manager

This past spring, Cascadia Wildlands proudly partnered with Pedal Power Music to fuel the sound for our 11th Annual Hoedown for Ancient Forests (photo below at left, by Cascadia Wildlands). Pedal Power Music provides events with bicycle-powered audio and visual systems. They enjoy working with local festivals and musicians, and have partnered with community events such as Bike Music Fest and the Oregon Country Fair.



A sustainable planet is essential to sustainable business. That's why more and more companies like Pedal Power are actively supporting Cascadia Wildlands. We look forward to working with them more at our upcoming events.

Thank you, Pedal Power!

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continued. The Jordan Cove terminal proposal includes two 80-million-gallon LNG storage tanks, built on unstable sand dunes, near the end of the regional airport runway, in a tsunami and earthquake zone. The Oregonian recently quoted a seismologist from Oregon State University stating that a mega-thrust earthquake "will happen during the lifetime of the facility," adding, "I would certainly have reservations about building one of these terminals down there."

If the power plant and its backup system were to fail, the 80-million gallons of LNG would immediately begin to warm and expand. FERC is not requiring that catastrophe be described, or even considered

in this densely populated area.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will allow the LNG terminal to emit 2,166,000 tons of CO₂e a year. That is over half of what the dirty Boardman coal plant in northeast Oregon emits annually. Oregon has decided Boardman (Oregon's only coal plant) is so polluting it must close by 2020, yet DEQ could approve over half that pollution from the LNG terminal, every year indefinitely.

The approval doesn't count the 9% methane leaked unburned into the atmosphere at the fracking wells, or the carbon needed to build the massive LNG infrastructure, or shipping to China, or the final burning of the gas. Since methane is 20 to 100 times



LNG Rally in Salem. (Francis Eatherington)

times more powerful a greenhouse gas than carbon, LNG is not a "bridge fuel," as some proponents would argue. Recent studies have shown it is as bad, if not worse than burning coal.

Finally, the threat of eminent domain on Oregonians from a Canadian company is unfair. While Veresen stands to make billions of dollars from exporting the gas, they insist on paying Oregonians only a small, one-time payment.

For more information, please visit our website & follow the menu to:

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Campaigns > Combating Climate Change > No Pacific Connector Pipeline or LNG Terminal

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Volunteers Elizabeth and Jess debuted our OR-7 pack inspired wolf photo board at the Oregon Country Fair this year. With the help of staff and other volunteers, they talked wolves – and all that’s wild – with close to one thousand fair goers. (Cascadia Wildlands)

continued. His trail essentially followed a series of national forests, roadless and wilderness areas that Cascadia Wildlands has been working to protect since our inception. It is one thing to talk about preserving wildlife corridors, it is quite another to actually see it work.

Given our excitement, Cascadia Wildlands’ swag department has become wolf focused lately, and staffer Kaley Sauer has designed some incredibly hot wolf shirts and tank tops. All of this cool stuff can be found on our website, and of course, you would be supporting an excellent cause with a purchase:

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Legal intern Rance and girlfriend Daniela sporting the new CW shirts!



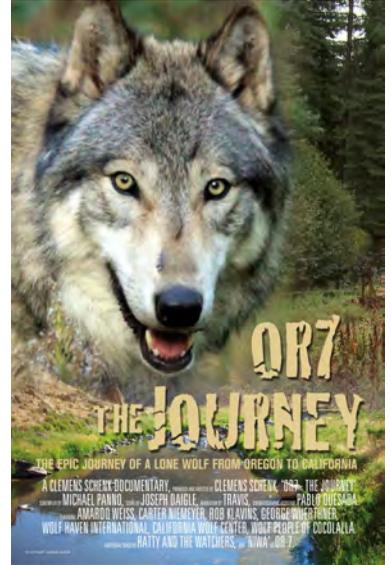
“OR-7 – The Journey”

Eugene Premiere of Documentary Slated for September 18

Join Cascadia Wildlands and Oregon Wild in welcoming Oregon filmmaker Clemens Schenk for the Eugene premiere of the documentary “OR7 - The Journey”, an inspiring film about Oregon’s famous wandering gray wolf.

The showing will be held at the Bijou Theater at 492 E. 13th Ave in Eugene, OR at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available through the Bijou’s website now. There will be a Q&A with the filmmaker and local wolf advocates after the film. Seating is limited, and the show is expected to sell out. Hope to see you there!

