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Program Director's View



"It didn't matter how nasty the weather got, how foul my feet smelled, or how many days in a row I subsisted on meals from a time worn can or box, I was in The Bob."

I still remember clear as day my first trip into The Bob. Classic western Montana May rainstorms and cold temperatures were joining forces to push the rivers and creeks beyond their banks, and pools rather than puddles were threatening to consume the trails.

It was nothing short of a slog to Black Bear Cabin through a solid 8 inches of muck and manure, a seemingly endless 12 miles. And then true elation to arrive at the cabin, happily toast cups of cocoa around a raging woodstove and enjoy the camaraderie of a "pants versus shirts drying contest". And it only got better.

I awoke each day of the season well rested from a night on the ground, and laughed to myself as I spent another rough day in the "office". It didn't matter how nasty the weather got, how foul my feet smelled, how many days in a row I subsisted on meals from a time worn can or box, I was in The Bob.

That giddy delight still fills my belly with butterflies every time I pass the

threshold of the wilderness boundary and happily embark on another adventure in one of the most awe-inspiring landscapes around. But what keeps me coming back are the people that share this addiction; the cantankerous old packers, the wide-eyed boy scouts, the ecstatic angler. The Bob is a unifying catalyst for happy living and draws us in, if just for a few days at a time of solitude and silence, we leave with batteries recharged and ready for the "real world".

My new vocation (note: that's vOcation, not vAcation) as program director with the Foundation is the perfect marriage of Bob junkie jabber, pouring over maps, planning the new perfect trip, and facilitating those quintessential first moments in The Bob.

Check out our accomplishments from 2009 and how you can join us in 2010 and help us keep boots on the ground and the wilderness wild! Happy to be in The Bob,

Keagan Zoellner, Program Director

FEATURED VOLUNTEER: ANDY BRELAND

- ► How many times have you worked with the BMWF? In the 2009 season I ran pack support on 7 BMWF projects covering all 3 of the wilderness that make up the complex. I'm also the Trail Project Coordinator for the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead and I worked with BMWF to cover an additional 22 projects with pack support.
- ▶ Tell us about a favorite experience or moment from your volunteer project with BMWF: To single out just one favorite experience would be next to impossible. Unlike the majority of the foundation's volunteers who at best can only spend a few days in the complex I have the opportunity to spend almost every weekend from late May into September riding down some trail, somewhere. I can tell you that watching the sunrise over snow covered peaks, sharing a cup of coffee around a campfire and even just crossing paths with some unexpected friends (old and new) is really hard to beat. But the smiles you get when you pull your pack string into a smoke jumpers camp with a load of beer has got to be about the best !!!!
- ► Tell me a little bit about why you volunteer in the backcountry. There are two reasons I volunteer. First, is we have such a precious resource we need to take care of, so we can all continue to use it along with our kids and grand kids (more on page 7)



Letter from the Executive Director

THE TRUE VALUE OF WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP

While getting the rare chance to get out of my office and into The Bob this past July to lead and work with a group of energetic, teenage volunteers, I was reminded of the true value of what wilderness stewardship is all about. At the end of the project, not only was I pleased with the work that was accomplished and the chance to experience the outstanding beauty that surrounded our work site on Bungalow Mountain with these fine young folks. I was able to renew my sense of the less tangible benefits of our service projects. On our projects, whether they are focused on weed eradication or trail maintenance, the development of an ethic begins to take shape with participants; a true and active appreciation for what wilderness means, enhanced by the pride and satisfaction of playing a part to improve the pristine and recreational values of the area. We also feel it is our duty to additionally foster this growth through wilderness education on each of our projects. This growth is the most evident with younger volunteers, especially those that are experiencing wilderness for the very first time. I think it goes with out saying that these experiences have a transformative effect on all volunteers, young or old, when they exit that trailhead and this effect will do wonders for our future ability to help care for The Bob.

As I look back on our **13th season of volunteer projects** in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, I'm very thankful and proud of all of the positive value our projects generate on so many different levels; that we are able to offer these opportunities and experiences. Celebrate with us in each of these accomplishments from the past year, and then I hope you'll show your dedication and support of The Bob by helping us in our efforts for many years to come.

 One of the biggest success stories to celebrate is our newly implemented Noxious Weeds Program.

Through increased funding, we were able to hire our first ever weeds crew leader who led a total of 34 volunteers on 10 weed projects this summer. With a successful first year under our belts, we're very excited to work even harder to offer more high quality noxious weed projects throughout The Bob this coming summer and beyond.

