

A Great 2008, But Bracing for 2009

At the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, we have packed away the sleeping bags and camp stoves and are now planning our 2009 summer season.

In the last year we topped our numbers regarding completed projects, numbers of volunteers on the ground and delivered value to the US Forest Service in The Bob. Overall, we also increased our fundraising and community outreach compared to 2007.

With the recent economic downturn, however, we need your support more than ever to keep our efforts moving in a positive and growing direction for future years.

Take a look inside this newsletter for more details on the year past and how you can help us sustain the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation for years to come.

Now is the time to get more involved to help us stay on top!



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FEATURED VOLUNTEER: THE BROOKS FAMILY

We'd like you to meet Ann, Lee and Ada Brooks. As a family, they participated in a project at Schafer Meadows collecting native seed for use in revegetation and at the Forest Service nursery for growing more native plant species.

► **How many times have you worked with the BMWF?** This was our first volunteer experience in The Bob and with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation. We applied after Shannon, BMWF Program Director, mentioned to us that the seed collection trip at Schafer Meadows would work well for kids. Until then it hadn't occurred to us that a kid (11 years old) could provide the level of labor required by the volunteer trips. Our daughter, Ada, loved the hiking, the work and camping in the backcountry!

► **Tell us about a favorite experience or moment from your volunteer project with BMWF:** We liked sharing meals with the other volunteers at the huge table in the cookhouse, eating huckleberries as fast as we could on the hike out, collecting seeds in the sunshine, chopping firewood in the rain, and playing cards while horses watched over our shoulders.



Photo (left to right, top to bottom): Ann Brooks, Lee Brooks, Ada Brooks, Erin Burke-Webster (BMWF Crew Leader).

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Letter from the Board of Directors

Our biggest challenge in 2009 will be funding.

If we all do our part, we will have another great season in The Bob!

It's hard to believe that another season has passed. 2008 was a year of change for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation.

We were sad to see Carla Belski resign her position as Executive Director in June after 12 years of dedicated service building this organization and serving the community. But we were extremely fortunate to get Paul Travis to fill in behind Carla. When Paul was hired, the Board of Directors decided to invest in a full time Executive Director as duties were proportionately increasing with the growing success of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation. This marked the first time the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation has had two full time employees.

Other leadership changes took place as a few Board Members resigned their positions at the end of the year. We certainly appreciate the dedicated service of Chris Miller, Christina Larsen and David Groce. Their work and passion for The Bob will surely be missed.

The field season set new records in 2008. This year we completed 45 projects with a total of 17,392 volunteers hours with a value of \$369,420. Program Director, Shannon Freix, spent the spring organizing field projects and recruiting volunteers. Our three crew bosses, Addy, Tara and Erin, did an outstanding job carrying out the field work and making connections with volunteers on the ground. We certainly can be proud of the work we accomplished.

Though 2008 was great, we must promptly look forward to 2009. One of our most urgent needs is to recruit new Board Members. As a start, Ed Lieser has already been elected and several other candidates are being considered to join the Bob team. Ed is a recently retired Forest Service employee who has participated in several volunteer trips. We plan to have the Board up to full strength and numbers by the end of January.

In 2009 we plan to greatly expand our weed control efforts in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. With some earmarked funds from partner Forest Service districts, we will employ a fourth crew boss



Fred Flint showing BMWF volunteers the techniques of sharpening a crosscut saw. Fred also packs for the BMWF.

dedicated to leading noxious weed projects with volunteers. And as always, we will continue our primary efforts on maintaining safe and accessible trails throughout The Bob.

