

Mission Statement

"To protect the Scotchman Peaks for future generations through Wilderness designation, ongoing stewardship and education."

The Scotchmans are one of the last and largest wild areas in our region. The Friends believe the Scotchman Peaks deserve congressional designation as Wilderness for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations.



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Dawn highlights the silhouette of the Scotchman Peaks Photo by James Green

By Phil Hough, Executive Director,

The Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness and others have been involved for many years in the effort to protect the Scotchman Peaks as Wilderness to ensure it will always stay the same. Naturally, we are disappointed by the outcome of the recent Bonner County advisory vote.

We are proud of and want to thank our board, staff, campaign partners, volunteers and the many supporters! Together, we executed a campaign that was run with honesty, integrity and hard work. We stayed with positive messages and continued to build community and partnerships. Local voices from diverse backgrounds stepped up, including timber folks, mountain bikers, hunters and anglers, conservative politicians, business people and many prominent community leaders. The community of people dedicated to conserving this special place is growing stronger and more diverse!

Ideology sometimes overwhelms consideration of issues on their merits. Unfortunately, in this election, misinformation spread quickly. Inaccurate information about land ownership or management, particularly false claims about fire management and search and rescue, left some voters confused or uncertain about what Wilderness designation means. While some voted against the proposal on principle, others who voted against it likely did so because of confusion and uncertainty caused by this misinformation. When not sure, a "no" vote may seem to be the safer option.

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ARE MOTORIZED SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS ALLOWED IN WILDERNESS AND RECOMMENDED WILDERNESS?

Absolutely. In fact, just a few years ago, a helicopter from Two Bear Air rescued a man having heart trouble from near the top of Scotchman Peak.

The Wilderness Act makes exceptions for wilderness managers to use motorized equipment and methods of mechanical transport, but only "...as necessary to meet minimum requirements for the administration of the area for the purpose of the Act (*including measures required in emergencies involving the health and safety of persons within the area*)..." Where possible, managers try to use traditional tools, skills and methods of travel, even if they may be more costly or time-consuming. Exceptions where managers may use motorized equipment or methods of mechanical transport include **search and rescue, fire fighting, or fish stocking.** . . . (wilderness.net)

To avoid unnecessary delays to rescue efforts, nearly all county sheriff departments in Idaho have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Forest Service and/or the Bureau of Land Management regarding the use of motorized equipment for search and rescue in Wilderness they manage, designated or proposed. Bonner County Sheriff's department doesn't have an established an MOU.

CALENDAR — THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

- July 19:** FSPW and MWA co-host Business and Banter at Libby Community Garden
- Jul 21:** FSPW trail day on Goat Mountain Trail #135
- July 28:** FSPW trail day on Little Spar Lake Trail #142
- July 28 – 29:** Wilderness and Remote First Aid class taught by Carol Jenkins
- August 6:** Sandy Compton leads his annual Sawtooth hike
- August 8-11:** FSPW will have an outreach booth at Bonner County Fair
- August 10-12:** FSPW will have an outreach booth at Trout Creek Huckleberry Festival
- August 11:** FSPW trail day on Big Spar Lake Trail #142-a
- August 17-21:** The Ninth Extreme Plein Air Expedition
- August 19:** White Bark Pine Field Trip/Hike led by Mike Giese and Jeff Pennick
- August 23:** Brews for Benefits at the Cabinet Mountains Brewery will benefit the Kootenai Harvest Festival

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STATE OF THE SCOTCHMANS FEATURES GOAT EXPERT JOSLYN; JENKINS NAMED 2018 "OLD GOAT"

The 2018 State of the Scotchmans, held at Oden Grange Hall on May 31, featured mountain goat expert Gayle Joslyn, who told tales of her career with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks that included bears as well as goats.