- Our big staffing change occurred in July, when our Program Director **Shannon Freix said good bye** in order to join the Continental Divide Trail Alliance as the Montana Regional Representative. Shannon's legacy to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation includes dramatic and professional improvements with our publicity, newsletter, website, and volunteer program. With Shannon's strong leadership, creativity, and desire to improve our organization, we find ourselves far better off today to tackle our goals and she will surely be missed.
- In September, **Keagan Zoellner** was hired as our **new Program Director** and she hit the ground running....literally as she spent her first month working with our volunteer crews and crew leaders finishing out the project season. Keagan brings her passion for The Bob and many years of experience working as a Forest Service wilderness river ranger, field ecology educator and youth-at-risk counselor to the job. Keagan is an energetic and very experienced addition to our team and we are all very excited to have her on board!!
- The year also brought the addition of new board members Maggie

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Doherty, Steve Penner, and Meg Killen. This new infusion of skills, experience and passion make the board of directors as diverse and strong as ever, continuing to help guide our growing organization into the future.

- Our **fundraising events** continue to grow and provide funding to our program as well as provide an avenue for greater outreach. Our three Mountainfilm events in April and the Voices of the Wilderness art exhibition and auction in October help sustain our program and continue our ability to reach new audiences across the state. In fact, for 2010 we are excited to expand the Mountainfilm Festival to a fourth showing in Bozeman! Check out our ad in this newsletter and let us know if you would like to be a part of this world class event.
- The Bob Squad membership and membership drive continue to grow and become a larger part of our organization along with events such as our volunteer appreciation and Bob Squad membership meeting (which will be held this February). We've been able to wadd other convenient options for giving including our Monthly Giving Program and Workplace Giving and continue working towards a stronger, more viable Major Gifts and Planned Giving Program.

It's because of the passion and support from good folks like you that continue our success and sustain our efforts in The Bob. I want to thank all of our donors, members, partners, grantors, board members, staff and supporters in making this happen and I'm very excited for what the future holds for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation.....as well as my next trip into The Bob!

See you on the trail,

Paul Travis. Executive Director

Financial Overview 2009

Nerchandise 2% Nembers 12%

Volunteer Costs 13% (food, tools, gear, travel)

Miscellaneous 17% (advertising, website, postage, printing, insurance)

Administration 20%

Volunteer Leadership 25%

Program Development 25%

volunteer accomplishments 2009

49 projects 387 volunteers 1,694 volunteer work days 285 water bars maintained 92 miles of trail brushed 5,515 yards of tread work 1,650 trees cleared

14 acres of weeds treated 92 ft turnpike built 360 boots scuffed 5 showers enjoyed 126 Pulaski's sharpened 1 dinged cross cut saw 387 relationships forged

Value of volunteer sweat time & smiles!







HIGHLIGHTS

- •We ended the 2009 project season with 49 volunteer projects completed and 387 volunteers participating, equaling a value of work donated at \$310,589.
- •The BMWF spent \$166,471 on volunteer project expenses, volunteer leadership, project planministration in 2009, which when compared to our value of accomplishments is quite the return on
- •Our spring fundraiser event, Telluride Mountainfilm, grossed over \$15,000 in its three nights of films making for a 30% increase from the previous year.

Revenue

- •We took in \$7,400 with our Voices of the Wilderness fundraiser in October.
- •We continue to have strong funding support with our Bob Marshall Wilderness license plate sales and growth in our Bob Squad membership numbers, successfully making our goals with your continued support.

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WEED DESTROYERS: TAKE NO PRISONERS

This past August I participated in my first BMWF trip, tackling noxious weeds along the North Fork of the Blackfoot River on the Hobnail Tom Trail.

I'm new to the Board and although I really wanted to spend a week in the backcountry exploring The Bob country all while working on trails, my summer job didn't grant me more than a weekend off from work. Luckily, the folks at the BMWF create projects that allow for weekend warriors like myself to get down and dirty in just one day. This is the first year of the BMWF's noxious weed program and I certainly wanted to help make season one a success.

banks of the river. Crawling over logs, our group was anxious to be the first to fill their trash bag with weeds. The key to ridding an area of knapweed is to pull out the entire plant, roots and all. Pulling weeds along a scenic river sounds easy, but this weed has staying power. You really have to dig down into the soil to extract the root, pull with all your might and it does a lot of good to grunt or groan as you're yanking out the plant.

