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Would You Sign a Post Card for This Man?

Neal Brown was point man for Headwaters Montana's summer outreach at Logan Pass.

Neal and a handful of hearty volunteers signed up over 3,000 new supporters for the "Connection, Protection, and Completion" of Waterton-Glacier Peace Park. Thanks, Neal, for doing such a great job!

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Headwaters Montana Meets Summer Goal at Logan Pass Over 3000 New Supporters of Completing Waterton-Glacier Peace Park

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Dear [member_name_first]:

What's it like to stick your neck out and ask total strangers for their support of your conservation goals, in this case, *protecting, connecting and completing Waterton-Glacier Peace Park?*

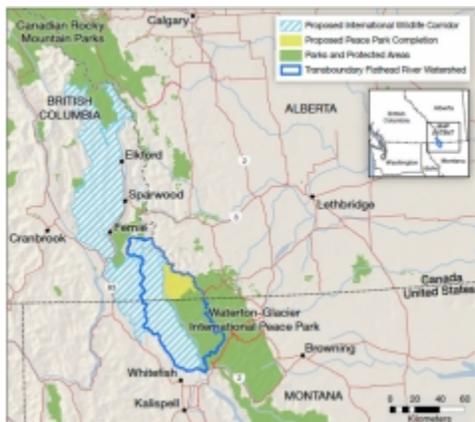
Headwaters Montana has plenty of experience doing this work. We've tabled at Logan Pass for the past three summers. Over those summer days fending off the sun, wind, and sometimes snow, we've signed up about 8,000 new supporter expanding Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada into the B.C. Flathead River Valley.

We thought you might like get a first-hand account of the day-in-the-life-of a *Headwaters* "Tablehead".

Here's **Neal Brown's** brief account of his summer sojourn at Logan Pass asking for the support of strangers.

Neal's Diary

It's a long way to Logan Pass from my home in Bigfork.



Here's the Map

Many of you know this map from past e-newsletters. Neal found that the message of 'Completing the Park' was one of the easiest 'sells' in his experience. Park visitors immediately recognized the 'Missing Piece' (yellow on map); and understood the need to protect the international wildlife corridor that stretches from Whitefish to Banff Park in Alberta, Canada (blue). (Click on map to download larger version.)



So in order to save time, gas, and money, I staged my tabling effort from [Johnson's Campground](#) in St. Mary's. I highly recommend this friendly resort!

I'd get up at dawn, shower and drive straight to Sun Point Picnic Area. There, I'd make breakfast under Going-to-the-Sun Mountain while the first light touched the [Crown of the Continent](#).

I'd arrive at Logan Pass by 7:30, walk to the waterfall under Clements Mt., and sit in meditation and prepare for the day.

At 8:30, I'd walk slowly back to the Visitor Center and set up the outreach table.



The Flathead Wild Team at Work
"Flathead Wild" is the international team that has worked since 2000 to bring permanent protection to the Transboundary Flathead. (Photo Credit: Jaime-Rojo.com)



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learning experience for their children. They help them fill out their own card, check their spelling, and make sure their child knows their address. Families are great.

Many people visiting Glacier come from distant countries where tabling is unfamiliar. Many people think you are trying to sell something! People from non-English speaking countries break up the routine and make you think!

Here's a list of the 24 countries that some of our new supporters hail from:

Netherlands, Slovenia, U.K., Czech Republic, Brazil, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Mexico, Italy, Taiwan, Germany, China, Russia, Ukraine, Australia, Chile, France, Turkey, Swiss, Greece, Belarus, India, and of course Canada! Oh Canada!

Let me add that I benefited a great deal from this experience. I had to learn a new language, a language that people could hear without judgment or fear or distrust. It is a language of words and behavior that says "I respect you." A language that says "We are all in this together and here is a small thing we can achieve as people of this Earth."

Peace and Kindness,

Neal Brown, Bigfork

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