

Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness



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Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness Announces our annual "State of the Scotchmans" Event

Do you ever look up from Lake Pend Oreille at the towering turrets of the Scotchman Peaks and wondering why they aren't yet designated as wilderness? We sure do! Well, wilderness takes time and community support, lots of support. Come join the *Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness* for our annual "State of Scotchmans" event. Celebrate with us and share success stories from the last year. We will talk about what lies ahead on the pathway to wilderness. Learn more about our upcoming summer and fall activities and events. Sign up for a hike. And, by all means, tell us your own tale of the Scotchmans!

Our open house event will be held Tue June 19, from 4pm to 7pm at the Pend d'Oreille winery in Sandpoint. The event is free of charge and open to the public. We encourage all Friends, new and old, to come, bring your neighbors and anyone interested in wilderness. We will serve up fun, food, information and a lot of inspiration. During this event, a percentage of all sales at the winery will be donated to our efforts to bring wilderness designation to the Scotchmans. Supporting the Scotchmans was never so easy, or fun. Special "Scotchmans" label wine and our new Mountain Goat Poster will be on sale. Kick off the summer season right and step out in Scotchmans Style!

For more information about our efforts to protect the Scotchman Peaks area, please go to our website at www.scotchmanpeaks.org

Roughly 60 miles south of Canada, the 88,000 acre Scotchman Peaks roadless area spans the Idaho-Montana border. Since the 1970s, when the U.S. Forest Service carried out extensive evaluations of lands suitable for wilderness, this rugged, scenic and biologically diverse portion of the Cabinet Mountains has been managed for its wilderness potential. The *Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness* believe **now is the time** to preserve the Scotchmans, one of the last, and largest, wild areas in our region. And joining us on a hike this summer is the best way to experience first hand some of the benefits which wilderness designation will bring!

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