

## Mission Statement

"Spanning the Idaho/Montana border, the Scotchmans are one of the last, and largest, wild areas in our region. We conduct education, outreach and stewardship activities to preserve the rugged, scenic and biologically diverse 88,000 acre Scotchman Peaks Roadless Area. We believe the Scotchman Peaks deserve congressional designation as Wilderness for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations."



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Phil Hough's bright green pack brought the Wilderness to Washington, with the help of County Commissioner Cary Kelly and timberman Bob Boeh.

### By Phil Hough

Author Henry James once dubbed Washington, DC, "the city of conversation," but he came from a generally more polite and refined time. If he visited DC today, we can only imagine what he might think of the partisan bickering and the 24-hour news cycle featuring opinion-ators talking at and past each other. What we hear in the media seems more like diatribe than dialogue. So, it is refreshing to actually have civil conversation in our nation's seat of power, to see that this is not a "lost art."

With some effort, good, productive conversation can be found and had. Making the rounds of the House and Senate offices as a constituent and having conversations that matter elevates our voice. Bringing local voices, the voices of the people, to our elected officials in DC is a treasured right and one of the greatest expressions of democracy. Everyday people can, and do, go to DC and talk with their elected officials, sharing their views and hearing what is possible (or not) from elected officials and their staff.

I travelled in June to DC with Bonner County Commissioner Cary Kelly and Vice President of Idaho Forest Group Bob Boeh. Together, we walked the

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## THE CALENDAR

### Along The Trail

**April 22:** Earth Day trail cleanup on Regal Creek Trail in the Lightning Creek Treasured Landscape. FSPW participated in the showing of the movie "Love Thy Nature" at the Panida.

**April 28:** Goat Hope Ale returned to MickDuff's Beer Hall just in time for our Winter Tracks Volunteer Appreciation Party.

**May 5:** Idaho Gives was hosted by the Idaho Pour Authority.

**May 6:** FSPW participated in the KRFY benefit concert at the Panida, featuring "The Lil' Smokies;"

**May 14-15 and May 21-22:** Wilderness First Aid Classes were taught by FSPW Secretary Carol Jenkins at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

**May 14:** FSPW and MWA staff and volunteers had a refreshment station during the STOKR bike race in Lincoln County

**May 20 – 22:** Phil Hough and Sandy Compton attended the Wild Idaho Conference at Redfish Lake in the Stanley Basin.

**May 23:** Backcountry ranger/outreach intern Lindsay Ashton began working for FSPW

**May 25:** FSPW participated in an outdoor education day at Trout Creek Elementary School.

**June 2:** 75 people attended the State of the Scotchmans at Forrest Bird Charter School.

**June 3:** Jeff Halligan taught 5 staff and volunteers a cross-cut sharpening class.

**June 4, National Trails Day:** Twelve volunteers attended the Annual FSPW Trails and Hike Leader Training Day at Eddy Creek Campground and Trail #999.

**June 14-17:** FSPW exec Phil Hough, Idaho Forest Group VP Bob Boeh and Bonner County Commissioner Cary Kelly visited Idaho Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.

**June 20:** Eleven volunteers and staff worked on realignment of Scotchman Peak Trail #65. A National Trails Day event.

**June 23 - 25:** FSPW had a booth at Libby Logger Days.

**June 26:** 50 attended the Sanders County Picnic at the Bull River Campground Pavilion; FSPW staff and volunteers participated in 7B Sunday at Schweitzer Mountain Resort.

**July 4:** Dozens of Friends hiked in parades at Sandpoint, Clark Fork, Noxon and Heron. FSPW had a booth at the Troy Fourth of July Celebration. The FSPW / Cougar Creek Band entry took first place in the Clark Fork Parade.

