

Please Support these Strong Conservationists as Petition Candidates for Sierra Club Board



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Chad Hanson joined the Sierra Club after hiking the 2,700-mile length of the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada in 1989 and seeing firsthand the devastation caused by logging on national forests. He was the Chair of the Sierra Club Oregon Chapter's Many Rivers Group in the mid-1990s, and then served on the Sierra Club's national Board of Directors 1997-2003 and 2018-2024, and Conservation Policy Committee (2018-2024). Chad is a forest ecologist, with a Ph.D. from the University of California at Davis. He is the author of the book, [Smokescreen: Debunking Wildfire Myths to Save Our Forests and Our Climate](#), and the New York Times has described him as being on "[the cutting edge of ecological research](#)". In his day job, Chad is the staff ecologist of the [John Muir Project](#). He is regularly quoted in [national news outlets](#), and often authors opinion-editorial articles that are published in national newspapers, including the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Washington Post.