



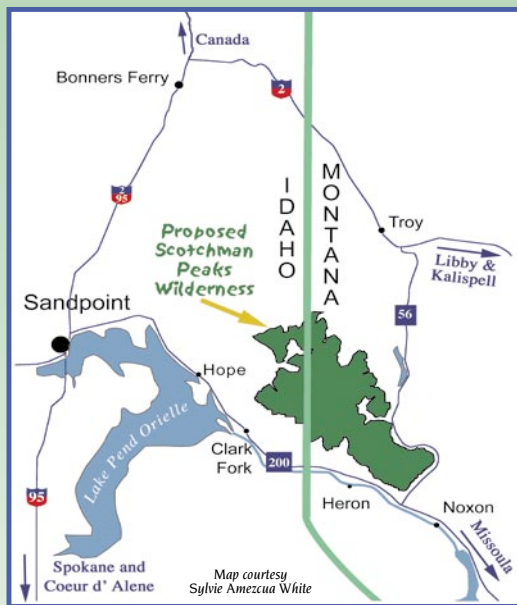
PEAK EXPERIENCE

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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What Grows There

Oregon Grape (*Mahonia*)

By Valle Novak

Oregon Grape (*Mahonia*) is this area's hardy answer to holly. It abounds at most every level in both dry and moist areas from mid-mountain to flat-ground forest. The fragrant yellow flower clusters of Spring turn into tart blue berries in fall that make a pectin-rich jelly. Like elderberries, *Mahonia* berries are best after first frost.

Though it is an old-time jelly and medicinal plant, doubtless introduced to early settlers by the area Indians, *Mahonia* has been pretty much overlooked for the past few decades. This is a shame, because it is a hardy and attractive ornamental plant.

There are three native varieties in north Idaho: *Mahonia repens* (the creeping variety), *M. aquifolium* (taller and more shrub-like) and the rarely seen *M. nervosa*.

Evergreen, *Mahonia* contains holly-like leaves, green through the spring and summer, then turning to red, gold, bronze and even purple in the fall through winter. The dusty blue-violet berries are not tasty as is, but are nonetheless edible, and so pectin-filled that they make an outstanding self-jelling jelly, enhanced by the addition of a little apple or citrus juice. High in Vitamin C, the berries were once used to treat scurvy.

The medicinal usage was limited to the yellow roots, crushed and dried by the Indians to cure such ailments as ulcers, heartburn, rheumatism, kidney problems and other complaints of the time.

As a landscape plant, both the low- and tall-growing *Mahonias* are worthwhile. They grow in poor soil, especially around the bases of evergreens, which is often not welcoming to ornamentals. The early blooming flowers welcome the first insects and pollinators, and are a pretty and sweet-scented asset where tough conditions are the norm. Later, birds and squirrels eat the berries, and shelter among the leaves. Walkway and path edges, traffic areas and hard-to-grow spaces are perfect for *Mahonia*, which asks only partial sun and an occasional watering. Spring planting seems most successful, simply transplanting healthy pieces of rootstock. Best news? Deer rarely browse this plant!