Our biggest challenge in 2009 will be funding. In these difficult economic times, non profit organizations around the country are finding it more difficult to raise money. The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is no exception. Our fall "Voices of the Wilderness" fundraiser grossed about half of what it did in 2007. This trend is likely to continue in 2009. It is up to each one of us to do what we can to keep the Foundation going. I challenge you to get involved:

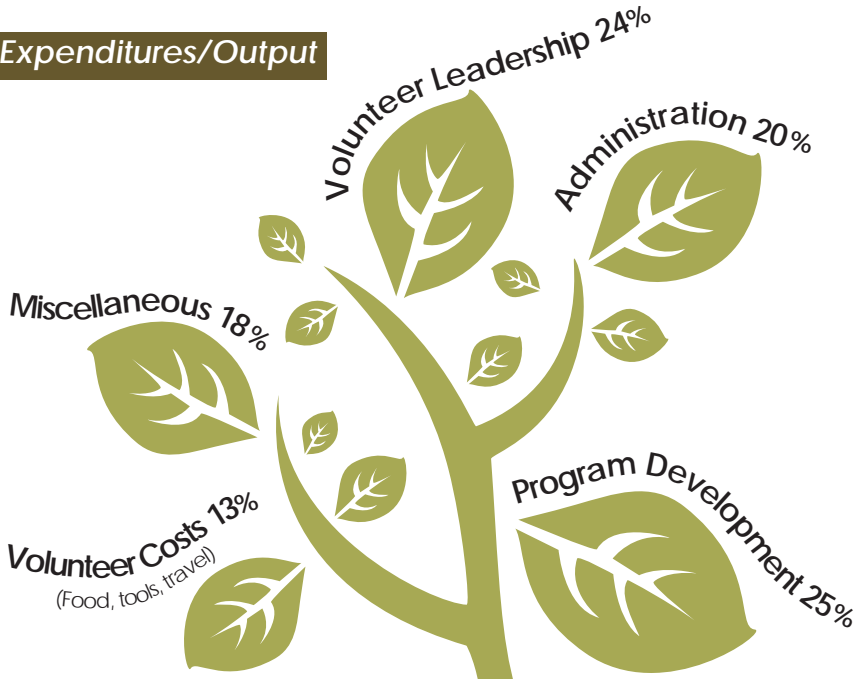
- Renew your annual membership today
- Buy Bob license plates for your rig and trailer
- Recruit new members and sign up to receive our newsletter at www.bmwf.org
- Actively participate in our two annual fundraisers (MountainFilm Festival in the spring and Voices of the Wilderness in the fall)
- Solicit donations for the annual raffle and the Voices of the Wilderness art exhibition & auction
- Keep volunteering – on field projects, at the tool cache or in the office.

If we all do our part we will have a great 2009. Thank you for all your efforts!

Fred Flint
President, Board of Directors

Financial Overview 2008

Expenditures/Output



Income/Revenue



Income/Revenue in 2007

Grants - 43%
 Bob License Plates - 29%
 Fundraiser Income - 16%
 Members/Donors - 8%
 Misc. (Interest, Merchandise, etc) - 4%

Expenditures/Output in 2007

Program Development - 27%
 Volunteer Leadership - 25%
 Administration - 17%
 Misc (printing, supplies, professional fees) - 18%
 Volunteer Costs (food, tools, travel) - 13%

A GREAT RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation experienced a successful 2008 project season. We completed 45 volunteer projects equating to about \$370,000 worth of volunteer labor. With an operating budget of \$130,000 that means we almost tripled our value in the field compared to our income. That's a big return on investment! Quite an achievement to be celebrated with our many donors, members, volunteers and partners that helped make it happen!

The majority of our funding comes from grants and license plate sales, which are proving to be less reliable sources of funds, especially in these uncertain economic times. Well rounded and diverse funding is the key to sustaining our organization in the future and we are currently focusing on beefing up our fundraiser event efforts, memberships and annual donations to achieve this.

