



BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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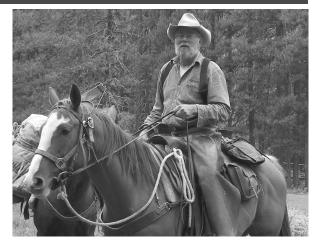
# The Presidents Corner

### Take the Challenge!

As we begin 2011, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation marks its **15th year** providing volunteer service to the Bob Marshall, Great Bear and Scapegoat Wildernesses. We have come a long way in those fifteen years. We have grown from a small operation with

"All of these volunteers have given of themselves to insure The Bob will be there for future generations to enjoy."

a part time coordinator funded by the Forest Service to a fully functional organization with two full time staff and four seasonal crew leaders. Along the way we have become a nationwide model for volwilderness unteer programs. As I look back, we have achieved



some remarkable results. We have hosted **551 volunteer projects** involving over **5,000** individuals. Foundation crews have worked with the Forest Service to maintain almost **4,300 miles of trail**. That would cover a distance from Big Prairie to New York City and back again. Our partnership with the Forest Service has stretched limited tax dollars with work valued at over five million dollars. The Foundation's work has improved wilderness access so visitors can enjoy the wild lands (more on page 7)

# Featured Volunteer Partner: Schreiner University

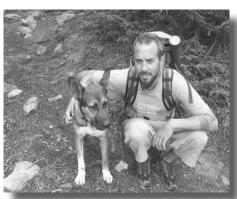
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▶ The 2011 season will mark the sixth consecutive year that students from Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas have joined with the BMWF to tackle a trail project in the Bob. In 2006 a group of ten students and faculty travelled to the Birch Creek country on the Rocky Mountain Ranger District to install drainage structures on the Tubby Creek Trail. That first trip was a tremendous success and the partnership has grown stronger with each passing year. The original project resulted from the encouragement of Rich Lyon, a long time BMWF volunteer and friend of the university. Then Program Director



SU group working on Monture Creek (2009)

# HAPPY TO BE BACK IN THE BOB!



About a month before I started this job, I went looking through the photos that had I collected during my three seasons as a BMWF crew leader. Some of them I took and others were taken by project volunteers, but our different perspectives had a lot in common. There were pictures of breathtaking peaks, fields of wildflowers, and bear tracks in the mud.

More than anything what stood out to me were the pictures of volunteers with pulaskis or crosscut saws in hand, hard hats perched, usually pretty dirty. In face after face, from trip after trip, there were a couple of kinds of expressions-either everyone is smiling like they just won free ice cream for life or they're looking proud and rugged next to their finished work.

In many ways, BMWF projects offer up a kind of rice and beans wilderness experience for outdoor enthusiasts, or maybe meat and potatoes. Either way, our projects provide participants with a host of fortifying ingredients. Even the American Hiking Society

has themed this National Trails Day (June 4th) "Made with all natural ingredients". Perhaps you're a wild-flower or wildlife enthusiast; you enjoy working with your hands; maybe you want to meet some new friends who share your interests; or you can't get enough backcountry pancakes. BMWF trips have all of that with opportunities for the greenest green-horn and the saltiest old salt.

One of the coolest things about serving as a BMWF crew leader was saying hello to a group of strangers on Saturday and goodbye to a bunch of friends a week later. Many of us come to The Bob drawn by the idea of a rare place--rare for its vastness, its wild landscape, and wild inhabitants. But nearly everyone I know who's visited The Bob, whether for a single BMWF project or a lifetime of work, cites the people they meet as the most outstanding feature. And that's what's really exciting in returning to the BMWF--the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to make a bunch of new ones.

As Fred describes in the President's Corner, BMWF volunteers have put up some pretty im-

pressive numbers in service to fellow wilderness travelers and resource managers. So many people, from so many places, have contributed over the past fifteen years to the Foundation becoming an established and effective agent within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. I am grateful for the opportunity to follow on the heels of people like Carla, Paul, Shannon, and Keagan, not to mention those who are serving or have served on our Board of Directors, or our partners on each of the forests in The Bob.

