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MWF Board Supports Wilderness Protection for Scotchman Peaks

Helena: Montana Wildlife Federation's Board of Directors voted to support wilderness designation for the Scotchman Peaks area south of Troy after hearing a presentation on its merits from Libby area representative of the Friends of the Scotchman Peaks Wilderness, Don Clark.

MWF affiliate club, Libby Rod and Gun Club - with whom Clark serves as president - had several meetings to analyze the proposal and recently completed their process then voted to support wilderness protection for the Scotchman Peaks, two-thirds of the area lies in Montana. Given the diverse membership of Libby Rod and Gun Club and their endorsement, MWF Board agreed with Clark that the lofty landscape home to an endemic herd of mountain goats epitomizes a landscape where wilderness protection is certainly deserved. The Scotchman Peaks designation presents few competing interests within the mining and timber industries and was approved by Congress and included in the 1988 Wilderness Bill; unfortunately that bill was vetoed by the president.

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