

## GEARING UP FOR 2008

Check out our projects inside & online. Register today!

Putting away the parkas and dusting off your hiking boots? The snow is melting away and we've got Spring Fever at the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation as we're gearing up for the summer. You too? Then check out our trips and sign up today for your volunteer vacation into the Bob!



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### FEATURED VOLUNTEER: BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF THE FLATHEAD



We would like to introduce the Backcountry Horsemen of the Flathead as this edition's "Featured Volunteers". The BCH of the Flathead has packed volunteer projects with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation for over 10 years!

They are a vital resource for our organization as well as a wealth of knowledge when it comes to getting around the Bob. These horsemen (and women) offer a great deal when it comes to volunteering: their animals, riding gear, pack gear, rigs and trailers to haul their stock, feed (for the humans and animals) and expertise with their four-legged friends. Please help us say THANK YOU when you see them on the trail or if they pack your next volunteer project.



Wilderness Service Projects with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation are a great way to get outside and give back to the Bob. For many of the projects, no prior experience is necessary, and we just ask that you come motivated to work, prepared to have fun, and ready to make the project a success. The projects range in length from daylong weekend projects\* to weeklong backpacking trips\*. Find one that fits your schedule and abilities, fill out the registration form (found online at [www.bmwf.org](http://www.bmwf.org) or call 406.387.3808 to request via snail mail) and send it back. Easy!

## Space is limited so sign up today!

\*Overnight projects require a \$50 refundable deposit to secure your space on the project. Please read our cancellation policy online.

### JUNE PROJECTS

#### BMWF #1 • National Trails Day

Saturday, May 31st

Trail: Grant Ridge #339

Rating: Easy-Moderate

Hike: 2-5 miles, day trip

Elevation: +2900'

☀️ RSVP Deadline: Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Celebrate National Trails Day with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, American Hiking Society and the Montana Conservation Corps. For 2008, crews will be working on Grant Ridge #339 in the Great Bear Wilderness off Hwy 2. We will work to clear these trails of windfall, remove brush from the trail corridor, and provide maintenance and possible installation of drainage structures. That means cross-cut work, cutting back overgrown brush, and some digging where the trail is sloughing downhill.

After a day on the trail, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation invites all volunteers to a tailgate BBQ at the new Hungry Horse Ranger Station from 4-6pm. Available spaces = 20+.

#### BMWF #2 • Broads in the Backcountry

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> - Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Grant Ridge #339

Rating: Easy-Moderate

Hike: 1.5 miles to backcountry camp

Elevation: +2900'

🌲 RSVP Deadline: Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

This "Broads in the Backcountry" project is designed for women who want more experience with backpacking, camping and outdoor skills. Our work will focus on finishing trail maintenance on the Grant Ridge Loop which means we'll be working with cross-cut saws, cutting back overgrown brush and doing some digging where the trails needs to be touched up. The crew will make base camp at scenic Stanton Lake and hike to the upper/back portions of Grant Ridge each day. Fantastic views surround the area as our work and camp is based below the majestic Great Northern Peak and Stanton Glacier in the Flathead Mountain Range. There is no pack support for this project. The crew will carry all personal gear, tools and group gear. Available spaces = 8 of 8.

#### BMWF #3 • Arrastra Creek

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 15

Trail: Arrastra Ck #482, Porcupine Basin #488

Rating: Easy-Moderate

Hike: 3.5 miles to pass, car-camping

Elevation: +1300'

🌲 RSVP Deadline: Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Arrastra Creek serves as another access point into the Meadow Lake area of the Scapegoat Wilderness and is one of the more scenic (and unknown, shhhh!) trails of The Bob. The trail starts in a green, lush forest and the easy hike up to the pass opens up to stunning rock fields with surprising, wide-sweeping views of the Scapegoat. As an early season project, the first priority will be clearing the trail of blowdown then working on improving water drainage to prevent erosion. Based at the trailhead (car-camping), the crew will work from the Porcupine Basin area towards the Wilderness boundary adding mileage each day as work is accomplished. Work will also include trail maintenance on the Porcupine Basin trail #488. Available spaces = 8 of 8.

