

Spring is Blooming...

And that means summer is fast approaching

And so is the 2010 Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation volunteer season. Our new summer projects are posted online at www.bmwf.org. Take a look and sign up today. Some projects are already full - don't wait!

FEATURED VOLUNTEER: BILL STRICKLIN

Just to give you an idea of how much Bill likes to volunteer with us, here's what he did last summer alone: 6 projects, 255 miles hiked, 204 volunteer hours!! WOW, that's some trail time, nice work Bill.

► **How many times have you worked with the BMWF?** In the last 3 years I have worked eight projects that that covered all 3 areas of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex (Scapegoat, Great Bear & Bob Marshall Wildernesses).

► **What keeps you volunteering with the BMWF?** Even though I receive "Thanks and Recognition" for volunteering I get more than I give when working with the BMWF. It has been a privilege to work with the BMWF Crew Leaders, and meet and talk with the outfitters and Forest Service people that support all the BMWF projects. All these dedicated/friendly people add more to an already "Great Experience."

► **Tell us about a favorite experience or moment from your volunteer project with BMWF:** I can't think of a "favorite" however here is an interesting event. One morning at about 4:00 a.m. I woke to something sniffing at my tent. Within minutes its' nose was under my tent rain flap. I thought: Don't move, sweat, blink your eyes, show fear, or breath hard and it might go away. It took my hat from under the flap. Good: Keep it and don't come back! It came back



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The Intangible Rewards of Volunteerism

For those of you that are pondering whether or not to volunteer for one of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation's (BMWF) projects this season, I would like to share a few thoughts on why you should take the leap.

Without question, one of the true pleasures of volunteering for a BMWF project is the opportunity to meet new people with shared interests and enjoy their camaraderie. Sharing a laugh with a fellow volunteer while working together is a joy. I have met some wonderful folks and really enjoyed evenings spent

around the campfire swapping stories of grizzly bear encounters. Our light philosophical discussions on everything from nature to current events are enhanced while raising a glass of wine that found its way into camp. "Wetting a line" in the evening is frequently available, and I can't forget to mention the wonderful meals and hiker support provided by the Foundation. In my opinion, an important bonus for volunteering is, it's just plain fun.

I enjoy the physical challenge of not only hiking through the wilderness to the project site, but digging in and getting in a good days' work. The long list of diverse projects allows you to determine the degree to which you want to challenge yourself. To that end; enjoy a float trip as part of your project, learn to use a GPS unit, become familiar with the "business end" of a crosscut saw, or get down and dirty with a pulaski .

Because the crew leaders are well versed in the botany and ecology of "The Bob", I can guarantee you'll come home with a better understanding of the forests of Western Montana. Opportunities abound to learn the natural history of the Northern Rockies Ecosystem, from plant identification to fire ecology. It's highly likely that some of your fellow volunteers will also have knowledge of the forests that will enrich your understand-

ing of the wilderness and how it functions.

There are numerous intangible rewards in unselfishly giving your time to a worthy cause. Protecting the ecological integrity of an ecosystem and conserving these values

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is the premium we receive for our efforts. For me, knowing that I have made a contribution to the protection of one of our nation's natural treasures offers tremendous satisfaction. I would strongly encourage anyone with an interest in experiencing one of the premier wilderness areas in the United States, to volunteer for a conservation project with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation. You won't regret it!

Ed Lieser
BMWF Board of Directors

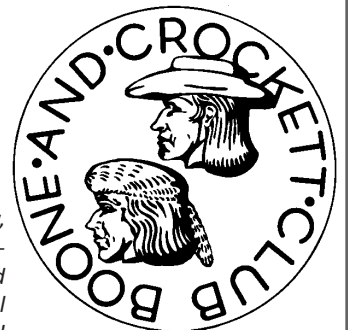


Ed Lieser, BMWF Board Member

Recognizing Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Partners

The BMWF has partnered with the Boone and Crockett Club and the Montana Wilderness Association for two exciting projects in 2010, which seek to integrate wilderness stewardship, conservation education and community involvement by highlighting conservation issues along the Rocky Mountain Front in combination with a backcountry work project. Each project will include a full day of education programming at the Boone and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial (TRM) Ranch and education center, along with 3 nights of tent camping at the TRM and a 5-day backcountry service project.