Our spring fundraiser, the Mountainfilm Festival, was expanded in 2008 to include Helena, along with two nights in Whitefish. As such we set our sites on a higher fundraising goal from the previous year, but ended up raising only slightly more than the previous year. Our fall Voices of the Wilderness fundraising event showed some of the effects of the recent economic downturn and we grossed approximately 60% of what we did in 2007. This, fortunately, was tempered by the fact that we had cut our expenses, thus netting slightly more than the previous year.

Fundraising Comparison: Give generously to help us reach our goals!

2007

MountainFilm Event
\$9,458

"Voices" Art Event
\$12,800

Membership Drive
\$11,441

2008

MountainFilm Event
\$10,000

"Voices" Art Event
\$7,800

Membership Drive
\$12,851

Our membership drive, now in its 2nd year, is showing signs of growth toward our projected goals, but we still have work to do. Membership will also continue to be more and more important for us in the future.

Thanks to all of you that have provided past and continued support, and we look forward to building new bridges to many others to become involved. With continued help, you allow us to care for the one-of-a-kind Bob Marshall Wilderness for now and into the future. See you on the trail!

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Voices of the Wilderness

artist ↔ wilderness ↔ connection

The 2nd annual Voices of the Wilderness art exhibition and silent auction is a growing success for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation.

The fundraiser, held at the Hockaday Museum of Art on October 18th, brought out a large crowd of wilderness lovers and art appreciators. This event proved to be a great way to showcase local art, volunteer projects in the Bob and the Artist • Wilderness • Connection Program. It was exciting to see such an outpouring of support for art and wilderness throughout the evening and we thank all that made it such a success.

Special guest artists that participated in the Artist • Wilderness • Connection Program (an artist-in-residence partnership between the Flathead National Forest, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, Swan Ecosystem Center and the Hockaday Museum) gave presentations at the event. Presenters included Karin Connelly, Jane Kleinschmidt, and Janet Sullivan. The artists related their experiences and deepened creative connection to the wilderness through the showing of slides and artwork that came out of their residency. Participating artist, Jane Latus Emmert, worked on a “quickdraw” painting during the evening, which was then auctioned off - complete with a live auctioneer (thanks to Edd Blackler)!

The silent auction featured donated art and fine hand crafted items from many Montana artists. Also, we couldn't have done it without our generous sponsors, which included Glacier Bank, Brett Thuma Gallery, Lookout Ridge LLC, and River Design Group. Also, a big thanks to Simple Chef Catering, Big Sky Brewery, Rocky Mountain Wine, and the Hockaday Museum of Art.

With such an enjoyable night of beautiful art, great conversation, stimulating presentations, and wonderful support, the evening will be remembered as a great success. We were thrilled to take home over \$4500 after expenses--which will go directly to help fund our volunteer program in The Bob. Thank you to all that purchased artwork to hang on your walls at home!



Are you interested in participating in the
2009 Artist•Wilderness•Connection Program?
We are taking applications now!

Get more information and an application
from the Hockaday Museum of Art:

www.hockaday.org/events

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Three lucky Montana artists will be selected
after the February 28th application deadline.

► **Tell me a little bit about why you volunteer in the backcountry. What do you like?** We loved the enthusiasm of the other volunteers and the Forest Service employees stationed at Schafer Meadows. It was great for our daughter, Ada, to see smart, educated, and fun people of all ages working together in a beautiful area. We originally chose to do the trip as an inexpensive and expedient way to get our family 14 miles into the backcountry with pack animal support and meals provided. That is a pretty cushy way to go! It ended up offering us lots more too. It was fantastic to hike in with botanists, fishermen, marathon runners, art teachers, and engineers.

► **When you're not working with BMWF, what do you do for work or fun?** We play music, play outside, canoe camp, bike, swim, winter camp with skis and sleds, participate in Girl Scouts, ice skate, and do lot of jumping on the trampoline.

► **What's your favorite backcountry meal?** Erin, our Bob Marshall Wilderness Crew Leader, celebrated her birthday while we were at Schafer Meadows. We loved eating her birthday cake and the instant cheesecake with wild huckleberries!