#### BMWF #4 • Our Lake

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Our Lake #184

Rating: Easy-Moderate

Hike: 3 miles (one-way)

Elevation: +1488'

☀️ RSVP Deadline: Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>



This is the perfect day trip in the early season to satiate your Spring Fever! Get outside, stretch your hiking legs and help open a popular trail on the Rocky Mountain Front. Our Lake is a short, but uphill trail that winds through beautiful green forest, scree fields and ends in a spectacular overlook of The Front and a pristine alpine lake. The crew will clear any blowdown left behind by the blustery winter and clear drainage features to keep water off the trail to minimize erosion. If you haven't been up to Our Lake, it's worth the hike. Join us! Available spaces = 8 of 8.

#### BMWF #5 • Phone Line Crew

Sunday, June 22 to Saturday, June 28

Trail: S. Fork Flathead River #80 (east side trail)

Rating: Moderate-Difficult

Hike: 12 miles to Black Bear Cabin

Elevation: +1000'

🌲 RSVP Deadline: Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

We are sending a crew into Black Bear Cabin to help cut out the trees that have fallen on the historic phone line. The phone line on the Spotted Bear District is one of the last and largest working #9 wire phone lines from the 1920s. The theme of this project is sawing, sawing, sawing! You don't need 24" pythons, but endurance will be the key. The goal is to cut out all the lodgepole lying on the line that runs parallel to the east side trail on the South Fork of the Flathead River between Black Bear Cabin and Salmon Forks Cabin. Black Bear Cabin will be available for cooking, but we will tent under the stars. The crew will base out of Black Bear for most of the project, but may set up a backcountry "spike" camp for 1-2 nights later in the project to decrease travel time to the work site. The BMWF will coordinate a food drop to the cabin, but volunteers will carry all of their own personal gear in and out of the cabin. Available spaces = 11 of 12.



## JULY PROJECTS

### CDTA #1 • Dearborn River

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Dearborn River #206

Rating: Moderate-Difficult

Hike: IN: approx 14 miles to Welcome Ck Cabin, OUT: 9 miles from cabin to Elk Ck TH  
Elevation: +2100'



RSVP Deadline: Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

This is a unique project for many reasons: the combination of craggy and green landscape, traveling base camps and LLAMAS! In conjunction with the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, our crew will be traveling through the rugged and spectacular country of the Scapegoat Wilderness along the Continental Divide. Hiking in through the canyons carved out by the erosive force of the Dearborn River, the crew will head north to Welcome Creek Cabin doing trail work en route. This includes touching up sloughing trail, clearing small rock slides, and cleaning & installing drainage features on the trail to prevent erosion. Because this is a "roving project" the camp may change every 1-2 days. Total mileage from the trailhead to the cabin is approximately 14 miles, but will be broken down to 3-6 miles a day depending on work accomplished. Volunteers will be expected to carry their own personal gear and tools, but llamas will carry food from camp to camp. Upon arrival at Welcome Creek Cabin, the cabin will be used as a base camp for cooking, but the crew will camp in the Great Outdoors. The final day will be a hike out to the Elk Creek trailhead from the cabin (approximately 9 miles). Vehicle shuttles will be coordinated with your BMWF crew leader pre-project. Available spaces = 7 of 8.

### AHS #1 • Bruce/Chipmunk Creeks

Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Bruce Creek #82, Chipmunk Creek #99

Rating: Difficult

Hike: up to 10.5 miles (to camp)

Elevation: +3500'



RSVP Deadline: Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>



When crew leaders scouted this project in the fall of last year, they commented that this was one of their favorite hikes all season with spectacular views of the Swan Range to the south and the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the west. It's a fairly steep hike (be prepared), however, your gear will be carried to camp with pack animals so you can focus on the view. Primary work will involve "logging out" the fallen trees on the trail as well as re-establishing the trail with spot retread and removing brush growing into the trail corridor. The crew will make basecamp near Addition Creek with day hikes between 2-5 miles to the worksite. This project is coordinated with American Hiking Society and interested volunteers should register directly with AHS at [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org) or call Andrea Ketchmark at 301-565-6704 ext. 206. Available spaces = 8 of 8.