Montana Wilderness Association strives to work with communities to protect Montana's wilderness heritage, quiet beauty, and outdoor traditions, now and for future generations. MWA works toward a future in which pristine public lands in Montana are permanently protected as federally designated Wilderness. The Montana Wilderness Association has helped to fund trail projects with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation for the last three years on the Rocky Mountain Front. Special thanks to Holly Baker, MWA state office and the Island Range Chapter for their continued support and generous contributions!



As the Boone and Crockett Club's centennial project, the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch (TMR) on the east front of the Rocky Mountains was established. This 6,000 acre working cattle ranch lies in the foothills of the east slope of the Rocky Mountains near Dupuyer, Montana. Here, the Club conducts research focused on integrated wildlife and livestock management and year round conservation education programs. The Boone and Crockett Conservation Education Program strives to offer perspectives that will foster shared use of natural resources, conservation, sustainable development, and stewardship of the land to build a common ground for sustaining healthy ecosystems. With special recognition for Lisa Flowers, Director of Conservation Education, for all of her support, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation says thank you!





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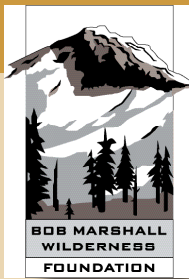
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2010 Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Volunteer Projects

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 or call 406.387.3808 to request via snail mail) and send it back. Space is limited so sign up today!



JUNE PROJECTS

BMWF #1 – National Trails Day Saturday, June 5th

Trail: Skiumah Creek #204
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 1-5 miles
Elevation: +1200'
Availability: 20 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: May 17th



Celebrate National Trails Day with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, American Hiking Society and the Montana Conservation Corps. Crews will be doing a make-over on Skiumah Creek Trail #204 in the Great Bear Wilderness off Hwy 2. We will divide and conquer the work with some crews hiking and clearing logs and brush, while others learn technical skills to install retaining structures on a section of trail falling off the hill-side. After a day on the trail, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation invites all volunteers to a BBQ at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station from 4-6pm. BMWF will provide all the grub.

BMWF #2 – Upper South Fork Sun River Monday, June 14th to Saturday, June 19th

Trail: South Fork Sun River #202
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 8 miles to base camp
Elevation: +1300'
Availability: 7 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: May 24th



This project is our first backcountry, overnight project to kick off the season. The focus of the work on this trip is erosion control! We'll work to keep the dirt on the trail and the water in the river to enhance water quality and trail longevity. The crew will be replacing a small bridge and culvert, installing small drain dams, and restoring any washouts from spring runoff. You'll get the chance to learn some technical skills building structures, and enjoy some solitude.



BMWF #3 – Historic Phone Line Saturday, June 19th to Saturday, June 26th

Trail: East Side Trail #80*
Difficulty: Difficult-Strenuous
Hike: 12 miles (to Blk Bear Cabin)
Elevation: +2112 -1886 = +226'
Availability: 5 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: June 1st



Last year, our BMWF volunteer crew cleared 400 trees from the phone line; help us do it again! The historic phone line on the Spotted Bear Ranger District is the oldest working #9 wire phone line in the nation. This phone system was widely installed and used from the 20s until the 60s, help us keep this working artifact in use! We are sending a crew into Black Bear Cabin in early season to help cut out the trees that have fallen 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. Work will be just off-trail on rugged and sometimes steep sidehills – not on the trail. Good hiking boots with ankle support are a must!

