

SEE WHO'S STEERING THIS SHIP

The BMWF welcomes Carol Treadwell

The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation (BMWF) is pleased to announce Carol Treadwell as its new Executive Director. Former Executive Director Keagan Zoellner will become the new BMWF Director of Development. Treadwell comes to the organization with four years of not-for-profit leadership experience. She also spent ten years as faculty at Middlebury College, Green Mountain College, and the State University of New York.

Treadwell says "I look forward to being a steward of The Bob. I enjoy working with volunteers, and forging partnerships with agencies and other NGO's."

Upon reaching Montana, Treadwell looked for conservation organizations to support and purchased the Bob Marshall Wilderness license plate. Nine months later she started at the BMWF as Executive Director. One month on the job and she's already learned more acronyms than there are fleas on a dog. According to Carol, "I've also learned that in Montana invasive species are called "noxious weeds" and they do their darndest to keep them out of the forests and rivers."

"Call it karma, foreshadowing,



Carol enjoys hitting the trail with her husband John and her dog, Katja.

whatever you want, the transition from East to West has certainly been blessed with good fortune and I feel like I've landed feet first and running forward" says Treadwell.

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Brandi and her blistered toes in the Scapegoat Wilderness

FEATURED VOLUNTEER: BRANDI HOERSTEN

Brandi hails from Cleveland, Georgia where she's a mother of two and works with special needs kids. She came to The Bob to unwind and give back; she left with memories to last a lifetime.

- ▶ **What interested you in coming out to participate in a BMWF trip?** I found a listing of volunteer vacations on the internet and saw the BMWF trips featured. There were many choices but I signed up for the Bob trip because I enjoy being in the woods, camping and hiking. I felt this would be a way to do what I love while giving back. Funding to parks and wilderness is low so I wanted to help out where it would make a difference.
- ▶ **What is your favorite BMWF memory or moment?** My favorite task was cutting big logs with a crosscut saw. After cutting monster logs we pushed them downhill by lying on our backs and pushing with our legs; that was cool. I had strength that I did not realize I had.
- ▶ **What's your inspiration for coming out and giving back to the Bob?** To be able to be part of such a great and much needed organization is an honor. The wilderness needs to be cared for. When I signed up for the trip it was my desire to help with whatever work needed to be done. On a personal level I needed to do some soul searching and to achieve some sort of clarity. I have never had such a profound

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MEET THE BOB CREW IN OUR 1.5 MILLION ACRE OFFICE!

The success of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation depends upon the strength of its volunteers and the generosity of its donors. The office crew coordinates 40 to 50 high quality trips each year, but the Crew Leaders are where the boots meet the trail. This responsibility comes with a 1.5 million acre office, days spent in the sun, and peaceful nights spent under the stars miles from the nearest road. When asked to describe the job, BMWF weeds crew leader Marchand Logan said "It's a rarity to be able to call the woods your office and for some people not only is such an idea a dream, but more like an unbelievable concept." The job of crew leader starts in May when 4 to 5 young people with strong backs arrive for training. Crew leaders receive extensive training in leadership, tool and trail work, leave no trace, and safety. Then its off to The Bob with groups of volunteers where they serve as safety coordinator, trail trainer, and Cook!



Meet the Bob Crew! Front row: Rebecca Powell (Program Director), Sue Johnson (Program Coordinator), Marchand Logan (Weeds guru), Keagan Zoellner (Development Director), Addy Wygmans (East Crew Leader), back: Grant Herron (West Crew Leader), Jessup Wyman (Roving Crew Leader), Doog White (Cowboy Poet).

Please help us remember these great Bob Marshall Wilderness trails folks we've lost

Lyall Stott • Mark Slovich • Kevin "K-Von" VonLossberg

SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US for the
6th ANNUAL VOICES OF THE WILDERNESS
Friday NOVEMBER 9TH 2012, 7pm
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Guest Speaker: Doug Chadwick
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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 opening trails, restoring heavily used areas, maintaining historic structures and fighting weeds. Active wilderness stewardship is our mission.



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BMWFW VOLUNTEER CREW HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE



Hodag Ridge Trail, BEFORE

•BMWFW crews turned muddy trails to dry tread by building 20 water bars and check dams on Blacktail Trail #223 and Deep Creek #128.

•The Landers Fork trail #438 was erased by blow down in the 2003 Snowtalon fire but volunteers cut 321 trees to bring it back. This hard working crew was fueled by food prepared by a personal chef thanks to a volunteer packer who cooked for the week--*no hot dogs for those hard working folks!*

•Trails on Hodag Ridge were reborn when BMWFW crews cut 539 trees in three days.

Blazing cross cut saws Batman!



