



## Jim Watson and Carol Bibler

receive

### Conservation Achievement Recognition Award

By Bob Lopp

Jim Watson and Carol Bibler met in Bozeman in 1985 and married in 1988. They moved to Grand Junction, Colorado in 1989, where Jim worked as a mechanical engineer and Carol as a geologist. In 2001 they returned to Carol's hometown of Kalispell, Montana and began taking over operations at Spring Brook Ranch, which Carol's father, Sam Bibler, had established in the 1990s.

Jim has served on the board of the Winter Wildlands Alliance and the Flathead County Parks Board. He assembled and guided the volunteer group that wrote the Flathead County Trails Plan which includes the Foy's to Blacktail and Lakeside to Blacktail Trails. In 2007 he began volunteering with Foy's to Blacktail Trails, writing several major grants and devising the phased acquisition plan that secured the organization's success in expanding Heron Park. In May 2015 he joined the organization's board of directors.

Carol has served on the board of the Montana



Land Reliance since 2003 and is currently vice-president of that organization. The Montana Land Reliance's voluntary conservation easements have protected more than 940,000 acres of ecologically and agriculturally important land in Montana. She has volunteered with Foy's to Blacktail Trails since 2009, joined the board in 2011, and is now finishing her last term with the organization.

Carol and Jim are pleased that Sam Bibler placed a conservation easement on the 1,000 acre ranch they now own. Jim manages the ranch where they raise bison and Tibetan yak with wildlife in mind. Several species of raptors and numerous songbirds frequent the property. Deer, elk, black bear, lions and

many small mammals come and go throughout the year. People think they're crazy to tolerate all those ground squirrels, but it seems to work well for a variety of predators, including the raptors!

### HELP WANTED OCTOBER 5 – OWEN SOWERWINE WORK DAY

The 2015 OSNA Work Day will be Monday, October 5, starting at noon. Volunteers will meet at the Jane Lopp and Associates office building, 295 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave EN, Kalispell, for carpooling to Owen Sowerwine.

Projects include: brushing and mowing along the trails, trimming back vegetation covering signs, pulling weeds and removing weed seed heads, and refurbishing the kiosk display and informational signs.

Some jobs may take about 2 hours, others longer. Bring heavy work gloves, wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Volunteers will be returned to the Lopp office building when their jobs are completed.

Please let Bob Lee know if you plan to participate, how long you can work, and if you can bring a weed whacker or a pair of loppers or hand clippers. Contact Bob at [m13@centurytel.net](mailto:m13@centurytel.net) or 270-0371.

### OCTOBER FLATHEAD AUDUBON CALENDAR

**Monday, October 12, 2015. 7 PM. Flathead Audubon General Meeting,** Gateway Community Center, US Hwy 2 West, Kalispell. See page 3.

**Monday, October 5, 2015. 6 PM. FAS Board of Directors Meeting,** 295 3rd Ave EN. All welcome.

**Sunday, October 11, 2015. Fourth Annual Hawk Watch.** See page 5.

**Sunday October 25, 2015. Autumn Birding in the Mission Valley.** See page 5.

# BIRD OF THE MONTH

## Long-billed Curlew Is A Migratory Treat

By Ben Long

The Long-billed Curlew is North America's largest shorebird. It just happens to spend a good part of its life hundreds of miles from the nearest seashore, here in Montana. The curlew is one of the most striking species of birds in the Treasure State. It stands out both when you see it and you hear it.

Curlews drop from the summer sky like they are skydivers, calling out their own names: *cuuuurrlllewwww!* They have long legs like many shorebirds, but their long, downwardly curving bill is in a class of its own. It's almost comically long. That extra-long bill is well suited for the marshes of California or coast of Mexico, where they spend most of their lives. They use that bill to probe the mudflats and sand of estuaries and bays, foraging for crabs, shrimp and other creatures. Every year, the birds leave the coasts and move inland. They are a little like salmon that way, leaving salt water to travel hundreds of miles inland to spawn.