Whether you're a veteran of many BMWF projects, or contemplating your first go with us, we look forward to seeing you out there this summer. We're putting together some really exciting projects for 2011, which will be listed in our March Newsletter, so when the hunger for some good work with some good folks gets to gnawing at you, pick a project (or six) and come spend some time with us.

# Nick Cheney

Nick Cheney, Program Director



# **VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2010**

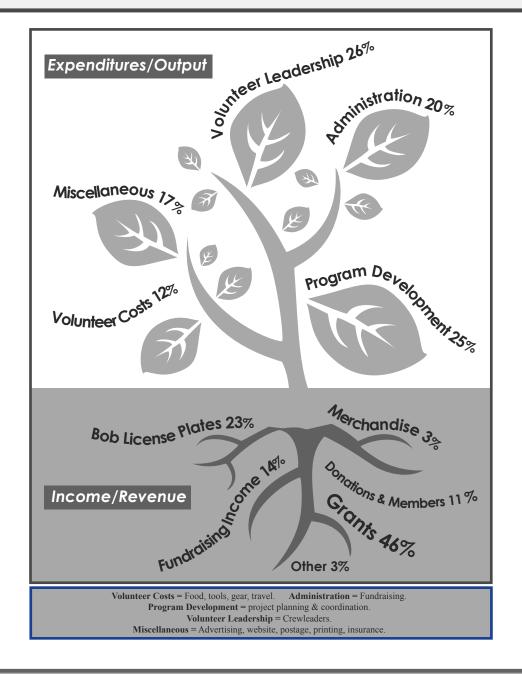
47 projects
394 volunteers
1,836 volunteer work days
199 water bars maintained
57 miles of trail brushed
4,774 yards of tread work
1,573 trees cleared

66 acres of weeds treated 150 feet of puncheon replaced 24 campsites rehabbed 597 icy backcountry baths taken 126 Pulaski's sharpened 0 dinged cross cut saws 394 new friends made

\$329,868

Value of volunteer sweat, time & smiles!

# Financial Overview 2010



# Do you have a group of friends or family, fishing buddies, or out-of 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!



Boy Scout Troop #1941 from Columbia Falls on Harrison Creek in 2010

For more information visit us at www.bmwf.org or give us a call at 406.387.3808.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- We ended the 2010 project season with 47 volunteer projects completed and 394 volunteers participating, equaling a value of work donated at \$329,868.
- •The BMWF spent \$179,591 on volunteer project expenses, volunteer leadership, project planministration in 2010, which when compared to our value of accomplishments is quite the return on
- •Our spring fundraiser event, Telluride Mountainfilm, grossed over \$18,500 in its four nights of films making for a 22% increase from the previous year.
- •We took in \$8,600 with our Voices of the Wilderness fundraiser in October, a 17% increase from 2009.
- •We continue to have strong funding support with our Bob Marshall Wilderness plate sales and growth in our Bob Squad membership numbers, successfully making our goals with your continued support.

**Cadeau Foundation** Franchini Family Foundation **Recreational Trails Program Flathead County Resource Advisory Council** 

Montana Wilderness Association - Island Range Chapter & State Office Flathead Elec. Co-op Roundup for Safety

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### **GOLDEN PULASKI MEMBER**

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Schreiner University

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John MacKinnon

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# 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 Forest, Swan Ecosystem Center and the Hockaday Museum of Art to present the Artist\*Wilderness\*Connection artist-inresidence program again in 2011.

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. The 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 now through February 28th, 2011 Montana artists are invited to apply for the Artist\*Wilderness\*Connection program. The program will host three artists in cabins on the Flathead National Forest during the months of August and September.

To download an application, visit the Hockaday Museum of Art web site at www.hockadaymuseum.org. For more information, please contact Keagan Zoellner with the BMWF at 406-387-3847 or Teresa Wenum with the Flathead National Forest at 406758-5218.



Help us out in 2011!

