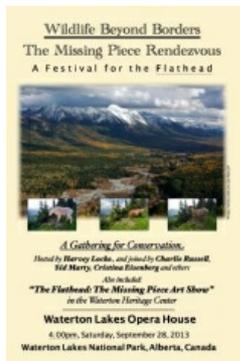


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### **Missing Piece Rendezvous a Success** **A Report from Waterton Lakes National Park**

October 25, 2013

Dear Friend:

Headwaters Montana board member John Frederick traveled to Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta to participate in the first "Wildlife without Borders: The Missing Piece Rendezvous". He tells us in his note below that the event was well received by folks in Waterton Town Site. ~ **Please enjoy John's report!**



**Classic Venue**  
The old Waterton Opera House in Waterton Town Site served as the venue for the "Missing Piece Rendezvous".

### **Wildlife Without Borders: The Missing Piece Rendezvous**

The "Missing Piece Rendezvous" was not to be missed. The event, held on October 12 at the old Opera House in Waterton Town Site (inside Waterton Lakes National Park), focused on the proposal to expand Waterton Park by over 100,000 acres into the Flathead River Valley of British Columbia west of the Continental Divide.



**Sid Marty & The Wailbacks** played to a packed house at the Waterton Opera House. (Photo: Harvey Locke)

The evening alternated between music by Sid Marty's band The Wailbacks, a cowboy band (with the well known Albertan author, activist, musician and poet as the leader) and a small host of speakers: Jeff Bectell, Cristina Eisenberg, John and Charlie Russell and Harvey Locke. The presentations impressed upon the audience the importance of expanding the park and providing the only sanctuary for wildlife in southeast B.C

Jeff Bectell ranches near Waterton and serves as chairman of the [Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association](#) and the coordinator of the Carnivore Working Group (Yes, it is quite wild in parts of Alberta).



**Looking Into the Future**  
You've seen this map before, a view into the future. Expanding Waterton Lakes National

John and Charlie Russell grew up just north of Waterton on their father's ranch. Their father, Andy Russell, based his outfitting business from there. As children and young adults they visited the Flathead many times. Both John and Charlie are well known in Alberta as experts on grizzly bears. The Russells are the grandsons of Bert Riggall, a well-respected person in Alberta whose outfitting area included the B.C. Flathead (the Missing Piece). Their father, [Andy Russell](#), took over the outfitting territory from Riggall. John shared historic

*Park into British Columbia will protect Glacier's NW corner and provide the first wildlife sanctuary in SE British Columbia. It is not a matter of 'whether', just 'when'. (Click on map for larger version.)*



***Classic Waterton***

*Waterton Lake National Park as viewed looking south over the Prince of Wales Hotel, down the lake into Glacier National Park, U.S. Expanding Waterton will fulfill a 100+ year effort to conserve a core landscape in the heart of the Crown of the Continent.*



***Please Help Fund the Effort***

*Headwaters Montana contributed financially to the Wildlife Without Borders, Missing Piece Rendezvous. Will you please donate to this effort?  
~ Thank You! ~*

photos of the Flathead from his grandfather with the crowd to very good effect.

Cristina Eisenberg lives in Bigfork, Montana, and conducts research on wolf-elk interactions in Waterton Park. Her recent book, [The Wolf's Tooth](#) (2011), explores the idea of trophic cascades and how predators exert influence over entire ecosystems.

Harvey Locke, who organized the "Missing Piece Rendezvous," has been working for twenty years to protect the Flathead. He thinks BIG about parks, wilderness and large landscapes. Known as one of the founders of [Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative \(Y2Y\)](#). Harvey inspired his audience to act to expand the park. You believe him when he tells you that the Waterton Park addition will happen.

Talk has started about having a similar Rendezvous next year in the Flathead Valley of Montana "... because there is a lot of support down there." Harvey has been invited to give a presentation at the annual meeting of the North Fork Preservation Association in late July 2014. Also in the works, the Flathead Wild Team, of which Harvey is a member, will consider holding its annual retreat and a third Bioblitz in the North Fork Flathead south of the border.

The significance of the "Missing Piece Rendezvous," a part of the Waterton Wildlife Festival, is that it is the first time the Waterton Park Addition had a major venue in Waterton town site. It was obvious from the applause that the audience approved.

***~ John Frederick, Polebridge, Montana***

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