When curlews arrive in Montana, they are looking for grasslands – a quarter section or so they can call their own. They prefer grasslands where bison or cattle have cropped the grass a bit, so they can see over it, but not grazed to bare dirt or with so many cattle their nests will be trampled. Curlews tend to arrive in Montana in May. Once here, they turn their bills to prey like beetles or young meadow mice. In early summer, curlews scratch a small nest in the grasslands, depending on their natural mottled pattern as camouflage. The female lays eggs and the male and female take turns incubating them.

After the eggs hatch, the mother curlew takes flight and returns to the coast, perhaps tired of the local diet and hungry for seafood. The father takes over the nest for another month, until the chicks fledge and are ready to fend for themselves. Then they all leave for the coast, too. Nary a curlew will be left in Montana by August.

In Montana, one will find curlews where one finds ample grasslands. While curlews are most abundant on the eastern side of Montana, they occur in the valley grasslands on the west side as well. Decades ago, there was adequate native grasslands to support nesting curlews in the Flathead Valley, however that

has largely been lost to farming and urban development. Curlew may still mate at protected grasslands in the Tobacco Valley, such as the Dancing Prairie Preserve near Eureka. There are also nesting curlews in the Mission Valley, where pasture and grassland remain substantially intact.

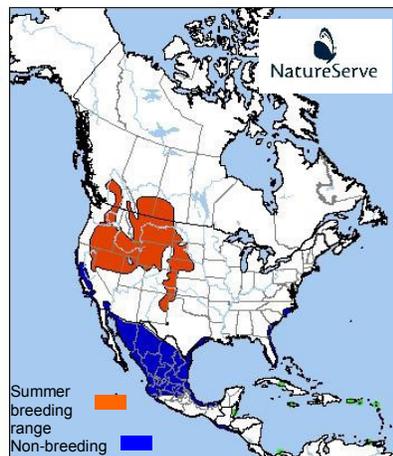
While Long-billed Curlews are not on the endangered species list, biologists are concerned for their future. Globally, native grasslands are one of the most endangered terrestrial ecosystems. Happily, curlew can co-exist with traditional Montana cattle ranching. Sod busting, however, tends to be trouble for curlews and urban sprawl treats them worst of all. Long-billed Curlews were com-

monly found on the Atlantic Coast, but those populations have been lost as habitat was destroyed.

As we consider the future of the Long-billed Curlew we would be wise to remember the fate of its cousin, the Eskimo Curlew. Eskimo Curlews were a bit smaller, nested in the far North and wintered in the Continental United States. Eskimo Curlews were

called "dumpling birds" because they were fat and tasty. Like the Passenger Pigeon, Eskimo Curlews once were so abundant they migrated in flocks that blackened out the sun. But like the passenger pigeon, Eskimo Curlew was in high demand and market hunters killed them by the hundreds of thousands. Americans assumed them to be so abundant as to be limitless. And as with the Passenger Pigeon, we learned otherwise only when it was too late; both species had gone extinct.

The key to conserving the Long-billed Curlew here in Montana is conserving the grasslands that it – and a host of other species – depends upon.





# October Program



## BIRDS AND BEES IN THE GARDEN

What can we do to make our yards and gardens attractive to our beloved birds and to pollinators? At our October meeting, Patricia McGlynn will talk about how to attract birds to the garden. She will discuss varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers that birds eat and/or use for shelter. Native pollinators are a benefit to the garden and the community. She will demonstrate how to build simple bee houses and plant flowers that bring these beneficals to your home.

Patricia is the Montana State University Agriculture Extension Agent for Flathead County. She has been here for over seven years. She worked in the

nursery, landscape and garden center business for over 25 years. Prior to 2008, she attended, taught and conducted research at Cornell University in upstate New York. She currently teaches the Master Gardener program, designs and conducts research on hops, cold hardy wine grapes, sweet cherries, apples, pears and plums.

Get an early start on your 2016 garden season with "Birds and Bees in the Garden" at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 12. We will meet in the United Way Conference Room at the Gateway Community Center, off US Highway 2 West in Kalispell.

## FWP Asks for Cooperation as Bear Activity Increases



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks officials are urging people to clean up all bear attractants on their property as bear activity rapidly increases. On a single day in late August, FWP Bear and Lion Specialist Erik Wenum and Bear Technician Kylie Jones received 32 calls regarding black bears in conflict with people, ranging from simply eating apples to attempting to break into multiple homes. On that same day, three black bears were caught and one euthanized due to the level of conflict.