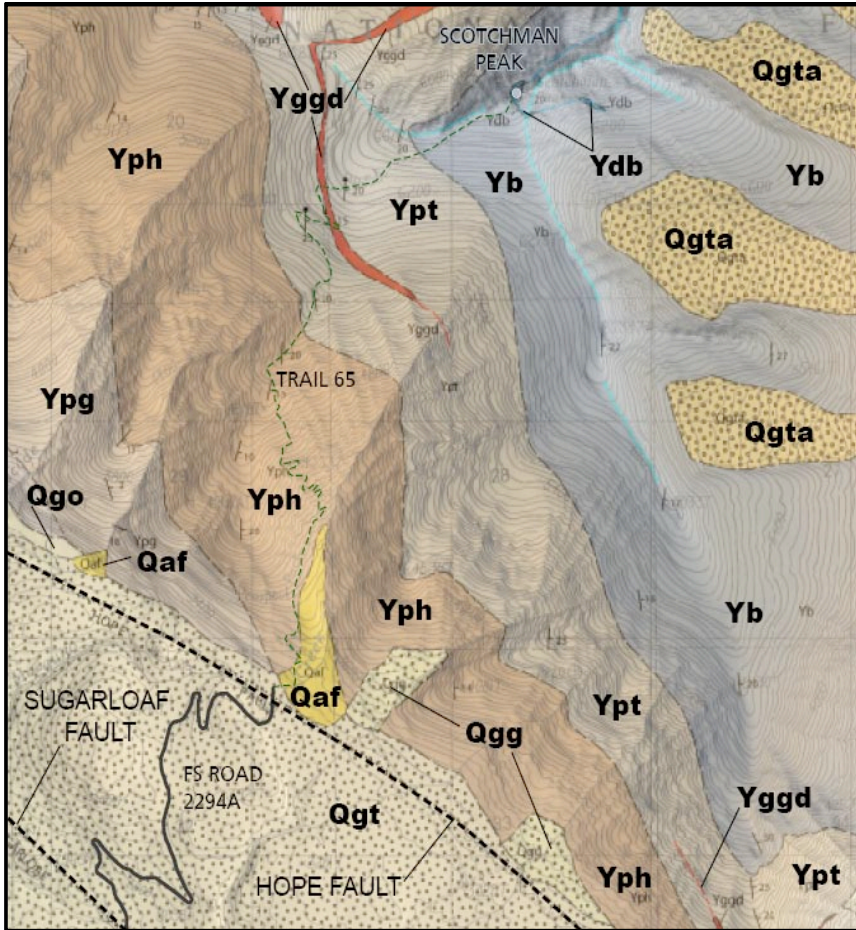


Oregon Grape (*Mahonia*)
Photo courtesy Marilyn George



Scotchman Rocks

GENERALIZED GEOLOGIC MAP UNITS ALONG THE SCOTCHMAN PEAK TRAIL (No. 65)



This geologic trail guide was created by Sylvie White of the Map Store / TerraPen Geographics by adding trail and road info and shaded relief to the Idaho Geological Survey digital web map (DWM-24) of the Scotchman Peak quadrangle.

DWM-24 is available for downloading as a PDF from www.idahogeology.org

See the DWM for complete Map Unit descriptions.

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ALLUVIAL AND MASS MOVEMENT DEPOSITS
Holocene
Qaf – Alluvial fan deposits
Qag - Alluvial gravel deposits

GLACIAL AND FLOOD-RELATED DEPOSITS
Pleistocene
Qgta - Alpine till deposits
Qgt – Till deposits
Qgo- Outwash gravel
Qgg - Gravels of glacial origin

INTRUSIVE ROCKS
Middle Proterozoic
Ydb - Diabase

Middle Proterozoic?
Yggd - Granophyric granodiorite

BELT-PURCELL SUPERGROUP
Metasedimentary
Middle Proterozoic
Yb - Burke Formation
Ypt - Prichard Formation, transition member
Yph – Prichard Formation, member h
Ypg - Prichard Formation, member g

Adapted from GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE SCOTCHMAN PEAK QUADRANGLE, BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO. Compiled and Mapped by Russell F. Burmester, Roy M. Breckenridge, Reed S. Lewis, and Mark D. McFadden. 2004.

The oldest and most abundant rocks in the Scotchman Peak quadrangle are low metamorphic grade metasedimentary rocks of the Belt-Purcell Supergroup, Precambrian in age, some of which host penecontemporaneous intrusive sills. Plutonic rocks of Cretaceous age also are present as intrusions within the Belt Supergroup. Sediments in the lower elevations, along valley walls, and below the high mountain cirques date from Pleistocene glaciation and catastrophic floods from glacial Lake Missoula through the Clark Fork valley. Glacial Lake Missoula reached a maximum elevation of 1300 m (4260 feet) in the Clark Fork valley behind the Clark Fork ice dam. The actual position of the ice front at any one time was between Pend Oreille Lake and Thompson Falls, Montana.

See DWM-24 for complete Map Unit descriptions.

