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MISSION STATEMENT

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation connects Americans with their wilderness heritage by providing access to and stewardship of one of the world’s most spectacular places – Montana’s Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, the crown jewel of the Wilderness System. We help hundreds of hard-working volunteers, including youth, develop a land ethic and give back to the wilderness by sponsoring trails, restoring heavily used areas, maintaining historic structures and fighting weeds. Active wilderness stewardship is our mission.

GET INVOLVED

Are you interested in doing more? Join a board committee, help with fundraising events, stuff envelopes, camp cool! There is something for everyone.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we look back on a year of celebration and forward to the next 50 years of Wilderness, BMWF is profoundly grateful for the volunteers and donors who contributed to wilderness stewardship in 2014. As you read through this newsletter and the annual report you will see the impact that a dedicated group of wilderness lovers has on the resource. With Forest Service budgets declining these contributions are more critical than ever. Thank you.

In 2014, 285 hardy individuals volunteered on 41 projects that cleared and maintained 160 miles of trail, put a trampling on 99 acres of noxious weeds, and helped complete a two year study on the health and regeneration of Whitebark pine in the Bob Complex.

2014 was also a year of celebrations! BMWF commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act with a speaker series titled “50 years of Wilderness: What will the next 50 years look like?” BMWF also partnered to celebrate the 50th in Choteau, Kalispell, Lincoln, Seeley Lake, and at Benchmark Trailhead. The biggest celebration of all, Go Wild, was a cross generational celebration that brought 100’s of wilderness enthusiasts together in the Flathead Valley.

The excitement that these celebrations generated will be poured into BMWF’s 19th stewardship season. We look forward to the return of volunteer partner groups like the Girl and Boy Scouts, Salish Kootenai College Upward Bound and individual volunteers who share a passion for wilderness recreation.

The 50th anniversary has also renewed interest in the man whose early efforts lead to the federal protection of Wilderness - Bob Marshall. Bob was an early advocate for protecting roadless areas, organizer and benefactor of the Wilderness Society, and legendary hiker, sometimes covering 30 to 50 miles of trail in a day. In 1928, he spent 8 days hiking 288 miles on trails in the wilderness area that now bears his name. Several hikers have tried to retrace Bob’s footsteps but segments of trail have disappeared or become impassible. During the 2015 field season BMWF will coordinate projects that will restore these trails.

Look for “Walking in the Footsteps of Bob Marshall” trips on the summer 2015 project schedule to be published in March.

The BMWF is also proud to have been accepted as a member of the 21st Century Conservation Corps and will launch the Wilderness Conservation Corps (WCC) as part of this youth initiative. The WCC is an internship experience that engages youth ages 16 to 25 in outdoor work experiences that teach job skills leading to natural resource careers.

Block out a week on your calendar NOW so you can join a unique volunteer vacation in The Bob this summer. See you on the trail!
For thousands of generous donors last year the BMWF endowment fund saw stupendous growth in 2014! The endowments’ distribution will be put to work this year by partially sponsoring a Wilderness Steward Intern from Whitefish High School. The intent will be to have the opportunity as a part of the Wilderness Conservation Corps, BMWF’s career building internship program for youth (for more details see WCC below).

As the BMWF endowment grows, contributions to stewardship projects and youth internships will also expand. By donating to the BMWF Endowment Fund you give a gift that keeps on giving. Your tax deductible donation is eligible for a matching grant on the Montana Endowment tax credit (40% in 2015). To learn more about this opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the long-term sustainability of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, please contact Linda Engh-Grady at (406) 863-2015. To learn more about this opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the long-term sustainability of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, please contact Linda Engh-Grady at (406) 863-2015. To learn more about this opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the long-term sustainability of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, please contact Linda Engh-Grady at (406) 863-2015. To learn more about this opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the long-term sustainability of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, please contact Linda Engh-Grady at (406) 863-2015. To learn more about this opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the long-term sustainability of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, please contact Linda Engh-Grady at (406) 863-2015. To learn more about this opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the long-term sustainability of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, please contact Linda Engh-Grady at (406) 863-2015. To learn more about this opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the long-term sustainability of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, please contact Linda Engh-Grady at (406) 863-2015. To learn more about this opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the long-term sustainability of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, please contact Linda Engh-Grady at (406) 863-2015.