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National Trails Day 2013, Great Northern from Stanton Lake

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FEATURED VOLUNTEER: KEITH ALLTUCKER

Keith is a volunteer packer, giving back to the Bob by doing one of his favorite things... throwing a diamond hitch and casting a line in his spare time.

• **How many trips have you packed for the BMWF?** As of this point in the summer I have taken two groups in and out. The first, joining stock with buddy Rowdy Wood, we packed in the group from Schreiner University to the upper Dearborn River, the second was freighting the weed control group in and out of the Cabin creek area. With luck I'll be able to add more trips this summer and fall.

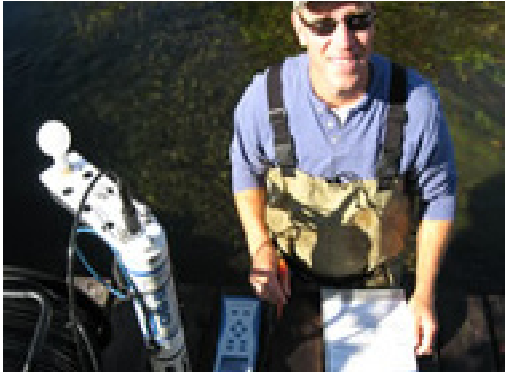
• **Tell me about a favorite experience or moment from your volunteer packing trip with BMWF:** Couple of things come to mind. First is watching the faces of the Bob "newbies" when they get that sense of where they are and the contribution they are about to make to this resource. Second turning the stock out in a spectacular setting, hearing the ringing of bell, coffee with friends new and old, it all touches a piece of my DNA.

• **Tell me a little bit about why you volunteer for the BMWF. What do you like about packing in the Bob?** Volunteering has been a part of most of my adult life, I believe giv-



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Campfire Talks



Ever wonder why the sky is blue, how many grizzly bears there are in the Bob, or what's in the water? BMWF has asked experts to present "Campfire Talks" during wilderness trips in order to answer these and many other questions that inquiring minds want to know. This summer Mike Koopal will join the Bradley Lake trip on August 31 to talk about Alpine lake ecology and water quality in lakes in northwest Montana.

Mike's connection with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex dates back to 1985 when he spent the summer as a Student Conservation Association (SCA) volunteer building trail along the Middle Fork of the Flathead River near Mount Bradley. The SCA's Forest Service liaison for the project was Fred Flint, BMWF's current board President. It was Mike's summer vacation before starting college, and the first time the flatlander from Iowa had seen a mountain, a bear or a bull trout.

Mike's experience in the "Bob" left a lasting impression. After college, Mike immediately moved to Montana and began a career path centered around water. In 2005, Mike founded the Whitefish Lake Institute, a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving clean water in the Whitefish area through scientific research, public education and community stewardship.



National Trails Day, 2013

BMWF crews and volunteers celebrated National Trails Day on June 1 by clearing the Stanton Lake and Rescue Basin Trails. Two fearless crews began the day in the fog but were rewarded by noon with sunny skies and stupendous views of Great Northern and Rescue Basin. Highlights of the day included a visit from National Forest Foundation's Directors of Conservation Awards: Adam Liljebald and Zia Maumenee. National Forest Foundation has pledged to support 7 to 10 trails projects on the Bob this year. Other highlights include a return visit from Katie Degrote, former BMWF Crew Leader. Meeting friends and acquaintances along the trail also brought smiles to our faces. We finished the day with a delicious barbeque at the Hungry Horse Range Station served by Al Koss, BMWF Vice-President and hamburger flipper extraordinaire, and lets not forget Sue Johnson and her famous Potato salad!

Thank you to these extraordinary folks who celebrated National Trails Day by giving back to wilderness trails in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex: Carl Erickson, Katie DeGrote, Katharine Donnelley, Lonnie Dale, Dana Chap-

man, Travis Blaney, Sarah Blaney, Bailey Blaney, Rita Braun, Chuck Stearns, Georgia Lovelady, Margaret Dufordchou, Zia Maumenee, Adam Lijebald, Paul Sanza, Steve Penner, Mike Block.

These two crews brushed 4.5 miles of trail cleared 20 trees, and cleaned 18 drainages in one day. Stanton Lake Crew enjoyed restoring a campsite at the end of the lake for the future enjoyment of solitary campers.



