

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WILDERNESS!

A SUMMER FULL OF CELEBRATION



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FEATURED VOLUNTEER: CHRIS EYER

Meet Chris Eyer. He's a BMWF Volunteer Packer, skilled electrician, and all around good guy. We had a great time getting to know him better this year and sure you will, too.

► How many BMWF trips have you done?

Not as many as I want to do for them next year. I had a time on my trip this year!

► What is your favorite BMWF trip memory or moment?

My favorite experience is always the same on each trip. It's that feeling about two miles after I start a trip. Loads are all secure. Decker rings are all straight. Cinches snug. My mules all in rhythm. Hooves clopping and their ears are all flopping. Sitting on my horse with 15-20 miles in front of me. Then that feeling washes over me and I remember that this is all so much bigger than just me and my small little life. Just sitting there watching the wilderness unfold mile after mile and feeling so fortunate to be able to spend whatever time I can in there. Connecting the wilderness in my heart with the wilderness out there, that's my favorite.

► What's your inspiration in coming out and giving back to The Bob?

I volunteer for the BMWF because of the great work they do on the trails that so many of us use. Those trails are the



Chris Eyer from Stevensville, MT and volunteers to pack for BMWF because of the great work they do. Chris and his string of long ears are pictured here at the Monture Trailhead getting ready to pack up for another BMWF trip.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rick Potts, Wilderness Speaker for BMWF, on Mount Jumbo in The Bob.

A KEY COMPONENT TO OUR SUCCESS IS YOU!

ENGAGING YOUTH AND CHANGING LIVES

WILDERNESS APPRECIATION UP VS DOWN?

50TH ANNIVERSARY GET OUTSIDE!

As we start the 50th Anniversary year I can't help thinking we are at a historical tipping point. In his kick-off presentation to the "50 years of Wilderness" speaker series, Rick Potts made two stand out points:

1. The 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act is being celebrated with much fanfare as compared to the 40th Anniversary when celebrations were stifled at a national level.
2. Is Wilderness appreciation increasing or in decline?

At BMWF we are proud to be a leader in recruiting public support for Wilderness by engaging youth and adults in backcountry experiences that change lives and provide stewardship for one of the world's most spectacular places – The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.

A key component to BMWF's success is YOU -- the volunteers, members, partners and donors who believe in BMWF's mission and support wilderness stewardship through hard work and financial contributions.

In 2013 338 volunteers donated \$413,528 of labor to clear trails and fight noxious weeds. Thank you!

Despite these successes, challenges loom on the horizon. Federal grants for trails are declining and competition

for each dollar is increasing. BMWF stayed ahead of the federal sequester through the generosity of donors who contributed \$5000 to backfill the funding call back. Thank you to all who filled the gap, your generosity has kept BMWF on the trail to a successful 2014.

In 2014 we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the designation of the Bob Marshall Wilderness with "50 Miles for 50 years" (50 miles of trail clearing and maintenance on all three of the Wilderness Areas in the Complex). Each trip will be a mini celebration marking the miles to 50 with a special patch for volunteers. See the calendar on page 6 for more details

See you on the trail to 150 miles!