Available from the Idaho Geological Survey. DWM 24.
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Peak Views

Our Summer 2008 hike series will conclude with hikes led by mushroom expert Larry Evans on the weekend of October 4, in conjunction with the Western Montana Mushroom Association mushroom foray, and again on October 25, co-sponsored by the Native Plant Society. Details are still being worked out. Check our

website for the final plans and other hikes that may be added. Our hikes show you firsthand why the Scotchmans are so special. Group size is limited and reservations are required. To sign up, contact the hike leader. For more details go to our website at:

www.scotchmanpeaks.org

Jim Mellen	Scotchman Peak	08/21/08	Tuesday Rating: Strenuous	Contact the hike leader for meeting time and location. This is an uphill hike that rewards you with great views! Jim Mellon 208-265-5261 jmellen@imbris.net
John Harbuck	Upper Ross Creek	08/29/08	Friday Rating: easy/moderate	Contact hike leader for more information 208-263-9894 or harbuck@norlight.org
Sarah Lundstrum	Scotchman Peak	09/11/08	Thursday Rating: strenuous	This is a strenuous uphill hike with great views at the top. Contact hike leader for more details 406-755-6304 or slundstrum@wildmontana.org
Carol & Irv Jenkins	Ross Creek Cedars	09/21/08	Sunday Rating: Easy	Contact the Hike leader for information about meeting time & location irvorcarol@imbris.net
Susan Drumheller	Little Spar Lake	09/26/08	Saturday Rating: Moderate	Contact the Hike leader for information about meeting time & location 208-263-4987 or sdrumheller@wildidaho.org

Message From the Chair



Our chairman, Phil Hough, and his better half, Deb Hunsicker, are happily hiking the north half of the Continental Divide Trail this summer. My husband and I enjoyed taking them to Glacier to commence the adventure and hiked with them until the trail required a stream crossing. We just returned from re-supplying them at about the halfway point and took this picture at the Chief Joseph Pass. Phil has kept in close contact with FSPW activities and even attended our board meeting by phone. I know you join me in wishing Phil and Deb continued happy hiking as it will be over all too soon. To join vicariously in their adventure, go to www.walkingcarrot.com.

Carol Jenkins
Acting Chair

The Future Looks Bright

September 7-10: Carol Jenkins, Don Clark and Neil and Ann Wimberley will join wilderness advocates in Washington, D.C. for Wilderness Week for workshops, events, and a chance to share lessons from campaigns and strategize about ways to preserve our heritage of wilderness. They will meet with members of the Congressional Delegations of both Idaho and Montana.

October 8-11: Over two dozen plein air artists have been invited for the Scotchman Fall Plein Air Paint Out 2008 to celebrate and interpret through the artist's eye and palette, the wonder we all share in Nature's wilderness. On Thursday and Friday the artists will work their magic in and around the Scotchmans Wilderness. On Friday evening, the art will be shown at the Timberstand Gallery in Sandpoint on Cedar Street, and will be for sale to benefit FSPW. On Saturday afternoon and evening, the art will be shown at the Outskirts Gallery in Hope, ID. We are anticipating an exciting event with fantastic spontaneous art, and want everyone to turn out in Sandpoint and Hope to enjoy and support these artists' special and unique perspective of the Scotchmans Wilderness.

At the State of the Scotchmans in June, the Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness announced that we received a "challenge" grant from the Cinnabar Foundation for the third year in a row. This year's grant is \$4,000, which means that by October 1 the Friends need to raise \$4,000. We are already a third of the way there, having raised \$1,400. Now we need more help. The Cinnabar Foundation will match all of the donations we receive between now and October 1st! If you've been waiting for a good time to donate, this is a great time to do so because your money will be doubled.

The Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness summer photo contest deadline is rapidly approaching! Get your pictures in soon to win great gear from the Friends. Send photos with date, location, and describing information to Sarah Lundstrum at slundstrum@wildmontana.org by September 30th. If the photos were taken on an FSPW hike, please include the name of our hike leaders as well. Details of the contest are available at our website, www.scotchmanpeaks.org.



Along the Trail

July 4: FSPW marched in Fourth of July parades in Sandpoint, Clark Fork and Troy.

July 26: The fifth annual Yaak Wilderness Festival, hosted by the Yaak Valley Forest Council at the Dirty Shame Saloon, was a huge success! There was tons of dancing and of course the Friends, represented by Sarah Lundstrum, Jeff Metsky and Neil Ver Plank, were there with maps and brochures. Dozens of people showed up to dance the night away in the Yaak and many took maps of the Scotchmans.

August 1: Carol Jenkins announced that FSPW had received a \$5,000 Wilburforce grant.

August 9 and 10: The FSPW booth at this year's Huckleberry Festival signed up a record number of new friends. Interest in our booth was increased both by the offer of free Scotchmans hiking maps, and by a new float. The float featured a large and furry toy goat perched atop mountain peaks. It was designed and built by supporter Howard Bakke of Noxon, and pulled in the parade by natural showman Honanai Polequaptewa. While parked near our booth after the parade, the float attracted a lot of children and their parents.