BMWF #4 – Stanton Lake Saturday, June 19th

Trail: Stanton Lake #146
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 2-4 miles
Elevation: +750'
Availability: 7 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: June 8th



This project is perfect for folks that want to volunteer, but don't have a lot of time or trail experience. Stanton is one of the most popular and scenic trails in the Great Bear Wilderness, which leads to Stanton Lake and affords spectacular views into Glacier National Park. Our crew will work to open up the trail for early season travel. That means cross-cut sawing, cutting back overgrown vegetation on the trail and maintaining drainage--there is something for everyone!

Weeds #1- Black Reef Monday, June 21st to Friday, June 25th

Trail: Lange Creek #243
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 4 miles
Elevation: +1400'
Availability: 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: June 14th



Help us kick off the first ever "Weeds Week" sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Ranger District. We'll have groups of volunteers attacking weeds across the Rocky Mountain Front and this trip has it all!! Enjoy a scenic boat ride across Gibson Reservoir followed by a short steep hike to camp nestled at the base of Black Reef. Your Forest Service crew leader will train volunteers in plant identification and we'll attack an infestation of Spotted Knapweed. Volunteers can choose to hand pull weeds or work under the direct supervision of the certified herbicide applicator to spray these invaders!

Weeds #2- Pretty Prairie Monday, June 21st to Friday, June 25th

Trails: South Fork Sun River #202
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 7 miles
Elevation: +250'
Availability: 3 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: June 14th



Help us kick off the first ever "Weeds Week" sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Ranger District. This project will be focused on eradicating weeds around the scenic Pretty Prairie Guard Station on the South Fork of the Sun River. We'll be working in an area that burned over in 2007 to eliminate Spotted Knapweed that threatens to overtake native grasses which provide valuable graze for wildlife. Volunteers can choose to hand pull weeds or work under the direct supervision of a certified herbicide applicator to spray. The nearby South Fork Sun River affords great fishing and swimming opportunities!

AHS #1 – Bear Lake Saturday, June 26th to Sunday, July 4th

Trail: Bear Lake #222
Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 8 miles
Elevation: +790 – 691 = +99'
Availability: 8 spaces open



The wildfires of 2007 were wide-spread on the Rocky Mountain Front, so the trails need your help! We'll work on the trail to Bear Lake to cut out logs on the trail, maintain and install drainage features (digging), cut out pesky brush and work on some boggy spots. These drainage features will aid in erosion control in burned areas to help maintain healthy watersheds and fisheries. Our base camp will be on the South Fork of the Sun River: great for swimming and fishing. Register at www.americanhiking.org



JULY PROJECTS

WEEDS #3 - North Fork Cabin

Tuesday, July 6th to Saturday, July 10th

Weed Work: Spraying, Hand-pulling

Difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Hike: 7 miles to N. Fork Cabin

Elevation: +867 – 305 = +562'

Availability: FULL--waiting list

Sign Up Deadline: June 22nd



Help us restore native species and rid the North Fork of invasives! For this project we'll be revisiting an infestation of Toadflax that we worked on last season. The work will be focused on eradicating weeds around the North Fork Cabin on the North Fork of the Blackfoot River. As a certified herbicide applicator, the BMWF crew leader will train each volunteer on plant identification and herbicide application to help us meet our goals. Volunteers on this project will be asked to handle herbicides under direct supervision as well as hand pulling invasive species. The North Fork waterfalls are not to be missed just a mile away.

BC/MWA #1 - Birch Creek Weeds

Saturday, July 10th to Sunday, July 18th

Trails: Birch Creek #105, 123

Difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Hike: 5 miles

Elevation: +300'

Availability: 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: June 22nd



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CDTA #1 - Valley of the Moon

Saturday, July 10th to Saturday, July 17th

Trails: CDT #440

Difficulty: Strenuous

Hike: 12 miles (to camp)

Elevation: +2000'

Availability: 8 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: July 6th



The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is teaming up with the Continental Divide Trail Alliance to bring you this amazing opportunity! This project is located in a scenic area straddling the Scapegoat Wilderness along the Continental Divide at the head of the Blackfoot River, deep in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. You'll build your strength and endurance each day with a short steep hike to the worksite, but you'll be rewarded with amazing vistas and unmatched solitude on the spine of the divide. Work will focus on maintenance of drainage, the trailbed and clearing any downed trees.