### CDTA #2 • Elbow Pass

Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Elbow Pass #248

Rating: Moderate-Difficult

Hike: 6.5 miles to backcountry camp

Elevation: +500' (to camp)



RSVP Deadline: Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

We have partnered up with the Continental Divide Trail Alliance to take on some heavy trail restoration on Elbow Pass that was burned over in the 2006 Cigarette Rock Fire. The hike in starts from Benchmark, a major gateway into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and follows Straight Creek all the way to the base camp. The hike in is relatively short, east and flat and offers great views of the creek winding through green forest at first and burnt forest the last 1-2 miles to camp. Base camp is located at the junction of Straight Creek and the Elbow Pass trail in a beautiful, small shaded patch. Work will focus on stabilizing and reconstructing the trail where it has been degraded due to fire. The crew will also install new drainage features to ensure that work completed endures and is not eroded with rains or runoff. Traveling in will be fairly easy, but the work may include extensive digging, rocking and shoveling. Available spaces = 8 of 8.

### BMWF #6 • Skiumah Lake

Saturday, July 12

Trail: Skiumah Creek #204

Rating: Easy-Moderate

Hike: 1.7 miles to lake, day trip

Elevation: +1065'



RSVP Deadline: Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

This project is perfect for folks that want to volunteer, but don't have a lot of time or trail experience. This trail sees little maintenance and the overgrowth is pushing hikers off the trail, making it unsafe. Most of the work is the upper section of the trail and our goal is to reach scenic Skiumah Lake. It offers wonderful views, easy access from the Flathead Valley, a short hike, not too steep and basic skills are needed. Once you submit your registration to BMWF, you will receive more detailed project information including a suggested packing list and driving directions. Available spaces = 8 of 8.



### MWA #1 • Deadman Hill

Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Deadman Hill/Deer Creek #276



Rating: Easy-Moderate

Hike: 3.5 miles to base camp

Elevation: +1800' (to camp)



MWA Deadline\*\*: Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

Final Deadline: Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

This project is coordinated with & funded by the Montana Wilderness Association to help "fix up the Front". The fires of 2007 were rampant and devastating so MWA wants to help with the restoration work. Luckily, the crew does not have to travel far to find work. We will be working right out of Benchmark on the wilderness boundary along the scenic South Fork of Sun River. Our goal is to maintain and install drainage features (digging) along the trail heading to Deadman Hill (spooky!). A year after fires passed through this area erosion control is a priority to help maintain healthy watersheds. Our work this season will have lasting effects to protect the resource into the future. Roll up your sleeves and help us out! Our proposed base camp will be on Sun River: great for swimming and fishing in your downtime. Available spaces = 8 of 8.

**We've teamed up with the Montana Wilderness Association to offer THREE projects on the Rocky Mountain Front in 2008.**

**MWA is funding the projects and BMWF will provide the trail expertise. Thanks MWA!**



\*\* All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to sign up for MWA projects. MWA Members and working groups have priority registration for all three (3) MWA-partnered projects. However, after MWA deadline, all available spaces are open to any volunteer and confirmed on a first-come, first-registered basis.

## AUGUST PROJECTS

### BMWF #7 • Castle Lake Weeds

Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Castle Lake Weed Eradication

Rating: Moderate-Difficult

Hike: 5.75 miles to Granite Cabin

Elevation: +300'

RSVP Deadline: June 15<sup>th</sup> (application),

July 1<sup>st</sup> (volunteer selection)



This is a HOT project! We've teamed up with Glacier Raft to coordinate the details of this unique project. It has a little bit of everything including trail work, backpacking, cabin use, hiking, weed eradication, and a FLOAT TRIP! First things first...the crew will backpack all gear and tools into Granite Cabin (no stock support). The crew will use the cabin for cooking, but will be camping around the area. Project work will include heavy brushing on the Castle Lake trail for one day as thimbleberry has virtually overtaken the trail. In addition to brushing, the crew will spend two days eradicating the invasive Yellow Toadflax weed around Castle Lake (aka: pulling weeds). Yellow Toadflax has taken a hold around this beautiful cirque basin lake so we will do our best to eradicate it.

Here's the best part -- at the end of the project Glacier Raft will supply gear to help us out...on the Middle Fork of Flathead River! Each volunteer will have an inflatable kayak to paddle your way out of the backcountry. Personal gear will be packed out and waiting for us at the take-out (so keep it ultra-light). We expect this project to be a sought after trip so there are a couple eligibility requirements: 1. Only BMWF members that have kept their membership active in 2007/2008 are eligible; 2. You must be comfortable in a water environment and a capable swimmer (duh); and 3. Each interested volunteer should submit a 1 page response answering "Why is The Bob important to you?" by the first RSVP date of June 15<sup>th</sup>. Final volunteer selections will be made based on the top 4 compelling responses. Selected participants will be notified no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. Available spaces = 4 of 4.