**July 8:** 10 volunteers and staff worked on Trail #65 realign.

**July 9:** Fire ecology expert Art Zack led an outdoor education hike along Dry Creek Trail #1020

### The Future Looks Bright

**July 15, August 5, and August 26:** FSPW volunteers are leading hikes for kids. Sign up at [www.scotchmanpeaks.org/](http://www.scotchmanpeaks.org/)

**July 16:** Morris Creek Medicinal Plant ID Walk

**July 22:** Scotchman Peak Trail# 65 workday continues the realign.

**July 29 – 31:** FSPW volunteers and staff will enjoy a campout while working on Spar Peak Trail.

**August 5-6:** FSPW will have a booth at Noxon Blues Festival.

**August 8-13:** FSPW will have a booth at the Bonner County Fair. Contact [britta@scotchmanpeaks.org](mailto:britta@scotchmanpeaks.org) to help.

**August 12-14:** FSPW will participate in the Trout Creek Huckleberry Festival. Contact [jen@scotchmanpeaks.org](mailto:jen@scotchmanpeaks.org) to help.

**August 19:** National Forest Foundation sponsors a Morris Creek Trail #132 Workday

**August 7:** Goat Peak trail clearing workday.

**September TBA:** Whitebark pine planting on Scotchman Peak

**September 10:** Outdoor Ed Class on Wetlands with Brian Baxter

**September 11:** Inaugural Thompson Falls Picnic to be held at Power Park. FSPW will provide burgers and beverages. Bring a dish to share. 3 pm Mountain time.

**September 16:** Montana Wilderness Association and FSPW will host the second annual Harvest Festival at Riverfront Park in Libby.

**September 23 and 24:** National Public Lands Day event at Scotchman Peak Trail #65. Camp at the trailhead and help finish and dedicate the new section of trail.

### KEEP UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

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### On The Horizon

**October 8:** 3rd Annual Bonner County Wellness Hike

**October 8:** Friends of Scotchman Peaks Annual Plein Air Paint-out (Details to be announced)

**October 16:** Annual FSPW Volunteer appreciation picnic.

**October 31:** The Annual FSPW Photo Contest closes. Enter your pics at [www.scotchmanpeaks.org/hiking/annual-photo-contest/](http://www.scotchmanpeaks.org/hiking/annual-photo-contest/)

**November:** FSPW Winter Tracks volunteer orientation.

"The Wilderness holds answers to more questions than we have yet learned to ask."

—Nancy Wynne Newhall



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

### SUPPORT FOR SCOTCHMANS GROWS AND EVOLVES

With each passing year, the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness continues to grow in the size and diversity. We currently have a few over 6,400 supporters including 300 people who have been active as volunteers in the last three years.

The work we do for wilderness is also becoming more complex. Our advocacy includes more “unusual” voices and out stewardship work takes on a whole lot more than just trail maintenance.

To manage an increasingly nuanced designation campaign and expanded Stewardship program, we have added staff. In the past six months we created a permanent, part time outreach position in Thompson Falls, a new, seasonal outreach intern position in Libby and we’ve hired a “Mountain Goat Education” coordinator for the summer of 2016.

As the prospects for congressional designation grows, our partnerships with many individuals, organizations and businesses become increasingly complex. And their voices become very important. From formal collaborations like the Panhandle Forest Collaborative and Kootenai Forest Stakeholders, to the involvement of key partners like Idaho Forest Group and the Bonner County Commissioners, the chorus of supporters asking for congressional designation of the Scotchman Peaks as Wilderness grows.

We are part of a critical mass of effort that will lead to Wilderness Designation. As the idea of Wilderness for the Scotchman Peaks moves from being ours alone, to being a community idea, then we are making a crucial step towards protection.

We also work with Wilderness groups like Idaho Conservation League,

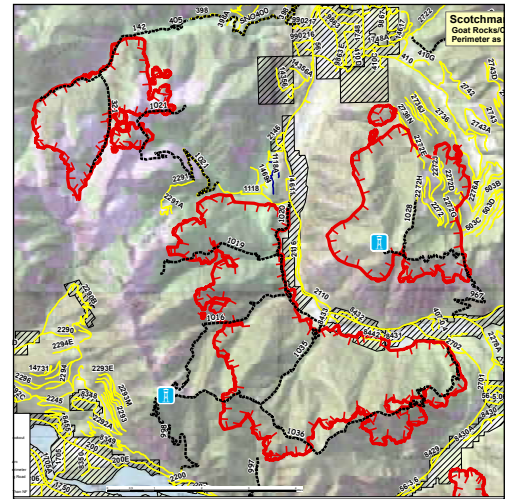
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## FSPW SEEKS FIRE RECOVERY MONITORS

It might seem like the distant past, but it was less than a year ago that much of the Scotchman Peaks proposal was on fire or in danger of being so. Heaviest damage was in the West Fork of Blue Creek, the area to the north of Sawtooth Mountain and the east face of Pilik Ridge.