WEEDS #4 - Cabin Creek

Wednesday, July 14th to Tuesday, July 20th

Weed Work: Spraying, Hand-pulling

Difficulty: Moderate

Hike: 11 miles

Elevation: +700'

Availability: 3 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: July 5th



Do you love our beautiful native Montana plant species? Then get out there and help us fight noxious weeds in the wilderness! This project will work on Spotted Knapweed infestations in the tributaries of the North Fork of the Blackfoot River in the Scapegoat Wilderness. This area was burned in the Canyon Creek Fire of 1988 and weeds have taken root following that disturbance. As a certified herbicide applicator, the BMWF crew leader will train each volunteer in plant identification and herbicide application to help us meet our goals. Enjoy stunning sunsets and the rosy glow of Evans Peak (8,979ft) from the expansive bottomlands of the Dry Fork/Cabin Creek confluence near camp.

WEEDS #5 - Green Fork

Thursday, July 22nd to Tuesday, July 27th

Weed Work: Pulling Knapweed

Moderate to Strenuous

Hike: 12 miles (to camp)

Elevation: +1500'

Availability: 8 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: July 6th



We're delivering the one-two punch to the weed infestations we fought here last year! Join us in one of the most scenic places in The Bob--just beneath Scapegoat Mountain Massif. Volunteers will help hand-pull an infestation of Spotted Knapweed in the Green Fork drainage; no chemicals are planned for this project. The BMWF crew leader will train each volunteer on plant identification and hand pulling. The worksite is on a steep hillside and requires off trail travel, so bring your sturdy hiking boots and your camera for this one! You'll sleep under the stars and awake to the crimson-kissed Scapegoat wall as sunrise lights up this natural amphitheatre.

BMWF #8 - Winter Creek Weed Eradication

Saturday, July 24th to Friday, July 31st

Weed Work: Spraying Knapweed

Difficulty: Easy (work), Strenuous (long hike)

Hike: 25 miles! (to camp, 2 days)

Elevation: +2652 – 3148 = +496

Availability: 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: July 6th



No, it's not a typo; this project location is 25 miles into the backcountry! We will overnight at a Forest Service cabin on the way in to keep our packs lighter for all those miles. The hike traverses some of the most scenic country in all of The Bob, and ends at a great camp on the Wild & Scenic Middle Fork of the Flathead River. Dusty Cray (of Cray Outfitting in Choteau) is packing this crew into the backcountry and volunteers will enjoy Cray hospitality for the week. We'll tackle a nearby Spotted Knapweed infestation, please note that the crew will be working with herbicides. Your crewleader will train each volunteer on plant identification and herbicide application to help us meet our goals. If you've ever dreamed of getting deep into The Bob, this is your opportunity!! Join us!

CDTA #2 - Bighorn Creek #441

Saturday, July 31st to Saturday, August 7th

Trails: Dearborn #206, CDT #440

Difficulty: Strenuous

Hike: 13miles (to camp, over 2 days)

Elevation: +3000'

Availability: 7 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: July 6th



We've teamed up with the Continental Divide Trail Alliance to bring you this project located in a scenic area straddling the Scapegoat Wilderness along the Continental Divide. The hike begins at the Dearborn Trailhead and follows the scenic Dearborn River to arrive at camp at 6,500ft on the spine of the Divide. We'll overnight here and then make the final push another 3 miles clearing our way into our basecamp for the week. You'll earn your dinner each night with hikes to the worksite ranging from 1-3 miles depending on work progress and group stamina, but will enjoy solitude and silence in one of the most remote regions of the entire CDNST!

