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Newsletter of Citizens for Sensible Forest Management

Introduction

BY MATT BROMLEY

We are just a month into the New Year and there is a lot happening. So much so that it's hard to keep everyone updated on the Facebook group. So welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. We hope this is an effective way of letting everyone know what's going on and what our plans are.

This has been a busy month! We see momentum building at all levels and look to harness this energy moving forward. CSFM continues to grow and this month we have reached out and grown connections from the central valley to the east coast. We've also continued to meet with legislators to offer support where we can.



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FRESNO BEE

Robert Longatti

Earlier this month there was an article carried in the Fresno Bee, which was originally published by the Associated Press. This article highlighted how there were already lawsuits being lined up against legislation to protect forests with fire breaks. You can read this original article [here](#). While we're supportive of long term actions to restore health to our forests, we also see the immediate need to act quickly to prevent catastrophic wildfires from destroying millions of acres. We all understand the devastating impacts these wildfires have in human, financial and environmental costs. In response to this article I wrote an opinion piece, for the Bee, to put forward the position of Citizens for Forest Sensible Management. You can read the text of this opinion [here](#). This opinion piece was well received and helped drive up the signatories to our petition by over 400 signers! We also received contacts from interested organizations in other regions - you can read about those in Ralph's column.



Oh it's political - even though we are a non-partisan organization, we realize that we have to work with politicians from both sides of the aisle to help meet our goals. This month we have had meetings with the office of State Senator Robert Wagner (D-Oregon) and are planning a meeting with State Representative Andrea Salinas' office (D-Oregon). This follows meetings we had last year with several central valley politicians.

We are realizing that these connections are vital and will give us the ability to help shape and support legislation at the local level.



We need your help - could you volunteer to be the newsletter editor? Contact us for more details

New Connections

Ralph Goldbeck

It has been a great month for CSFM extending its connections. We continue to generate interest with our balanced, non-partisan approach.

Michael Rains reached out to us. Michael has held various roles in the USFS on the east coast, including Washington DC. He retired from the USFS in 2016. We'll be reaching out to Michael to see how we can help each other.

Jim Petersen is the founder and CEO of the Evergreen Foundation. They are a non-profit whose goal is to promote and educate around science based forest management. They publish an online e-zine [Evergreen Magazine](#).

Bill Derr is retired from 38 years with the USFS. He is aligned with the National Wildfire Institute and is very interested in what we are doing with CSFM. He would like to join with us to create change! Bill is also connected with HFHC.

In the coming weeks we hope to have meetings with Devin Nunes, Jim Costa and David Valadao.