It's a State of the Scotchmans tradition to honor the FSPW volunteer of the year with the "Old Goat Award." This year, the plaque was presented to FSPW board member Carol Jenkins, who has been with the Friends from the beginning in 2005. She is not only secretary, but the go-to Wilderness and Remote First Aid instructor. Other Friends honored with certificates of appreciation were Carey and Robin Chisholm, Ed Robinson, Jeff Pennick, Alan and Jesika Harper, Dave Heep, Judy Hutchins, Sparrow Ivy and Lori Reed.

Mary Franzel also used the occasion to train this year's Mountain Goat Ambassadors. More than a dozen volunteers learned how to keep the hiking public informed about proper protocol for critter encounters of the close kind.



Carol Jenkins (right) leads a scenario during first aid training

STAFF NEWS: SANDY COMPTON WINS ICL'S AXLINE AWARD

By Britta Mireley

Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness Program Coordinator, Sandy Compton, was awarded the Keith and Pat Axline Award on May 19, 2018, during Idaho Conservation League's (ICL) Wild Idaho Conference in Stanley, Idaho. It is ICL's highest award for environmental activism.



Compton (rear) and Rick Johnson of ICL celebrate Compton's Axline Award.

Compton received the award for his work on the proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness. While listening to ICL's Executive Director, Rick Johnson, describe this year's recipient, Compton sat in his normal seat at the event wondering just who was going to be honored with it this year.

"To say I was surprised would be an understatement.

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TRAILS REPORT: A NATIONAL SAW POLICY — MAKING SMART SAWYERS

New policy and training methods are breathing fresh air into old traditions.

By Sandy Compton

Without getting into the weeds about OSHA requirements and the bureaucratic underpinnings of government agencies, the national saw policy adopted in 2016 by the Forest Service is revolutionary, to say the least. After decades of differences in Regional requirements the USFS has a manual that applies to crosscut and chainsaw operators nationwide. They also have a new method of certifying sawyers. And, they are certifying partner volunteers to be trainers and certifiers as well.

Possibly the most profound change in policy is the method sawyers now use to determine how to put a tree on the ground or clean up a blow-down mess. In the new training, the emphasis has moved from rote memorization to an emphasis on creating smart sawyers who rely more on situational analysis

than on rules and regulations.

During the first ever Region One Wilderness Skills Institute, May 21 through 24, at Powell Ranger Station on the Lochsa River in Idaho, cross-cut sawyers from the FS and their partners were introduced to OHLEC, a method for determining how to safely proceed when removing a hazard tree or a blow down mess from a trail.



Jake and Cory with Montana Conservation Corp had never seen a cross-cut before OHLEC training at Powell

OHLEC is an acronym for five stages of a power or cross-cut saw project; whether it be felling, bucking, limbing

or brushing. The stages are as follows:

O: Determine the Objective, be it hazard tree removal — part of the objective is where the tree is to fall — or safely clearing a segment of trail or blow-down.

H: Determine Hazards that might be encountered in reaching the Objective. Widow-makers, power-lines, falling hazards, buildings, nearby roads and trails, human presence and myriad other things might be considered Hazards. The beauty of OHLEC is that it's situational, not rote, and focuses the sawyer on the project at hand.

L: Which way and how much does the tree Lean? Or, in the case of blow down, what forces will affect the behavior of the tree and the saw when it's cut. In the case of a standing tree, sawyers use a plumb-bob to determine front or back Lean and side Lean, and then determine what adjustments have to be made during felling to achieve the Objective. Similarly, blowdown

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FOR GOAT'S SAKE, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

As hiking season heats up, Scotchman Peak Trail #65 is getting a lot foot traffic. Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness (FSPW) volunteer trail crews finished a reroute of the first mile of trail in September 2016. While the mountain is still steep, the initial climb now consists of a series of switchbacks and a more sustainable trail.

FSPW partners with Idaho Panhandle National Forest and Idaho Department of Fish and Game to educate hikers about the now infamous herd of mountain goats that call the top of Scotchman Peak home in the summer months.

