

Dear Forest Friends,

With Earth Day around the corner, we want to share information about our new Watershed video, some upcoming events, and our book club - a great way to get involved and learn more about legacy forest protection. In today's newsletter, we'll dive into:

- "Rooted in Resilience" - a new educational film! Please share!
- Annual Earth Day Summit: Finding Common Ground (Seattle University, April 25th)
- Saving WA Lands for People, Wildlife, and Climate: (Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation, April 22nd)
- Book Club - "The Forests are Speaking" by Lynda Mapes

Thank you for supporting our work!

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## ROOTED IN RESILIENCE

*- forestry for resilient communities & watersheds -*



[Watch the Film!](#)

*(Make sure to watch the film in 4k)*

If you haven't seen our new film yet, please check it out, and please share!

CRF is excited to release, *Rooted in Resilience - forestry for resilient communities & watersheds*, a new film showing both the costs of short-term profit-driven timber harvesting and the long-term benefits of ecological approaches that protect watersheds, biodiversity, and local livelihoods.

This film is the first in an ongoing series by CRF exploring the importance of multi-generational forest stewardship. It begins with a focus on watershed health, shaped by the devastating floods our communities experienced last December.

CRF has a multitude of new educational film projects underway. Following episodes will focus on:

- The Importance of Legacy Forests
- 1889 Enabling Act and the "False Choice"
- Summer Drought and Low-Flows
- Community Forest Stewardship
- Wisdom Keepers and Forest Stewards of our bio-region

This Summer, we will also be undertaking another important film project to support the Elwha River Watershed, a vital source of drinking water, salmon habitat, and cultural heritage.

Bringing them to life is both ambitious and demanding—especially given the complexity and landscape-scale nature of forest stewardship. Please support our docu-series by [donating to CRF](#).

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## **Earth Day Week Events**

**- Here's where CRF will be -**

# 2026 EARTH DAY SUMMIT



**SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2026**  
**8:30AM – 4:30PM**  
**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY**  
**STUDENT CENTER LEROUX ROOM**

Join us for a day of building bridges through love for creation with presenters representing diverse areas of specialty from across Washington State.



## MORNING KEYNOTE

"Our Sacred Earth: The Care of Creation as a Spiritual Imperative" with **Sr. Mimi Maloney, SNJM** (Spokane), **Sr. Mary Ellen Robinson, SNJM** (Yakima), and **Ms. Eleana Pawl** (Seattle)



**SPECIAL GUESTS**  
**Daniel Harm**,  
Communications  
Director for the  
Center for  
Responsible  
Forestry



**Lynda Mapes**,  
retired Pulitzer  
Prize-nominated  
Environmental  
Reporter for the  
*Seattle Times* and  
National Outdoor  
Book Award Winner



**Ashton Picard**,  
Vice-Chairman, Nez  
Perce Tribal Executive  
Committee, and  
chair of the tribe's  
Natural Resource  
Subcommittee



**Dick Warwick**,  
Cowboy Poet and  
retired farmer of  
eastern Washington



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### **Caring for Creation: Finding Common Ground: Annual LSM-WA Earth Day Summit**

The Laudato Si' Movement Washington chapter (LSM-WA) invites you to attend the annual Earth Day Summit – Caring for Creation: Finding Common Ground on April 25, 2026. Join us for a day of building bridges through love for creation with presenters representing diverse areas of specialty from across Washington State. Registration is required for the summit.

All are welcome to attend this **free event!** During registration you may choose to help offset the cost of your attendance by making a donation (estimated cost to attend: \$15 parking; \$15 lunch; \$10 refreshments).

