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## *Safeguarding the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region\** by Charlotte Orr



Tuleyome, a 501(c)(3) non-profit in Woodland, has been working since 2007 to permanently protect 360,000-plus acres of federal public lands in the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a national monument. The area, located less than two hours from Sacramento and the Bay Area, is a world renowned geologic site that demonstrates the interaction of three tectonic plates. The region also has a unique natural and cultural history, including ancient archaeological sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

This beautiful stretch of land includes parts of Yolo, Solano, Napa, Lake, Mendocino, Colusa and Glenn counties. This hidden gem starts at Putah Creek, below Lake Berryessa, and extends one hundred miles north to Snow Mountain Wilderness in the Mendocino National Forest. These lands are a scenic treasure, providing an important migratory corridor for wildlife including black bears, California's second-largest population of wintering bald eagles, tule elk, osprey, river otters, half the state's dragonfly species, a variety of butterflies, and certain species found nowhere else on the planet.



The proposed Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is supported by over 80,000 individuals, 200-plus business owners, five counties included within the designation, many surrounding cities, the state of California, conservation groups, and a wide variety of outdoor recreationists. Hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, off-road recreation groups, sportsman groups, paragliders, and many more enjoy the natural beauty and recreational

resources offered by these lands.

Recreation in the Berryessa Snow Mountain region currently supports more than 600 jobs and \$55.3 million in economic benefits to local counties. A recent study commissioned by the Winters Chamber of Commerce showed that increased visitation could create a cumulative impact of up to \$50 million in economic benefits for the local economy over the course of five years following a national monument designation.

In early February 2015, **Representatives Mike Thompson, John Garamendi, Jared Huffman, and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein** introduced legislation for the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. Later that month the California State Assembly also supported a resolution supporting the designation (AJR4) which was introduced by **Assemblyman Bill Dodd and coauthored by Assemblymen Marc Levine and Jim Wood**.

Supporters of the designation have made it clear that if Congress does not take swift action to protect these lands, then President Obama should use the 1906 Antiquities Act to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Monument. (*Continued, p.2*)

*\*Ed. Note: See Newsletter Series Policy and Invitation p.3; Snow Mountain photos (p.1 &2) selected from < <http://goo.gl/OE567w> >*

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## Calendar of Events & Campaign Activities

**Tuesday, April 7, 7:00-9:00 pm, Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.** The Board conducts planning and attends to routine Club business. All members are invited to attend and participate in discussions. Blanchard Room, Davis Library.

**Saturday, May 9, 3:00-8:00 pm, Garamendi Basque BBQ.** Great food and entertainment. RSVP <[www.garamendi.org/bbq](http://www.garamendi.org/bbq)> for donations and travel information to the venue, "Touch the Earth Ranch," located near Paloma, CA.

**Sunday, June 7, 5:30-7:30 pm. Assemblyman Bill Dodd's 1st Annual Yolo County BBQ.** Glide Ranch, 36355 Russel Blvd., Davis. RSVP/Information contact Erin Russel <[erin@billdodd.com](mailto:erin@billdodd.com)>



### *Berryessa Snow Mountain (continued from p1)*

The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument will safeguard the area's natural beauty, sensitive area, wildlife, and rare plants, enhance recreational opportunities, provide opportunities for economic growth in surrounding communities, and protect this scenic treasure so that it can be enjoyed by future generations.

### **Support the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument**

For more information about the Berryessa Snow Mountain region, or to fill out a postcard of support asking President Obama to designate the area as a national monument, please visit

[www.berryessasnowmountain.org](http://www.berryessasnowmountain.org).

You can also help by writing a letter to the editor in your local newspaper. Contact us for more details.

To support Tuleyome's efforts, you can also go online to [www.tuleyome.org](http://www.tuleyome.org) and



make a donation. Please mail checks to Tuleyome, 607 North Street, Woodland, CA, 95695.

**Contact** For questions, please contact [info@berryessasnowmountain.org](mailto:info@berryessasnowmountain.org) or call (530) 350-2599.

### **2015 Events Photo Album Posted Online**

The Newsletter Editor is pleased to acknowledge and thank our hardworking DDC Photographer who has posted photographs of the Club's 2015 events on the website <[www.davisdemocraticclub.org](http://www.davisdemocraticclub.org)>.

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YCDCC Reaches Out

Yolo County Democratic Central Committee (YCDCC) Chair Bob Schelen often says, "Democrats win when Democrats



Marlene Bell, Chair

vote." There is general agreement that the voter turnout in 2014, a non-presidential election year, was simply abysmal. Although Democrats actually added an additional Democrat to "blue" California's already lopsided Congressional delegation in this election, Democrats fared poorly in "red" and even

somewhat "purple" states such as North Carolina, Louisiana and Colorado.

Anticipating the 2016 election, YCDCC Vice Chair Marlene Bell has accepted the challenge to build the local party by chairing the YCDCC Development and Outreach Committee (see photo). The committee's basic goal is to ensure an overwhelming Democratic surge in the next election.

While currently developing her detailed plans, Marlene imagines building relationships with allied community groups, as one approach, to spread the Democratic message where it counts the most, local action on a specific issue. By happy coincidence, the DDC Newsletter is currently engaged in outreach to local community groups (see below).

Other approaches being developed by Marlene's committee include increasing Democratic voter registration and improving fundraising. Marlene <marlene@bellranch.net> invites both your advice and help in accomplishing these goals.

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Recognizing their good work and as a demonstration of our support, the DDC will publicize the views and activities of selected community groups in this Newsletter, such as the current article on Berryessa-Snow Mountain (p.1). Similarly, the March Newsletter featured an article by Health Care for All-CA; the Brady Campaign promises a submission for the May Newsletter. Additionally, we hope that you, the reader, will find added, nonpolitical dimension of this information interesting.

In selecting future articles for this series, the Newsletter will feature reports from groups advancing policies that have either been formally endorsed by the Democratic Party or are supported by elected Democratic leaders, as for example, exemplified by the broad Democratic support to create a national monument preserving Berryessa-Snow Mountain (p.1).

DDC members, who belong to local community groups which they believe meet these criteria are invited to recommend future Newsletter reports of their activities for consideration. Contact Carl Schmid at <cwschmid@comcast.net>.

**Democratic Newsletter**

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