Carol Treadwell

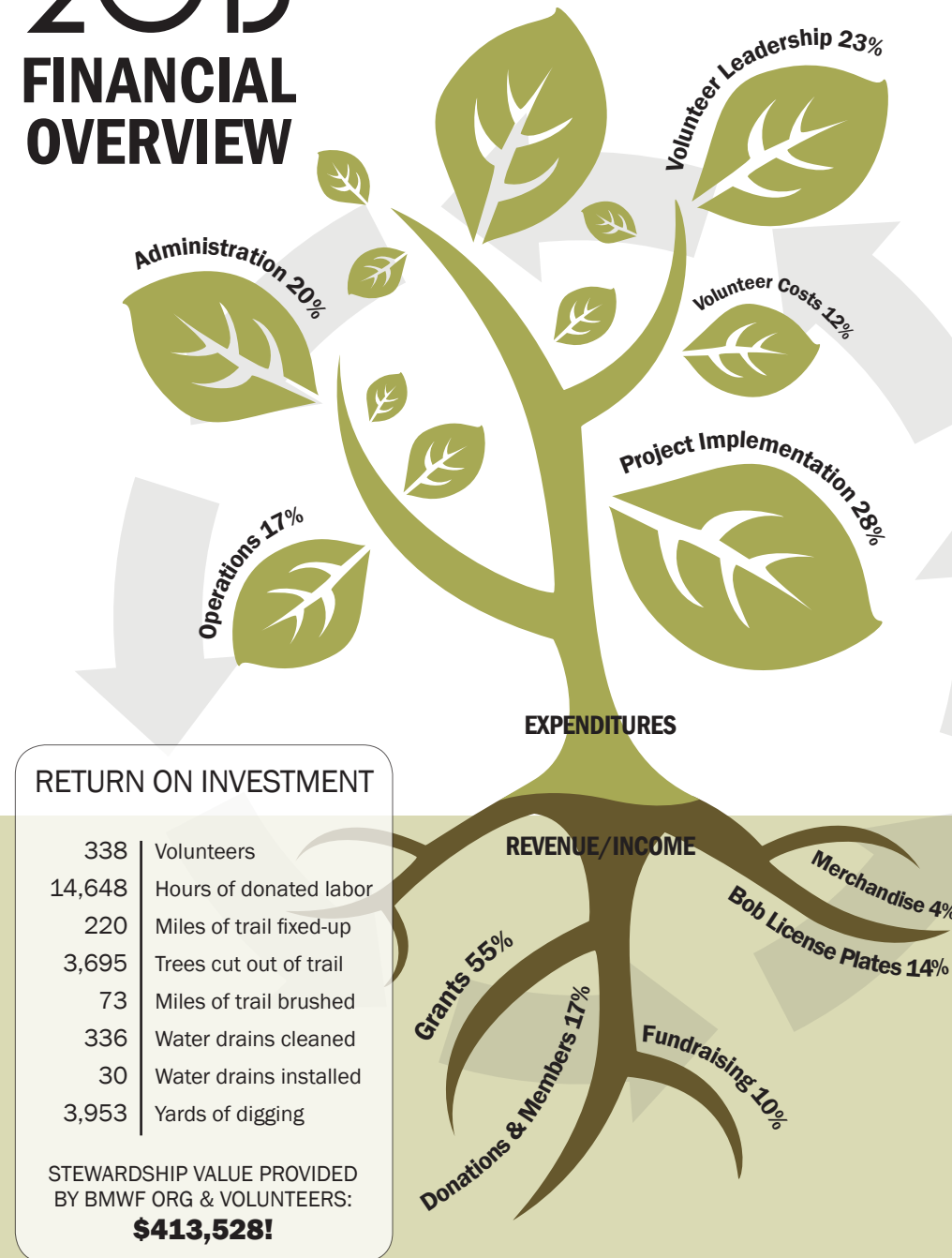


Carol Treadwell, BMWF Executive Director, and her husband, John, exploring The Bob.

Up here at 80? Heck yeah. We like the way you think!



2013 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



THANK YOU TO THESE DONORS AND GRANTORS WHO HELPED GROW OUR BMWF ROOTS IN 2013

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| Bayne Family Fund, of Whitefish Community Foundation | The National Forest Foundation |
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HATS OFF TO OUR 2013 TRAIL NEIGHBORS



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 - Jim Boorman
 - Jeff Brant, Helena BCH
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 - Chris Eyer
 - Matt Farwell, Flathead BCH
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 - Joe Murretta
 - Greg Nelson, Great Bear Outfitters
 - Bob & Sue Padelford,
 - Pat Tabor, Swan Mountain Outfitters
 - Richard Tamke, MSLA BCH
 - Brett Todd, K Lazy 3 Outfitters
 - Frank Vilale
 - Rowdy Wood



