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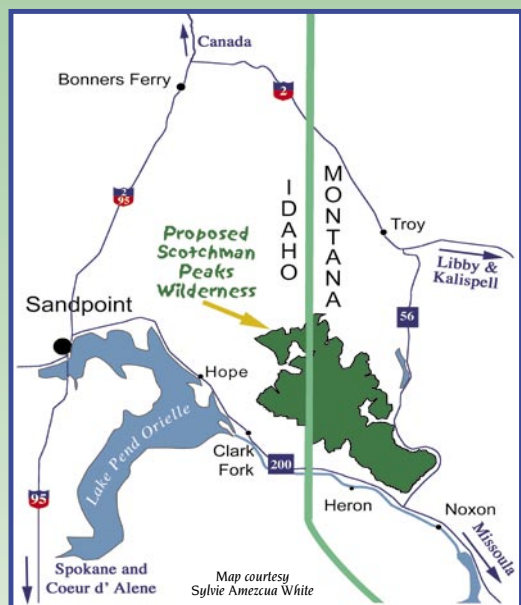
The Newsletter for Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness, Inc.

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Mission Statement

"We believe that the 88,000 acre Scotchman Peaks roadless area, spanning the Idaho/Montana border, deserves **permanent protection** as wilderness. Faced with growth and change, we want to make sure this special place stays the same."



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Tales of Scotchman Peaks

The Guide and The Goat

By **Jim Boyer**

My son Bret from Austin, TX and myself from Kansas - two flatlanders- took John Harbuck's FSPW hike August 14, 2007. There were 8 hikers in all, but 5 of them were wearing triathlon tee shirts or something equally intimidating. We hardly got to more than introduce ourselves and they promptly left Bret and me in the dust. Good for them! If we had tried to keep up, they would have had to use body bags to get us off the hill.

We were painfully slow, but John chose to stay with us the whole way. I'm sure he felt he was going to have to use EMT skills before the day was out. We encouraged him to strike out and go with the others, but he hung with us the entire trip and we enjoyed the conversation and his willingness to share his knowledge of flora and fauna. The hike "kicked our tails," but we made it up in about 5 hours, spent 1 hour at the top (where we encountered the goat), and came down in about 3 hours. John had time to pick huckleberries, do a little trail maintenance, and at one point took a nap and still kept up with us! Thank you, John, for your patience. We thoroughly enjoyed the hike.

I had hiked the peak twice in the early 60's when I was a college student and a seasonal employee of the U.S. Forest Service at the Clark Fork Ranger Station. It was a great nostalgia trip for me, but I did discover what a difference 45 years and life on the Great Plains does to one's legs. It was special to have my oldest son go with me. He claimed that he was comfortable with the pace, but I think I noticed he had a little trouble keeping a constant conversation going with John. The proposed Scotchman Wilderness Area holds a special place in my memories, having hiked over a good share of it in the early 60's. I am supportive of your attempt to get wilderness status for this area and hope to return for some additional hikes in the future.



John Harbuck and Mr. Scotchman
Photo courtesy Jim Boyer

Peak Holiday Shopping

Our shirts and sweats are now available at Mountain Meadows in Libby, Huckleberry Thicket in Trout Creek, Outdoor Experience, Café Bodega, and Eichardt's in Sandpoint, The Hope Market Café in Hope, Lucy's Deli and Scotchman Coffee House in Clark Fork and REI in Spokane. Out of the area, contact jmellen@imbris.net. Other Scotchman Peaks merchandise is available in our online store run by Café Press at www.scotchmanpeaks.org/store/html.



The Future Looks Bright

November 20, 2007, 7pm, Mountain Time:

A fascinating and informative slide show on Mountain Goats and their vulnerability to human disturbance will be presented by renowned biologist and goat expert, Gayle Joslin, recently retired from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, at the Libby Rod and Gun Club meeting at the First National Bank on Mineral Ave. Invited guests are members of two snowmobile clubs, area biologists from the Forest Service and Montana Fish, Game and Parks, and the Forest Service Regional Supervisor. Members of the public are also welcome to attend.