► **What piece of camping gear is essential for you in the woods?** Extra shoes for camping slippers/ water shoes, whittling knife, headlamp & book. Also, we had started the children's chapter book "The Ghost of Schafer Meadows" by Beth Hodder before we left on the trip, and we continued to read it at night in our tent. It was really fun to poke around the buildings and see the same things described in Beth's book. It made us feel like we'd been there before.

Thank you to the Brooks family for volunteering in The Bob with us last summer. What an adventure! If your family is looking for a summer getaway, why not consider volunteering with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation? Our youngest volunteer to date was 8 years old and our oldest was 89! There is something for everyone. Give us a call to find a project that would make a good fit for your family, group of friends, club or organization.



Photos (left to right, top to bottom): Ada Brooks demonstrating her seed collecting skills; Ada Brooks, a US Forest Service botanist and BMWF volunteer enjoying a hand of cards before dinner; delicious birthday cake for Erin's birthday (BMWF Crew Leader); BMWF volunteer crew hunting for native seed and plant species near Schafer Meadows.

CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to all the folks that bought raffle tickets at our fundraising events and throughout the summer this year. Also a big thank you to all the businesses that donated great prizes for our giveaway! Here are the big winners. Don't see your name? Buy more raffle tickets next year!

Grand Prize: 3 day, 3 night fly fishing trip with Spotted Bear Ranch: Janet Sullivan

Full day of fly fishing with Glacier Raft Company: Gordon Nation

Day ride for four people with Snowy Springs Outfitters: Jessie Bebb

Two night stay at The Izaak Walton Inn: Matthew Smeltzer

Patagonia Rubicon Shell from The Patagonia Outlet in Dillon, MT: Gordon Nation

One night lodging and breakfast at Badrock B&B: Lewayne Kroeger

Gift Certificate from Outfitter Supply: Gina Castren

Half-day Snowmobile Rental from J & L Rentals: Alice Thrame

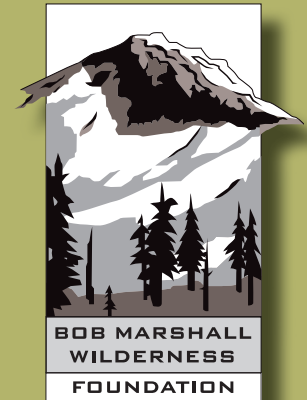
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Bob News in 2009

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HELP US BEAT NOXIOUS WEEDS IN THE WILDERNESS

About a year ago, we batted around the idea of expanding our Bob field work to include noxious weed work in addition to trail maintenance.

We weren't sure how folks would respond so we put out a few feelers to our Forest Service partners, local outfitters, conservation groups and avid users of The Bob.

Not only did we receive a positive response, but people were beating down our doors to help out. As a result, we are thrilled to inform everyone that we are launching our first-ever Crew Leader position dedicated to noxious weed volunteer work.

Now, the initial thought related to noxious plants is not a cool, or hip or sexy one; it's hard to paint a "fun" picture around weed work. However, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation has found a way to make this effort against noxious species interesting, educational and, yes, even fun!

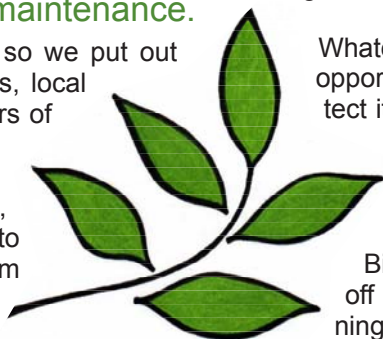
Our project season will include three full months of weed projects throughout the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Work will be varied--sometimes the project with focus on mapping invasive species (complete with GPS education, lots of hik-

ing and even some float trips). Or maybe treatment with herbicides and/or biocontrol (weed-eating bugs). Of course, good, old-fashioned hand pulling may be involved, too.

