Youth & Water

Klamath County, Oregon

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I have been involved in the Klamath Tribes Youth Leadership Council, Ríos to Rivers, Water Climate Trust and currently, Rogue Climate.

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The Klamath Tribes Youth Leadership Council

Mission Statement:
"The purpose of the Klamath Tribes Youth Council is to provide a collective voice and represent Klamath Tribal Youth in all matters that concern them: to serve as a means of mobilizing and coordinating actions of youth, other community members and organizations toward positive goals: to promote the development of future tribal leaders; to help solve problems facing tribal youth,: to coordinate school and community service projects: to promote the culture and traditions of the Klamath, Modoc, and Yahooskin Paiute people; and to provide opportunities for youth to interact for fun and fellowship."

"The Klamath Tribes Youth Council is committed to creating a healthier Klamath Basin community for all who enjoy it to thrive in. Their vision is of a vibrant, culturally informed society where tribal values and practices passed down from time immemorial are exercised in the daily lives of tribal members. An integral part making this vision a reality is connected to the land and waters here in the basin. Without access to clean water and healthy ecosystems, we have very little, but by working together we can restore our homelands to a state more like those that our ancestors lived in and utilized to provide for our people since the beginning of time. It is vital that tribal youth, as the next generation of tribal stewards of this land, have an active voice in issues facing our water and aboriginal homelands, from climate change and dam removal, to the threat of pipelines and settler colonialism. In the past the Klamath Tribes youth Council has been vocal in the fight against the proposed Jordan Cove LNG pipeline as well as the promotion of clean energy bills to decrease the state's carbon footprint and keep big name corporations from contaminating water and air quality in rural communities of color across the state. They have attended rallies, public hearings, and lobbied at the state capitol in support of clean energy bills and in opposition to the Jordan Cove LNG Pipeline project. Future goals are to increase knowledge about the benefits of dam removal on the Klamath River and the salmon recovery efforts among youth."

- Will Hess, Lead Youth Initiative Coordinator

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Ríos to Rivers

Mission Statement:
To inspire the protection of rivers through youth-focused experiential and educational cross-culture exchange programs, where underserved students are empowered to become informed stewards and ambassadors for their rivers and the communities who depend on them.

"Ríos to Rivers is a group of committed river runners with roots in the rivers systems of the USA, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. We are educators, artists, filmmakers, writers, scientists, coaches, philanthropists, energy experts, environmentalists, and humanitarians; our diverse backgrounds converge through our shared passion for healthy rivers. Our passion is to facilitate place-based educational experiences that empower the next generation of river stewards!"

I have participated in-

(1) Klamath 2017
(2) Chile 2018
(3) Klamath 2019
(4) Chile 2019

Along with other events throughout Oregon, California, Washington and Idaho.

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Rogue Climate

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to empower Southern Oregon communities most impacted by climate change, including low-income, rural, youth, and communities of color, to win climate justice by organizing for clean energy, sustainable jobs, and a healthy environment. We do so through leadership development, political education, fostering conversations, and campaigns for policies that benefit our communities over the special interests of the largest corporations.

Our three primary campaigns are to:

- Stop the Jordan Cove LNG Export Terminal and the Pacific Connector fracked gas Pipeline proposed in southern Oregon
- Transition communities in the Rogue Valley to clean energy through local clean energy action plans, as well as community solar and energy efficiency campaigns.
- Pass climate policy at the state level that will spur clean energy investment and job creation in rural communities, low income communities, and communities of color in Oregon.

Rogue Climate focuses on the following areas:

Local action. We help communities organize themselves to develop clean energy and climate action plans to make it easier for residents, businesses, and agencies to transition to renewable energy sources and increase energy efficiency. This benefits all of us in the short term and helps build awareness of the need for larger solutions.

State action. We help Southern Oregonians make ourselves heard on state policies to promote clean energy and climate change.

Leadership development. We help young people practice the skills needed to bring about practical solutions.

Climate justice. We help empower those who are most immediately vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including low and middle income families, people in rural areas, communities of color, seniors, and small businesses.

Cultural engagement. We involve local residents of all ages in art projects and cultural events that have a focus on climate action.

Oregon Green New Deal 1.0

Seven Main Pillars-

1. Phase Out of Fossil Fuel Infrastructure
2. Strong Regulation for Healthy Breathable Air
3. Community Controlled, 100% Renewable Energy
4. Regenerative, Sustainable Farms & Forests
5. Transportation Justice
6. Protect Communities Already Experiencing a Changing Climate
7. Fund the Just Transition

Listening Tour Timeline-

July- September: Oregon Green New Deal Listening Tour
October: Compile & Share Back Findings
October- December: Policy Development
January 2021: Oregon Green New Deal Policy Platform & Report Published

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