Saturday, November 24: Meet the man who has covered North America by boot, and share his passion for the wild in "Give Thanks for the Wild!" a multimedia show/concert, to be held at the Panida Theater in Sandpoint. Give Thanks For the Wild celebrates America's rich wilderness heritage through the stunning photography and live wilderness inspired music of Walkin' Jim Stoltz. The Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness present this rare opportunity to meet America's one-of-a-kind wilderness troubadour. Walkin' Jim Stoltz has trekked from coast to coast, Mexico to Canada (3 times), Yellowstone to the Yukon, from high in the Arctic to deep in the Utah canyons. All those years in the wild places and over 26,000 miles of walking have given him a great love for wilderness which Walkin' Jim will share in "Give Thanks for the Wild!" Walkin' Jim sings in a deep bass voice, plays guitar, and tells stories about his travels while projecting spectacular images of the wilderness he has photographed on his travels. Doors open at 6:00pm, show starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are only \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For details on where to purchase, go the www.scotchmanpeaks.org

November 27, 4-7pm: The Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness invite you to come toast the holidays with us! Pend d'Oreille Winery, on Cedar Street in Sandpoint, will host a special holiday "Sip and Shop" event to benefit our wilderness efforts. The winery will donate 10% of proceeds from all sales during this event (including wine by the glass!). So, come kick off the holiday shopping season in "wild" style - meet and mingle with other "Friends", do some seasonal shopping and enjoy a glass of holiday cheer!

Scotchman Past

Through the Eyes of a Photographer

By Elisabeth O'Meara

All Matt Schmitt photographs courtesy of Elisabeth O'Meara

Matt Schmitt, the only child of German parents, was born in 1903 at Oden. His family had an extensive farm along the flat straightaway of Sunnyside Road and also extending on both sides of Highway 2. There was a wonderful stream that came from across the road to where the Oden Grange is presently located. People went there to pump water. The stream decreased with heavy usage and now contains enough iron that it is no longer used.



Matt Schmitt

Photo by Ross Hall used with permission of Hazel Hall

The Schmitt farmhouse is the house right past the underpass on Sunnyside side road and now belongs to Dr. John Snedden. The main crop on the farm was hay. They also had an extensive orchard of mainly apples. Eventually Matt and his father took out the fruit trees and raised more hay and different grain crops. As the only son, Matt had to work during the long summer days. In winter, he hiked all the mountains around here, from the Seven Sisters to the Cabinets. His favorites were those in the Scotchman area. He was almost always alone on snowshoes and sometimes on skis, not even with a dog. He would hike from the Scotchmans area to Trestle Creek or to the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness area.

A keen photographer, he recorded hikes in that fashion. He had a dark room in the basement but also went to the Ross Hall Studio. When Ross saw Matt's snow pictures, he was entranced and went hiking with Matt. Thus, Matt introduced Ross to the snow pictures. Ross could rarely leave the studio except on Sunday long enough to take snow pictures.



Top of the range above Hope

Photo by Matt Schmitt

In spite of no formal schooling past the eighth grade because he was needed on the farm, Matt Schmitt was really a Renaissance man. Self educated, he was a voracious reader, philosopher, and renowned gunsmith. A noted sharp

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shooter, he was on the Idaho State Team sent to the Nationals in Camp Roberts in 1937. He was an avid hunter and all around woodsman. He also worked with a surveyor. After his parents sold the farm in 1947, he was able to devote himself to his passion which was gunsmithing.

His parents were philanthropists, donating the land for the Oden Grange Hall. Matt almost lost his life when a beam fell while he was helping build the Hall. A philanthropist himself, Matt donated the land for Kootenai Park.

After Schweitzer opened, Matt always had a season pass. By then in his 70's or 80's, downhill skiing replaced his hikes in the woods. He made his own backpack, a canvas bag, and his own skates. He could fix almost anything. A man of few words, Matt was very shy and never married.

Looking east from Scotchman Peak at the Cabinet Mountains

*Photo by
Matt Schmitt*



From Scotchman Peak

*Photo by
Matt Schmitt*



Across Lightning Creek, Scotchman 2

Photo by Matt Schmitt



From the Top

The gold of the Larches and the snow dusting the mountain tops mean it's time to pull out the garden, bring in the wood and hopefully soon get out the snowshoes. Fall brought such a harvest of tales on the joys of hiking in the Scotchmans area that I could not include them all. It is always hard for me to choose between the many beautiful pictures I am sent to accompany the articles. Matt Schmitt's photos and life remind us of the joy that prior generations found in the Scotchmans. May we preserve the gift of this wilderness for future generation to enjoy.

Happy Holidays.

Ann Wimberley

Birds Found on the Scotchman Peaks

By Jon Isacoff,

Assistant Professor, Political Science, Gonzaga University. Director, Environmental Studies, Gonzaga University

Columnist, Earl Chapin returns next issue.