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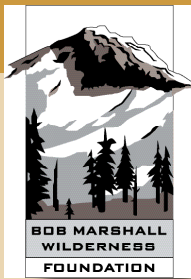
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2013 Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Volunteer Projects

Wilderness volunteer vacations are a great way to kick back and give back to The Bob. No prior experience is necessary, just come motivated to work, be prepared to have fun, and be a member of the Bob team. Projects range in length from day trips to week long backcountry adventures. 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 to BMWF. Space is limited; sign up today!



PROJECTS

WEEDS #5 – Green Fork Friday, August 2nd to Tuesday, August 6th

Weed Work: Pulling Knapweed
Strenuous
Hike: 12 miles (to camp)
Elevation: +1500'
Availability: 8 spaces open



We're delivering the one-two punch to weed infestations we fought here last year! Join us in one of the most scenic places in The Bob--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 volunteers 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 #7– West Fork of the Teton Friday, Aug. 5 to Monday, Aug. 8th

Trail: W.Fork Teton #114
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Hike: 2-4 miles
Elevation: +1,500'
Availability: 7 spaces open



Looking for a quick Wilderness recharge? Then this may be your trip! The group will be staged out of the West Fork of the Teton River Trailhead with access to the West Fork Cabin for cooking. There are a number of scenic trails in the area that access the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the project work will concentrate on these trails: West Fork Teton #114, Olney Creek #117, Mt Wright #160, Teton River #107. Work will consist of improving drainage by maintaining and installing structures along these trails, spot tread work and brushing as needed.

BMWF #8 Dicky Lake Sunday, Aug. 7th to Monday, Aug. 8th

Trail: Dicky Lake #149
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 4 miles on longest day
Elevation: +1500'
Availability: 6 spaces open



The Dickey Lake trail is in need of some serious upkeep. This trip will pick up where an area youth group left off. With this combined effort, we can improve the trail corridor and bring it up to standard. The group will car camp at the Dickey Lake Trailhead and day hike to the work area both days. Give back to The Bob, even if you only have 2 days to do it! We will meet at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station at 8:00am then carpool to the trailhead and get to work!

Whitebark Pine #1 Ousel & Grant Ridge Friday, Aug 9th to Sunday, Aug 11th

Trail: Ousel #331 & Grant Ridge #339
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: Up to 11 miles each day
Elevation: +3000'
Availability: 6 spaces open



Citizen Science Projects! New this year. This project will monitor the health of Whitebark pine in the wilderness. Whitebark pine is a keystone species and its decline may have serious impacts on the wilderness ecosystem. We will camp in the Middle Fork valley and take day hikes up Grant Ridge and Ousel Peak where we will collect data from 4 Whitebark pine plots. This trip is perfect for the long day hiker who would rather pick up a clipboard than a shovel.



BMWF #10 Lena Lake Wednesday, Aug 21st to Tuesday, Aug 27th

Trail #225
Difficulty: Moderate - Strenuous
Hike: 13miles one way
Elevation Gain: +3700'
Availability: 8 spaces open



Hike from Holland Lake over the Swan Crest via Pendant Pass and experience outstanding scenic views into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and high alpine Cirques. The hike is strenuous, but once you make it to base camp, you will be hiking less than 2 miles a day to and from the work site. The trail to Lena Lake has not seen much attention in the past few years, so the work will include using a cross cut saw to clear downed trees and removing brush from the trail corridor.

Whitebark Pine #2 Dean Ridge Thursday, Aug 22nd to Sunday, Aug 25th

Trail # 87 Dean Ridge
Difficulty: Easy (work), Strenuous (long hike)
Hike: 8- 10 each day
Elevation gain: 3000'
Availability: 4 spaces open



Citizen Science Projects! New this year. This project will monitor the health of Whitebark pine in the wilderness. Whitebark pine is a keystone species and its decline may have serious impacts on the wilderness ecosystem. This trip is perfect for the backpacker who wants to spend a long weekend hiking along scenic Dean Ridge and who wants to give back by helping on a citizen's in science project that makes a difference. Trip participants will hike along Dean Ridge to collect data from four Whitebark plots over two days.

