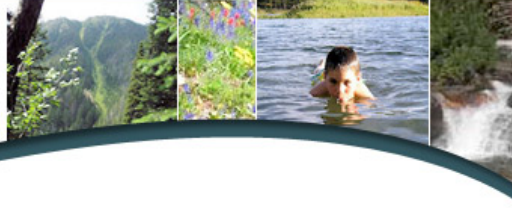


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Dear Friend:

This year, 2012, has been a good year for conservation in northwest Montana and for *Headwaters Montana*. We hope you agree and will help us keep moving forward in 2013.

Now, at the end of the year we ask you to make a financial donation to help us meet our \$12,000 "Private Donor" fundraising goal for 2012.

Headwaters Montana receives strong foundation support in 2012. We received over \$47,000 from eight foundations that recognize the importance of our work. However, far more important is the support of individuals like you who value and want to protect your wildlife, rivers, and recreation heritage. *Can you make a \$10, \$25, \$35, or \$50 donation today to help us reach our goal?* Please click [here](#) to help out. **Thank you!**

Here's What We Did in 2012

The North Fork Flathead River

We are the only locally based, grassroots conservation group devoting over 50 percent of our budget to protecting the **North Fork Flathead River**. We've helped achieve the mining and energy ban in the watershed, but *much remains to be done!*

- Congress must still pass Senate Bill 233, the "[North Fork Watershed Protection Act](#)". This legislation will complement the British Columbia ban passed in late 2011. *Headwaters Montana* has collected the direct support of over 100 Main Street businesses throughout the Flathead Valley, and we continue to demonstrate to our congressional delegation the strong, bi-partisan, local support for this legislation.
- The wildlife corridor and wilderness lands in the **Whitefish Range** must be permanently protected by additional legislation. *Headwaters Montana* is building and leading a community-based group, the Whitefish Range Partnership, to do just this.
- We can double the size of **Waterton Lakes National Park** and thereby protect the north boundary of Glacier National Park. We tabled at Logan Pass this summer and signed up over 3,000 new supporters. We can reach this goal in 2013!

The Kootenai National Forest

Headwater Montana has pushed hard to find conservation solutions on the **Kootenai National Forest**, a forest of over two million acres that is critical to threatened and endangered species.

- The Kootenai Forest has allowed snowmobilers to overrun the Ten Lakes Wilderness Study Area. We think a solution can be found that includes congressionally designated Wilderness for this area, and we are working hard to get there with local people.
- The Kootenai Forest produced a dismal draft forest plan that will fail to 'guide' forest management for the next 20 years. *Headwaters Montana* is fully engaged on this challenge, working to get the Kootenai to link wildlife habitat to Canada and adjacent national forests and recommend more Wilderness.

All these goals can be achieved in the near future. But we need your financial support to continue to build success. [Can we count on you?](#)

Not All Work and No Play

Fortunately, conservation is NOT all work and no play. We reported to you in August about the “**Banquet on the Border**”. This fantastic event was attended by 60 Canadians and 40 Montanans all supporting greater protection for this magnificent watershed.

We will continue to ‘have fun’ in 2013 while conserving our home.

- We will host the **International Wildlife Film Festival** at Flathead Valley Community College in March;
- We will produce the third **Wild Places Photo Exhibition** in Whitefish; and
- We will look to enlarge the **Banquet on the Border** to allow more supporters – like you – to attend.

Jack Potter Glacier National Park Stewardship Award

Headwaters Montana [announced](#) this month the winner of its first **Jack Potter Glacier National Park Stewardship Award**. This cash award was also accompanied by a hand-blown glass sculpture of a water ouzel created by [Lee Proctor](#) of Bigfork. [Joyce Lapp](#), the first recipient of the award, has demonstrated a commitment above and beyond the call of duty to protecting the natural resources of Glacier Park. Congratulations, Joyce!!

Please Make Your Donation Today

Your support is needed at this time to help *Headwaters Montana* achieve these goals. *We only ask for your financial support once at the end of the year.* We know you value Glacier Park, the Flathead and Kootenai National forests, and want to protect these places for future generations.

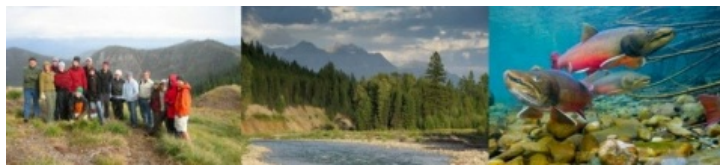
These special places – our home – is worth the effort. *Please add your financial contribution to this effort [here](#).*

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