During a recent Gonzaga field trip to the proposed Scotchman Peaks wilderness, September 21-23, I had the opportunity to survey some of the local birds. In 3 days I identified 23 species (see complete list below). I have spoken with some experts at the Spokane Audubon Society and we hope to return several times and develop a more complete inventory of resident, breeding, and migrating birds.

In addition to the birds observed, I suspect that the Scotchmans provide important migration and possibly breeding habitat for Endangered Peregrine Falcons and more certainly for Bald Eagles. Other possible rarities that may breed or migrate to the Scotchmans include: White Tailed Ptarmigan; Gyrfalcon; Great Grey Owl; and Northern Hawk Owl. (Editor's note: These birds have been featured in prior articles by Earl Chapin in Peak Experience.)

Birds Observed, September 21-23

1 Dusky Grouse	18 Red Breasted Nuthatch
1 Turkey Vulture	1 Brown Creeper
2 Red Tailed Hawk	2 Golden Crowned Kinglet
2 Kestrel	11 Robin
1 Sharp Shinned Hawk	2 Swainson's Thrush
8 Flicker	32 Yellow Rumped Warbler
1 Hairy Woodpecker	29 Dark Eyed Junco
1 Kingfisher	15 Pine Siskin
1 American Dipper	10 Evening Grosbeak
1 Gray Jay	
3 Stellar's Jay	
7 Raven	
10 Mountain Chickadee	
5 Chestnut Backed Chickadee	



Message from the Chair

By **Phil Hough**

"Tell A Friend"

Wilderness is not about money, meetings or membership; Wilderness is an idea that is right for the Scotchmans and which we believe appeals to a broad consensus within our communities.

When the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness formed a little over 2½ years ago we decided against a "membership" model for our organization. We did not want anyone to feel that they had to "join" yet another group simply to show support for the Scotchmans. Anyone who is interested can receive our bi-monthly newsletter and, if desired, an occasional alert or update. We also did not want anyone to feel obligated to paying regular dues just because they agree wilderness is the right choice for the Scotchmans. So, donations are not required (although gratefully accepted). Nor do we believe attendance at meetings is a measure of commitment. Being a "friend" of Scotchman Peaks should not be a burden. Support should be simple. As a result we currently have a little over 1,300, very diverse "friends" on our support list, a remarkable achievement in such a short time!

Yet, additional support from our communities will be

needed to push the political process towards the inevitability of action by our elected leaders: action which will designate this special area part of the Wilderness Preservation System. 1,300 supporters is a huge step forward in that process. In 2008 we enter a "leap" year and we, the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness have the potential with the current base of supporters to take a huge leap forward and widen the circle of support. But, we need your help! As friends we need to help each other to help the Scotchmans!

Tell a friend! It sounds simple, and it is. If you are a friend of Scotchman Peak and want wilderness, tell a friend of yours to become a supporter too. In fact, tell all your friends. No need for a "hard sell" either. Just ask your friends to take a hike – with us. Or ask them to check out our website, or attend an event such as the Walkin Jim concert in November. Or simply share this newsletter with them. All of these things are pleasurable experiences anyway, so your friend will thank you. Your friends can sign our support list while on a hike or at the concert or they can go to our website and use the "subscribe" option to receive our newsletter. No obligations. So, tell a friend to become a "friend". Together we can move mountains, into a wilderness area!

What Grows There

By **Ann Wimberley**

There was much concern before the mushroom field trip co-sponsored by FSPW and the Kinnickinick chapter of the Native Plant Society that mushrooms would prove elusive because of the ongoing drought. Fifteen people met at the Scotchman Coffee House in Clark Fork for an initial presentation and slide show by mycologist Larry Evans of Missoula. We then headed for the cool, damp microclimate of the Ross Creek Cedars. Several hours of searching were rewarded by 31 varieties of mushrooms which Larry subsequently keyed out for us in the accompanying list.

Hopefully, this field trip will become an annual event. More mushroom information is available on Larry's website, www.fungaljungal.org.