PROJECTS

BMWFW #11 Big Head/ Deer Creek Friday, Aug 23rd to Monday, Aug 25th

Trails: Big Head #242 & Deer Creek # 276
Difficulty: Easy- Moderate
Hike: 2 miles to camp
Elevation: +300'
Availability: 7 spaces open



Looking for an opportunity to volunteer in the Bob, but don't have a full week? This may be your trip! Volunteers will be meeting with the BMWFW Crew Leader on Friday morning then hiking the quick 2 miles to base camp. From there we will concentrate on clearing trails # 242 Big Head Creek and Trail # #276 Deer Creek. The team will work Saturday thru Monday, and hike out Monday evening. After your work day be sure to relax and cool your feet by the West Fork of the Sun River.

BMWFW #12 Bradley Lake Friday, Aug 30th to Wednesday, Sept 4th

Trails: Bradley Lake # 201
Difficulty: Moderatly Strenuous
Hike: 9.5 (to camp)
Elevation: +2,300 (to camp)
Availability: 8 spaces



From the Grante Creek Trailhead, we will hike 9.5 miles through a lush lodgepole pine forest bathed in shade. The second half of the hike to camp will be along the beautiful Upper Middlefork of the Flathead River. The camp will be located just off the shore of the river. We will be clearing trail #201 to Bradley Lake, about 4 miles. We will get a bit further each day as we make progress to the lake. Come prepared with fishing gear (including a license) as you will have time after work as well as a day off to play in the deep pools of the river and explore nearby mountain peaks, creeks and trails. This trip features a campfire talk from Mike Kopal! (see pg.2)

BMWFW #15 Jewel Basin Sunday, Sept 8th to Wed, Sept 11th

Trails: #724
Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 3.5 to Basecamp
Elevation: +1,000
Availability: 3 of 6 spots Available



The Jewel Basin Hiking Area is a unique 15,000 acre hiking area maintained exclusively for hiking and camping. This high mountain area is popular for backpacking, fishing and plant and wildlife viewing. The Jewel is a beautiful high alpine ecosystem. Because the Jewel is a fragile alpine ecosystem we are only accepting 4 volunteers for this project. This is the first time the BMWFW has worked it this unique area. We will be backpacking 4 miles to Birch Lake, where we will camp the next 3 nights. The work will be focused around



BACKPACKING



CAR CAMPING

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).

Other Volunteer Needs

Volunteer as a Camp Cook

(Only if you know how to cook, please)

Camp cooks fuel the crews who work on trails. BMWFW supplies the food, menu and kitchen gear. You prepare breakfast, layout lunch fixings, make dinner and do the dishes. The time between can be filled with hiking or relaxing. But don't be late for dinner!

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 BMWFW office for a packing schedule and to learn more about USFS volunteer packer requirements.

SAVE THE DATE!

7th Annual Voices of the Wilderness

7 PM, Friday, November 8th

Alpine Ballroom, 333 Main Street, Kalispell

A Silent Auction and Display of Artwork Celebrating Wilderness

Featuring music by Betty and the Boy with illustrated views from the Great Bear Wilderness.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER: KEITH ALLTUCKER

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ing back is both rewarding and necessary. Volunteering horseback, with the mules! is pretty sweet. On a more selfish note, packing into the Bob gives a job to my long ears; without a job they are just very large, dirty pets.

• **Do you have any favorite spots in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex?** Unlike many of your other volunteers, I am only beginning my Bob experience. So whether it is riding through old burns, new burns, through dense west side forests, or the wide open of the east side it's hard to name a favorite. What I have found is that all of it has some kick ass fishing.

• **When you're not riding a horse or leading a pack string, what do you do for work or fun?** I was very fortunate to be able to sell and retire from my home inspection business in Helena. My points of joy are my wife, children, grandkids, road cycling, cross country skiing, fishing and throwing a diamond hitch. My family may have a somewhat different order to that list.

• **What's your favorite backcountry meal?** Anything cooked in a Dutch oven. Dinner of pork loin stuffed with mint and orange cooked on a bed of apple slices with potato, carrot, parsnips, and onion with pineapple upside down cake for desert. Breakfast is gluten free cinnamon rolls with boil in a bag omelets.

• **What piece of gear is essential for you in the woods?** Ha. Fly rod and coffee pot.



Keith Alltucker and his string of "long ears."



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