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TRAIL CREW LEADER EXTRAORDINAIRE: ADDY WYGMANS

Addy is returning in 2011 for what will be her fifth season as East Side Crew Leader. She has already become a Bob Marshall Wilderness fixture - known for her kindness, good humor and (like Bob) some serious hiking.

► **What keeps you coming back as a BMWF crew leader?**

The people. I get to spend the summer working with amazing people who are willing to come out and volunteer during their vacation time for the good of The Bob and all those

who use its trails. The volunteers I meet each season on the trail help to inspire me every day to do my best to serve our beautiful Wilderness the best way I can. AND I get to spend my summer out camping and hiking in the Bob, how cool is that?



► **What do you do for the rest of the year when you're not working in The Bob?**

I've been in school getting my Nursing Assistant certification, and I look forward to being able to work temporary jobs in the winter while helping out people in Nursing facilities. I have also been volunteering with the Carolina Mountain Club

doing trail work every Friday and every other Saturday on the Appalachian Trail and the Mountains To Sea trail in NC. This year I also have been helping out a friend start a not-for-profit bagel business in Asheville, NC that strives to provide

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locally made bagels to bakeries in town while also providing jobs and employable skills to people who struggle with homelessness. When I'm not doing all of those things, I also try to escape back to the woods and hike about 250 miles of the Appalachian Trail each winter, and I occasionally do a long distance bike tour when I can fit it in.



Addy and Beast with East Side Volunteers in 2008

yonlands National Park, UT for a season and I was hooked for the rest of my life. I eventually came out to Montana to work for the Montana Conservation Corps, where I made my first trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and made connections with the BMWF.

► What's the single best thing you've experienced while working in The Bob?

That's the hardest question EVER! I love every moment out in the Bob. But there was this one time on the South Fork of the Sun River when one of my volunteers found a case of beer sitting on the side of the trail. The cans were still nice and cold. We were on our way to a destination about a mile farther up the trail. We decided that we should probably continue hiking to our destination and pick up the case of beer (in order to not leave any litter or bear attractants in the Wilderness) on our way back to camp (just in case someone realized their unfortunate situation and came back for their prized possession). I had never seen these folks hike as fast as they did for the next two miles! We got to our destination in no time, turned around and high tailed it back to the beer site. Since we were no longer working we had a toast on the trail to the pack string that had donated their beverages to our hardworking crew.

► You have a reputation as a great backcountry chef, what's your favorite thing to eat in the field?

Well, my favorites include a lot of veggies. One time my Mom came out on a BMWF trip and told me that I needed some more comfort foods in my repertoire. So I consulted with a cousin of mine who subscribes to the magazine Bon Appetite and we came up with a gourmet backcountry version of Mac and Cheese that we call "Cowboy Mac". Here's the recipe... (see box...)



Another day at the office. Addy at Bear Lake 2010.

► You grew up around Chicago-what started you on this adventuresome path?

I started out in college as a volunteer on one of the last tall grass prairies outside of Chicago. That's where I fell in love with conservation work. I couldn't get enough of it so I decided to also sign up for an Appalachian Trail Conservancy volunteer trail crew one summer. I spent the first 5 days of my first trail crew experience counting down the hours until it was over. But once it was over then all I knew was that I really, really, really wanted to go back and do some more trail work. I continued to volunteer for different trail crews during my college years until I signed up with the Student Conservation Association and did a volunteer stint in Can-

ADDY'S COWBOY MAC
1 lb. pasta
1 can black beans
1 can corn
1 green pepper (diced and lightly stir fried)
1 red pepper (diced and lightly stir fried)
1 zucchini (diced and lightly stir fried)
1 summer squash (diced and lightly stir fried)
1 onion (diced and lightly stir fried)
1 handful of sun dried tomatoes (diced)
10 oz. parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
Crumbled feta cheese as a topping
And hot sauce!
-Cook pasta as directed on package, add black beans, corn and stir fried veggies. Stir in parmesan cheese and salt and pepper until cheese melts.
Serve and enjoy!
*sorry, this meal is not backpacker friendly. Unless you're crazy and like to carry a lot of weight!

► Got any good tips for volunteers?

I like to remind people that if you want to reduce the weight in your backpack when you hit the trail you really only need about two or MAYBE three pairs of clothes in the woods. One set of clothes for working (hiking, etc) and another for hanging out in camp in. The secret is not to get your camp clothes wet so that you always have some warm, dry clothes when you return to camp. You can also dry out your wet hiking/working clothes overnight either by putting them in your sleeping bag or even better yet, wearing them inside your sleeping bag over night.