Our determined group was able to take on two sites along the trail, but the weeds are widespread and at times, daunting. We spent a full day, mostly on hands and knees, working side by side, crawling inch

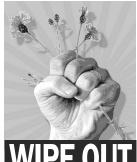
"Our method of attack was hand pulling--- armed with black trash bags and hand weeders, we spread out to search, identify and destroy noxious weeds."

Our group of weed destroyers met early in the morning to discuss our day with BMWF Noxious Weeds Crew Leader Anneliese. Our method of attack was hand pulling—no herbicides used here! Armed with black trash bags and hand weeders, we hiked along the scenic river to our first site Anneliese identified as a problem area for Spotted Knapweed. We crossed the pack bridge and spread out to search, identify and destroy noxious weeds. Riparian areas are especially prone to noxious weed invasions, and this proved true along the

by inch to take out Spotted Knapweed. At times it felt like we weren't making an impact, but at the end of the day, with over 20 bags filled with weeds, we knew it was a job well done. And although we couldn't pull out all the weeds along the trail, it's an important step in an ongoing process. And I'm certainly looking forward to this summer's noxious weed projects to once again, get down and dirty and do some weed destroying!

Maggie Doherty is on the BMWF Board of Directors and an avid weed destroyer.

















Help us out in 2010!

We offer weeds projects with and without herbicides, float based trips and GPS Page 6 mapping. Check out the spring newsletter for a full listing of trips.

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FEATURED VOLUNTEER: ANDY BRELAND CONTINUED....



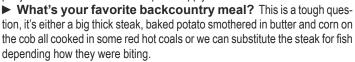
Second it's the people you meet, paid and volunteer alike. It seems like all the folks you run into past the trail head are just great people. No matter what part of the globe they call home we all share the same passion.

► What is your favorite spot in The Bob?

I do have a couple of favorite spots but if I told you where they were they would get crowded.

► When you're not working with BMWF, what do you do for work or fun?

I am partners in two companies; a nationwide and Canadian trucking company and a web based tack and pack supply store.



▶ What piece of camping gear is essential for you in the woods? My coffee pot, It may be bent, dented and chared black but it makes one mean cup of coffee.

Keep your eyes peeled for Andy on the trail this summer and be sure to thank him for all his hard work packing our volunteer trips and coordinating other packers from Back Country Horsemen for so mawny more. We really couldn't accomplish so much without their help...afterall our volunteers are on vacation and everyone enjoys a little luxury in the backcountry! If you are a packer and would like to volunteer your critters (horses, mules, llamas, goats?) for a BMWF trip, please contact us and we can provide more information and a schedule of projects. You bring the mulepower and we'll take care of the rest!





Do you have a group of friends or family, fishing buddies, or outof town visitors with a desire to see The Bob and lend a hand?

Create a custom trip with the BMWF! You just get 4-8 people together with a willingness to learn, motivation and a good sense of humor (you have to spend the week with them afterall), and we'll take care of the rest. We have a number of itineraries ranging from 2-8 days, car-camping and once-in-a-lifetime backcountry opportunities to choose from.



We'll supply a wilderness crew leader, food, tools, safety gear, camp kitchen and packers to help carry in some weight! For more information visit us at www.bmwf.org or give us a call at 406.387.3808.

artist wilderness connection NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

"The program places professional working artists in various disciplines, media, and styles in remote forest cabins for five- to seven-day stays"

We have joined with the Flathead National Fo<u>rest, Swan Eco</u>system Center and the Hockaday Museum of Art to present the Artist*Wilderness*Connection artist-in-residence program again in 2010. The program places professional working artists in various disciplines. media, and styles in remote forest cabins for five- to seven-day stays followed by a public presentation related to the residency experience. The program experience will focus on the Bob Marshall, Great Bear and Mission Mountain Wilderness Areas, with opportunities for artists to reside in cabins in or near designated wilderness. From December 15th through February 28th, 2010 Montana artists are invited to apply for the Artist*Wilderness*Connection program. The program will host three artists in cabins on the Flathead Naional Forest during the months of August and September. For infornation about the program or to download an application, visit the lockaday Museum of Art web site at www.hockadaymuseum.org for more information, please contact Paul Travis at 406-387-3847 or eresa Wenum with the Flathead National Forest at 406758-5218



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