Hodag Ridge Trail, AFTER

JULY

Sierra Club family groups volunteered with the BMWFW working out of the West Fork of the Teton trailhead on the Rocky Mountain Front. These kids and their folks opened 2.75 miles of trail, cut 56 trees, cleaned 2 drainages, and retreaded 250 yards of trail.



Sierra Club volunteers sawing out the trail.

The BMWFW Weeds Crew Leader is joined this year by a fabulous young intern named Ficsher Gangami. The noxious weeds of the Bob will never know what hit them! Marchand and Ficsher have been “knocking back” weeds by the acre!



Weeds Crew Leader, Marchand Logan, with fistfulls of houndstongue.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER: BRANDI HOERSTEN CONTINUED....

experience in all of my life. I gave my time for a great cause and left the Bob Marshall stronger -- mentally, physically, and emotionally.

► What ‘Bob’ wisdom did you learn while on the trail?

I learned to look for the “tension spot” before beginning a cut because a wedge may not always help... You can’t afford to break a blade while you’re in the middle of the woods because there is no replacement.

► Do you have any advice for people considering doing a BMWFW trip for the first time?

Bring good socks...if you think your socks are good enough... check again. Take mole skin, just in case. I would not trade the blister scar on my toe for anything though. It’s all about the experience!

► What do you do when you’re not busy volunteering with the BMWFW?

I have two children, an 11 year old son and 9 year old daughter that keep me busy. I also work full time with special needs kids.

► Any advice for folks who hope to inspire young people to develop a love for Wilderness?

It takes volunteers to be stewards of wilderness. These areas do not have the funding to pay to have all of the trail and other maintenance work done. Wilderness soothes the soul and helps people regenerate; it’s important to keep it protected and maintained, not only for wildlife but for the peace it bring to us as humans.

Visit www.bmwfw.org to learn more about BMWFW volunteer projects and sign up to do your part and give back to The Bob today...you might just have the experience of a lifetime like Brandi!

These Projects Still Have Space!

AUGUST PROJECTS

Weeds #7 Canyon Lake: Friday August 10th to Friday August 17th

Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 8 miles
Elevation: 1000'
Availability: 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 3rd



This is a trip for hikers who have an eye for native plants and want to see noxious weeds eradicated. You will backpack in and camp on beautiful Canyon Lake in the Lolo National Forest. Tune up your GPS skills, because the following three days will be filled with high elevation hiking, tracking down and mapping noxious weeds, and inventory of campsites. BMWF will provide tools, food, and group gear. You will be asked to provide your own camping gear and assist in camp chores. Sturdy boots, long pants and work gloves are required. Once you register you will receive more detailed project information including a suggested packing list and driving directions.

BMWF # 10 - Pivot Mtn. Wednesday August 18th to Wednesday August 25th

Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 14.5 miles
Elevation: +1500'
Availability: 5 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 1st.



The hike to the Pentagon Cabin starts at the Beaver Creek Trailhead and follows the scenic Spotted Bear River, gradually gaining elevation with several openings allowing views. The project work will focus on the Pivot Mountain Trail on its way to Elk Ridge which is in need of some serious tread work. We'll progress a little farther each day with short but steep hikes to the work site. Opportunities for day off exploration include hikes to Bungalow or Pentagon Mountains offering vantages into the heart of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The crew will have access to Pentagon Cabin for cooking, but will tent under the stars.



Weeds #8 - North Fork Cabin Sunday, August 22nd to Friday, August 27th

Difficulty: Moderate
Distance: 7 miles (to camp)
Elevation: 600'
Availability: 4 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 1st



For this project we'll be revisiting an infestation of Yellow Toadflax that we worked on last season, help us restore native species and rid the North Fork of invasives! The work will be focused on eradicating weeds around the North Fork Cabin on the North Fork of the Blackfoot River. As a certified herbicide applicator, the BMWF crew leader will train each volunteer on plant identification and herbicide application to help us meet our goals. Volunteers on this project will be asked to handle herbicides under direct supervision as well as hand pulling invasive species. During down time, the North Fork waterfalls are not to be missed just a mile up the trail and the North Fork affords great fishing opportunities.

BMWF #12 - Shaw Cabin Turnpike Sunday, August 29th - Sunday September 5

Difficulty: Strenuous
Hike: 15 miles (one way)
Elevation: 3,680'
Availability: 5 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 8th



Always wanted to re-build a turnpike? Don't know what a turnpike is? Well here is a good time to learn! The hike into this project begins at Holland Lake and passes over the swan crest via Gordon Pass. The pass itself has outstanding scenic views into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and high alpine Cirques. Once over the pass you will head to the Shaw cabin where you will be based. The crew will be rebuilding and updating an existing turnpike (turnpikes elevate a trail above wet ground using native gravel and wood).