"As fall begins," says Wenum, "bears are in search for the calories needed to get through the winter. On food years such as this, with huckleberries

sparse and now gone, and other natural foods drying up, bears are going to go to great lengths to get foods, natural or not.

"We are urging people to step up their efforts in getting attractants secured; lock up the garbage, put the pet foods inside and pick the fruit," says Wenum. "It's unfortunate when we have to kill a bear. It's not something we enjoy doing, but when a bear is fed human foods that is typically the outcome", he says. "If residents take responsibility and clean up all attractants, we will have fewer problems and fewer bears will need to be killed." You may contact Erik Wenum at 756-1776 or 250-0062.

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

It's that time again! Your membership in Flathead Audubon Society gives you a partner role in maintaining, improving and enjoying the exceptional natural surroundings of our Valley. We are the standard-bearers for local birds and their healthy habitat. Our activities all year are directed toward helping our feathered friends thrive. We invite you to join us in these worthwhile efforts!

Flathead Audubon's membership year starts October 1. FAS offers two types of memberships. A Basic membership is \$20 and covers the costs of production of *The Pileated Post* monthly newsletter and speakers at our monthly general meetings. A Sustaining membership of \$35 helps us pay our yearly license fee for Owen Sowerwine Natural Area and supports the costs of Flathead Audubon's Conservation Education Program. About half of our annual budget is committed to the Conservation Education Program, which reaches literally thousands of people each year. And

Flathead Audubon is always proud to mention that 100% of members' dues stay in the Flathead Valley, to benefit local children, teens, adults and senior citizens. We keep bird watching local!

National Audubon offers its own very good programs and has its own dues structure. We recommend that you first join and enjoy your own local chapter, Flathead Audubon, and then decide whether to also join National Audubon.

The very short membership renewal form can be clipped from the back page of *The Pileated Post* and is also available on the refreshments table at our general meetings. We never sell, rent, trade or give away your contact information, including email addresses. Also please consider receiving *The Pileated Post* by email to get the full color version and to save FAS some mailing costs.

So come on board with us for a fascinating and fun year!

## Conservation Education Corner

by Patti Mason

I will be out on the Whitefish Trail at their Learning Pavilion on 9/27 speaking about the Geology of Northwest Montana. Meet at the Lion Mountain trailhead at 4 PM. Next month, I will be teaching "Birds of Montana" to seniors at FVCC, highlighting the many diverse ways that birds have adapted to the Montana landscape. This is a 3 class, non-credit survey course that begins 10/2. The annual teacher's education trunk

workshop will be 10/15. Our new owl trunk will be featured. There is a lot of activity around the school gardens this fall. Please contact me if you would like to get involved in any outreach endeavor, or have ideas for reaching the public. I can always use help behind the scenes too! Happy Fall! [AudubonEducator@gmail.com](mailto:AudubonEducator@gmail.com) or 270-0831.

### "The Montana Hotlist" - New from Montana Audubon!

By Amy Seamon

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, we began highlighting 6 of our favorite Montana species threatened by climate change. Each week we are bringing you new information on birds you care about! We'll also provide meaningful actions you can take to help mitigate future impacts to the birds and other wildlife we all cherish, whether it be signing online petitions or collecting much needed data.

Join us in this social media effort and see what's new each week! Follow the weekly posts on Facebook, Twitter (@Montana Audubon), by signing

up for our eNews, or going to our website at [http://mtaudubon.org/birds/areas\\_hotlist.html](http://mtaudubon.org/birds/areas_hotlist.html). Please help us spread the word! Learn amazing facts about each bird, take action, and be a part of Montana Audubon's important mission to keep Montana's native birds and other wildlife thriving into the future.

For more information and to learn how you can help please contact Amy Seaman, Associate Director of Conservation, at 406-210-9449 or [aseaman@mtaudubon.org](mailto:aseaman@mtaudubon.org).