### BMWF #8 • Ousel Peak

Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Trail: West Side Ousel Peak #388

Rating: Moderate-Difficult

Hike: 5 miles (to Wilderness boundary)

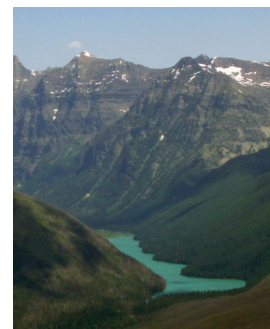
+ 2 miles to Ousel Peak

Elevation: +2800'

RSVP Deadline: Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>



Last season we worked the east side of this trail. This year we are tackling the west side. This is a perfect project for those volunteers that want to camp out, but don't have time for the week-long backcountry experience. Off the East Side Reservoir road we will be setting up a 2 day (1 night) primitive base camp at the trail heading to Ousel Peak. It is a five mile hike to the Wilderness boundary, and from there, just under two miles to the summit of Ousel Peak. Work will focus on clearing the trail of any blow-down up to the summit then brushing out the trail corridor where it is overgrown with vegetation. A bit too much work for one day, but just perfect for two days! Vistas from the top of Ousel Peak are stunning with spectacular vistas of Glacier National Park to the north and the Flathead Range to the south. Don't forget to bring your camera! Available spaces = 8 of 8.



### AHS #2 • Omar-Dwight Creek

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Omar & Dwight Creek #414

Rating: Very Difficult

Hike: 11 miles (to camp)

Elevation: +3000'

RSVP Deadline: Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>



Are you looking for a real challenge? Then this one is for you! This project is located south of the Flathead Divide in the Bob Marshall Wilderness in the Seeley Lake Ranger District. Primary work will be along Omar Pass with fantastic views of the Mission Mountain Wilderness to the west and the Scapegoat Wilderness to the east. Primary work will focus on erosion control by installing drainage features and re-establishing the trail with spot retreat and cairns, with day hikes between 2-3 miles each day. Due to the long distance to camp and elevation gain, all participants should have previous backpacking and hiking experience. The crew will arrive to camp in one day. Go ahead—indulge in some new insoles before this hike. This project is coordinated with American Hiking Society and interested volunteers should register directly with AHS at [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org) or call Andrea Ketchmark at 301-565-6704 ext. 206. Available spaces = 5 of 8.

### MWA #2 Rocky Mountain Front

Wed, August 20<sup>th</sup> to Wed, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Trail: South Fork Dupuyer Creek #153

& Rival Creek #112

Rating: Moderate-Difficult

Hike: approx 4 miles to backcountry camp

Elevation: +1100'

MWA Deadline\*\*: Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Final Deadline: Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>



This project is coordinated with and funded by the Montana Wilderness Association to help "fix up the Front". What an amazing and scenic area of The Bob! This is where the craggy spine of the Rocky Mountains collides with the flat plains for an incredible geological show. The landscape awes visitors from the beginning coming in from the Blackleaf Canyon headed north the rugged country on the South Fork of Dupuyer Creek with peaks that loom overhead (Mount Frazier, Old Man of the Hills, Volcano Reef, and Mount Werner). Volunteers will make base camp at the junction of trail #153 on the S. Fork of Dupuyer. Work will include trail maintenance and restoration in the Rival Creek area. Primary tasks will focus on drainage installation to help prevent erosion, correcting "sloughing" trail and rock removal along the whole trail to make it safe for hikers and stock. Available spaces = 7 of 8.



## SEPTEMBER PROJECTS


### BMWF #9 • Schafer Meadows

Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> to Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>  
(Labor Day Weekend)

Hike = 12 miles, Moderate (flat, but long),

Work = Easy

Elevation: -800'

 RSVP Deadline: Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>



This project will involve collecting native plant seeds that will be used for future campsite restoration projects. Participants need no prior experience in seed collection or restoration. Seed collection is not strenuous, but the hike into Schafer Meadows is not a short one. The crew will pitch tents in the area around the Work Station, but the kitchen will be available for cooking during the trip. A gear "drop off" may be coordinated 1-2 days before the project start date to pack in with routine supply runs from Spotted Bear Ranger Station, but crew will hike in from Morrison Creek trailhead. Available spaces = 2 of 6.