**Details:**

- Caring for Creation: Finding Common Ground
- Saturday, April 25, 2026
- 8:30am – 4:30pm
- Seattle University, Student Center LeRoux Room

**Summit highlights include:**

- The day includes parking on campus, morning and afternoon refreshments, a vegetarian lunch, and time for prayer and spiritual reflection.
- Morning keynote “Our Sacred Earth: The Care of Creation as a Spiritual Imperative” with **Sr. Mimi Maloney, SNJM** (Spokane), and **Sr. Mary Ellen Robinson, SNJM** (Yakima), and **Ms. Eleana Pawl** (Seattle)
- **Special guests:**
  - **Daniel Harm**, Communications Director for the Center for Responsible Forestry
  - **Lynda Mapes**, retired Pulitzer Prize-nominated Environmental Reporter for the *Seattle Times* and National Outdoor Book Award Winner
  - **Dick Warwick**, Cowboy Poet and retired farmer

**CRF presentation will be on, *Our Public Forest - A Call To Action*:** What are legacy forests, why do they matter, and why is the Washington Department of Natural Resources still managing them like short-term timber assets instead of long-term public infrastructure? CRF’s Communications Director, Daniel Harm, uncovers the full value of these ecosystems—from disaster protection and rural community resilience to biodiversity, carbon storage, hydrologic maturity, and microclimate stability. By linking forest ecology with long-term economic thinking, this talk offers a hopeful, forward-looking vision for stewardship grounded in watershed health, collaboration, and shared benefits.

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# SAVING WA LANDS FOR PEOPLE, WILDLIFE, & CLIMATE

with WA Commissioner of Public Lands Dave  
Upthegrove & Environmental Panelists



Wednesday, April 22

6:30-8:00pm

Doors open at 6pm



Tahoma Unitarian  
Universalist Congregation  
1115 S 56th St, Tacoma



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As Trump opens public lands to greater resource extraction, and Washington's legacy forests perilously dwindle from timber sales, we need strong action. What does it mean to serve the public good when overseeing our public lands? What are the current goals for protecting our forests, species, and climate in perpetuity?

**The Commissioner's presentation will be followed by a panel discussion with forest advocates from: The Center for Responsible Forestry, Mason County Climate Justice, and Washington Conservation Action.**

Hosted by: **INDIVISIBLE Tacoma**

- Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-8:00pm. Doors open at 6pm.
- Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1115 S 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98408

[RSVP here](#)

Can't make it to Tacoma? The event will be recorded and will appear on Indivisible Tacoma's website: <https://indivisibletacoma.net/>

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Join Our Book Club for:

***The Trees Are Speaking***

***Dispatches From the Salmon Forests*, by Lynda V. Mapes**



**UPDATE!** - Lynda Mapes will be joining us for an Author Talk and Q/A - stay tuned for more details.

[Sign-up for our Forest Talks & Forest Walks book club newsletter](#) to get updates on discussion dates, future books, and special events. Don't miss the chance to read, reflect, and connect with fellow forest enthusiasts! -

**Forest Talks & Forest Walks** - a book club where reading is just the beginning, and where our shared love of forests brings us together to learn, reflect, and connect with each other and the land.

 **Next Up: Year Two, First Quarter Book Selection Is In!**

*The Trees Are Speaking: Dispatches From the Salmon Forests*, by Lynda V. Mapes

Lynda Mapes, a veteran journalist and environmental reporter for *The Seattle Times*, explores the fascinating world of forests in *The Trees Are Speaking*. Drawing on decades of reporting, she reveals how trees communicate, support one another, and maintain the ecosystems that sustain life in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Through engaging stories and scientific insight,

Mapes helps readers understand the hidden networks and resilience of forests, showing us why they matter now more than ever. This book invites both reflection and action, making it the perfect companion for our ongoing conversations about forests, ecology, and community stewardship.

### **Need a copy?**

You can [purchase the book here from Village Books](#). **Don't forget** to mention in the comments that you're in the FTFW book club for 15% off!

### **Upcoming Events**

- Thursday April 23rd, 7–8:30pm — Virtual Discussion on Zoom
- Thursday May 21st, 7–8:30pm — Virtual Q&A with special guest on Zoom
- TBD — In-person Forest Walk + Group Dialogue

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### **Please Support our Work!**

***CRF has been relentless in our commitment to protecting the last remains of legacy forests.***

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