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 - Author Carhart Center/ Wilderness Investigations
 - Big Sky Bible Camp
 - Boy Scouts of America -Atlanta
 - Boy Scouts of America -Whitefish Building Bridges
 - Greg Nelson and Family
 - Montana Academy
 - Montana Wilderness Association, CDT Montana trail program
 - MSU/Billings
 - National Smoke Jumpers Association
 - Next Generation West
 - Paul Busch Memorial Foundation
 - Pete Metzmaker and friends
 - Salish Kootenai College
 - Schreiner University
 - Sierra Club
 - University of MT Outdoor Program
 - USFS



NEW BOB BOARD MEMBER: BECCA WHEELER

Becca Wheeler moved to Montana in 2007 to do trail work. She spent 2 seasons with the MCC and another 4 summers working for the Forest Service on trail crew and as a wilderness ranger in the Great Bear. After 6 summers of slaying trees and eating dirt she decided to become a web and graphic designer.

When she isn't making magic on the computer,

Becca enjoys hiking and skiing. Her goal is to be able to still hike to the top of Great Northern Mountain when she is 80!

Beccas love for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and her experience and talent in marketing and graphic design make her a great addition to the BMWF Board. Welcome, Becca!

2013 OUR YEAR IN PHOTOS

The grant will help wilderness
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Plum Creek Foundation gave BMWF a grant to purchase safety equipment and panner coolers so that the crew could keep volunteers safe and well fed!



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The Bob Marshall
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 WILDERNESS SPEAKER SERIES \$FREE
 6:30-8:00 Arts ROOM
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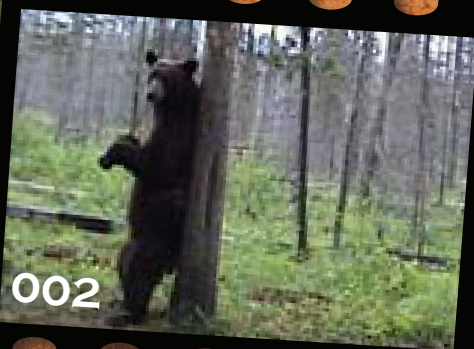
BMWF hosted the 1st annual wilderness education to Flathead Valley Community College while the BMWC slumbered under snow.



Norcross Wildlife Foundation awarded the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation a grant to fund the purchase of new cameras and computers. Our crew leaders used the cameras to take fabulous, super, fantastic photos of their summer work!



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003: The BMWF is building for the future by creating an endowment fund that will ensure the long-term sustainability of the Foundation. Three generous donors have contributed to the sustainability fund. BMWF needs to raise another \$1000 to achieve matching funds that will double the size of the Endowment. Participants for a fund raising pack trip are being accepted for summer 2014

004: Many partners came together to put boots on the ground... individual and group volunteers from across Montana, the US, and the world, volunteer packers, and raft companies. An example of the partnership web that BMWF brought in 2014 is the Castle Lake Trip where Snowy Springs Outfitters packed in 8 hard working volunteers Glacier Raft Company floated the crew out after 5 days of trail work on the Castle Lake Trail.

007: Volunteers ages 12 to infinity came from Montana, 25 other states, and 2 foreign countries!

008: 22% of volunteers were youth under the age of 18.

009: BMWF organized three Citizen Science trips to assess the health and recovery of Whitebark Pine in the BMWC. Volunteers became forest investigators who hiked 3,000 vertical feet to re-measured forestry plots first investigated in 1991. Thank you to USFS Forest Health and Cinnabar Foundation for funding this project.

010: BMWF provided project support for Wilderness Investigations - a teacher training workshop that provided wilderness curriculum and hands on experience to High school, middle, and elementary teachers. Sponsored by the Arthur Carhart Center and supported by FNF, Glacier NP, BMWF, COCEEC, and MWA.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WILDERNESS!