Bolete mirabilis
Photo by Neil Wimberley

Ross Cedars Mushroom Hike September 16, 2007

Polypores

Ischnoderma resinosum
Fomes annosum
fomentarius
Fomitopsis pinicola
Polyporus elegans
Stereum hirsutum
Pycnoporus alboluteus

Ascomycete

Hypomyces on Bolete
Lycoperdon perlatum
pyriformis

Laccaria laccata
sp

Omphalina ericitorium

Boletus mirabilis

Russula densifolia
subnigricans

Lactarius rufus
deliciosus/rubrilactea
olympianus

Xerampelina caudicinalis
Armillaria mellea
Chroogomphus tomentosus
Hypholoma (Naematoloma)
fasiculare
Floccularia albonariapes
Inocybe lacera
Pluteus cervinus
Mycena alcalina
epipterygera

Nolanea vernalis
Leptonia

sp 1
sp 2

Agaricus meleagris (group)



Peak Views

The Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness is proud to present our preliminary Winter 2008 snowshoe/hike series schedule! We are sure to add hikes as winter arrives, so check back in January for the full listing.

Winter is a time of silence and solitude; a time to experience the profound nature of wilderness. So strap on your snowshoes or slip into your cross-country skis and join us for

one of our organized winter walks. From snow falling softly on the Ross Creek Cedars, to the steep and strenuous ascent of Star Peak with stunning winter panoramas we have something for every skill level and interest. You will see first hand why the Scotchmans are so special. Group size is limited and reservations are required. To sign up contact the hike leader listed. For more details go to our website at: www.scotchmanpeaks.org.

E = Easy		M = Moderate	S = Strenuous	D = Difficult-Experienced Only
Sat Jan 19	E/M	Ross Creek Cedars - Snow falling softly on a cathedral of cedars – what could be a more perfect winter trip? For good reason we will repeat this one!! Phil Leader tba Phil Hough (208) 255-2780, nowhere_man97@hotmail.com		
Sat Jan 26	D	Star Peak – a strenuous ascent of Star Peak reward the intrepid with stunning and dramatic winter panoramas. Todd Dunfield (509) 979-6401, dunfield@gonzaga.edu		
Sat Feb 9	E/M	East Fork Creek – we'll follow the perimeter of the Scotchmans, along Lightning and East Fork Creeks, tall Cedars and tossed boulders from recent floods. Phil Hough (208) 255-2780, nowhere_man97@hotmail.com		
Sat Feb 16	E/M	Ross Creek Cedars – Ann and Neil Wimberley (208) 264-5379, neilwim@yahoo.com		
Sat Feb 23	M	Ross Creek Cedars – extended – a longer version of the Ross Creek Cedars trip, on either XC skis or snowshoes, which will go farther up Ross Creek, as far as abilities and weather allows. Jim Mellen (208) 265-5261, jmellen@imbris.net		
Sun Mar 2	M/D	Ross Creek Cedars – bring skis or snowshoes for another trip into the Cedars for wonderful winter fun. Susan Drumheller(208) 265-9565, sdrumheller@wildidaho.org		
Sun Mar 16	E/M	Morris Creek – “Flowers or Floods” - we'll take an early spring hike or late winter snowshoe up Morris Creek to look at Buttercups and Boulders - Phil Hough (208) 255-2780, nowhere_man97@hotmail.com		
Sat Mar 22	D	Goat Peak Hop – This is not a “bunny – slope” hop, it's a very steep trail, but if the weather cooperates it is an extremely rewarding trip. Last year all 12 who started made it to the summit, including a 68 year old. Snowshoes only. Jim Mellen (208) 265-5261, jmellen@imbris.net		
Fri Apr 18	D	Scotchman Peak “Scotchman on the Rocks” an early season assault – by whatever means appropriate and necessary – come prepared for mud, snow and a hard, fun, time. John Harbuck (208) 263-9894		
Sat Apr 26	D	Scotchman Peak – “Scotchman on the Rocks, part 2” - an early season trek to the top, by whatever means possible - hike/ski/snowboard/randonee/snowshoe – For the adventurous <i>only</i> ! Jim Mellen (208) 265-5261, jmellen@imbris.net		

Trail of the Month

By Jim Mellen

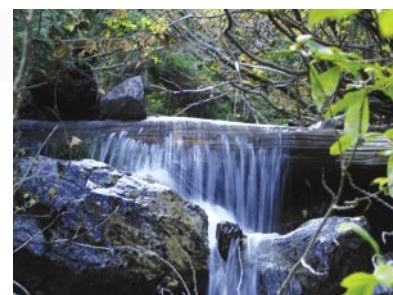
Sawtooth at Last!

On September 29, Sandy Compton led a Sawtooth overnighiter which did not actually become an overnighiter. Cold, rain, and wet snow made it a hypothermia experience waiting to happen. We wisely turned back but you can still see my heel marks in the trail from being dragged out.