The good news is that the fire around Pilik and Sawtooth “behaved” itself, burning in a “mosaic” pattern that left a patchwork of green, reddish-brown and black on the steep hillsides above Bull River and the main stem

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The red outlines the Sawtooth, Pilik and Berray Mountain fires in September, 2015

## GOAT EDUCATION 101 IS WORKING.

After the first month of the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness Trail Ambassador Program, things are looking good for the goats of the Scotchman Peaks!

After several weekends of gathering information and educating the public about mountain goats on



Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness goat education coordinator Jay Sicilia demonstrates the proper distance from which to observe mountain goats.

Scotchman Peak Trail #65, FSPW trail ambassadors are having very good results. As of this writing, there have been no reports of people interacting too closely with the mountain goats. Although a few goats have been a little stubborn when it comes to getting off the trail, overall, it seems that people have started to realize the potential dangers of interacting with them.

The biggest issue noted thus far is the definition of “safe distance” from the goats. After being asked if goats were approaching too close, one response was “No, they are staying 12 feet away.” Twelve feet isn’t exactly a safe distance. FSPW, the Forest Service and Idaho Fish and Game recommend 100 to 150 feet.

On Sunday, June 26, FSPW goat education coordinator Jay Sicilia was on the trail and witnessed nine mountain goats on the rocks near the top; three mothers, three kids, and three two-year-olds. Of those, only one momma was reluctant to move away as she was approached. After a series of attempts to shoo it away and a

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## A LINCOLN COUNTY INTERN'S REPORT

By Kara Adam  
Lincoln County Intern

Joining Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness as an intern has been very gratifying. Remembering the interview in March, I look back and laugh, only because my lack of education in conservation may have been obvious.

I didn't even know that there was a difference between 'wilderness' and 'forest'. How could there be? Wilderness is the forest! Living in areas that are not so abundant with forests makes one feel that way coming to the Pacific Northwest. Not only was there a learning curve, but the bigger swing that I did not seem to realize is how 'wilderness' is not valued by everyone! To me, I thought "WOW, here we live in the middle of the wilderness! Let's embrace wilderness!" I never thought that supporting Mother Earth could be such a challenge.

### IN THE OUTREACH TRENCHES

During my internship I performed anonymous land use surveys, which informed FSPW, and also benefited me. While I thought that wilderness designation should be an easy task, giving the surveys taught me the issues and showed me the difficulty of getting land designated Wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act. I was also able to teach people the importance of wilderness and listen to people who were in complete disagreement. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and people who are not for wilderness are not excluded, nor are they excluded from being educated about wilderness.

This year is my third summer in Montana, and during my internship with FSPW, I have met some of the most hard-working, dedicated people who absolutely love their jobs in the area — the most wonderful people yet, regardless of what our common ground might be.

### ON THE GROUND

Getting my Chainsaw and Crosscut A Sawyer Certification with USFS instructor Joel Sather was an experience I was very nervous about! I kept looking at my calendar and dreading the day, but Joel did a great job and made me feel confident that I could do it — and I did! (Who would have guessed that I was a worry wart?) It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be, and I felled my first tree!

Another great experience I've had during my internship is working with Ben Bernall and his trail crew out of Three Rivers Ranger District.

Trail maintenance — how could anyone hate trail maintenance? "What? You want me to follow behind you and sling brush and then hike back on this horribly magnificent trail? When do I start?!" It's hard work, but work where one can look behind themselves and say, "Look what I did!"

Why do I love Montana trails? Not only are they not paved, but they are in the most beautiful areas. If you are hiking at the right time of year, you can get tasty treats along the way to an astounding scenic view.