► Over the past four years you've shared the Bob with a lot of folks, anything you'd like to say to them?

Yes. First I would like to thank them all so very much from the bottom of my heart for all of their time and hard work. Secondly I would like to remind them to please come back! Either on a personal trip or to come back and play with me on the trail again!



2011 BMWF 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 week-long 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 4th

Trail: Dickey Creek/Essex Creek
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 2-4 miles
Elevation: +1800'
Availability: 20 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: May 1th



Celebrate National Trails Day with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation and American Hiking Society. For 2011, crews will be working on the Marion Lake and Essex Creek trails in the Great Bear Wilderness. We will divide and conquer the work on the two trails with some crews hiking and clearing logs and brush, while others learn technical skills to install structures such as water bars and check dams using native materials. 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 13th to Saturday, June 18th

Trail: South Fork Sun River #202
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 8 miles to base camp
Elevation: +1300'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: May 23rd



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. That means the chance to learn some technical skills building structures, maintaining and installing drainage. Hikes to the worksites vary from 2-6 miles/day.

BMWF #3 – Historic Phone Line Thursday, June 16th to Wed. June 22nd

Trail: East Side Trail #80
Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 12 miles (to Blk Bear Cabin)
Elevation: +2112 -1886 = +226'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: May 23rd



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 18th

Trail: Stanton Lake #146
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 2-4 miles
Elevation: +750'
Availability: 7 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: May 30th



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 - North Fork Cabin Thursday, June 30th to Monday, July 4th

Weed Work: Spraying, Hand-pulling
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 7 miles to N. Fork Cabin
Elevation: +867 – 305 = +562'
Availability: 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: June 13th



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.

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 longer 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.

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 cancellation policy online.

JULY PROJECTS

WEEDS #2 - Cabin Creek

Wednesday, July 7th to Tuesday, July 13th

Weed Work: Spraying, Hand-pulling
 Difficulty: Moderate
 Hike: 11 miles
 Elevation: +700'
 Availability: 4 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: June 27th



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.

BC/MWA #1 - Birch Creek Weeds

Saturday, July 9th to Sunday, July 17th

Trails: Birch Creek #105, 123
 Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
 Hike: 5 miles
 Elevation: +300'
 Availability: 8 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: June 20th



We have partnered up with The Boone and Crockett Club and the Montana Wilderness Association to host two of our most exciting projects yet! Volunteers will spend 2 nights tent camping and a full day of educational programming at the Boone and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch and education center. This 6,000 acre world class education and research facility lies in the foothills of the east slope of the Rocky Mountains near Dupuyer, MT adjacent to Forest Service Land and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Volunteers will then head into the field for a 5 day backcountry trip to follow-up on noxious weeds mapping accomplished in 2009. The sites previously identified will be the focus of this project and handpulling weeds will be the method employed—no herbicides used here! The crew will return to the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch for a closing program and overnight there Saturday night before traveling home Sunday.

CDTA #1 - Bighorn Creek #442

Saturday July 9th to Saturday July 16th

Difficulty: Strenuous
 Hike: 12 miles
 Elevation: +3000'
 Availability: 4 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: June 20th



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!

Weeds #3- Pretty Prairie

Monday July 18th to Saturday July 23rd

Trails: South Fork Sun River #202
 Difficulty: Moderate
 Hike: 7 miles
 Elevation: +250'
 Availability: 4 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: July 5th



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 around the cabin and the surrounding prairie lands to eliminate Spotted Knapweed that threatens to overtake native grasses which provide valuable graze for wildlife. The BMWF crew leader will train each volunteer on plant identification and we'll employ a variety of methods to help us meet our goals. Volunteers can choose to hand pull weeds or work under the direct supervision of a certified herbicide applicator to spray these invaders. Won't you help us maintain healthy ecosystems and keep weeds out of backcountry? During down time, the nearby South Fork of the Sun River affords wonderful swimming and fishing opportunities.

WEEDS #4 - Green Fork

Thursday July 21st to Tuesday July 26th

Weed Work: Pulling Knapweed
 Moderate to Strenuous
 Hike: 12 miles (to camp)
 Elevation: +1500'
 Availability: 4 spaces open
 Sign Up Deadline: July 5th



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 #6 - Jones Creek

Saturday, July 30th to Sunday, July 31st

Trails: Jones Cr. #155 & W. Fk. Jones #156
 Difficulty: Moderate
 Hike: 3-6 miles
 Elevation: +1400'
 Availability: 6 spaces
 Sign Up Deadline: July 11th



Want to join a project, but only have a weekend free? Well this is the trip for you! Join us for a couple of days to do trail maintenance on two beautiful trails on the Rocky Mountain Front. These trails were burned over by the 2007 wildfires and they are in d need of a touch up. Primary tasks will focus on opening the trail corridor from over grown brush, maintaining drainage features for erosion control and cutting any late-season trees that may have fallen over the trail.



