

**2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- **40** wilderness stewardship projects completed.
- **3,586** Trees cut out of trails.
- **1,489** yards of trail tread improved (that’s 15 football fields!).
- **1,539** volunteer work days logged.
- **100’s** of acres of noxious weeds treated or hand-pulled.
- **176** miles of trail maintained.

**A Total Wilderness Stewardship Value of:**

$318,620!

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**Featured Volunteer: FISCHER GANGEMI**

Fischer Gangemi is not only BMWF’s featured volunteer for 2012. He was our first ever weeds intern and only intern in 2012. The “weeds” internship is designed to give students interested in natural resource management, experience and skills that they can use in a future career. Noxious weeds displace native plants, rob local wildlife of food, and degrade land and stream habitats. Their spread is one of the most critical environmental concerns in Montana.

**How many trips have you done with the BMWF? Where did you work?**

Two years ago I volunteered on a week long trail crew adventure on Chipmunk Peak. This experience really made me want to get into the Bob more and help make wonderful wilderness experiences for other people. More recently I have attended two trips with BMWF out of the Scapegoat Wilderness area, up the North Fork of the Blackfoot River. I also plan on attending at least two more trips this summer with the foundation.

**Tell me about a favorite experience or moment from your internship with BMWF.**

Some great experiences have really stood out. On my last trip I found a big flat rock in the middle of the North Fork of the Blackfoot River. Hopping my way out to it I felt an extreme spiritual attachment to that part of the wilderness. I ended up spending over two hours out on that rock thinking, meditating, and doing some yoga.

**Why did you choose to do a summer internship in the wilderness?**

I chose to give my summer to the Wilderness because that is where I feel at home. The backcountry is my happy place as it has been since a very young age. I have used the wonderful opportunity of having a wilderness in my backyard for years. So I decided I should be a part of the restoration of this amazing recreational resource to allow everyone to enjoy it as I do for many years to come. I really enjoy how this year I have flipped the ratio of home in the front country and vacation in the Backcountry to home in the Backcountry and vacation in the Front.

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The Pulaski is the quintessential tool of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation and trail workers across the western United States. An axe on one end and a trenching tool on the other. Have you ever wondered how it got its name? A Revolutionary War hero? A town in upstate New York? Nope. The tool is named after Edward Pulaski, a forest service ranger who led a crew. His possible lineage as great-grandnephew of Revolutionary War hero Kazimierz Pulaski may be a foreshadowing of his greatness but the story behind his heroic career was self-made. Edward Pulaski started his career with the forest service in the Coeur d’Alene National Forest, Idaho and directed hundreds of fire fighters during the “Big Blowup” of 1910. The fire escalated suddenly as a result of winds called a Palouser that are recreated by the differences in temperature, moisture, and barometric pressure between the desert plateau and forest. Ed was leading a crew of 45 men to the safety in the town of Wallace, Idaho. As they made their way out of the forest, fire started to jump across the tops of trees; the men feared for their lives. Ed realized they would never make it to town and redirected the group to an old mine shaft. His cunning of direction outweighed his fear and the disorientation of a fiery landscape. The night in the tunnel was brutal, and five of the crew did not survive the heat and low oxygen levels, even after Pulaski ordered everybody to hug the floor. The men were badly burned, and Pulaski himself suffered burns to his legs and arms and lost sight in one eye. Despite his pain he made sure that all the men were cared for and the deceased received a decent burial. He worked tirelessly to secure funds to erect a memorial and establish a cemetery for the firefighters who were killed.

Perhaps as a result of this fiery episode Ed invented the tool that has become indispensable to forest fire fighters and trail workers. By welding the head of a mattocks (grubbing hoe) onto an axe head, Ed invented the tool that now bears his name. Genius! By 1920 the Forest Service was issuing Pulaskis to thousands of fire fighters. Ed inquired about patenting his idea but he never did. He never made a dime off his invention. You can see the original pulaski in a glass case at the Wallace District Mining Museum in Idaho. The weld line where the mattock head was attached to the axe is clearly visible. The initials “EP” are stamped into the side, signifying Big Ed’s authorship.
2012 was a year of positive change and growth for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation. We continued to produce a quality program by putting boots on the ground to improve trails and reverse user impacts in the Bob Marshall Wilderness complex.

With the strong support of our volunteers and donors we’ve grown steadily since 1997. BMWF plays a critical role in ensuring that trails and wild lands are maintained in The Bob Marshall Wilderness and it is important for that work to continue. In 2013 BMWF will take steps to ensure the Foundation’s perpetuity. The current economic landscape continues to create challenges for all and at the Foundation we are working hard to replace dwindling Federal funding.

We continue to rely on strong support from donors like you who value the serenity of wilderness and understand the important role wilderness plays in our lives.

BMWF continues to broaden its wilderness stewardship by growing its noxious weed eradication programs and by adding Whitebark pine monitoring to its stewardship trip offerings. We added depth to our annual Voices of the Wilderness event by including a well-attended talk on Gobi Grizzlies by Doug Chadwick. Community members can also look forward to increased programming such as the Wilderness Speaker Series which will kick off in February 2013.