AHS #2 - Red Plume Trail

Saturday, July 31st to Saturday, August 7th

Trails: Red Plume Mtn #340

Difficulty: Strenuous

Hike: 12 miles (to camp)

Elevation: +-250' (to camp)

+2500 (to Lookout)

Availability: 8 spaces

The Red Plume #340 is a former Forest Service Lookout trail that leads to a small "house" that Rangers used to spot fires. While the lookout structure is no longer used, the trail is worth restoring due to the incredible views at its terminus. Hundreds of trees lay over the trail and alder is fighting to take over the trail so the theme of this project is sawing and clearing! Base camp is set right on the Middle Fork of Flathead River with ample water sources and beautiful river scenery. The crew will hike between 2-4 miles each day to work building on the previous day's work. *Register at www.americanhiking.org.*

AUGUST PROJECTS

BMWFW #7 - Bugle Mtn Trail

Sunday, August 1st to Sunday, August 8th

Trail: Bugle Mtn Trail #476
 Difficulty: Strenuous
 Hike: 12 miles (to camp)
 Elevation: +2500'
 Availability: 6 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: July 30th



If you're looking for a challenge, look no further! This is a great project for those seasoned volunteers wishing to put their skills to the test. The 12 mile hike-in affords spectacular vistas of the surrounding peaks, meadows and untouched forests in this rarely visited section of The Southern Scapegoat in The Bob. Volunteers will work on the steep trail up Bugle Mountain to saw out downed trees, cut back brush and install drainage features to reduce erosion. Enjoy a hard day's work and a great night's sleep under the stars.



Weeds #6 - South Fork Flathead Weeds Float

Wednesday, August 4 to Tuesday, August 10th

Trail: Eastside Trail #80 (hiking)
 Difficulty: Moderate
 Distance: 25 miles (to put-in)
 Elevation: +800'
 Availability: 2 of 4 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: July 19th



Hold onto your hats, this might just be the HOTTEST trip of the season! This is our first ever river based weeds trip on the South Fork of the Flathead River. Not for the faint of heart, this float requires a 2 day hike to the put-in! We'll start at the Meadow Creek TH, with an overnight at Black Bear Cabin before continuing on to the confluence of the South Fork and the White River. We'll launch our fleet of rafts and inflatable kayaks to conquer weedy invaders on this class II-III designated Wild & Scenic River. A certified herbicide applicator will train each volunteer on plant identification and herbicide application to help us meet our goals. We'll set up a low impact camp each night at the river's edge and tent under the stars.

BMWFW #8 - Chipmunk Peak #99

Thursday, August 12th to Thursday, August 19th

Trail: Bruce Mtn #82, Chipmunk Peak #99
 Difficulty: Strenuous
 Distance: 7 miles (to camp)
 Elevation: +3000'
 Availability: 8 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: August 2nd



Come see for yourself why this area is proposed wilderness! Rarely visited, rough country, this area exemplifies "wild". A major wildlife corridor between The Bob Country and the Swan Mountains, these expansive ridges are prime big game winter range and the trail needs your help! Spend a week working trails "logging out" fallen trees, re-establishing the trail, and removing brush growing into the trail corridor. Be prepared for 4-8 mile hikes from camp to the worksite and get ready to dig! The views are spectacular from the ridge with the towering Swan Peak and the Swan Range to the South and the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the West; don't forget to bring your camera!

BMWFW #9 - Mt. Wright & West Fork Teton

Saturday, August 14th to Sunday, August 15th

Trail: Mt. Wright #160
 Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
 Distance: 6-8 miles/day
 Elevation: +3200' (Mt. Wright)
 +700' (W. Fork)
 Availability: 8 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: August 2nd



Want to join a project, but only have a weekend free? Well this is the trip for you! We'll base out of the West Fork of the Teton trailhead and spend two days working on trails that access the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Topping out at 8,875ft, at the top of Mt. Wright you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the Rocky Mountain Front, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and even Glacier National Park on a clear day! The crew will tent camp and use the Forest Service cabin for cooking and then get an early start Sunday to inventory weeds on the West Fork Teton trail. We want to keep weeds out of the wilderness and one of the best ways to do it is to treat the source--so we'll GPS the location of weeds along the first ~4 miles of the trail for future treatment.