## Lead Bullets and Wildlife

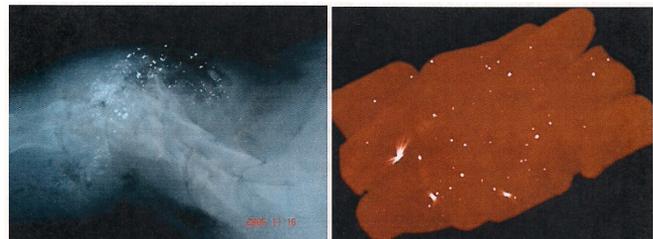
By Lewis Young and Kate Stone



Found near Hamilton MT, 2014, this Bald Eagle died from lead poisoning. It exhibited clinical signs of lead poisoning such as head and wing droop, muscle tremors, and anorexia. Photo courtesy Brooke Tanner, Wild Skies Raptor Center.

Are you a big game hunter? Do you use lead bullets? Lead bullets, even copper jacketed lead bullets, fired from high velocity guns fragment on impact losing 20-40% of their mass when they hit an object. As many as 200 fragments disperse throughout the carcass and are often too small to see. The fragments may permeate the meat you bring home and often riddle the gut piles and carcasses left in the field.

Why are lead fragments a problem? Avian and mammalian scavengers feed on the gut piles and carcasses and ingest the lead fragments. Overwintering eagles in many parts of Montana test positive for elevated lead levels and several die each year from acute lead poisoning. Raptor View Research Institute tested 32 Golden Eagles and 11 Bald Eagles from the Bitterroot Valley from 2011-2014 and found that 86% had elevated blood lead concentrations. Evidence from multiple studies points to lead



Left, deer neck shot with lead bullet. Right, MRI of random packaged venison with lead fragments. Photos courtesy of Craighead Beringia South.

fragments as the culprit behind elevated lead levels in eagles and other scavengers.

What can be done? It's fairly simple. Switch to a non-lead bullet. Over the last few years they have become available in factory loaded ammunition and multiple choices are available to those who handload their own ammunition. Non-lead bullets are normally all copper or copper alloys and retain virtually 100% of their weight upon impact. It's true that the non-lead ammunition costs more than traditional jacketed-lead bullets but the cost of ammunition is typically a very small portion of the total spent on the entire hunting experience. I personally switched to non-lead bullets several years ago and have been entirely happy with their performance in every way.

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## FALL FIELD TRIPS FOR YOU!

All FAS field trips are free and open to the public and are geared for all ages and levels of field experience. They are led by area biologists, retired professionals, and some of the best birders in the region. For all Field Trips, dress for the weather, bring binoculars or spotting scope if you have them, wear sturdy footwear, and drive and pull off the road safely. All drivers must have their own vehicle insurance. For more information, contact Kathy Ross, 837-3738, or Gael Bissell, 261-2255, or the individual field trip leader listed below. Also, a free brochure, "Birding Hotspots of the Flathead" is available at the FAS general meetings and on [www.FlatheadAudubon.org](http://www.FlatheadAudubon.org).



**FOURTH ANNUAL FALL HAWK WATCH AT BAD ROCK CANYON**, Sunday, October 11, noon-4 PM. From the comfort of your lawn chair and with experienced guides and quality spotting scopes, you can enjoy the annual eagle and hawk migration at Bad Rock Canyon! Join Kathy Ross, Craig Hohenberger and others at the House of Mystery Fishing Access Site along Highway 2, just west of Bad Rock Canyon, from noon to 4 PM. At this time of year, we expect to see Golden Eagles, Bald Eagles, hawks, accipiters, and possibly migrating or resident Peregrine Falcons. This is the fourth annual FAS simultaneous count for Hawk Watch at both the Bad Rock Canyon and Jewel Basin Hawk Watch sites. If weather permits, we will compare our observations for Hawk Watch at both Bad Rock Canyon and Jewel Basin Watch sites in real time. Bring binoculars, scopes, chairs, and appropriate clothing. Contact Kathy Ross, 837-3837, for more information or just stop by during the afternoon. You may also volunteer with the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch. If neither of these options works for you, stop by the House of Mystery Fishing Access Site any time on your own and you will likely see Golden Eagles and other raptors cross Bad Rock Canyon throughout the month of October. We hope you will be able to enjoy this incredible experience!