Learning what goes into trail maintenance was an eye opener, and the folks who do the work are tough. I learned from my one day with Joel that lugging around a chainsaw all day takes a certain type of person. Kudos. You guys are awesome!

### THE PAYOFF

Not only do I enjoy learning, I enjoy teaching. As an Outreach Intern, I have enjoyed teaching people about the Scotchman Peaks area and our proposal. During the time when I was conducting surveys I automatically started explaining the proposal and the goals of FSPW. Some people who approached me never heard of



Kara Adams (on the right) in the outreach booth at the Troy Fourth of July with intern Lindsay Ashton.

the area, or lived elsewhere. Teaching in general is fulfilling, and schooling people about the proposal and what wilderness brings to a community has been a new thing for me to impart.

Getting people to sign up as a Friend, plus knowing that he or she walked away with something new, something they can be a part of, and something that will be lifelong brings a smile to my face. Here we are, doing something for the greater good and teaching other people that it is worth saving our lands, our heritage, and our Earth.

Much good has come out of this 20-week program. Is there anything bad? The part of this program that I would have to say is dismaying is the fact that it ends. I have met remarkable people, expanded my knowledge of the area, and feel as if I am doing my part to help preserve our natural home. I never thought of choosing a career in conservation, but through this 20-week position I believe I found something that is meaningful and a cause worth fighting for.

*Kara Adam has been a brave and effective outreach and stewardship intern in Lincoln County. We will miss her interminable good humor and extraordinary smile.*





## CINNABAR GRANT 2016 IS READY TO MATCH SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MANY GRANTORS AND DONORS.

Montana's **Cinnabar Foundation** has provided FSPW with a matching grant for many years and our Friends have never failed to make the match.

Matching grants are a great opportunity for individual donors to make their money go farther. This year, Cinnabar has given FSPW a \$4,000 challenge. We are already working our way toward the top and would like to reach the goal by October 31. To make your match, go to [www.scotchmanpeaks.org/donate](http://www.scotchmanpeaks.org/donate)

### GRANTORS HELP FSPW CONTINUE OUR STEWARDSHIP WORK

In other grant news, FSPW wishes to thank **National Forest Foundation (NFF)** for help in continuing whitebark pine studies and plantings in Lightning Creek as well as trail work on Morris Creek Trail #132

We also gratefully acknowledge the **Norcross Wildlife Foundation** for their help in buying equipment for the continuing weed surveys and mitigation work in the NFF Lightning Creek Treasured Landscape.

Other grants we wish to say a heartfelt thank you for include a recent "Grass Roots" grant from **Brainerd Foundation**; support for our general fund from **Campion Foundation**; support for our

communications efforts —including this newsletter — from the **Confidence Foundation**, and the continued support of **Wilburforce Foundation** and **Pew Charitable Trusts**.

### "SMALL" DONORS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

Our largest individual donation was an eye-popping \$10,000 check handed to FSPW Program Coordinator Sandy Compton at Wild Idaho several years ago by donors who wish to remain anonymous. We more often get \$10 checks, but regardless the amount, we are grateful for each one.

We wish to thank these individual donors for their recent contributions:  
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## 2016 SUMMER HIKE SCHEDULE • E = EASY • M = MODERATE • S = STRENOUS • S+ = S+UPID :-)

