

# **This Land is Your Land: Our Unique SW Oregon Environment. Can We Foster Resilience?**

**Environmental Workshop  
Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Wild River Pub in Grants Pass  
533 NE F Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526**

**12:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Learn from local experts about our complex southwest Oregon environment, what makes it unique, and what we can do to help in sustainable management of our region's natural resources.**

12:00 - Introduction – Rogue Indivisible

12:15 to 12:45 - Overview of SW Oregon's Ecological Systems - Dr. Tom Atzet, Ecologist

12:45 to 1:15 - A Rogue Climate in Our Valley: Trends, Projections, Consequences - Dr. Alan Journet, Southern Oregon Climate Action Now

1:15 to 1:45 - What is Restoration Forestry and Why is it Important? - Gary Clarida, Restoration Forester

1:45 to 2:15 - 25 Things You Can Do to Help Save Our Rogue Valley Environment - Bob Bath, High School Science Teacher

2:15 to 2:30 - BREAK

2:30 to 3:00 - Local Recreational Trails and Collaboration to benefit Rogue Valley Economy and Communities - Hope Robertson, Founder, Siskiyou Upland Trails Association

3:00 to 3:30 - The Ecology of Relationships: Community Collaboration in Natural Resource Management -Jack Shipley, Founder, Applegate Partnership

3:30 to 3:50- Wrap-Up Panel Discussion – All Presenters available for Questions and Answers

3:50 to 4:00 - Closing Remarks

*Donations to Rogue Indivisible are welcome to help cover facility rental costs!*

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**Presenter Bios:**

**Dr. Tomas Atzet, Ecologist:**

Dr. Tom Atzet worked as an operations ecologist in southern Oregon for over 40 years providing functional process information for industry, conservation groups, and agencies to maintain and sustain long-term ecosystem health. Various peer-reviewed journal publications have contributed to the body of local knowledge, providing a basis for understanding the development of the flora and its reaction to climate change and management. His work in vegetation/landscape relationships helped develop published ecological keys to our region's ecosystems, and in understanding the role of fire and other disturbances in our area.

**Dr. Alan Journet, Co-Facilitator, Southern Oregon Climate Action Now:**

Dr. Alan Journet grew up in Britain, spent several years in Canada undertaking graduate study at McGill University in Montreal, and then several more in Australia on a post-doctoral Fellowship at Australian National University in Canberra, then teaching at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. After two years at Texas A&M University, Alan moved to the United States in 1980. He then taught Science Methods, Biology, Environmental Science, and Conservation Biology for thirty years at Southeast Missouri State University, was active in the statewide and local Sierra Club group, and - with wife Dr. Kathy Conway - formed the Southeast Missouri Climate Protection Initiative. Alan and his wife, native Oregonian Dr. Kathy Conway, retired in 2010 and relocated to Southern Oregon where they built an energy efficient passive/active solar home in the Applegate Valley. Finding no grassroots climate activist organization in the region, along with a group of concerned Southern Oregonians, they founded Southern Oregon Climate Action Now. They now serve as its Co-facilitators.

**Gary Clarida, Restoration Forester:**

Gary Clarida has worn many hats over his years of working in and with forested ecosystems. He has 25 years of experience in performing restoration forestry in southern Oregon. Gary is a past president and board member of the Jackson County Small Woodlands Association, a state wide property owners association. He has worked with a number of public school teachers to develop an integrated curriculum of Environmental Education for K through 5th grade students. He has served as a member of an advisory committee to the Jackson County Board of Supervisors tasked with making recommendations to deal with particulate air pollution - this led to the creation of the Air Quality Maintenance Area in Jackson County. Gary was a participant in the first Master Woodland Manager program conducted by the OSU Extension Service.

**Bob Bath, Science Teacher, Grants Pass High School:**

Bob is a science teacher of 29 years; two were spent teaching high school chemistry and the rest integrated science at the middle school level. He has served as a lay speaker in the United Methodist church, and is a father of two female crew members of spaceship earth, ages 16 and 25. He served on the Middle Rogue Watershed Council for 13 years, he composts, drives an electric vehicle, gets 40% of his electricity from his 3kW PV system, and showers in solar heated water. He lobbies his congressional delegation on environmental issues regularly. Bob is a proud member of Rogue Indivisible and was the keynote speaker for the Science March in April 2017.

**Hope Robertson, Energy Policy Consultant and Founder, Siskiyou Upland Trails Association:**

Hope's work has focused on power sector regulatory policies influencing both supply and demand-side resources. She has worked as an independent consultant for the majority of her career, researching and writing about federal, state and regional energy policies that shape the future of electric power demand and supply. Covering a broad range of topics, Hope has written about the impacts of climate change rules, energy efficiency and demand response innovations, regulatory influences on the development of emerging energy technologies such as renewables, smart grid or energy storage and the associated implications for the electricity sector. Hope's "outside of work hat" includes volunteering on the boards of various regional land trusts, Planned Parenthood, spearheading the launch of two community non-motorized trail projects, one in New Jersey and one in Oregon. Hope founded the local Siskiyou Upland Trails Association (SUTA) in 2009 and continues to lead the organization. SUTA has spearheaded efforts to revitalize the historic Sterling Mine Ditch Trail and working with BLM, completed construction of the first phase of the Jack-Ash Trail in June 2017. When fully constructed, the Jack-Ash will ultimately link trails in Jacksonville to those in Ashland.

**Jack Shipley, Founder, Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council:**

Jack's passions are natural resource conservation, community building, flying and traveling. He grew up on the high plains of west Texas and has lived in Josephine County for 47 years on their 60 acre forest/farm in the Applegate Valley. Jack is a livestock producer, truffle farmer and independent oil and gas producer in Texas and Oklahoma. He has a BS in Agriculture Science from Texas Technological College in Lubbock, Texas and a MS in Resource Planning from the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon. Jack worked as a Resource Planner for the US Forest Service; Resource Planner for the City of Helsinki, Finland; Park and Recreation Director and Public Works Field Service Director for the City of Grants Pass; Volunteer Medical Aid Coordinator for Rotary International in Mexico; Volunteer in Mateguas with Architects and Planners in Support of Nicaragua. Jack is founder of numerous local and regional agencies and organizations including the Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council, Rogue Basin Coordinating Council, Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation, Southwest Oregon Prescribed Fire Council, and a member of many other local, regional, state, and national resource councils and boards. Jack was named Josephine County Tree Farmer of the year in 2000; also in 2000 Oregon's Sesquicentennial 2000 edition of the Portland Oregonian listed Jack as one of 150 Luminaries in Oregon's history; 2005 awarded the first National Community Leadership Award by the US Forest Service in Washington DC. He has been recognized for his participation in many Governor's commissions, associations, and councils.