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Greetings,

Spring is around the corner and the Pierce County Biodiversity Alliance is excited to announce that we are planning a BioBlitz! We thank you for your past participation, and hope you had a great time and are able to explore a new area with us.

**You are invited to join us for BioBlitz 2009: Roy/McKenna area of the Nisqually Biodiversity Management Area (BMA). The Nisqually BioBlitz will occur on May 15 and 16 from 3:00pm on Friday to 3:00pm on Saturday.**

Yes, this is a true 24-hour biological survey!

The survey will occur in region 10E of the Nisqually BMA, located between Hwy 507 and Hwy 7 south of the Roy "Y". We are still finalizing the details for Science Central, but plan to have a great place for you to set up camp for the day or overnight.

View a map of Roy by clicking here:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Roy&state=WA#a/maps/m::8:46.962235:-122.468687:0:::/:e>

The habitats identified in the area include Garry oak stands, remnant prairies, several riparian wetlands, and second growth conifer forests - an incredible mix of habitats. There is potential for some exciting finds, including rare and threatened species of butterflies and mammals.

Team leads will do some additional surveys before and after the event. Taxa that will be surveyed include mammal, bird, amphibian, reptile, invertebrate, and plant. This BioBlitz has three main objectives:

1. Validating the species predicted to inhabit the area based on modeling conducted as part of our larger Pierce County Biodiversity Network Project.
2. Engaging community members in discovering the biological richness of the region leading to conservation actions

3. Enjoying a great field day for all participants as we inventory the area's beautiful remnant prairies.

This is an intensive event and our team participants work hard documenting as many species as possible against the clock. In appreciation, meals, snacks and a t-shirt are

provided for all participants. Funds are also available to reimburse any travel expenses. The members of the Pierce County Biodiversity Alliance thank you in advance for your assistance.

Please indicate your interest by filling out the attached Volunteer Participation Form and Liability Waiver Form and send it to me as soon as possible. Please contact me if you need additional information at 253-232-9978 or [kkyer@tahomaudubon.org](mailto:kkyer@tahomaudubon.org).

More information about this and past BioBlitz's, Nature Mapping, and how to participate can be found online at: <http://depts.washington.edu/natmap/about/howto.html>

Thank you!

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