WEEDS #8- Cedar Flats Weeds Inventory

Saturday, August 14th to Sunday, August 15th

Weed Work: GPS Mapping, Knapweed
 Difficulty: Easy
 Distance: 10 miles (on the water)
 Elevation: n/a
 Availability: 3 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: August 2nd



Want to spend the weekend camping out, floating the river AND helping out? Look no further! This is the perfect introductory trip for those wishing to help out, but without the time to join us for a whole week. We'll be floating the South Fork of the Flathead River from Cedar Flats River Access to the South Fork Bridge to GPS inventory noxious weed populations. Then we'll return to Spotted Bear Ranger Station to enjoy an evening BBQ, bathroom facilities and a night under the stars. Sunday we will float again and continue with our mapping and add some hand pulling to combat these invaders. Join us to help fight weeds on this designated Wild & Scenic river!

CDTA #3 - Bowl Creek #324

Saturday, August 14th to Saturday, August 21st

Trail: Bowl Creek #324
 Difficulty: Moderate
 Distance: 12 miles (to camp)
 Elevation: +3500'
 Availability: 8 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: August 2nd



We've partnered with the Continental Divide Trail Alliance to do some much needed work on the CDT! The hike starts on the east side of the divide and passes through Aspen groves and steep rocky reefs before crossing over into the headwaters of the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. The crew will backpack in 12 miles from the West Fork of the Teton trailhead over Teton Pass and drop down into the scenic Grizzly Park to set up a primitive backcountry camp. This landscape was changed drastically by the Fool Creek Fires of 2007 and provides an intimate look at the dynamic fire mosaic. Working on turn-pike (raised trail to reduce mud and erosion in wet sections) is tough and technical, but rewarding work. Join us for a week deep in The Bob and lend a hand to a trail in need!

BC/MWA #2 - Seedling Creek #182

Saturday, August 21st to Sunday, August 29th

Trail: Seedling Ck #182
 Difficulty: Moderate
 Distance: 5 miles (to camp)
 Elevation: +1500'
 Availability: 7 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: August 3rd



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Weeds #11 - North Fork Pull Day

Saturday, August 21st

Weed Work: Pulling Knapweed
 Difficulty: Moderate
 Hike: 5 miles (10 miles roundtrip)
 Elevation: +500'
 Availability: 8 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: August 16th



Want to hike AND help out wilderness? Get out for the day, meet some new people, see some great country and help get rid of some nasty weeds. Day trip volunteers will hike about 5 miles along the scenic North Fork of Blackfoot River and hand-pull a patch of Spotted Knapweed along the river's edge. No herbicides will be used. What a great way to spend the day! Be sure to bring your sandals to ford the river and be ready to do some damage to weeds!



BMWF #11 - Bartlett Mtn Trail
Tuesday, August 24th to Thursday, Sept 2nd

Trails: Bartlett Mtn Trail #132
Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 26 miles (2 days; 11 mi, 15 mi)
Elevation: +3150' (day 1)
+2500' (day 2)
Availability: 8 spaces
Sign Up Deadline: August 9th



If you're lookin' for a challenge, this may be the toughest project of the season! With a 2 day hike to camp over two passes in the Swan Range, it is one of the most difficult and beautiful hikes into the heart of The Bob. Camp is on the designated Wild & Scenic South Fork of the Flathead River, one of the most pristine watersheds in the lower 48 and home to one of the best native fisheries in the state of Montana. The work will be sawing, sawing, sawing! The Bartlett Mountain trail burned over in 2003 and hasn't been opened since, so there will be plenty of work. Enjoy a day off to fish, swim, or hike over to the nearby Historic Big Prairie Ranger Station. Are you up for the challenge? Join us for a tough and rewarding trip!

