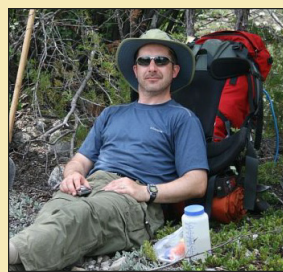


THE HOME STRETCH

Trail projects are winding down and fall temperatures are coming early. Here's a brief pictorial look at the season so far.

Check out more project pics at the new Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Flickr photo gallery:

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FROM SAWS TO SPATULAS, KARIN CONNELLY IS AN EXPERT IN THE BACKCOUNTRY OF THE BOB AND OUR INSPIRING VOLUNTEER FOR THIS TRAILS ISSUE.

- ▶ **How many times have you worked with the BMWF?**
Since 2001, I have helped clear trails five times and cooked for the retired smokejumper trail crews four times.
- ▶ **Why you volunteer in the backcountry of The Bob?**
I like to hike and I like to work outside and I like to cook. Working with trail crews can put these together. At first, I didn't want to be on my own in the backcountry, so volunteering to work with other people was a good solution. Learning about how trails are made and maintained gave me a new appreciation of the difference between hiking and bushwhacking (being whacked by bushes).

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BIG CHANGES FOR "BOB" FOLKS

After 12 seasons as Executive Director, Carla Belski, says goodbye. Former Program Director, Paul Travis, returns to fill her shoes.

Dear friends: After twelve amazing seasons with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, I made a major change in my life and resigned as Executive Director this summer.

From humble beginnings, I am proud to see how the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation has grown through the years. I will never forget the experiences I have had in this position and I am grateful for the privilege of working with so many wonderful board members, staff, volunteers and partners. The time has passed quickly and I have countless memories and many friends directly related to the time I have spent working with the BMWF.

The Bob is a special place and the experiences I have had are irreplaceable. I am proud of our many accomplishments including our annual trail maintenance program, our work in strategic planning, execution of an educational component for our volunteer projects, and the development of our fundraising efforts including the Bob Marshall

License Plate, the Mountainfilm Festival and Voices of the Wilderness. My passion for the Bob and the BMWF has not diminished and I plan to be a part of the organization through volunteerism for years to come.

I have recently accepted a position with the Children's House Montessori School in Whitefish that will begin this August. This opportunity gives me the chance to further pursue my interests in education and have a schedule that allows me to spend more time with my family.

The Board of Directors and I would like to announce our new Executive Director: Paul Travis! Many of you may already know Paul as he has worked with the BMWF in the past as a crew leader and most recently as our

Program Director. After spending this past year working with the National Audubon Society in Missoula, Paul is bringing his enthusiasm, management skills and love of the Bob back to the BMWF. Welcome back Paul!

I would like to thank past and present members of the board of directors, the US Forest Service, past and present staff members and our many wonderful partners which are too numerous to mention. I have enjoyed working with each of you and hope to cross trails with you again in the future.

Happy Trails!

Carla C. Belski
Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation
Executive Director, 1997-2008



FEATURED VOLUNTEER: KARIN CONNELLY (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

Now when I hike I can evaluate the condition of the trail, and admire especially well-maintained features like fabulous turnpikes and superb water bars. And I really appreciate the help of the packers from the Forest Service and the Backcountry Horsemen. I spent a day at Spotted Bear to observe stock training and watch experts putting pack loads together. This is another important activity in the management of our forests and wilderness.

► **Do you have any favorite spots in the Bob Marshall Wilderness?**

I think the North Fork of the Blackfoot River is very beautiful. I also enjoyed being able to stay at the Pentagon Cabin through the Artist-Wilderness-Connection program co-sponsored by the Hockaday Museum of Art, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, the Flathead Nat'l Forest, and the Swan Ecosystem Center.

► **When you're not working with BMWF, what do you do?**

I live in West Glacier so I spend as much time as I can hiking in the summer and skiing in the winter--with some kayaking and biking. I also volunteer in the Flathead County Juvenile Detention Center through Literacy Volunteers of America. In the summer I help out at the Native Plant Nursery in Glacier Park and Glacier National Park Associates. I'm also doing some work helping people with bookbinding and encouraging people to work on field journals.

► **What's your favorite backcountry meal?**

Hmmm... Almost anything I'm cooking. I dehydrate most of the food I take on camping trips. Of course, if someone comes along with a Dutch oven and some fruit cobbler--well, I'll eat that! I guess we are going to make Halloumi cheese a staple. We fry it up as an appetizer and then we can take some time to enjoy the rest of our meal when we're starving after a long day of hiking.

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

I have three tents. One is too large, one is too small, and one is just right. I make lists of what is absolutely necessary on a camping trip and I don't take anything else--no whiffle balls or frizbees. And if there's something I don't use it doesn't get to go on another trip.

IF YOU SEE KARIN ON THE TRAIL, HELP US THANK HER FOR ALL HER HARD WORK.



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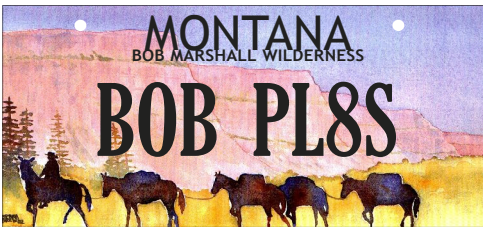


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