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Juarez to present Latino climate justice webinar to Friends of Whites Woods

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Friends of White's Woods will host a special webinar, "Public Land Priorities in the Latino Climate Justice Framework," featuring Olivia Juarez, public land program director for GreenLatinos. The event will take place Thursday, March 27 from noon to 1 p.m.

This webinar will delve into the deep historical and cultural ties that Latino/a/e communities have with public lands. Juarez will discuss actionable steps to ensure that all individuals — regardless of race, gender or background — feel a sense of belonging, safety, and ownership in shared natural spaces.

GreenLatinos is dedicated to fostering healthy, connected communities through advocacy and policy efforts. Their initiatives focus on:

- Equitable access to resources: Addressing food deserts and creating thriving neighborhoods.
- Biodiversity and climate action: Protecting ecosystems and combating climate change.
- Public land equity: Ensuring public lands reflect the diverse histories, futures, and contributions of all communities.

Recognized as one of the National Parks Conservation Association's "10 Under 40" in 2021, Juarez has been a passionate advocate for public lands and environmental justice. They have worked extensively with Latino Outdoors, the Utah Coalition of La Raza, and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.



Olivia Juarez

Juarez holds an Honors degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Utah and is committed to fostering a more inclusive and sustainable future.

In addition to discussing public land priorities, Juarez will address the need to make national parks more accessible to naturalized citizens. GreenLatinos recently urged the National Park Service to provide free passes to immigrants, emphasizing that financial barriers should not prevent anyone from experiencing public lands. As the organization states: “A pathway to citizenship should include a pathway to public lands.”

To attend this webinar, register by emailing info@friendsofwhiteswoods.org.

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