The FSPW Volunteer Mountain Goat Ambassador program is in its third year. Ambassadors hike Trail #65 every weekend and holidays throughout the sum-



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mer, educating the public regarding safe human behavior in goat habitat. The goal is to keep the trail open and safe while helping the public better understand how best to relate with goats.

A Post Falls hiker recently posted a very bad example of goat-human interaction on his personal Facebook page and a group page. The group FB page owner very appropriately blocked the images and video. People who ignore the signs at the trailhead and farther up the trail not only potentially negate the work of the Ambassadors, but endanger themselves, the goats and a safe experience for all other hikers.

Do not approach mountain goats. When they approach you, take action. Wildlife experts suggest a 100 foot distance be kept between hikers and goats at all times. "It is not okay to allow them to approach you," said FSPW Mountain Goat Program Coordinator Mary Franzel. "They seek salt from your sweat and have learned humans are an easy and relatively safe source,"

There are several easy ways to keep the goats at bay: wave arms, yell, slap hiking poles together and if all else fails, throw rocks at them. This is especially important when there are young goats present as they learn behavior from their parents. Goats will also "steal" unattended packs, jackets and even hiking poles due to salt from hiker's sweat so keep your belongings with you at all times.

Dogs should be leashed around goats

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CINNABAR FOUNDATION RENEWS THEIR MATCHING GRANT FOR 2018

Once again, one of our most loyal supporters, the Cinnabar Foundation, has put a challenge grant out there for us to match. Cinnabar will match all donations up to \$5000! Now is a great time to make a donation to FSPW. It's an opportunity to double your donation and help us continue to work for Wilderness in the Scotchmans.

Stewardship and advocacy are the means. Capital "W" is the goal!

You can help by sending your tax deductible check to P.O. Box 2061, Sandpoint, Idaho, 83864 or simply go to our Donate Page at scotchmanpeaks.org/donate and make an online donation.

In an era when many foundations are "pulling in their horns," many

of FSPW's grantors continue to stand strong behind our efforts, including Brainard, Wilburforce Foundation, PEW Charitable Trusts, the Confidence Foundation, Patagonia (including a 2018 Special Opportunity grant), National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, the Inland Northwest Community Foundation (now known as Innovia), the Conservation Alliance, and the Y2Y Initiative.

In addition, we have hundreds of "small" donors sending in their hard-earned \$20s, \$50s and even the occasional odd amount, like \$43.21. As they say, "it all spends," and we are grateful to each and everyone of our fiscal Friends for their continued help and faith in our mission.

Dear Friends,

I have such admiration for the educational programs that you offer kids through Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness. If I had been a kid here and now, my dad would have made sure that I took every single one of them. I really feel that a hands-on (and feet-on) class is the best way to learn about wild nature. Adults too of course.

From 7th grade through High School I was fortunate to

MESSAGE FROM A DONOR

attend the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum student program run by Gretchen Sibley and had the opportunity to learn from the curators: Ornithology, Marine Biology, Entomology. We took two-week collection field trips each summer. While I may not have gotten my degree in Natural History, I have dedicated most of my life to observing and recording those observations into journals. (i.e. huckleberries are working on ripening)

So, you are more than welcome to our donation and our main wish is that we could send more.

Sincerely, Marilyn McIntyre.

Thank you, Marilyn; for the donation and the kind words!

CALENDAR: ALONG THE TRAIL

April: All month – FSPW was featured Non-Profit for the month at Evans Brothers Coffee

April 20: Artists' reception for Extreme Art at Evans Brothers Coffee in Sandpoint, featured artists Ed Robinson and Aaron Johnson, as well as photographers Marjolein Groot Nibbelink and Joe Foster

April 20: Phil Hough made a presentation to the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Club

April 21: Annie Gassman and volunteers had a table at the Cabinet Peaks Health Fair in Libby

April 22: FSPW participated at Earth Day events in Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint

April 24: Phil Hough made a presentation to the Sunrise Rotary Club in Coeur d'Alene

April 28: Brian Baxter led a birding event beginning at the Venture Inn in Libby

May 1: Mary Franzel began her third season as Mountain Goat Ambassador Coordinator

May 2: Idaho Gives at Evans Brothers' Coffee, Idaho Pour Authority and online

May 7: Sandy Compton gave a presentation to the Masons in Sandpoint.