On October 14, some of us decided to try it again. Lorna, Sandy and Maria were too busy (on their own planets), but Sandii, Sherry and Rodd were willing and able to try it as a day hike. Besides, I had lost my favorite hat on the trail and wanted a chance to retrieve it. The weather was as good as it could possibly be. The vine maples and Larches were golden in the fall sunlight. We followed Sandy Compton's route paralleling the West Fork of Blue Creek, arriving at a beautiful cirque between Clayton and Mike's Peak. The peaks all had a light dusting and the route from the cirque to 24 Hour Pass had patches of snow that reminded us of late spring. From 24 Hour Pass, we climbed straight up Middle Mountain, soaking in the magnificent views. It was less than ½ mile to Sawtooth but time was running short. It had taken us over 5 hours to get to Middle Mt. and it

was 2:45 PDT. If we turned back now and retraced our steps, it would be way dark by the time we got back. We decided to take the shortcut that Mr. Compton warned us about. “Do not under any circumstances succumb to the temptation to take a shortcut through the Hell Hole”. Being powerless to resist temptation, we decided to take the shortcut. Being so close to Sawtooth was killing me, so while the rest of the party started back, I zipped up to Sawtooth and then rejoined them east of Middle Mountain. Sawtooth affords some of the most magnificent views of the southern Scotchmans and was well worth the effort.

Now, on to the Hell hole. It was not as bad as I had imagined. We found some elk trails that helped immensely. I saw two bull elk in a creek bottom, along with numerous gorgeous waterfalls. We could have picked a better route after crossing Blue creek, but we ended up making it to the trailhead in about 3 hours and just before dark. It was a great trip and one that we may do again on the summer solstice. Oh, and we found my hat too!



The Hell Hole

Photo by Jim Mellen



Along the Trail

September 13: Don Clark and Doug Ferrell met with the Troy Businessmen's Club at Jack's Café for a Scotchmans presentation. They were also interviewed by the Western News. Clark and Ferrell teamed up with Bill Martin to make a presentation to the Kootenai Stakeholders Group. This is an impressive group of forest users and community leaders dedicated to finding consensus on forest issues and projects. FSPW's introductory presentation was very well received. Plans are to return later to provide the group with more information and answer more questions.

September 17: Phil Hough spoke to the nineteen students in the Gonzaga Political Science 317 class on personal connection to place and to the Scotchmans. Phil, with the assistance of Carol Jenkins, made a public presentation that night at Gonzaga. This presentation was also the monthly meeting of the Spokane Mountaineers.

September 18: Doug Ferrell made a well received FSPW presentation at the Libby Rod and Gun Club, presided over by President Don Clark in his FSPW sweatshirt. Many members of the Rod and Gun Club are very familiar with the Scotchmans area and expressed support for our efforts to protect wildlife habitat. Paul Leimbach, retired Forest Service planner, and Al Corda, an official of the Libby Snowmobile Club, had recently returned from backpacking the area north of Savage Peak and spoke eloquently about the wonderful wilderness qualities of the area.

September 19: Phil Hough, with help from Carol Jenkins, made a public FSPW presentation at North Idaho College, sponsored by the Outdoor Pursuits Program.

October 20: Wilderness advocates from across the Panhandle came together for the 11th annual Wild Idaho North conference, sponsored by

the Idaho Conservation League. This year's event focused on wilderness opportunities for our region and was co-sponsored by the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness. Highlights included panel discussions on Collaboration including Idaho Senator Mike Crapo, and a panel discussion on Regional Wilderness Potential Panel featuring Doug Scott, Policy Director for the Campaign for America's Wilderness and Phil Hough, Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness Chair. The keynote address was delivered by longtime wilderness champion, Brock Evans.

October 27: Doug Ferrell and Charlie Clough strolled through the Ross Creek Cedars with students from the Gonzaga Political Science Class 317. They told the students about their personal connections with the Scotchman Peaks and what impels them to work toward wilderness designation for this area.

October 30: The Libby contingent of FSPW met at the First National Bank.

The fall issue of "BroadSides", The Great Old Broads for Wilderness Newsletter, included two and a half pages on the recent Broadwalk hosted by FSPW in Clark Fork.



Wilderness supporters Rod Barclay, Rick Johnson, Brock Evans, John Gatchell, Doug Scott and Phil Hough

Photo by Carol Jenkins

Zags on the Trail

By Jon Isacoff

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Education, public service, and Scotchman Peak: a perfect combination. On the weekend of September 21-23, 20 Gonzaga University Students, 3 Staff, 1 Professor, and 1 USFS Forester came to the proposed Scotchman Peak Wilderness to participate in the USFS volunteer maintenance program and learn more about the region. The field trip was part of a Service Learning Class at Gonzaga, Political Science 317: Ecological Thought and Politics, for which the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness and the USFS are the official community partners.

