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The Summer 2012 BIOBLITZ!

The Bioblitz will focus on the "missing piece" of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park (yellow in above map) by conducting a rapid inventory of terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity, including the birds and the bees, lichens and liverworts. The Flathead is one of the biologically richest regions in North America. Sound like fun? Help us fund this project by donating below. Thank you!



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Bioblitzing the Transboundary Flathead Scientists to Document Flathead's Amazing Biodiversity

July 10, 2012

Dear [member_name_first]:

A **BioBlitz** is an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area.

The [Flathead Wild](#) team has assembled an impressive list of scientists who will be volunteering their time and expertise to explore and document the upper North Fork Flathead watershed, including the proposed expansion area of Waterton Lakes National Park (see map, left).

Internationally acclaimed Spanish photographer and videographer Jaimi Rojo is similarly volunteering his time to document the bioblitz and the bioblitzers doing their thing in the **Flathead Video Project**.

Birds, bees, fish, fungi, flowers, lichens, liverworts, bats, salamanders, frogs, and you name it will be sought out, documented, and added to our growing appreciation for the richness of the Transboundary Flathead ecosystem.

All this happens just north of the border over a one week period this August. Our partner [Wildsight](#) is coordinating the event. The [Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative](#) is coordinating the documentation.

Flathead Video Project

Proving once again the international importance of the Transboundary Flathead River, Spanish photographer, conservationist, and writer [Jaimie Rojo](#) will be photographing and shooting video of the Bioblitz in British Columbia in August_

***Project Partner***

Headwaters Montana has partnered with The WILD Foundation in the post-production video work of documenting the Transboundary Flathead. Expected products include a video feature on the Flathead and "B Roll" for future media

Headwaters Montana - thanks to a grant from the [Brainerd Foundation](#) - is working in partnership with [The WILD Foundation](#) in the "post-production" of Mr. Rojo's documentation efforts.

Flathead Bioblitz Who's Who

- **Ric Hauer** (*Bioblitz Coordinator*), Limnology, Flathead Bio. Station, University of Montana
- **Robb Bennett**, Spiders/ Insects, Royal BC Museum
- **Claudia Copley**, Spiders/ Insects, Royal BC Museum
- **Darren Copley**, Spiders/ Insects, Victoria Nat. His. Society
- **Gavin Hanke**, Fishes/Reptiles/Amphibians, Royal BC Museum
- **Kevin Van Tighem**, small mammals, former Supt Banff NP
- **Melissa Frey**, Invertebrates, Royal BC Museum
- **David Robichaud**, Fisheries Ecology, Royal BC Museum
- **Dan Casey**, Ornithologist, American Bird Conservancy
- **Dwayne Lepitzki**, Aquatic molluscs, Wildlife Systems Research/ COSEWIC

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Network for Good**Three Transboundary Goals**

We're well on our way to achieving all three goals. Will you help us with your financial support?

~ Thank you! ~

Flathead Wild Campaign Status

- **Mining and Energy Ban:** We have secured B.C. legislation that bans mining in the Canadian Flathead. However, Cline Mining has initiated a \$500 million lawsuit against B.C. for loss of rights. On the U.S. side, Senate Bill 233, "*The North Fork Watershed Protection Act*" remains in senate committee.
- **Completing Waterton - Glacier Peace Park:** The B.C. government needs to authorize the Canadian federal government to conduct a park 'feasibility study'. This could happen as soon as 2013.
- **Protecting the International Wildlife Corridor:** *Headwaters Montana* is helping to pull together the *Whitefish Range Partnership* to help the U.S. Flathead Valley community find common ground on how best to maintain and enhance wildlife in the Whitefish Range. Stay tuned for additional information coming soon!

Thank you for staying engaged and involved in the effort to protect the Transboundary Flathead !!!

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