May 8: Sandpoint Candidate Forum included Scotchman Ballot Question — Phil Hough representing the In Favor position

May 11: Brews for a Cause at the 219 Lounge in Sandpoint

May 12: Lincoln County Outreach Coordinator Annie Gassmann and FSPW volunteers worked at a rest station at

Yaak Falls during the Annual STOKR bike race to benefit Habitat Humanity

May 15: Idaho Primary included the Scotchman Peaks advisory vote on Bonner County ballots.

May 16: Sandy Compton gave a presentation to Leadership Sandpoint class of 2018 aboard the Shawnodese

May 17-19: Phil Hough and Sandy Compton traveled to Wild Idaho in Redfish Lake, Idaho

May 18: Sandy Compton received the Keith and Pat Axline award for environmental activism from Idaho Conservation League

May 21: FSPW 2018 Summer Intern Jacob Arrington began work

May 21-25: Sandy Compton and FSPW

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Where Do We Go, from page 1

Despite this, over four thousand eight hundred supporters voted in favor of Wilderness. This is a number to be reckoned with, not ignored, especially considering the many obstacles in the path of a victory. Despite the outcome, or perhaps because of it, this vote has strengthened the bonds of the community of folks dedicated to Wilderness. If you voted in favor of Wilderness and are not yet on our support list, we invite you to become a Friend by visiting www.scotchmanpeaks.org/subscribe and signing up for our free quarterly newsletter and/or weekly updates.

Clearly, many people care deeply about public lands. There is also a clear need for more education about public lands, natural resources and recreation management.

STILL WORKING FOR WILDERNESS.

We are dedicated to providing a better understanding about the need for Wilderness, its challenges, opportunities and values, including the freedom, hope and promise it provides.

While it takes congressional designation to fully implement the forest plan's vision of Wilderness, this vote does not change the current management of the Scotchman Peaks by the Forest Service. We will continue to be strong advocates for preserving the wilderness characteristics now while looking to the future for designation. And, we will work to keep these wild lands as they are right now, open to all people, closed only to motors and machines (except when needed for fighting fire or for emergencies involving health and human safety).

We have been doing "boots on the ground" work since 2010 to make sure that trails stay open to the public. This work is as important now, as it would be after Wilderness designation. With shrinking Forest Service budgets, volunteers are needed to keep trails open. We will continue to train volunteers in the use of Pulaskis, cross cut saws and other tools and organize field days to build and maintain trails suitable for hikers and horses.

Our hiking maps and volunteer-led hikes will continue to offer opportunities for individuals to explore the area.

Our weed warriors will continue to monitor and work on mitigating weeds (to help, pick up a copy of our Scotchman Peaks/Cabinet Mountain weed guide).

Our Mountain Goat ambassador program, in partnership with the forest service and Idaho Department of Fish and Game will continue to deploy volunteers to educate people about safe and responsible behavior around mountain goats, making the trail safer for both. This program is vital to keeping the area wild and keeping it open to the public.

Our Winter Tracks program over the last 4 years has

provided unique wintertime, outdoor education for over 700 kids from over 14 schools, from four counties and three states, teaching tree identification, animal tracking, animal behavior and biology, orienteering and avalanche awareness, so they can appreciate the natural landscape.

Our Wilderness & Remote First Aid and CPR certification program will continue (having certified over 60 people in the last 5 years).