Whatever the project objective is, you will have the opportunity to experience the grandeur of The Bob, protect its future by giving native plants a fighting chance and increase your outdoor knowledge with regards to plant identification and healthy ecosystems.

Big thanks to all those that have helped us kick off this new program with funding and project planning tips: Seeley Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Montana Wilderness Association, The Rocky Mountain Front Weed Roundtable and The Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Swamp Preserve.

Please help the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation get this program off the ground. Check the BMWF website for weed-specific projects and sign up; www.bmwf.org. They are great alternatives to the more labor-intensive trail work projects. New projects will be posted in February--be sure to check them out!



SO WHAT IF WE PAID YOU TO HANG OUT IN THE BOB? OH YEAH!

MEET AMAZING PEOPLE, LEARN TO USE A CROSS CUT SAW, BREATHE FRESH AIR, HIKE SOME RUGGED TERRAIN, CHILL WITH THE WILDLIFE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



If you're a self-proclaimed slacker, stop reading now. However, if you are a self-motivated, high energy, problem-solving person with a passion for the outdoors (and you're OK skipping a shower here and there), then keep reading.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation is hiring seasonal staff right now. **We are looking for a Wilderness Crew Leader, a Noxious Weed Crew Leader and a Program Assistant to help in the office.** To find out if this is a right fit for you, check out the job descriptions on our website at www.bwmf.org > Events or email Shannon Freix at program@bwmf.org.



THE NEW GUY: BMWF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are pleased to welcome Ed Lieser onto the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Board of Directors this year. Ed has volunteered with the BMWF in years past and will now offer his noodle in addition to his muscles to help out.

With many years under his belt working with the Forest Service, he will be a great asset to our organization. His work experience includes engineering, timber management, silviculture, and forest planning. Throughout his career, Ed has cultivated an interest in fire ecology and fire management by working on wildfires. An integral part of his service has been on regional and national Incident Management Teams that manage wildfires.

In 2008, Ed completed his Forest Service career and retired after 30 years of service. Since then, he started a consulting forestry business, Ed Lieser LLC, continues to work with a national Incident Management Team, substitute teaches in Whitefish, and is involved in the embryonic Whitefish Area Fire Safe Council.

When he has some free time, Ed enjoys skiing, hiking, traveling and mending his house. Volunteering on the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Board of Directors will be the "icing on the cake".



Our projects with the Montana Wilderness Foundation went so well last season that we're doing it again! We're planning three MWA-partnered projects this season so be sure to check them out. All projects will be posted online at www.bmwf.org > Volunteer in February!

RECYCLE YOUR USED CAMPING GEAR

If you have GENTLY used gear that still works, we will put it to good use! Give us a call: 387.3808. We are also looking for the following items for our program. You can donate your used gear or make a cash donation to purchase new. Thank you!

Digital Video Camera (\$200)

Refurbished Radios (\$150/ea)

Grinder for tools (\$200)

GPS Spot Locators (\$200/ea)

Filing Cabinets (used OK)

Fridge Repair (ours is broken)

Soft-Sided Coolers (\$30/ea)

Mosquito Net Tent (\$200)

Backcountry Kitchen Kit for Weed Crew (various items, \$400)



GET YOUR FRIENDS INVOLVED AND WIN A FREE BOB TEE:

We know there are more Bob lovers out there. Please help us get in touch with them.

Send in your family and friends' contact information (with their permission) and we'll put your name in the hat to win our popular Bob tee. Fill out this slip below and send to us at BMWF, PO Box 190688, Hungry Horse, MT 59919. Make copies and send in more names for more chances to win. Drawing will take place March 1st, 2009. Only new contacts will be eligible so be sure to ask if they are on our mailing list already. Thanks for helping us out and good luck!

New Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

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Your name: _____ Phone (if you win): _____ Tee size: Mens or Ladies, Sm Med Lrg XL XXL



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