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NEW MEGALOADS BOOK TO BE LAUNCHED IN NORTH IDAHO

Goliath Staggered: How the People of Highway 12 Conquered Big Oil (New West Books, 2014), will be launched in April at bookstores in Clarkston and Moscow.

The book, which has been warmly received by prominent conservationists, is by Idaho author Steve Bunk, who covered the story of the people's resistance to the "megaloads" on Highway 12 for the Missoula-based online journal *New West*. He will talk about "Why the Megaloads Resistance Matters" at both events, to be held at ...And BOOKS, Too! in Clarkston on Saturday, April 19 at 4 p.m., and at BookPeople of Moscow on Wednesday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

The ...And BOOKS, Too! event is cosponsored by ROW Adventures, the adventure travel company based along Highway 12. Linwood Laughy and Borg Hendrickson, the couple who galvanized the Idaho resistance and the central figures in **Goliath Staggered**, will be at Clarkston with Bunk and will take questions from the audience.

The BookPeople event is cosponsored by Friends of the Clearwater (FOC) and by Wild Idaho Rising Tide (WIRT), both of which groups played central roles in the grassroots resistance to efforts by oil companies to transform Highway 12's federally protected Wild and Scenic River corridor into a high-and-wide industrial thoroughfare. Helen Yost of WIRT, who leads a continuing battle against megaloads traveling through the Northwest, and FOC's Brett Haverstick will also address the audience.

The Highway 12 battle raged in meeting halls, on the streets, in the media, and the courts from spring 2010 through summer 2013. It forced Big Oil to find another route for giant infrastructural equipment bound for the Alberta tar sands. The people's victory became an inspiration for the current national grassroots movement against the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline, which would carry crude oil from the tar sands through six states to the Gulf of Mexico for refining.

Goliath Staggered, distributed by [New West Books](#), Baker & Taylor, and Partners East, is available locally in paperback from [...AND BOOKS Too!](#) and [BookPeople of Moscow](#).

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