The path to Wilderness legislation is often a long and winding trail. Sometimes, hiking to the top of a mountain you come across a false summit and seem to be closer to the top than you really are. Then in a few more steps, you realize there's more work to be done to bag the peak. We are on that long ridge, with more steps to go and a better vision of what it will take to get there.

HERE COMES THE FUTURE: DON'T GIVE UP THE GOAT!

We are committed to building a stronger community of supporters and providing the boots on the ground caretaking and natural resource education needed to get there and needed to taking care of the Wilderness character right now. It is just too important.

We need places that are wild and free, places unaltered by the hand of man, places with the freedom to roam in awe and wonder of the wild outdoors. If we fail to leave a legacy of Wilderness to this next generation, then we fail all future generations. Their future is not as bright if they lose the opportunity to see the world as we have seen it.

We will not give up the goat! The mountain goat, iconic of the Scotchman Peaks, stands tall, surviving, even thriving, as it faces the challenges of an often-harsh landscape. The goat is patient and endures. Over time, more folks will join us and the goat, as we all stand with firm resolve to protect the Scotchmans, some of our area's last remaining wild lands.

Our community of Wilderness supporters and stewards is growing, but there is always room for more people. If you want to do more to help keep the Scotchman Peaks open to the public, come swing a Pulaski [scotchmanpeaks.org/stewardship/trail-projects/], become a Mountain Goat Ambassador [bit.ly/2018TrailAmbassadors] and educate hikers, or become a Winter Tracks volunteer [scotchmanpeaks.org/stewardship/winter_tracks/] to touch the lives of area students in winter months, or just come join us for a hike [scotchmanpeaks.org/hiking/]!

Join us as advocates for keeping these wild lands as they are right now, open to all people. Like the goat, we will not give up on the Scotchman Peaks!



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August 25: Trail day on East Fork Peak Trail #536

August 26: Lincoln County Picnic in Pioneer Park in Libby

September 7- 9: FSPW Trail Weekend on Napoleon Gulch Trail # 1035

September 15: Fourth Annual Kootenai Harvest Festival

September 16: Thompson Falls Picnic

September 29: National Public Lands Day — FSPW work day on Morris Creek Trails #132 and Regal Creek Trail #556, Clark Fork Picnic at a location to be announced.

October tba: “Wild night for Wilderness” at Matchwood Brewing in Sandpoint and Annual Volunteer Appreciation event.

October 9-13: Sandy Compton will attend the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance Conference, Gunnison CO

Along the Trail, from page 4

Intern Jacob Arrington attended a Wilderness Skills Institute at Powell Ranger Station on the Lochsa River, Sandy Compton received his C Feller certification for cross-cut saws

May 30: Mary Franzell taught “Mammals” class to students at Round Lake

May 31: State of the Scotchmans, with 60 Friends in attendance, featured mountain goat expert Gayle Joslyn, at the Oden Grange Hall; a dozen-plus volunteers attended Mountain Goat Ambassador Training

June 2: Crosscut training on Trail #999

June 3: FSPW co-hosted the movie *Always with the Northwest Montana Lookout Association* in Libby

June 5: Sandy Compton and Annie Gassmann had a cross-cut station at Timberlane Campground as part of a Libby Fifth grade outdoor education day

June 10: FSPW had outreach table at the Pend d’ Oreille Bay Trail Fun Run

June 12: Phil appeared on the Bill Litsinger Radio show

June 11-15: Asst. Program Coordinator Britta Mireley attended STEP training.

June 13th: Brews for Benefits at Big

Saw Policy, from page 3

is studied to determine how a single tree might react if cut in a certain way, and if it’s part of a larger mess, how it will affect the rest of the pile.

E: Escape routes are created and in advance, clearing tripping hazards and providing as much protection as possible either by distance or obstacles between the potential hazard and the sawyers.