SEPTEMBER PROJECTS

BMWF #13 - Shaw Area Campsite Rehab
Thursday, Sept 2nd to Thursday, Sept 9th

Trails: Gordon Creek #35
Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 14 miles (to cabin)
Elevation: +3200'-2200'
Availability: 6 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 23rd



Volunteers on this late season project will do campsite rehab work including revegetation and GPS inventory weeds to two alpine lakes. The hike into the Shaw cabin area over Gordon Pass affords spectacular views of the peaks of the Swan Range as well as the Mission Mountains to the West. We'll tent under the stars, while enjoying the luxury of a Forest Service cabin for cooking, relaxing and drying out should the weather turn. So get your hiking boots greased and join us for one more project in The Bob before the summer is over!



BMWF #12 - Halfmoon Park
Friday, September 3rd to Sunday, Sept 12th

Trails: Halfmoon #216
Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 17 miles (2 days)
Elevation: +2300'
Availability: 7 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 23rd



Get out one last time for a fantastic fall trip before the season ends! Join us for a week in of the most scenic spots on the Rocky Mountain Front. Nestled at the base of the Scapegoat Massif, Halfmoon Park is a photographer's paradise! We will tackle this hike in 2 days, with an overnight at a Forest Service cabin on the way in and out. We'll set up camp at almost 7000' and enjoy terrific views as we work on the trail. We'll focus on drainage by installing small trenches and waterbars in the trail to channel runoff in this steep rocky country. Spend your day off exploring or just kick back and enjoy the view right from camp! Don't forget your camera!

BMWF #14 - Granite Creek
Thursday, September 9th to Monday, Sept 13th

Trails: Granite Creek #156,
Big River #155
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 6 miles
Elevation: -800'
Availability: 5 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 23rd



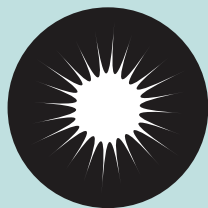
This is the perfect project for those that want to get into the backcountry, but only have a long weekend to spend. Perched on a rock slab overlooking the designated Wild & Scenic Middle Fork of the Flathead River, Granite Cabin is a Forest Service facility used by crews during the field season and will serve as our base of operations for the week. We'll be working on trails near the cabin to reduce erosion and fight the brush that is threatening to take over. Volunteers will also be instructed in plant identification and will help GPS inventory noxious weeds in the area for future work. Enjoy spectacular sunsets in the red rock gorge of the Middle Fork and wet a line fishing for native westslope cutthroat trout in the evening.

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 (3 liters of water, lunch, extra layers and a tool). Most day trips are an "Easy-Moderate" classification.

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

Difficult - Strenuous: Longer backpacking trips with travel over rough terrain and possible significant elevation gain. Experience with backpacking and backcountry use necessary. Volunteers should be physically fit to perform more strenuous trail maintenance for an extended period and for consecutive days. Hiking to and from camp may be 8-18 miles in length with full packs (40-50 lbs).



DAY TRIPS



CAR CAMPING



BACKPACKING

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

Frequently Asked Questions

I've never done trail work before and I'm in average shape. Can I still help? • What should I bring? What is provided? • Can I bring my dog? Is there a group leader? • Can my kids come along? • Will I have time off to explore the backcountry? • Is it safe to handle herbicides? How do we store our food in bear country? • How do I get to the trailhead? • More questions? That's OK.

Check out our Frequently Asked Questions online at www.bmwf.org > Volunteer or call us 406.387.3808.

Other Volunteer Needs

Volunteer as a Camp Cook

(Only if you know how to cook, please)

We provide the food, menu and cooking gear -- you do the cooking and cleaning. Your days are wide open while the crew is working on the trail. Just don't be late for dinner! Check out the project schedule then call the BMWF office to find out more about the volunteer crew and dietary needs.

