



WHY WE ARE RUNNING

*To walk into the wild, to be there for you who walk into the wild,
To share the way first light brushes a cold burn against blue snows,
To share the woods, the drip of rain down oaks and monkey flowers,
the way the light falls on a fox or fisher when its fur is damp,
To share the moment, the extraordinary within the ordinary, the tang
of air in the lungs, the sounds of our voices in unison, the sounds
of volunteer voices rising above the mundane, the top-down
decisions. To serve as a growing gathering of voices for the wild,
Voices against fracking and false renewable energy, against deforestation
disguised as restoration. To settle accounts, to mitigate for the losses
we have faced, to take the necessary steps together, to be true,
To be true, to explore all possibilities within the unfurling of seedlings,
To be true to the Tlingit's Great Ice Chief who learned with age,
To serve as voices for civil rights and human rights, for natural wonders,
for the cycles of seasons, for environmental movements and farmers'
movements. To walk beside, not ahead or behind, to speak and allow
for others to speak. To be there for you who are walking into the wild.*

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NOTES: *WHY WE ARE RUNNING* was written to highlight the
"Grassroots Choice" Petition Candidates.

<https://grassrootschoice.weebly.com/>

The Tlingit People referred to John Muir as the *Great Ice Chief*.