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Restore the North Shore of Flathead Lake

Group Plans Gala Art Event in Bigfork, July 29

July 21, 2016

Dear Friend!:

How much do you value the natural beauty of Flathead Lake? We're betting you value Flathead Lake quite a lot. ***We'd like to invite you to a fundraiser on Friday, July 29, in Bigfork, to help defend Flathead Lake.*** (Click [here](#) to see invitation.)

The Community Association for North Shore Conservation ([CANSC](#)) is working to restore the north shore of the lake after the Flathead County Commissioners permitted a private bridge to be built to "Dockstader Island" that is longer than Kerr Dam! *Headwaters Montana* is acting as fiscal agent for CANSC.

Recently, the media has reported that the bridge has been "completed." On or before August 15, Flathead District Court will rule on the validity of the permit that allowed the bridge to be built in the first place. *This ruling will determine fundamentally whether Montana's Lakeshore Protection Act provides meaningful protection for any lake anywhere in Montana.*

CANSC brought the lawsuit. Suing the County isn't a trivial matter. It's expensive, time consuming, and risky. CANSC did so because



This sculpture by internationally renowned blacksmith, [Jeffrey Funk](#) of Bigfork, will be offered at auction on Friday, July 29, at the "Venue at Montana 45". An RSVP is required to attend this event. Email CANSC [Here](#) to reserve your place.

the County flatly failed to follow its own rules, and it cut the public out of an important decision affecting spectacular Flathead Lake.



In the fall of 2015 over 100 community members assembled on the North Shore of Flathead Lake to protest the Flathead County Commission's decision to allow the construction of a bridge to "Dockstader Island" The Bridge is longer than Kerr Dam and impacts public use of Flathead Lake. The sign being held reads, "Significant? Absolutely!" (Photo: Lauren Grabelle, Bigfork. <http://www.laurengrabelle.com/index>

The Montana Legislature passed the Montana Lakeshore Protection Act in 1975. Republican legislator Bob Brown of Whitefish sponsored the legislation. The Act intends to protect the scenic and natural values of Montana's beautiful lakes. **Without this act, no protections would necessarily exist for any Montana lake.** It's the public's one tool to check unwise development that would harm our scenic and extremely valuable lakes.

CANSC invites you to attend their gala art event on Friday, July 29, at Venue 45 in Bigfork. **This is an RSVP event only.** See the **event invitation below.**

Visit the CANSC website at www.CANSCflathead.org to preview art work being offered at auction at the event.

We can't emphasize enough how important the Montana Lakeshore Protection Act is for protecting the shorelines of Montana's beautiful lakes that you value. Much is at stake.

Cheers!



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This painting titled "Before" by Bigfork artist Tabby Ivy will be raffled off at the Restore the Shore fundraiser. Valued at \$1,000, raffle tickets are \$5 for one, \$20 for five. Raffle tickets may be purchased at [Persimmon](#), [Collage](#), and [Frame of Reference](#) in Bigfork, or at the event on Friday, July 29.

A Request to Join Us!



"Before" by Tabby Ivy

*Enjoy an Evening Protecting Flathead Lake to hear
about our Mission and Support us in Restoring the Shore!*

The recent construction of the bridge on the Northshore violates the Lakeshore Protection Act and was wrongly permitted by Flathead County. A lawsuit by CANSC is in process to nullify the permit and remove the bridge.



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Restore the Shore Fund Raiser!

Friday July 29th at 6pm

The Venue at Montana 45
6000 MT HWY 35

Live & Silent Auction of "Lake Inspired"
Collectable Art by Local Artists

Hor'deuvres @ "No Host" Wine

Please RSVP CANSCflathead@gmail.com
Space is Limited

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