**AUTUMN BIRDING IN THE MISSION VALLEY**, Sunday October 25. Join Leslie Kehoe and Bob Lee for a great day of birding around Ninepipes and other bird abundant areas of the Mission Valley. It is a wonderful time to see raptors on the move and perhaps winter residents arriving. Depending on the weather, it will be interesting to see who lingers this time of year in this superb birding area. Meet at the White Oak Park 'N' Ride at 8 AM. We will be out most of the day so bring optics, appropriate clothing and lunch/snacks. To sign up or for more information contact Bob Lee at [rml3@centurytel.net](mailto:rml3@centurytel.net) and/or 270-0371. Carpooling is encouraged.

**LATE FALL BIRDING IN THE FLATHEAD VALLEY**, Sunday November 8. 9:30 AM-1 PM, join Flathead Audubon and premier birder Craig Hohenberger as we explore the Creston Wetlands and other exciting birding areas around Creston, Riverside Road, and East Kalispell area. We may see many of our year round residents as well as possible shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors and other lingering migrants that may still be moving through on their journey to winter homes. We will meet at the Creston School parking lot and carpool from that location. As always, bring optics and dress appropriate for the late season conditions. To sign up or for more information contact Kathy Ross at 837-3837 or [mtkat@montanaport.net](mailto:mtkat@montanaport.net)

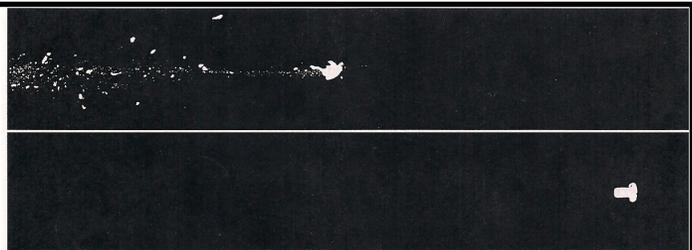
**Birds and Drones** It is worth repeating the information provided us by member Jeannie Marcure concerning drones on National Wildlife Refuges. As a result of conversations with Bob Johnson who handles law enforcement for several National Wildlife Refuges, Jeannie found out that this is illegal. Bob advises that

anyone who sees such drone activity report it to the law enforcement officer for the area involved, but it is not recommended to confront the person. He suggests taking a picture of the license plate if possible, and providing that to the officer also. Bob's number is 406-727-7400. Ex226.

### **Lead Bullets:** *continued from page 4.*

Does switching to non-lead bullets make a difference? A voluntary program in the Jackson Hole area of Wyoming in 2009-2010 to get hunters to switch to non-lead bullets resulted in a corresponding decrease in the blood-lead levels of eagles in the area.

Give our eagles and other wildlife a break and consider switching to non-lead bullets.



X-ray images of lead (top) and non-lead (bottom) bullets shot into a ballistics gel. Photo courtesy Jeremy Roberts/Conservation Media.

## CHIRPS & SQUAWKS

### Highlights from September 2015 Board Meeting:

- ◆ Welcomed new Board members.
- ◆ Four 1-year appointments to the Board were made—Jill Fanning, Mike Fanning, Kathy Ross, Bob Lee.
- ◆ Heard Treasurer's Report that we are in good financial condition.
- ◆ Heard results of fundraising through Birdathon and Calendar sales to date.
- ◆ Learned about FAS participation in Jewel Basin Hawk watch this year.
- ◆ Approved the Website Committee to pay a person for urgent website work.
- ◆ Heard report that Owen Sowerwine Committee has been active and has rescheduled the annual work day for October 5.
- ◆ Heard report that FAS membership ended the year at similar numbers to past years.

### NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

Are you an employee of the State of Montana, or do you know someone who is? The State Employees Charitable Giving Campaign is about to kick off. You will receive information about it through your workplace. The SECGC is similar to a United Way campaign but limited to state employees only. Workers may contribute to local and statewide nonprofit service organizations through payroll deduction, either through a bimonthly amount or a one-time contribution.

The good news is that Flathead Audubon has just been accepted as a SECGC service agen-

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cy! That means that you can mark **Flathead Audubon Society** on your designation form and 100% of your gift will come to your own Audubon chapter, helping to bring a rich variety of interesting bird programs to local meetings, continuing our local Conservation Education Program and helping pay for our management of the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area.