Carol Treadwell
Executive Director

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**BMWF Revenue 2012**
Donations: $40,697
Fundraiser Income: $62,829
Grants and Awards: $120,616
Merchandise Sales: $10,437
Investment Income: $675

**BMWF Expenses 2012**
Program: $116,664 (60%)
General Operations: $47,217 (24%)
Fundraising: $33,294 (16%)

**BMWF Balance Sheet**
Assets:
- Investment Fund: $27,791
- Checking: $10,165
- Savings: $119,396
- Grants Receivable: $118,528

Liabilities:
- Credit Cards: $499.57
- Grant Liabilities: $118,528

Total Liabilities and Equity:
$275,882.49

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

Through a partnership with the BMWF, Flathead National Forest, Swan Ecosystem Center and the Hockaday Museum of Art, we are proud to present the Artist-Wilderness-Connection program again in 2013. The experience focuses on the Bob Marshall and Great Bear Wilderness Areas, with opportunities for artists to reside in cabins within or near designated Wilderness. The program will host 3 artists (group applications are accepted) in cabins on the Flathead National Forest during August and September of 2013.

Visit the Hockaday Museum of Art website (www.hockadaymuseum.org) to download an application and learn more. Please contact Carol Treadwell of the BMWF at 406.387.3847 for additional information. Applications will be accepted through February 28th for 2013 residencies.

**Artist Wilderness Connection participants:**
2012 Jill Beauchesne Alban, Kim Kapalka, Mandy Mohler, Betreuena Jaeger, Joshua Harvey
2011 Andrea Brew, Salena Beckwith, Lauren Grabelle
2010 Beth Hodder, Sandra Marker, Cyndy Mullings, Lois Sturgis, Julie Wulf
2009 Rob Akey, James Clayborn, Bobby Tilton
2008 Larry Blackwood, Scott Friskics, Jennifer Smith
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WILDERNESS SPEAKER SERIES

What: The “Wilderness Speaker Series”, sponsored by the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, is a series of presentations by local authors and recreationists. The topics revolve around wilderness stewardship, conservation, and recreation in and around the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.

Where/When: Flathead Valley Community College, Arts & Technology Building (AT 144A/B). 6:30 – 8 PM on the following dates:

Speakers:

February 21, 2013 Kate Kendall
Title and topic TBA. Most likely to be something really interesting about bears in the wilderness!

March 14, 2013 Matt Holloway
THE WILD AND THE NOT-WILD: A DISCUSSION OF WILDERNESS IN TODAY’S MIND
By looking at contemporary cultural mythologies, language, science, texts, and more, we will examine the notion of wildness and how this translates, or often doesn’t, into the landscapes that we call wilderness. How do our ideas of wildness sculpt our relationships with the land? How do our ideas of wildness shape our very selves?

April 11, 2013 Charlie Logan
RECOLLECTIONS OF A ROCKY MOUNTAIN RANGER
Charlie will recount highlights of his 33-year adventure working as a National Park Ranger in Rocky Mountain and Glacier National Parks as a ranger of wild places and wild life.

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Questions? Contact Keagan Zoellner at trails@bmwf.org or 406.387.3822

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February 14th-- bring your date and show your love for the Bob
Great Northern Brewing Company, 2 Central Ave in downtown Whitefish

April 18th-- Volunteer Appreciation for the folks that like to get dirty. Beers, prizes and awards! Location to be determined....

May 28th--Chug for Charity with 50 cents from every pint going to support wilderness stewardship with the BMWF
Draught Works, 915 Toole Ave in Missoula
2013 Projects?

Waiting by the mailbox for the 2013 project listings? You’re not alone. We will be posting the 2013 projects soon and of course BMWF members get the first crack at sign ups. Be sure to get your membership up to date so you’ll be the first to know.

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www.bmwf.org > Support BMWF

FISCHER GANGEMI continued.....

► Do you have any favorite spots in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex?
The Bob is filled with my favorite spots I just haven’t found many of them yet, all the more reason to do more trips with the BMWF.

► When you’re not working with BMWF, what do you do for work or fun?
Well at the start of the summer I saw the opportunity to work as an intern for BMWF and decided that is something I needed to do with my life. However being broke and in need of a new backpack I started applying elsewhere. I ended up working at The Shak in Whitefish for 12 shifts. Around then I signed up got an interview and bought my pack. Other than that I am a cross country and track runner for Whitefish High School as well as a Nordic skier for North Shore Nordic. This means that most of the time I am not with BMWF I spend in training of some sort. For hobbies I mountain unicycle, whitewater Raft, alpine and backcountry ski, fly and spearfish, backpack, FOLF, play ultimate Frisbee, box, sea kayak, and sometimes I go to school.

► What’s your favorite backcountry meal?
I have really enjoyed nearly all of the backcountry concoctions that my crew leader and I have experimented with but I am an avid supporter of the classics, pancakes and trail pizza.

► What piece of camping gear is essential for you in the woods?
My fly rod is something I take on every trip no matter how close we will be to fishable waters because the worst feeling ever is when you go to bed without fly fishing in a fishable area.

We are currently looking for interns for the summer of 2013 visit us at www.bmwf.org to learn more or call Rebecca Powell, Program Director, at 406.387.3808.
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☐ $250 Double Bit Axe  ☐ $25 Hard Hat

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► With my gift of $100 or more please send me “The Bob” tee featuring Bob Marshall himself, olive green.

(Women’s tees fit very snugly; we recommend ordering one size up from your normal size.)

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