Hike date	Exertion Rating	Destination/ Hike Name	Leader(s)	Description and contact info
7/20/16	S+	Goat Peak/ Scotchman Biathlon	Celeste Grace	<b>Contact Celeste Grace — celestegrace@gmail.com</b> Ever hiked UP Goat and wished you could hike DOWN Scotchman? Here is your chance. We will shuttle bicycles for hikers to the Scotchman Peak trail head early in the morning, then meet to hike UP Goat, then UP Scotchman, then DOWN to our bikes! From there, we will bike DOWN the forest service roads to Clark Fork for end-of-the-day refreshments. This hike begins at 8 am
8/5/16 and 8/29/16	E-M	Community Kids Hikes	Various	<b>Contact Britta Mireley — britta@scotchmanpeaks.org</b> FSPW has partnered with Bonner Homeless Transitions (bonnerhomelesstransitions.org) to introduce children staying with them to the great outdoors! We'll be doing 2 more hikes this summer: East Fork of Blue Creek and lastly, Star Peak. Children between 3 and 12 (and their parents) are invited to come enjoy the woods with Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness.
8/27/16	S	East Fork Peak	Mary Fanzel	<b>Contact Mary Franzel — zipperlee@gmail.com</b> Take the trail less traveled. Seems not many venture up this great trail. It's about 4 miles one way – somewhat comparable to Scotchman, although 3200' elevation is spread out a bit more evenly. There's the base of an old fire lookout & beautiful views up Char Creek, Savage, the Scotchmans & Lake Pend Oreille. We do have to cross the East Fork of Lightning Creek – maybe rock hopping, maybe not. We can continue on the ridge over to the "true" East Fork Peak depending on the group's desire. This hike begins at 9 a.m. Pacific Time, and is expected to take 6 to 8 hours.
9/24/16	M	Mary's Mystery Hike	Mary Fanzel	<b>Contact Mary Franzel — zipperlee@gmail.com</b> This is the 3rd (annual??) Mystery Hike. This year the exact location is part of the mystery. It will be no more than 6 miles round trip with less than 1500' of elevation – not a strenuous hike but fun. Not planning it as a kid's hike but if you have adventurous children I'm sure they would have fun & I'd plan the "prizes" accordingly. It will be somewhere up Lightning Creek on one of the many trails. It will include some form of refreshment & rewards. I only rate this as moderate due to potential 6 miles. The hike begins at 10 a.m. and will last until about 4 pm

Hiking Scotchman this summer? We need sherpas to lift water to treeline for our fall whitebark pine planting project. Earn a Scotchman Peaks Map bandana by adding to our water stash! • [info@scotchmanpeaks.org](mailto:info@scotchmanpeaks.org)

### Washington, from page 1

halls of congress, talked in corridors and had conversations in rooms large and small about local support for congressional designation of the Idaho portion of the Scotchman Peaks as Wilderness. We listened to what the members of Idaho delegation thought might be possible and what they might need to advance legislation. It was civil conversation. Henry James would have recognized it.

We talked with Idaho Senators Risch and Crapo and Congressmen Labrador and Simpson; as well as their staffs. In fact, we spent most time with staff, who take detailed notes and do the work of bringing all the conversations together so that good public policy emerges.

We also met with the Montana delegation to share with them what we learned from our Idaho meetings, keep them informed about the prospects for

legislation for Idaho and to speculate on the future potential for a bill for the Montana side of the Scotchmans. We shared conversations with Congressman Zinke and Senator Tester and staffs as well as staff from Senator Daine's Office.

This isn't the start of the conversation; we've been talking for some time now. I've been to DC three times in just the last year, to talk and listen. Our representatives and their staffs have come to our region — where we talk more. In fact, for over 11 years we've had an ongoing dialogue – talking, listening and discussing the prospects for the Scotchmans. But good conversation, like good wine, takes time to develop to its full potential.

In June, the conversation, to use some modern slang, "got real." It's not every day a county commissioner and a timber guy come along to discuss the positive value of Wilderness. That

is as real as it gets! And judging from the reactions we got, both verbal and body language, the significance was understood, and felt, by everyone we met with. It got people talking.

This was not the last conversation we will have. There are more to come in the near future as we are not "there" yet, wherever "there" is. I wish I could talk here about when and how exactly we will get a bill introduced and done. But before I can do that there needs to be some more conversation.

I can say that we are closer than we were at the start of June. The conversation in DC is always at a higher level, more intense, more interesting, more effective. The conversation we had last month will continue in some of the rooms we were in and between some of the people we met with, even as we head back home. Our conversation continues to echo even after we are gone.

## THOMPSON FALLS COUNCIL ENDORSES THE SCOTCHMANS . . . AGAIN!

The City Council of Thompson Falls renewed their endorsement of the Scotchman Peaks proposal at their regular meeting on June 16. FSPW Sanders County Outreach Coordinator Jen Kreiner made a presentation to the group that evening before the public meeting began, and the council took the lead of Mayor Mark Sheets and unani-

mously approved the resolution as the first item on the agenda of the evening.