C: The Cut plan is the crux of all other planning. The introduction of basic math makes it a simpler to fell a tree. With simple formulas provided during the training, the direction of fall, depth of face cut, amount of hinge wood and the stump shot are determined *before* the saw enters the wood. In the case of blow down the various binds are determined and the plan reflects the physics involved in the release of those forces during cutting.

This is a simplified version of OHLEC, but the real training — which moves out of the classroom and into the field more quickly than the old training — is not much more complicated that



Simple math (and a Sharpie) make a cut plan easier to understand

this basic explanation. The training also spends time on the art of matching the sawyer’s movement to the saw and their partner for best effect.

The new policy is a winner. In the classroom session at Powell, the body language in the room changed dramatically as a cadre of seasoned Forest Service and volunteer sawyers recognized that their next certification session is going to be a.) a lot easier, b.) more effective and c.) more fun — whether they are certifying someone else or being recertified.

FSPW 2018 TRAIL STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE

July 28: Little Spar Lake Trail #142

August 11: Big Spar Lake #142A

August 25: East Fork Peak Trail #563

September 7,8,9: Napoleon Gulch Trail # 1035

September 29: National Public Lands Day — Trails #132 & #556

Note — Projects dates and locations are subject to change due to weather
<http://bit.ly/ScotchmanTrails>

Eddy’s Deck Bar in Thompson Falls

June 16: Goat Education Ambassador season began on Scotchman Peak Trail #65; FSPW had a rest and food booth in Clark Fork for the ChaFE 150 Bike Ride fundraiser; Brian Baxter led an Old Growth Ecology Hike at Ross Creek Cedars

June 17: FSPW hosted Cinnabar Foundation staff and board for a picnic at the Compton Pavilion

June 22: FSPW sponsored the Troy Farmer’s Market, with an outreach table run by Annie Gassmann

June 23: A full crew of a dozen worked on Scotchman Peaks Trail #65

June 24: Britta Mireley had a table at “7B Sunday” at Schweitzer

June 28: Annual staff and board retreat

was held in Troy.

June 30: Annie Gassmann led a hike to Spar Peak

July 1: Annual Sanders County Picnic was held at Bull River Campground

July 4: 30 FSPW staff and volunteers marched in Sandpoint parade

July 7: FSPW trail crew worked on Trail # 999 on Star Peak

July 8: Mindy Ferrel led a hike to the falls in the South Fork of Ross Creek

July 9 – 12 and 14 – 17: FSPW volunteer Brian Baxter and staffers Sandy Compton, Ray Brown and Jacob Arrington will take part in the Project ASCENT programs in Sanders County.

July 16: Sandy Compton led an MWA hike to Little Spar Lake

Joe Foster Photo



UPCOMING HIKES — E = EASY • M = MODERATE • S = STRENOUS • S+ = S+UPID :-)

Hike date	Exertion Rating	Destination/Hike Name	Leader	Description and contact info
8/6/18 8 am Mountain, 7 am Pacific	S+	Sawtooth Mountain	Sandy Compton	Contact: Sandy Compton — sandy@scotchmanpeaks.org This bushwhack is composed of large and small, "where the sweat and drop of blood NO tennis shoes, p... Sorry. This hike is full, but you can get on the waiting list at the url listed below.
8/17- 21/18	S+	The Extreme Plein Air	Sandy Compton	Contact: Sandy Compton — sandy@scotchmanpeaks.org — 208-290-1281 A limited number of spots are available on this multi-day hike for artists who wish to make art in the backcountry and gather images for studio work later. Explore the grandeur of the central Scotchman Peaks with other artists. This is an opportunity to paint, draw and sketch <i>en plein air</i> every day for five days in wild country. This will be a test of your creative skills and your endurance as well, but you will never forget it.
8/19/18 8 am Pacific	S	Whitebark Pine on Scotchman	Mike Geisey & Jeff Pennick	Contact: Mike Geisey — mike.giesey@whitebarkfound.org Hike co-leader Mike Geisey is a recently retired Forest Silviculturist from the Kootenai NF and a member of the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation. We will hike to stands of mature whitebark pine and will be presented with ecological and morphological information about whitebark pine from habitat needs, current threats and recent restoration efforts in the area. Mike will also discuss restoration efforts the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation is engaged in. Hikers will return with a new appreciation for high elevation ecosystems and whitebark pine. Meet at the Scotchman Peak Trailhead at 8 am Pacific.
10/06/18	S	Scotchman Peak	Phil Hough	The n... stren... Sorry. This hike is full, but you can get on the waiting list at the url listed below. www.scotchmanpeaks.org nder 4 miles one way, just under 4,000 feet. This is bright outer layer, something like "hunter orange."

