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## ***Earth Day... Just Another Day?***



April 22, 2015

Dear Greetings! :

You have probably received numerous reminders today of Earth Day. Let us give you one more.

The spring season brings new sight and sounds each day. Over the last week or so I have seen the return of osprey and snipe, heard great horned owls hoot at dusk from the forest, and tree frogs chirp at night. The wildflowers have outpaced me. My favorite scent of spring is that of



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cottonwood when the buds break open and their resin-scent wafts across the land.

**Thank You!**

I imagine you have your favorite, natural spring events!

But Earth Day... It comes once a year. Too many of us the 'observance' continues year-round. Yet it's a good thing our appreciation gets punctuated on April 22nd each year.

Four Earth Day related messages crossed my desk this morning. I thought you'd like to consider them:

1. [Conservation Hawks](#), a locally-grown conservation organization founded by Bigfork resident [Todd Tanner](#) has just released a short, 10-minute video on climate change and the needs of trout and trout fisherpeople. It's titled "Cold Waters" worth a watch... [here](#) and below.
2. [Glacier Climate Action](#), another local outfit inspired by Whitefish resident Steve Thompson is hosting an Earth Day event at the Crush Lounge in Whitefish on Thursday, March 23, from 6-8p.m., featuring the interesting art of Steve Braun, also of Whitefish.
3. On Saturday, April 25th, you can join a community Earth Day celebration again in Whitefish at Depot Park from 10-2. Learn more [here](#).
4. Google today has placed Earth Day front and center. You can't miss it if your computer opens on Google. Their [link](#) takes you to a "[Ecological Footprint Calculator](#)". I went through this exercise and learned that my lifestyle would require 4.5 Earths if all 7 billion people lived as I do. This result has prompted some deeper thinking on my part.

Whatever your spring pleasure, I hope you have a chance to immerse yourself in the bounty of the Earth and Nature.

Cheers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Huddle".

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Conservation Hawks have produced this compelling 10-minute film on the needs of Rocky Mountain trout. It features Yvon Chouinard of Patagonia. Click [here](#) to watch.

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