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WILDERNESS FOUNDATION

Absaroka Beartooth Wilder News

"It is the mission of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Foundation to support stewardship of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness and to foster appreciation of wild lands."

PROJECTS

The ABWF has two field projects planned for the summer of 2011.

1) The invasive plant project will be conducted in six locations around the AB Wilderness. The first four locations listed below will involve day trips, the last two will require overnight stays.

East Rosebud Trailhead, Beartooth Ranger District—Saturday, July 9, 2011

Passage Creek, Yellowstone Ranger District—Saturday, July 30, 2011

Main Boulder River, Yellowstone Ranger District—Saturday, August 6, 2011

Basset Creek, Yellowstone Ranger District—Saturday, July 16, 2011

Trail Creek South, Beartooth Ranger District—August 12-15, 2011

Lake Abundance/Wolverine, Gallatin Ranger District—August 19, 2011

Please consider joining us and passing this request along to friends! We are still in need of volunteers for the invasive plant project! ABWF and the Forest Service will train and equip you for this very important work! Please see project details on the website.



2) The glacier monitoring project will contribute information to the science of climate change. In partnership with the Beartooth Ranger District of the Custer National Forest, Drs. Tom and Jennifer Lyman will lead a group of students in taking measurements of several glaciers. No additional volunteers are needed for this project. Watch for the project results on the website this fall.



Don Carroll, Traute Parrie, Diane and Kent Young (l to r)
at the Chico Spring Fling.

FUNDRAISING

Funds are being raised for Foundation operations, projects, and future staff. The Foundation has received several generous grants from the Forest Service for capacity building. The support by the Forest Service will soon taper off and the Foundation will need to stand on its own. Memberships, grants, donations, and fund raisers will ensure that the work of the organization continues.

The Foundation has held two very successful fund raisers in the past year. The Fall Fling, held in Red Lodge drew over 100 individuals who were treated to a slide show with music accompaniment. The Spring Fling, held at Chico Hot Springs featured renowned writer, Gary Ferguson, and the music of Michael Devine. Watch for your invitation to the next event to occur in the fall.

The Board of Directors of the ABWF is pleased to announce receipt of a \$7900 grant from the National Forest Foundation. The funds will be used for the invasive plants project—weed treatment, weed mapping and monitoring, and education about invasive plants. The Foundation has also submitted an application to the Cinnabar Foundation and remains hopeful of receiving funds to assist with the cost of the glacier monitoring project. In addition to these grants, the Foundation has received a generous donation of \$15,000 from the George L. Ohrstrom, Jr. Foundation.





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Memberships
Thank you so much for becoming a member of the ABWFI We are pleased to report our first \$1000 Granite Peak member. If it has been a year or more since you joined, please consider renewing your membership. You will find the membership categories and a form you can print out and mail on the website. We plan to have the capability for electronic payment set up through the website by this fall.

MEET YOUR Board Members!

- Lynda Moss, President (Billings)
- Larry Whitney, Vice President (Columbus)
- Bob Quam, Secretary/Treasurer (Billings)
- Steve Caldwell (Livingston)
- Jennifer Lyman (Billings)
- Kristen Prinzing (Billings)
- Barry Reiswig (Cody)
- Farwell Smith (Big Timber)
- Kent Young (Red Lodge)