To learn more about or sign up for any of our hikes, summer or winter, visit www.scotchmanpeaks.org/hiking
Do you want to lead a hike? Suggest yours at www.scotchmanpeaks.org/hiking/leading-hikes/

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Flabbergasted might be better." Compton said. "I also felt very honored. I'm sure there are others who deserve the award more than me, but I'm very grateful to have received it."

Compton has been working for Wilderness for the Scotchmans since before the Friends existed and has been an actual paid employee for 8 years. His writing about the Scotchmans and other wild places can be seen in multiple regional publications and in many of his own books.

"Sandy is incredibly deserving of this award," said Phil Hough, executive director of the Friends. "Nominating him was a no-brainer. He lives and breathes the Scotchman

Peaks and has worked tirelessly not just to preserve the area's character through Wilderness designation, but also through stewardship work and by introducing kids to nature both in and out of the Scotchmans."

The Keith and Pat Axline Award for Environmental Activism is named for two long-time Idaho Conservation League members dedicated to conservation causes. The award was established in 1995.

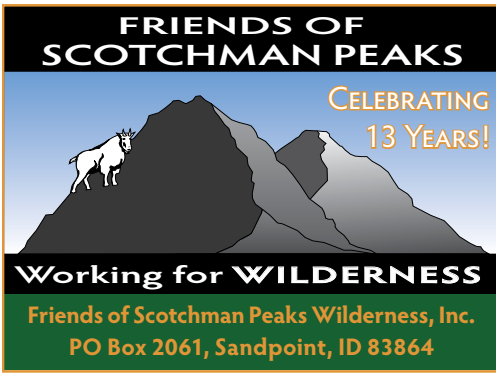
Past Inland Northwest winners include former state Sen. Mary Lou Reed, University of Idaho Professor Fred Rabe, retired Fish and Game employee Wayne Melquist, Spokane physician John Osborn and FSPW Executive Director Phil Hough.

Goats, from page 3

but they are a welcome addition. Goats keep their distance from canine hikers.

"We want folks to be rewarded at the top by seeing these beautiful animals at a safe distance," concluded Franzel. "Please do your part in helping keep the goats wild, yet visible for all to enjoy." The Forest Service asks hikers to fill out a short mountain goat survey at the trailhead when they return. This helps them keep track of any potential problems and evaluate their management of the trail.

For up-to-date trail reports, follow Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness on Facebook or visit ScotchmanPeaks.org. If you are interested in being a Mountain Goat Ambassador, email mary@scotchmanpeaks.org



How You Can Help

SUPPORT FRIENDS OF SCOTCHMAN PEAKS WILDERNESS

As concerned citizens, we support protecting and preserving the Scotchman Peaks area for ourselves and future generations. Highway 56, Highway 200, Lightning Creek Road, and Rattle Creek/Keeler Creek divide surround this 88,000 acre scenic area which straddles the Idaho and Montana border. Wilderness designation for the Scotchmans will protect plants and wildlife, including the endangered grizzly bears, mountain goat, and bull trout; it will protect water quality; and it will preserve a special place for future generations. In addition, local communities will benefit from the unparalleled recreational and economic opportunities such wilderness provides.

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Donation enclosed (optional). Donations are tax deductible.

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