

percent more than the federal government for the same drugs. OSPIRG worked with Sen. Bill Morrisette and others to qualify the initiative for the ballot and then worked to advocate for the measure's passage.

The group was involved in supporting the restoring of protections for nearly two million acres of Oregon's last remaining wild forests in September. The decision overturned the Bush administration's repeal of protections first put in place for nearly 60 million acres nationwide in 2001 under a policy known as the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

Clean Energy for Oregon was another OSPIRG focus in 2006. The OSPIRG-backed Renewable Energy Standard requires that 25 percent of Oregon's electricity come from renewable sources such as wind and solar by 2025. OSPIRG is working with a broad coalition, including Renewable Northwest Project, Oregon Citizens' Utility

Board, rural county commissioners and businesses, to build support among legislators for the 25 percent standard.

This fall, OSPIRG student chapters across the state worked as part of the nonpartisan Student Vote Coalition with Oregon Student Association, Building Votes, and the Oregon Community College Student Association to register 21,850 new voters. Finally, OSPIRG also backed a bill to give consumers protection from predatory payday lenders.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our "Gifting 4 Good" story in the Procrastinators' Gift Guide last week, Amigos' phone number was listed as 746-6037, but that is actually the group's fax number. Amigos' correct phone number is 746-6022.

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