### BMWF #9 • Bergsicker


Thursday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Bergsicker Creek #217

Rating: Moderate-Difficult

Hike: 9.5 miles to backcountry camp

Elevation: +400'

 RSVP Deadline: Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Last season, the final project of the year was on Bergsicker Creek. The crew worked about 2 miles in, but Bergsicker has not seen routine maintenance in roughly three years. Work will focus on clearing the trail of BIG Spruce blowdown. While the work can be gnarly at times, the satisfaction of sawing through 30" trees makes it worth it. You will be sure to hone your crosscut skills! The trail winds over dry creek beds, though brushy river bottoms, and in and out of an alternating burnt and green Spruce forest. The flat terrain still offers great views of the surrounding Flathead Mountain Range. Available spaces = 8 of 8.



### MWA #3 • Bruce/Crazy Creek

Saturday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>

Trail: Bruce/Crazy Creek #152




(Nanny Creek section)

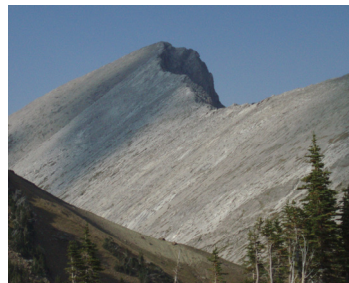
Rating: Moderate

Hike: 6 miles to backcountry camp

Elevation: +1400'

MWA Deadline\*\*: Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

 Final Deadline: Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>



This project is coordinated with and funded by the Montana Wilderness Association to help "fix up the Front". This area was completely burned over in the 2007 wildfires. Our goal is to do some trail restoration to help re-establish the trail and make it safer for hikers and stock. More specifically, the crew will focus on drainage installation to help prevent erosion, correcting "sloughing" trail and rock removal. A backcountry base camp will be made along Bruce Creek and work will primarily be in the Nanny Creek section of the trail. Available spaces = 6 of 8.

## QUICK GUIDE TO PROJECTS

**Easy:** Light trail maintenance or restoration work. No other experience other than hiking required. May include hiking 1-5 miles with a daypack. Most day trips are an "Easy-Moderate" classification.

**Moderate:** Day to overnight trips where hiking distances are further and project work is moderately strenuous. Some experience with longer day hiking (5-10 miles) is required as well as backpacking on overnight trips.

**Difficult:** Longer, backpacking trips with travel over rough terrain and possible significant elevation gain. Experience with backpacking and backcountry use necessary, as well as physically fit to perform more strenuous trail maintenance work for an extended period. Hiking into and out from camp may be 6-15 miles in length with full packs (40-50 lbs).



Day trip. Participants should bring a daypack including lunch, snacks, water and lightweight rain gear.



Front country or car-camping trip.



Backcountry camping trip with primitive campsites.

## I want to volunteer, but I have a few questions first...

### • I've never done trail work before and I'm in average shape. Can I still help?

Yes! For many projects, no prior experience is necessary (see trip ratings). We just ask that you come motivated to work, prepared to have fun, and ready to make the project a success. There are many different tasks to do; there is something for everyone, even beginners. However, you will enjoy the project more if you are in shape and ready for full days of physical activity.

### • What should I bring? What is provided? Is there a group leader?

All participants should bring personal camping gear including a sleeping bag, tent, and a backpack. For work, participants are required to wear sturdy work/hiking boots (no sneakers, please), long pants and leather work gloves. The BMWF brings all group camping gear, safety gear and tools, plans the menu and purchases food, and coordinates pack support if needed for trips. The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation supplies a Wilderness Crew Leader on each project that is trained in backcountry medicine and emergencies, is equipped with a Forest Service radio and has technical trail knowledge to lead the project. Once you register for a project you will receive specific instructions and details no later than one month before your project date which includes a suggested packing list, driving directions and other pertinent information.

### • Will I have time off to explore the backcountry?

After your day working on the trail, you will have time to pick your own adventure; fishing, photography, swimming, a peak climb, reading, etc. Some week-long projects have a scheduled day off, as well. Keep in mind that all volunteers are expected to pitch in with group duties such as cooking and dishes, but there is ample time to enjoy your wilderness getaway. After all, that IS why we go there!

### • More questions? That's OK. Check out our Frequently Asked Questions online at [www.bmwf.org](http://www.bmwf.org) > Volunteer or call us 406.387.3808.