“OR7-The Journey” film poster.
(Clemens Schenk)



A Summer to Howl About!

by Kaley Sauer, Outreach & Communications Manager

Cascadia Wildlands had a great summer connecting with the public at the many events and festivals we attended. Following the Hoedown in May, two hikes to Devil’s Staircase, and besides our first-Monday-of-the-month *Pints Gone Wild!* events at the Ninkasi Tasting Room and Patio in Eugene, we have met you – our wild supporters old and new – at the Oregon Country Fair, Northwest String Summit Festival, Whiteaker Block Party, and the Festival of Eugene.

We met with thousands of community members and talked about our campaigns and mission, and had fun posing and making faces in our new wolf photo board with others who also “like it wild.” In turn, we collected approximately 900 signatures in favor of maintaining federal protection for

gray wolves in the lower 48. When the Obama administration decides in December to strip protections or not from these threatened animals, we want to represent the Cascadian voices in favor of protecting wolves.

We like it wild, and we know that you do, too. Thank you for visiting us this summer, and we look forward to another fall and winter with you at many more events.

You can stay connected with us online, and check out the community outreach calendar on the back of this newsletter to see what’s happening next!



Save the Date: 12th Annual Wonderland Auction

Center for Meeting and Learning (Lane Community College)

by Carolyn Candela, Development & Operations Manager

It's time to mark your calendars for our 12th Annual Wonderland Auction, which will take place on

**Saturday
December 6, 2014**

Come join Cascadia Wildlands and community supporters at our new venue on the main campus of Lane Community College for an evening of live music, a delicious buffet dinner, fine local beer and wine, and an array of exciting live and silent auction prizes.

The Center for Meeting and Learning is a new building located

in the heart of the Lane Community College main campus. Guests will be greeted in the spacious entryway, complete with a bar where specialty drinks will be served.

We will be posting more information on our website soon about volunteer opportunities and presale tickets. We are also beginning to procure auction items for this year.

For more information about sponsorship levels and benefits, as well as auction donations, please contact Carolyn Candela at:
541-434-1463 or
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Wonderland Auction, 2013. Hundreds of wild supporters attended and helped us recognize our then upcoming 15th year as an organization as well as celebrate our growth over that time into a regional conservation leader. (Cascadia Wildlands)

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A sustainable planet is essential to sustainable business. That's why more and more companies are actively investing in Cascadia Wildlands. Business support saves wild places from imminent destruction and wildlife from extinction. *Please join us in thanking and patronizing the visionary businesses that recently supported our work with generous cash contributions:*



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Cascadia Wildlands is a proud recipient organization of 1% for the Planet, an alliance of businesses committed to leveraging their resources to create a healthier planet.

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Support Cascadia Wildlands by shopping at the places you already go to.

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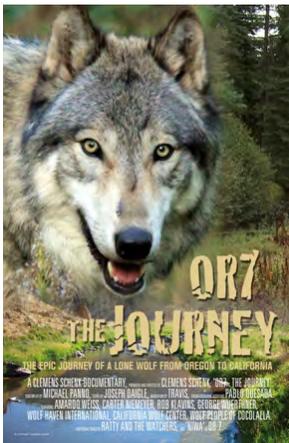
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MORE INFO AVAILABLE ONLINE

“OR-7 The Journey” Premiere at Bijou Cinema - Eugene, OR

WHEN: Sept. 18, 2014 show starts at 7pm at the Bijou on 13th Ave.

Join CW and Oregon Wild for an inspiring documentary chronicling the remarkable dispersal of a young male wolf and the history of his species. Q&A to follow.

Tickets available online now.



35th Mushroom Festival at Mt. Pisgah - Eugene, OR

WHEN: Oct. 26, 2014 from 10am - 5pm

Take your picture as OR-7, or his mate Wanda, in our wolf photo board!

Double Mountain Brewery Concert - Hood River, OR

WHEN: Nov. 6, 2014 Time T.B.D.

Get your groove! Live music (T.B.D.), a new business partner, good brews, and you -- can help us raise money at this benefit concert. Watch for event updates on Facebook, and in the Events section of our website.

Pints Gone Wild! Each first Monday of the Month - Eugene, OR

Music 6-7:30pm. 25% of pint sales benefit CW all day 12-9pm.

At the Ninkasi Tasting Room on the Patio. Merchandise available for purchase. *Interested in playing? Musicians contact kaley@cascwild.org*