AHS #2 - Palisade Lake

Saturday, July 30th to Saturday, August 6th

Trails: Palisade Creek #25
 Difficulty: Strenuous
 Hike: 10.5 miles (to camp)
 Elevation: 3800' gain 900' loss
 Availability: 7 of 8 spaces
 Sign Up Deadline: July 6th



The Palisade Lake area is located high on the crest of the Swan Mountains, within the subalpine region which makes trail maintenance difficult. We will work for the week to clear the trail of downed trees and brush with 2 person cross-cut saws and hand saws. Once we complete the clearing, we'll focus on drainage maintenance and installation to keep the water off of the trails and work to rehabilitate campsite impacts in this fragile subalpine environment. We will plan on 8 hour work days and enjoy a day off in the middle of the trip to explore, fish, swim, relax and enjoy this amazing area. This project requires an additional fee. Register at www.americanhiking.org



AUGUST PROJECTS

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!

BMWF #7 - Albino Basin Sunday August 7th to Sunday August 14th

Trail: Albino Basin #118
Difficulty: Strenuous
Distance: 14 Miles
Elevation: +4300'
Availability: 7 of 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 1st



Looking for a serious challenge with more than its share of rewards? Come spend some time working in the rarely visited Albino Basin, just below the Swan Crest near the headwaters of Big Salmon Creek. The hike in is a big one, with dramatic well earned views, climbing 4000 ft. from Holland Lake over the Swan divide and down into this untrammled basin. The work sites are located near the crew's backcountry camp-site so your hard work on day one will pay off. The project will focus on defining the trail corridor, drainage maintenance and spot retreat using crosscut saws and other hand tools. This is a great opportunity to help improve access to this spectacular area.

BMWF #8 - Charlie Creek/ Spruce Point Thursday August 18th to Monday August 22nd

Trail: Spruce Point #677 and Charlie Creek #330
Difficulty: Easy- Moderate
Distance: 6 miles
Elevation: +650'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 1st



The lush vegetation of the Middle Fork can impede travel on over-grown trails that don't see much attention. For this project, we hope to brush and clear Spruce Point trail #677 and Charlie Creek #330 to make these trails more accessible to users. We will backpack 6 miles along the Big River Trail and the beautiful Middle Fork of the Flathead River, setting up base camp along the Middle Fork of the Flathead river. This is a great project for volunteers with limited experience that want to gain more backcountry and trail work skills.



BMWF #9 - Crow Peak Thursday August 18th to Thursday August 25th

Trail: Crow Peak #432
Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 14 miles
Elevation: +1600'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 1st



This project will take volunteers into the heart of the Scapegoat Wilderness and the headwaters of the Blackfoot River. The gradual 14 mile hike into our backcountry camp will pass through some areas that escaped the 1988 Canyon Creek Fires and some that didn't, offering a unique glimpse into fire's effects on the landscape. We will focus on improving the trail to Crow Peak, clearing it of downfall, improving tread where the trail is sloughing off, installing water bars, and building cairns in the high country approach to the peak.

BC/MWA #2 - Birch Creek Trails Saturday, August 20th to Sunday, August 28th



Trail: Birch Creek #105, 123
Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 5 miles (to camp)
Elevation: +300'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 8th



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BMWF #10 - Baptiste Lookout/ Silver Basin Thursday Aug. 25th to Monday, Aug. 29th

Trails: Baptiste # 63
Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 4.5 miles
Elevation: 2300'
Availability: 6 spaces
Sign Up Deadline: August 15th



This is a perfect project for those volunteers that want to camp out, but don't have time for the week-long backcountry experience. We'll meet on Thursday evening and hit the trail bright and early the next morning. The crew will be working to repair the trail tread through Silver Basin with the possibility of installing some new structures to minimize user impacts. Vistas from the top of Baptiste are stunning with spectacular vistas of the Swan Range to the west and the Flathead Range to the north.