FEATURED VOLUNTEER: BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF THE FLATHEAD (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

► **Why does BCH do work projects and volunteer in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex?**

The use of pack and saddle stock is a tradition in our roadless backcountry – a tradition that BCH members strongly value. Our packing support for BMWF helps this tradition to continue, helps keep trails open and maintained, and puts our packing skills to good use.

► **Who are the Back Country Horsemen?**

BCH members, both men and women, are a very diverse group of people – from retired businessmen to dentists and cardiologists to hunting guides - who have a common goal of keeping pack and saddle stock in our roadless backcountry. The Back Country Horsemen organization began in the Flathead Valley of Montana in 1973, and now consists of 16,000 members in 16 states throughout the west.

► **What are the basic things that non-horsemen or hikers should know about stock on the trail?**

Step off the DOWNHILL side of the trail to allow stock to pass. Stand where horses and riders can see you, don't hide behind trees. Remove sunglasses and speak calmly to horses and riders as they pass. This helps reassure horses and mules that you are just a hiker; not a predator or threat.

► **What is your favorite backcountry meal?**

Our horses love a nice mix of bluebunch wheatgrass and fescue on the South Fork, with an elk thistle for dessert. The riders? Well, they'll eat just about anything but tofu.

► **What piece of camping gear is essential for you in the woods?**

A highline. BCH teaches low impact camping techniques, including the methods we use to contain our horses. Highlines keep horses away from trees, yet allow the horses maximum comfort.



  
**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT  
 THE BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OR ARE  
 YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING ONE OF  
 THE CHAPTERS AROUND MONTANA?**  
  
**CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE:**  
[www.bchmt.org](http://www.bchmt.org)  




**Photos: Top row, left to right:** Don Holman packing for BMWF staff project, June Burgeau & Silvia Pasley packing for BMWF Spruce Point project, Jack Bradford teaching local 6-graders about horses in the backcountry at Forestry Expo '07, Kay Lewis mantiing a load for the Smoke-jumper/BMWF project at Silvertip Cabin. **Bottom row, left to right:** David and Ed Langlois preparing gear for a BMWF volunteer project, Deb & Greg Schatz packing for a BMWF youth crew on Upper Twin and Grouse Creek, Paul Pasley packing gear into Schafer Meadows for volunteers, Mark Brust (bottom right) and Ray Knotts (above) packed gear into Pretty Prairie Cabin for a BMWF project.

## LADIES OF THE BOB 2008 Crew Leaders & Staff

Another season and another stellar BMWF team.  
Here's a little bit about them...



### Erin Burke-Webster – Wilderness Crew Leader

Please welcome the newbie! Hailing from western New York, Erin moved out West after attending school in Boston. She studied Art History and Psychology until realizing such subjects and the city-life were not her cup of tea. In search of something different she landed in Kalispell, MT in 2007. Last summer she worked for the Montana Conservation Corps and decided looks forward to see more of the Bob, meeting new folks, and learning a ton.



### Tara LaVelle – Wilderness Crew Leader

Tara returns to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation after enduring a crazy fire season in 2007! After getting her BS in Dietetics and Nutrition she spent two seasons working trails in NW Montana and Idaho for the Montana Conservation Corps. The BMWF is pleased to welcome Tara back to the team. Tara is always ready for anything and brings a big helping of fun, good attitude and smiles!



### Addy Wygmans – Wilderness Crew Leader

Addy also returns to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation for a second year! Originally coming from Chicago, Addy changed gears after volunteering for a conservation project once upon a time. Since then, she has worked trails in the South East, South West, Idaho and Montana. She has a strong background in wilderness therapy and working with youth. Addy is crazy on a mountain bike and is most often seen with her dog, Beast.



### Margaret Webb – Program Assistant/Intern

Margaret was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, but has spent her summers in Whitefish, Montana since childhood. As a self-proclaimed outdoors-woman, Margaret has hiked in Yosemite Valley, Glacier National Park, internationally, and closer to her home, on Mount Tamalpais in Marin County, CA. As a first-year student at University of California in Los Angeles studying International Development, Margaret has aspirations of working for a non-profit organization after graduation. Welcome the to the Bob, Margaret!



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- ★ \$1000 Golden Pulaski
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- ★ \$25 Hard Hat

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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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