BMWF #14 - Our Lake/Headquarters Pass Tuesday, August 31st - Thursday, September 2

Difficulty: Moderate
Hike: 4 miles
Elevation: 2,200'
Availability: 6 spaces open
Sign Up Deadline: August 10th



This is the perfect 2-day trip in the late summer season! Our Lake is a short, but uphill trail that winds through beautiful green forest, scree fields and ends in a spectacular overlook of The Front and a pristine alpine lake. Headquarters Pass is a main gateway to the Bob Marshall Wilderness and looms beneath the highest peak in the area (Rocky Mountain, 9392'). The crew will clear any blow down left behind by the blustery winter and clear drainage features to keep water off the trail to minimize erosion. If you haven't been up these trails before - join us. The views are worth the uphill slog! This is a **car-camping** trip with a primitive campsite near the trailhead.



Don't Delay! Sign Up Now!

SEPTEMBER PROJECTS

Weeds #9 - Monture Guard Station Saturday September 1

to Wednesday September 5

Difficulty: Easy

Hike: 1 to 6 miles a day

Elevation: Up to 250'

Availability: 4 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: August 18th



Help us help wilderness! This is a 4 day project in the proposed wilderness of Monture Creek, a major access to the Southern Swan Range of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. We'll take on weeds on the trails from the Monture Trailhead and spend a few nights at the Historic Monture Guard Station. Built in the 1920s and in use by Forest Service personnel since, Monture was recently renovated and added to the Forest Service cabin rental program for winter use.



BMWF #17 - Limestone Peak

Sunday September 9th to

Saturday Sept 15th

Difficulty: Moderate

Hike: 8.5 miles

Elevation: 1400'

Availability: 8 spaces open

Sign Up Deadline: August 27th



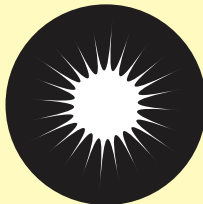
Join us for the last trip of the season! We will meet at 5pm the night of Sunday, Sept 9th at the Spotted Bear Ranger station where we will spend the night. The next day we will hike into our backcountry camp and prepare for a few days of hard work. We will be camping and working below the beautiful Limestone cliff area. Most of the work will be using Pulaskis and shovels to retread the trail to Limestone peak. There will be a day off to relax by the creek or hike to the summit of Limestone.

Quick Guide to Projects

Easy: Light trail maintenance or restoration work. No other experience other than hiking required. May include hiking 1-5 miles with a daypack (3 liters of water, lunch, extra layers and a tool). Most day trips are an "Easy-Moderate" classification.

Moderate: Day to overnight trips where hiking distances are further and project work is moderately physical for consecutive days. Some experience with longer day hiking (5-10 miles) is required as well as backpacking on overnight trips.

Difficult - Strenuous: Longer backpacking trips with travel over rough terrain and possible significant elevation gain. Experience with backpacking and backcountry use necessary. Volunteers should be physically fit to perform more strenuous trail maintenance for an extended period and for consecutive days. Hiking to and from camp may be 8-18 miles in length with full packs (40-50 lbs).



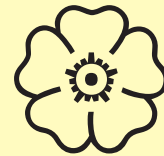
DAY TRIPS



CAR CAMPING



BACKPACKING



WEED Rx

**Overnight projects require a \$50 refundable deposit to secure your space on the project. Please read our cancellation policy online.*

Frequently Asked Questions

I've never done trail work before and I'm in average shape. Can I still help? • What should I bring? What is provided? • Can I bring my dog? Is there a group leader? • Can my kids come along? • Will I have time off to explore the backcountry? • Is it safe to handle herbicides? How do we store our food in bear country? • How do I get to the trailhead? • More questions? That's OK.

Check out our Frequently Asked Questions online at www.bmwf.org > Volunteer or call us 406.387.3808.

A NEW WAY TO GIVE BACK TO THE BOB



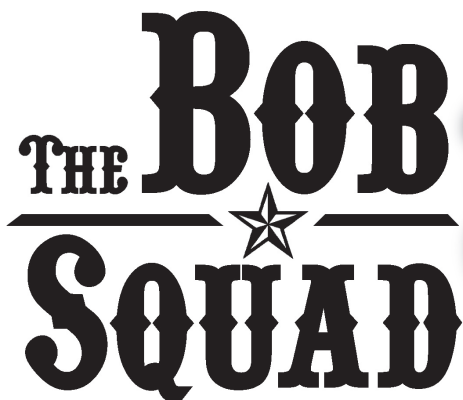
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