50TH WILDERNESS ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Visit the BMWF website for updates and more info. Let's celebrate!

3/13: Leaving a Legacy; Passing on Wilderness to the Next Generation Panel discussion between elders and youth. Panelists include: Roland Cheek, retired wilderness outfitter and writer; Chris Ryan, Retired Wilderness Manager USFS; Frank Vitale, Farrier and wilderness advocate; Rebecca Boslogh, University of Montana student; Jonson England, high school student and BMWF summer intern.

4/10: Hair Raising Encounters with Wildlife in Wilderness. Presented by Jonathan Klein, USFS retired Wilderness and Recreation manager (34 years) on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Nat'l Forest.

6/25: 50th Birthday Bash for The Bob! Great Northern Brewery, Whitefish, 5-9pm. Raise a pint and toast to Wilderness. Proceeds of every pint will go towards to BMWF's trail work.

6/27 - 9/15: 50 Miles for 50 Years. Visit the BMWF website to see 2014 BMWF Project Trip schedule. Be a part of this special year and put your boot on a piece of 50 miles of trail clearing in your favorite wilderness area. Each volunteer receives a patch "I Contributed to 50 Miles for 50 Years" in commemoration of the piece of trail they worked on to add up to 50 miles in each of the three Wilderness Areas of the Bob.

7/24 - 9/11: Artist Wilderness Connections 10th Anniversary. Display at the Hockaday Museum of Art. Grand Opening and presentation of the 2013 of the exhibit at the Hockaday Museum of Art artist experiences.

9/20: GO WILD. Flathead Valley Fair Grounds, Expo Building, 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act Celebration. A day full of wilderness activities and FUN! Stay tuned for more details.

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MARCH 20 > WHITEFISH
MARCH 21 > GREAT FALLS
MARCH 22 > HELENA

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HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU, KEAGAN

After four years of service Keagan Zoellner is leaving BMWF to raise her little family in Big Prairie. We are all jealous of course and wish her the best of luck in her lifelong adventure. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors Keagan was presented a framed print of the 1899 Lewis and Clark Map of the country that is now within the Bob Marshall Wilderness in thanks for her years of service.



FEATURED VOLUNTEER: CHRIS EYER...continued from front page.



crucial to the future of The Bob. They allow people to get out there and connect with The Bob and in turn connect with something ineffable in themselves. People want to preserve what they connect with.

- **Do you have any favorite spots in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex?** Yes, but they're off trail and a secret...
- **When you're not working with BMWF, what do you do for work or fun?** Fly fishing, snowboarding, shoeing horses and mules, running my electrical contracting business. In descending order of preference.
- **What's your favorite backcountry meal?** Mojito lime chicken pasta with basil pesto and a Coldsmoke beer.
- **What piece of camping gear is essential for you in the woods?** All-in-one shoeing tool.
- **Want to keep up with Chris and his mules?** Be sure to follow him on Instagram. His user name? *Muledrager*. Of course.



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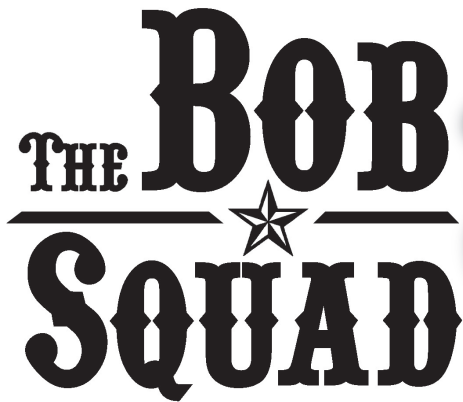
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- ▶ With my gift of \$119.64 (1964 Club) or more please send me 50/50 Anniversary Tee. Color? __ Espresso or __ Storm Blue
Men's (circle one): Sm Med Lrg XL XXL OR Women's (circle one): Sm Med Lrg XL XXL

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