Every year, state employees compete for prizes and recognition for their contributions to the SECGC. We hope that your contributions to Flathead Audubon will make your workplace a winner!

### Jewel Basin Hawk Watch – Calling all Eagle Eyes!

On a mountain ridge high above the Jewel Basin, a Sharp-shinned Hawk streaks across the sky, unaware of the human observer with clipboard and pencil. She soars past, almost at eye level. The site on Mt Aeneas, known as the Jewel Basin Hawk Watch, sits on a major migration corridor for many types of hawks, and especially *Accipiters*. Currently in its eighth year, the Hawk Watch is a scientific data collection project run by trained volunteers.

As a cooperative project of Flathead Audubon Society and the U.S. Forest Service, data derived from the daily monitoring is transmitted to the Forest Service's Region 1 wildlife management program and to HawkWatch, International. Daily tallies are posted at the Jewel Basin base area and online. The Hawk Watch site and all its results are open to the public. Interested persons may join the project website (no charge): [https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Jewel\\_Basin\\_Hawk\\_Watch/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Jewel_Basin_Hawk_Watch/info). Site visitors are welcome and encouraged to contribute to the obser-



vation process. To access the Hawk Watch site, turn off of Foothills Road, follow signs to the Jewel Basin parking area at Camp Misery and take the Mt. Aeneas trail up to the observation point.

Visitors are asked to observe the following guidelines:

- ◆ Dress appropriately for weather conditions.
- ◆ Bears frequent the area. Carrying bear spray is recommended.
- ◆ Pets are not recommended.
- ◆ Wear muted colors, including hats. Birds see and are distracted by bright colors.
- ◆ When watch the monitoring process, sit or stand back and watch quietly.
- ◆ Taking photos is allowed; avoid using flash as it may frighten the birds.
- ◆ Judge carefully whether to take younger children. The hike to the site is uphill and takes approximately 2 hours.
- ◆ At this time of year, expect to see hunters and do not interfere with their activities.



**Lose a Camera?** If you lost a camera during the June 6 Eureka birding field trip, please call Lewis Young (406-889-3492) to identify and claim.

**SIGN UP FOR THE 2015-2016 FEEDERWATCH SEASON**

Project FeederWatch is a citizen science project that began in Ontario, Canada in the mid-1970s and partnered with Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology ten years later in the USA. It is a winter-long project starting in November and ending mid-April, in which participants periodically count birds at backyard feeders and/or other local areas. This endeavor is designed to help scientists track broad scale movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance. This is the perfect project for anyone who likes birds, and wants to contribute and share information about birds with fellow citizens and scientists.



No particular skill level or background is necessary to participate in the project. Participants will receive a research kit and resources to help attract and identify common winter species including an interactive tool that allows participants to learn about the food and feeder preference of nearly 100 species and how to predict what birds can be attracted to your area. All you have to do is watch your feeder or area as much or as little as you want over two consecutive days as often as once a week, record what you see, and send your data in.

There is a fee associated with this project for data analysis. \$15 Special Cornell Lab Member price and \$18 Regular Project FeederWatch price.

The data gathered by people like you will only become more important as predicted changes in climate continue to occur. Check out [www.FeederWatch.org](http://www.FeederWatch.org) where you will find an amazing amount of information including how to sign up for the project, a list of the 25 most common winter birds, tips on tricky bird identification, participant stories and photos, and much more. You can also sign up by phone toll free by calling 800-843-2473; M-TH, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, F, 8:00 AM -4:00 PM ET.

Funding for the FAS Conservation Education Program comes in part from member donations. If you would like to help, please use the Special Gifts form to the right.

**SPECIAL GIFTS**

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- ⇒ OUR MISSION IS TO CONSERVE BIRDS, WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND ECOSYSTEM DIVERSITY.
- ⇒ WE PROMOTE AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF THE NATURAL WORLD THROUGH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMS.
- ⇒ WE WORK WITH DIVERSE GROUPS AND AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE SOUND DECISIONS ON NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES.
- ⇒ WHILE FOCUSING OUR EFFORTS IN NORTHWEST MONTANA, WE BELIEVE IN THE PROTECTION OF THE



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