Many students arrived for the trip uncertain of what to expect; most, if not all, came away with a sense that the proposed Scotchman Peaks is a special place worth protecting.

During the course of the weekend, the entire group camped at

the Scotchman Peak (Trail 56) trailhead. On Friday, the class firmed up all 38 water bars on the first 1.5 miles of the trail. On Saturday, trail improvements were performed on the first 1.5 miles of the Goat Peak Trail, and on Sunday, preliminary work was done on the flood-damaged first mile of the Morris Creek Trail. Mary Hamilton of the USFS provided leadership, equipment, and most importantly, tents.

The unanimous opinion of all involved was that the trip was a success. Much needed work was accomplished on the trails. Several students even commented that there was too much "down time" and that they wished they could do more trail work! More importantly, the students were able to observe, feel, and experience the natural beauty of the Scotchman Peaks area and see a number of different crucial habitats, including 2nd growth mixed conifer forest, subalpine zones, and drainages. Of course, the trip would not have been complete without post-dinner humor around the "imaginary campfire," which included

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Wild Creatures of the Scotchmans

The Bobcat (*lynx rufus*)

By Doug Ferrell

The bobcat is our smallest wild cat, at about twice the size of a house cat. Some people find the three wild cats in our area, and their various names, to be confusing.

The mountain lion (*felis concolor*) is much the largest. Males can weigh well over 100 pounds. Common names include cougar, puma and panther. The Canada lynx (*lynx canadensis*) seldom exceed 35 pounds. Lynx have very large feet and are well adapted for deep snow and for chasing their common prey, the snowshoe hare.

Bobcats are generally a little smaller than lynx, with much smaller feet. Bobcats have less pronounced ear and cheek tufts than lynx do, and a more patterned and varied coat coloration. The bobcat's short stumpy tail has a dark tip on the end and two or three black bars.

Bobcats prey on rabbits too, but also eat a wide variety of small mammals, and even birds and reptiles. Occasionally bobcats will attack a deer lying in its bed. They are considered a very successful predator, and are widely distributed throughout North America. Lynx are more common in the far north and in deep snow country, like much of the Scotchmans area in winter.

Seeing one of these beautiful cats in the wild is unusual,



Bobcat (*lynx rufus*)

Photo by Don Clark

because they are elusive and primarily nocturnal, though less so in winter time. The various calls of the bobcat are similar to house cats, although its scream is piercing. When threatened, the animal may utter a short and resonant "cough-bark".

Bobcats are solitary animals with little evidence of long term mating. In fact during the late winter mating season both males and females may mate with several different partners. Two or three kittens are born in a den lined with dry leaves in a small cave or under a fallen log. They are well furred and already spotted at birth. The young are cared for by the mother, begin exploring at one month, and are weaned at two. By fall they are hunting on their own but may remain with their mother for a year or more. The bobcat's track is quite characteristic, and a good print can be easily distinguished from a dog because of the cat's typical retractable claws.

Scotchmans supporter Don Clark of Libby is a famous cat enthusiast, with several impressive mounts, and many wonderful pictures. If you can catch him with a free moment sometime, ask him a few leading questions and you may be treated with one of his great stories.

Zags on the Trail

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much discussion of comedy TV and film (Seinfeld and Borat being crowd favorites) as well as some poking fun at the Professor (which some thought went unheard!).

One student raised the interesting question that as residents of other states, such as Washington, Oregon, and California, what impact could they hope to have on a region in Idaho and Montana? A good question with a good response: if passed as wilderness, the Scotchman Peaks would be the closest wilderness area to Spokane and toward that effect the Scotchman Peaks is an Eastern Washington issue too.

The weekend had some surprises too, perhaps the most pleasant of which was the lack of rain despite gloomy skies. We also were impressed with the fresh 5 inches of snow blanketing the top of Scotchman upon our arrival, most of which melted off by the end of the first day. Morris Creek produced a spawning endangered Bull Trout, estimated at 7-10 lbs., that several students were able to video and photograph. If only fishing were part of the plan!

Please Invite Us to Speak to Your Group

We are available to do a 10 minute or longer Power Point Presentation and discussion for businesses, service organizations, clubs, and groups of friends and neighbors.

Please contact us if you are interested.

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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 Road 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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