Weeds #6 - Monture Friday August 26th to Saturday August 27th

Weed Work: Spraying, Hand-pulling
Difficulty: Easy - Moderate
Hike: 2-6 a day
Elevation: +250'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 8th



We'll take on weeds on the trails from the Monture Trailhead and spend the night at the Historic Monture Guard Station. Built in the 1920s and in use by Forest Service personnel since, Monture has been recently renovated and added to the Forest Service cabin rental program for winter use. The BMWF crew leader will train each volunteer on plant identification and we'll employ a variety of methods to help us meet our goals. Volunteers can choose to hand pull weeds or work under the direct supervision of a certified herbicide applicator to spray these invaders.



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2011 Grand Prize Raffle**

**5 day Pack Trip in The Bob Marshall Wilderness for 2 people
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Grand Prize Raffle Drawing will be held April 19th
in Whitefish at the O'Shaughnessy Center

\$10/ticket

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**Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation
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AUGUST PROJECTS (continued)

Weeds #7 - North Fork Pull Day Sunday, August 28th

Weed Work: Pulling Knapweed
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 4 miles (one way)
Elevation: +500'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 8th



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 4 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 - Telephone Creek Roving Sunday August 28th to Thursday, Sept 3rd

Trails: Telephone # 236
Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 3-7 miles a day
Elevation: Up to 1900'
Availability: 4 spaces
Sign Up Deadline: August 15th



This is a unique trip through some of the most remote and spectacular country in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The crew will be completely self-contained, carrying all of our food, gear and tools on our backs as we hike and work a loop through the headwaters of the Dearborn River, coming in and going out via Welcome Pass. The first night of the trip we'll stop at the Welcome Creek Cabin and have access to the facilities while tenting under the stars. The work will focus on maintaining and improving sections of the Telephone Creek trail (#236) and the Halfmoon trail (#216) as well as doing inventory on noxious weeds in the area. Wildlife viewing in this area can be outstanding!

SEPTEMBER PROJECTS

BMWF #12 - Devil Creek Friday, Sept 2nd to Friday, Sept 9th

Trails: Devil Creek # 167
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 6 miles
Elevation: 1200'
Availability: 8 spaces
Sign Up Deadline: August 15th



We'll meet on Friday afternoon and camp out at the trailhead before heading for the backcountry first thing on Saturday morning. Devil Creek is a well-used trail that leads to Elk Lake and Moose Lake and offers views of the Devil's Hump and Mount Bradley. Your BMWF crew leader will show you how to work with native materials and primitive tools to fashion and install new structures on the trail to improve drainage. We'll enjoy a day off in the middle of the trip to explore the surrounding areas or cast for cutthroat trout in the lakes near camp. This is a great time of year to be in the Great Bear Wilderness!

BMWF #13 - Indian Creek September 3rd to Sunday, Sept 12th

Trails: Indian Creek #211
Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 12 miles
Elevation: +700'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 22nd



Get out one last time for a fantastic fall trip before the season ends! Join us for a week in one 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 - Pivot Mountain Wednesday September 7th to Wednesday Sept 14th

Trails: Pivot Mtn #359
Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 14.5 miles
Elevation: +1800'
Availability: 8 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 22nd



The hike to the Pentagon Cabin starts at the Beaver Creek Trailhead and follows the scenic Spotted Bear River, gradually gaining elevation with several openings allowing views. The project work will focus on the Pivot Mountain Trail on its way to Elk Ridge which is in need of some serious tread work. We'll progress a little farther each day with short but steep hikes to the work site. Opportunities for day off exploration include hikes to Bungalow or Pentagon Mountains offering vantages into the heart of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The crew will have access to Pentagon Cabin for cooking, but will tent under the stars.

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.

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.

???Frequently Asked Questions???

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

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KELSEY

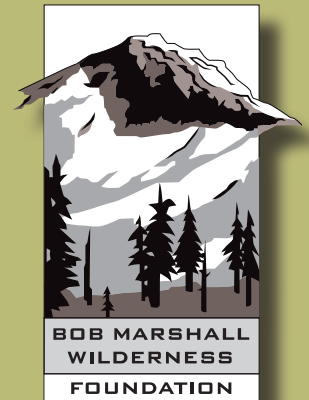


Eager to return for her second season with the BMWF, **Kelsey** is looking forward to exploring new territory and facing challenges only a wilderness like The Bob can offer. With a love for the outdoors and an education in environmental science, she lives for spending time on the trail and can't wait to get her feet muddy working (or playing) in the woods. Living in a place that has it all, she loves to climb rocks, ride bikes, float rivers, ski mountains... basically enjoy the playground that we call Montana.

KATIE



After two awesome seasons working in The Bob, **Katie** is excited to return as a crew leader for 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 summer.



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