

OVCBCHW

Legislative Report

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This month the Legislative Report is quite long. Therefore I'm trying something new so as not to increase or even double the size of the newsletter. I'll provide a brief abstract of the report with links to the actual report on our website. The report is also available from the homepage of our new website. www.ovcbchw.com

If you use the links below, your browser may ask you if you are sure the site is safe. I've done all I can to make sure that the site is virus free,

First of all there is a meeting with the BLM coming up that we should all have on our calendars.

I ran across the article published by the *Rewilding Institute*. I'd suggest that you all read it. It concerns mostly the east coast, but the same and similar groups are just as active in our area. [Click here](#) to read the full article. I've put some of Dave Foreman's comments in the report.

The legislative session in Olympia is over as the Senate and House went home on May 26th. Gratefully, the House closed up shop and did not vote on SSB 5669, the bill that would have pushed DNR and WDFW to reduce their regional facilities (and consequently services). There is some language in the operating budget encouraging the natural resources to consolidate what services they feel they can do effectively.

Needless to say, we in the recreation community, are a little stunned that the Capital Budget, decimated for many purposes, came through for the recreation community. For BCHW, we did get all of our targeted items. NOVA has been saved for the rightful grant program. WWRP was funded at \$42 million (which includes the Rattlesnake Mtn purchase and the Wenas Bald Mtn purchase). Even DNR did get their 1.5 million for recreation maintenance plus 1.9 million for the John Wayne trail tunnel repair. Please understand that this is notably unusual considering the circumstances.

Here is the full OVCBCHW legislative [report](#).