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Focus on the Whitefish Range: Summer 2012 ***The Whitefish Range Needs You!***

June 1, 2012

Dear [member_name_first]:

You and your family and friends have been hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, and playing in the Whitefish Range for years. Now is the time to roll up those sleeves and help keep the Whitefish Range the way it is. Look through the activities below. We think there is something you will find fun or rewarding.

Categories of fun include:

(More details in boxes below)

- **Trail Maintenance:** *Help keep trails in good shape to make your hiking easier and prevent erosion to keep our waters crystal clear. An hour spent now may prevent many hours of work down the road.*
- **Fish and Wildlife Observation and Data Collection:** *Biologists and managers need help to collect the information they need to best manage our fish and wildlife. Report what you see or catch and contribute to scientific information that may help conserve our native species for future generations.*
- **Water Quality Monitoring:** [Northwest Montana Lakes Volunteer Monitoring Network](#) trains "citizen scientists" to monitor 40 lakes in NW Montana by collecting baseline water quality data.
- **Weed Pulls:** *Controlling invasive plants protects native plants and wildflowers, biodiversity and wildlife habitat. Pulling knapweed is the control method of choice along the North Fork River corridor where herbicides are prohibited .*
- **Environmental Education:** *As kids spend more and more time in front of screens, getting*



and where. Send in your log once a year and receive a summary of the previous year's data. Enroll online [here](#), or submit your name, address and phone number to: Fisheries Bureau, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, or call (406) 444-2449. For more background and information about fishing logs, go to: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishing/guide/fishingLog/default.html>.

Fish Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologist Mark Deleray



Weed Control

Tuesday, July 24, 10 am: Third Annual Robin Cox Memorial Weed Roundup. A morning weed pull will start at the Sondreson Community Hall grounds, followed by lunch (provided), a weed ID session, and a presentation by the Flathead County Weed Department. Bring gloves, water bottle, snacks and a notepad. Contact [Valerie Cox](#) for more info or click [here](#) for current year updates. (Sponsored by the [North Fork Landowners' Association Weed Committee](#).)

Wednesday, August 15th, 10 am: Neighborhood Knapweed Pull. Meet at the Polebridge Mercantile to carpool. Contact [Valerie Cox](#) for more info or click [here](#) for current year updates. (Sponsored by the North Fork Landowners' Association Weed Committee.)



Thank you for your donation to help protect the Whitefish Range!



Environmental Education

Big Creek Outdoor Education Camp Support: The camp can use all sorts of help: working with the kids, maintaining the buildings and helping keep the place ship shape. [Email](#) Joyce Baltz or Lilly Beebe, or call 406-755-1211 for specifics.

Since you may be working with youngsters, they'll need some personal data from you for a background check. Schedules are flexible, but extra help is always needed on turnover days, from 9am- 1pm. The only qualification is that you have a love for the mission of outdoor education, our public lands and children. Click [here](#) more about the Glacier Institute.

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