Volunteer as a Packer

(Your four-footers can help our two-footers)

If you have horses, mules or llamas and need a reason to explore a new spot in The Bob - join us! We are always in need of packers to get our crews and gear into the backcountry. Call the BMWF office for a packing schedule and to get more details on USFS volunteer packer requirements.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER: BILL STRICKLIN CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1...

and drug my pants away. There goes one of my boots! To my relief morning light silhouetted the animal's identity. The thief was a small buck deer. He seemed to be most interested in my hat, however, he did eventually give it back.

► **Tell me a little bit about why you volunteer in the backcountry.** I volunteer because of the satisfaction derived from keeping the wilderness open and safe for the many people that treasure and spend time in Montana's wilderness areas. Volunteering also gives me the opportunity to photograph the wonders of The Bob.

► **What piece of camping gear is essential for you in the woods?** My camera, lenses and tripod.

Bill Stricklin has already grabbed a spot on 5, yes that's right 5 projects for 2010! Check out what projects have space left and sign up today--you can even register online like Bill, it's that easy.



Bill at Dean Lake (top middle) and a few of his soon-to-be-world-famous photos.

MEET THE NEW BMWF STAFF 2010



KELSEY PATTERSON grew up in central Oregon skiing, hiking, and swimming the cold, clear waters of the Cascade mountains. After graduating from the University of Oregon with a degree in Environmental Studies, she took her passion for the outdoors to Big Sky country to work for the Montana Conservation Corps. She is very excited to join BMWF and spend another season in the woods. When not hard at work, she can be found testing her braveness on a crag or learning to paddle northwest whitewater.

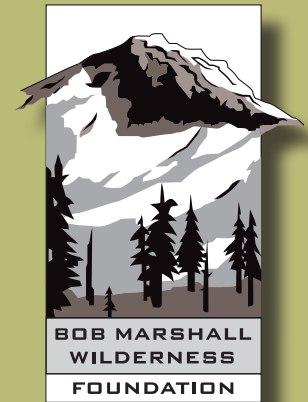
After an awesome season in The Bob with the Montana Conservation Corps, **KATIE DeGROTE** is excited to return as a Crew Leader with the BMWF. Wanderlust led Katie out West after growing up in Minnesota, and her desire for adventure keeps her coming back for more. Her zest for life and spunky attitude are assets to the team, and she can't wait to dive into more adventures this season.

CAROLYN COLLIER is excited for her first summer with the BMWF. A native Nebraskan, she makes frequent trips to the mountains and spent last summer hiking and work-

ing in Honduras. A self-proclaimed history nerd, she will graduate with a BA in History in May 2011. When not hiking or reading history books, you can find her with a Frisbee in hand and classic rock music playing.

ANNELIESE RANZONI was born in Brooklyn, New York, but Montana's wilderness has held her captive since moving here in 2006 to work with the Montana Conservation Corps. Anneliese is returning for her second season as the Noxious Weeds Crew Leader. When not pursuing weeds, she likes to roadtrip, most recently to the Southwest.

ADDY WYGMANS (& BEAST) are happy to be returning to the BMWF for their fourth season. We welcome Addy back after a 250 mile hike on the Appalachian Trail and rickshaw driving in North Carolina in the "off season". In between summers in The Bob, Addy and Beast can be found biking around the country, working with youth and waiting for the snow to melt in Montana.



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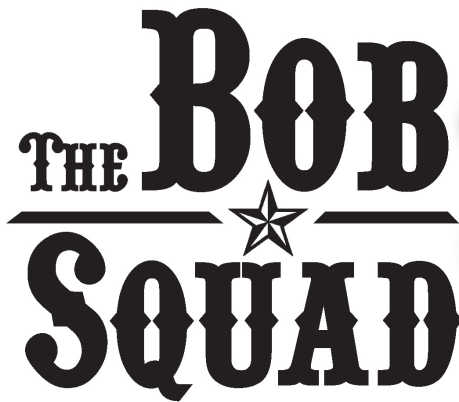
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