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

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Becky Lomax
Rocky Mountain Transportation River Design Group First Interstate Bank Ed Lieser LLC Indian Uprising Gallery St. Joseph's Medical Center Chaco

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS MOUNTAINFILM **FESTIVAL ON TOUR** An independent documentary film festival. A place to learn, be inspired and celebrate indomitable spirit. Come and check it out! A FUNDRAISER FOR THE BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS FOUNDATION CALL 406.387.3808 FOR MORE INFORMATION • WWW.BMWF.ORG SATURDAY, APRIL 16th **GREAT FALLS, MT** LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE SUNDAY, APRIL 17th **BOZEMAN, MT** WE ARE LOOKING FOR EMERSON CENTER FOR THE **EVENT SPONSORS ARTS & CULTURE** IF YOUR BUSINESS IS INTERESTED please call KEAGAN ZOELLNER **MONDAY, APRIL 18th** at 406.387.3847. HELENA, MT MYRNA LOY CENTER TUESDAY APRIL. 19th WHITEFISH. MT O'SHAUGHNESSY CENTER

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Coming in March!
Great Northern Brewing Whitefish, MT
Show your support for The Bob
and enjoy a few brews..





Proceeds from pints to benefit the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation and support trailwork and weeds projects in the wilderness.

# **BIG THANKS**

### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION & MEMBER MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>TH ·</sup> 6:30PM
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Please contact BMWF with questions at 387.3808 or email program@bmwf.org.

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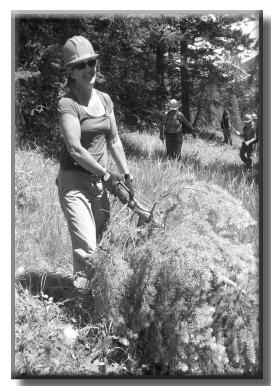
Paul Travis joined with SU Project Leader Micah Wrase to develop the agreement that has resulted in such sustained success. The BMWF trip is organized by the University's Mountaineer Adventure Program (M.A.P.), which "offers an opportunity for students to reach outside the box and embark on the volunteer adventure trip of a lifetime." Students must apply for the limited spaces available each summer and the popularity of the trip has been quite strong, with more applicants than opportunities. For those who have participated, the projects have been a good place to hone team-building skills and develop leadership actively through service. Schreiner groups have worked on several of the districts in the Wilderness Complex, sampling a variety of terrain and trail projects.

Most projects have been a week long with a day off in the middle for exploration and relaxation. Emphasis has been placed on giving group members a chance to work on outdoor skills such as fly fishing that may result in a lifetime of personal fulfillment and an enhanced sense of stewardship.

We at the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation would like to thank Schreiner University for five great summers so far while looking forward to many more. This is just one example of how we all can benefit from working together in The Bob and we encourage other groups out there to contact us to develop similar partnerships. Happy Trails!

### THE PRESIDENTS CORNER CONTINUED...

that belong to all of us. In doing so, we have helped preserve our western traditions of hiking, riding and hunting in the vast open spaces that make Montana so special. We have promoted wilderness stewardship by restoring damaged sites, eradicating noxious weeds and preserving historic facilities. Our work contributes to the local economy by improving backcountry opportunities for hospitality and outfitter businesses. We promote active wilderness stewardship. Over the years, Foundation volun-



teers have had a unique opportunity to see the amount hard physical work it takes to maintain the pristine conditions we all value in The Bob. Our partnerships with youth groups have given many young people their first exposure to wilderness and wilderness stewardship. As they work, they learn responsibility and the simple satisfaction of plain hard physical labor. All these volunteers have given of themselves to insure the "Bob" will be there for future generations to enjoy. It is this desire to enjoy and preserve our wild land heritage that unites us all in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation. The Board of Directors, general membership, partners, individual volunteers and Forest Service employees all want to give back to this special place that means so much to so many. We need your support and help to

continue our mission of fostering wilderness stewardship skills and education through volunteer opportunities.

There are many ways you can do your part in preserving The Bob for future generations. Sign up for a project in 2011. Volunteer to serve on one of our many foundation committees or perhaps on the Board of Directors. Contribute financially by becoming a member, through annual and planned giving, by attending and contributing to our fund raising events. Take the challenge! Be part of the legacy! I'll see you on the trail,

Fred Flint - BMWF Board President

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