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Banquet on the Border Draws 90 Transboundary Celebrants Indian Curries, Yak Burgers and Brats, and Huck Pies Served

August 29, 2012

Dear [member_name_first]:

We wish we could have invited everyone! But this banquet like any ecosystem with limits had logistical and financial ones.

The **Banquet on the Border** - last Monday, August 20 - celebrated the British Columbia government's 2011 official act of banning mining and energy development on their side of the watershed; the progress made to date to do the same in the U.S North Fork with Senate Bill 233 (the *North Fork Watershed protection Act* - still pending); and the other work that is moving forward to enhance protections for water and wildlife in the rest of the watershed, most notably:

- **Completing Waterton-Glacier Peace Park by adding the 'Missing Piece' in the BC Flathead, and**
- **Protecting the existing international wildlife corridor between Whitefish and Banff National Park.**

Headwaters Montana and [National Parks Conservation Association](#) organized the party for the south side of the

Banquet on the Border 2012
Some 90 people made the effort to drive long, dusty, gravel roads to meet on opposite sides of the border to break bread and celebrate success! The border crossing on the North Fork Flathead River is permanently closed, so we used the roadbed as a stage, set up tables, laid out table clothes, fired up bar-b-ques, poured refreshments and enjoyed visiting with neighbors. Dinner was served at 7 pm and 'speechifying' followed. Participants called for making the Banquet an annual event. (Photo: Jaimie Rojo at jaimie-rojo.com)



boundary. [Wildsight](#) did so for the north.

Who Showed Up?



Science Never Sleeps

*After a long day of collecting, entomologist Dr. Rob Bennett works late at his illuminated dissecting microscope classifying and sorting specimens. Ten scientists from both countries beat the bushes and the waters for the **Flathead Bioblitz** which could very likely lead to the discovery of new species of insects, spiders and other smaller creatures. (Photo: Jaimie Rojo at jaime-rojo.com)*



The Incomparable Dwyane Hart

*Dwayne paints en plein air landscape of the Transboundary Flathead River. He also conducted a **Flathead Artists Workshop** attended by seven local artists, all from southeast B.C. See more of Dwayne's art [here](#). (Photo: Jaimie Rojo at jaime-rojo.com)*



We Have More to Report from the Summer 2012 Field Season

Please help us press on to conserve the North Fork Flathead, Whitefish Range, and other local natural treasures.

Over the course of the bioblitz, banquet and related activities of almost a week and a half, Jaime shot over 34,000 images and many hours of video. His incredible energy and talent will result in a video documentary plus fantastic images of spiders, freshwater invertebrates, flowers, landscapes, sunsets, lightening storms, the stars revolving overhead, scientists perhaps discovering new species, the banquet and people enjoying Nature.

We are very excited to anticipate bringing to you the results of Jaime's hard work in the near future.

If you didn't make the banquet (most of you unfortunately) we will at least be able to bring to you the results of the summer collecting and discovery. Stay tuned and thank you for your support!

~ Great Things Continue to Happen in the Transboundary Flathead! ~

~ *Thank you!* ~

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