



Methow Beaver Project

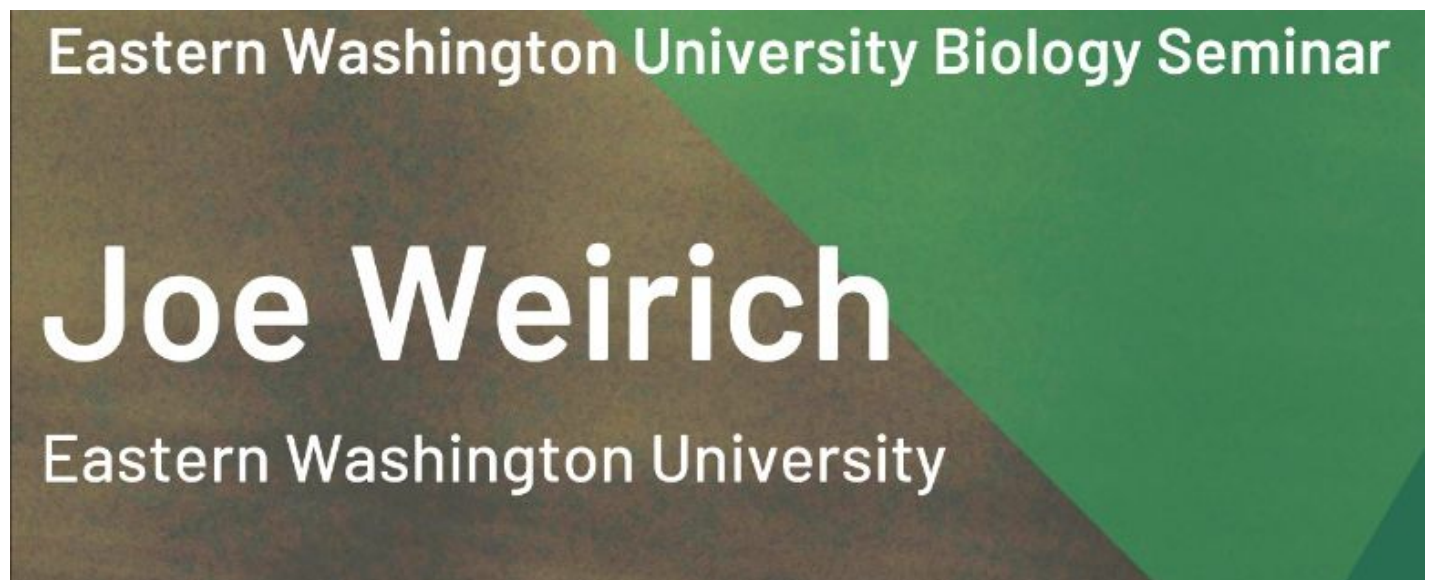
Our Vision is to respond and adapt to climate change and its predicted impacts in support of people, the environment, and sustainable ecosystem function.

Greetings Beaver Believers!

Can you feel that springtime air on the rise?! We sure can! We have lots to share with you in this month's newsletter so let's jump right in!

Beaver Events

- Our Restoration Coordinator, Joe Weirich, defends his master's thesis this Friday at 2pm (PST) as a part of the Eastern Washington University Biology Department seminar. Joe studied the interaction between beaver impounded wetlands and wildfires right here in the Methow Valley during the summer of 2019 and has some interesting results to share! Join us for this special event to learn how we can partner with beavers to make more drought and fire-resistant landscapes! Simply go to join.zoom.us and enter in the meeting ID 981 6712 0051. See you there!





**“Beaver Moderated Fire Resistance in the
North Cascades and Potential for Climate
Change Relief at a Watershed Scale”**

Friday February 26, 2021
at 2:00pm
Join us on zoom!

Meeting ID: 981 6712 0051

- Julie, our Education & Outreach Coordinator, will be giving a presentation at the Washington State Historical Society's [History After Hours - Living Washington](#) virtual event on March 4th. This event is geared toward adults and is 21+. See link for details!

Beaver News

This [great article](#) in *The Guardian* illustrates how the Tulalip and Cowlitz Tribes are supporting beaver coexistence and reintroduction efforts on their ancestral lands. MBP frequently partners with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Yakama Nation as critical allies in the effort to promote beaver coexistence for stream restoration and watershed sustainability in our region. It's great to see the successes of the Cowlitz and Tulalip Tribes, as well as other west coast tribes, highlighted in national news! *(Our sincere apologies for misspellings of tribal names in the previous version of the newsletter.)*

Beaver Media

- Ever wondered what beaver sound like? This audio recording provided by Lang Elliott comes from inside a beaver lodge and shows they can be quite vocal! We don't know how many beavers are inside this lodge but it sounds like a lively dinner table discussion amongst a happy beaver family to me! [Check it out here!](#)
- Ever wish you could experience life like a beaver does? Us too! Well, now we can! Check out the free demo of this awesome game, [Timberborn](#) being developed on Steam! Joe has tried it and says it's a lot of fun! Can your beaver colony survive the dry season?! Give it a try!

The Creature Feature!

We at MBP do a lot of seasonal monitoring of beaver dams and ponds, which gives us awesome opportunities to document the plethora of life that beavers support. We want to share that experience with you and are introducing a monthly "creature feature" to our newsletter! This month's feature is of a family of Trumpeter Swans overwintering in one of our favorite beaver ponds! Like beaver, Trumpeter Swans were driven to near extinction by the early 1900's, however, a small population in Alaska survived. Through careful reintroduction programs the species has staged a tremendous comeback and are no longer near the brink of extinction. These swans spent nearly 2 months this winter feeding and basking in the open water provided by our beaver buddies before departing for lands far away. We were fortunate enough to see them in person during a site visit and they are massive birds! When the flock took off from the pond, it sounded like a low flying helicopter! Truly a magnificent animal! To learn more about Trumpeters, [check out this link!](#)

- P.S. - Can you find the beaver lodge?



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