"The City previously endorsed the Scotchmans in 2006," said Kreiner, "but it's very nice to have the current board and mayor renew that commitment."

The endorsement statement is short, sweet and to the point: "The City of Thompson Falls would like to endorse the

designation of the proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness as wilderness. The City Council voted unanimously to support the formation. It would improve the recreational opportunities, economics and draw tourists to our City."

*Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness thanks the Thompson Falls City Council and the Mayor for their support!*

### Director's message, from page 3

Montana Wilderness Association, the Wilderness Society and PEW's public lands group whose work overlaps with ours. We find ourselves part of an effort that is bigger than just ourselves and a need to coordinate the role(s) we each have in protecting the Scotchman Peaks.

Our stewardship work continues to grow and evolve as well. Responding to the need to keep mountain goats wild and humans safe, we added the summer Mountain Goat Education position. A primary focus of this new position is our "Trail Ambassador" program.

Our weed warriors have stepped up their game too. Armed with iPads and a new weed identification book specific to the Scotchman Peaks they are working to preserve the Wilderness characteristics of the Scotchman Peaks.

We've increased the number of naturalist-led field trips and classes and are broadening the reach of our Community Kid hikes. Because youth education is fundamental to long-term conservation, we are planning to expand our Winter Tracks education classes. We may even set up some Wolverine Monitoring stations again!

This is an exciting time to be a part of the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness, as we build the strong community required for the long term protection through designation and the long term preservation of the Scotchman Peaks through good stewardship!

—Phil Hough

### Fire monitors, from page 3

of Ross Creek. The further good news is that much of the patchwork is green.

FSPW is undertaking a multi-year photographic study of the eminent recovery of the areas that burned, and seeks volunteers to adopt one or more stations from which photos will be taken annually to monitor how the burned areas recover.

"This is a project that might last for a decade or more," FSPW program coordinator Sandy Compton said. "But it will ultimately be a very interesting history of how the forest heals itself. We have some volunteers who are interested already."



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Compton has been researching places from which the photo monitoring might be done, including specific directions to sites, GPS coordinates and compass readings that will help recovery monitors to take consistent photos over time.

"We are establishing protocols and coordinates for about a dozen monitoring sites around the proposal," said Compton. "We have quite a few sites that will be easy to access, particularly along Bull River Highway, but we also have some that will be an annual challenge for someone."

If you are interested in this program, write to [sandy@scotchmanpeaks.org](mailto:sandy@scotchmanpeaks.org)

### Goats 101, from page 3

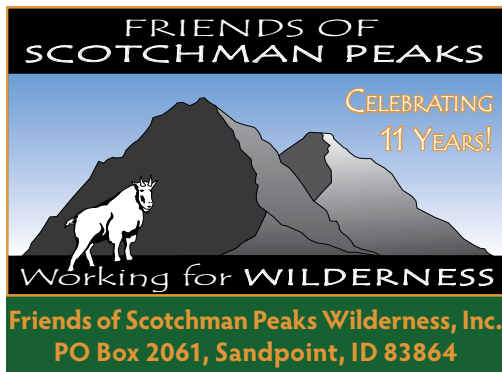
couple rocks thrown at her feet, she retreated to higher ground, showing natural mountain goat behavior.

FSPW ambassadors hiking the trail have reported nothing but good feedback from the public. "People really seem to care and want to help the mountain goats, as well as learn more about them," said Sicilia. "Most everyone understands that they are wild animals and should be left alone, even if that means shooing the goats away from them."

FSPW has undertaken the trail

ambassador program on Scotchman Peak Trail #65 primarily in response to a closure of the trail last year due to increasing reports of human-goat encounters that were too close for comfort. Trail ambassadors will be asking hikers about their experience with goats, teaching about the Leave No Trace principles and monitoring goat presence and activity on Scotchman Peak throughout the hiking season.

If you have questions about mountain goats or experiences you would like to share, email [jay@scotchmanpeaks.org](mailto:jay@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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