Our groups' participation at the annual festival has been organized by Ernie Scherzer for many years, and his presence was missed this year when he was called away on a family emergency. Many volunteers filled in the gaps and we had a good time interacting with the crowd and meeting new people.

August 2: The Scotchman Peaks Boogie took place in beautiful



The crowd at Troy
Photo courtesy Sarah Lundstrum

Roosevelt Park in Troy, Montana. Located on the banks of the Kootenai River, Roosevelt Park rocked with the musical eclectics of the Alan Lane Band as they

warmed up for Andre Floyd and Mood Iguana. As Andre and the band powered into their first set, the crowd perked their ears and pranced to their feet to boogie the evening away on the lawn in front of the Osprey Pavilion. That is when they were not queuing up to sample the great grinds that were offered by the food vendors in attendance or to check out the materials (maps, newsletters, brochures, etc) at the FSPW tables. Volunteers from Libby, Troy and Idaho saw to it that the evening rolled along without a hitch. The net result was the addition of 38 new signatures to the "Friends" list and a great amount of feel-good camaraderie that translated into many positive comments and congratulations in the local area during the following week. The frolicking folks spent \$300 on merchandise at our tables, so we should be seeing more of the great new hats and T-shirts on the streets of Troy and Libby. Hats off to the FSPW volunteers who joined together to make it happen.

August 13: Don Clark, Bill Martin and Charlie Clough attended the meeting of the Bull Lake Rod and Gun Club on the shores of beautiful Bull Lake. About 16 members attended. After the slide show presentation, each of the three spoke about their feelings regarding the Scotchman Peaks area and explained why FSPW is seeking Congressional wilderness designation for it. Bull Lake Rod and Gun President, Bob Weber, stated he would bring the issue to the floor at their next meeting.

August 15-17: Our heartfelt thanks to Todd Dunfiled and Jace Bylenga (outdoor Pursuits Program, Gonzaga University) for staffing an outreach table for FSPW at the Patagonia "Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival" hosted by the Lands Council in Spokane. This is the largest environmental film festival on the west coast and only the second time it has come to our region – a wonderful opportunity for all who could attend! Jace recruited 59 new supporters and distributed lots of goat buttons, strengthening our Spokane outreach.

August 20-23: Will Valentine coordinated this year's FSPW exhibit at the Bonner County Fair. Fifty six new friends signed on.

August 24: FSPW in Lincoln County held a picnic at Fireman's Park in celebration of wilderness and summer.

From the Top

Cool wet days alternating with hot and dry ones, huckleberries and lobster mushrooms remind us that fall is fast approaching. The summer has been a busy one for FSPW with many fun events. Fall promises a harvest of more. The plein air artists will provide us with visual records of this beautiful land from many unique perspectives. Sylvie White's map in this issue is a guide to the diverse geological history of the area. Larry Evans, leader of our popular mushroom hikes, is returning for two events in October. This month's Tales column is a reminder of the value of wilderness in bringing guests to enjoy our scenic beauty; hopefully, Eric's pack will also make it to the wilderness area on his next trip.

A new Zogby International poll published in July, 2008 found

that nearly nine in ten Americans believe that protecting public land as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System is important. An editorial in the New York Times published on July 21, 2008 called on Congress in this session to "add significantly to the nation's store of protected wilderness – a million new acres at a minimum, and perhaps twice that if everything falls into place." FSPW representatives will be visiting Washington, D.C. this fall to learn from those further along the trail in official congressional wilderness delegation and to share the importance of congressional wilderness designation for the Scotchmans with our Idaho and Montana Congressional Delegations. Join the Friends as we work to accomplish this goal.

Ann Wimberley



Scotchman Past

Lightning and Lookouts

By **Earl A. Chapin**

Scotchman Peak Lookout was just a camp for the first year of service (1921) and in 1922 a cupola cabin was built. I think it was 1952 when I first hiked to Scotchman Peak and the cupola was still in very good condition. It started to fall apart in the late 70's but did not fall to the ground until the early 80's.

Death by lightning strike was quite common to men who served as watchmen in the towers. Idaho had several, including two deaths in two different years at Scotchman Peak. Another lookout in Idaho lost six men over a period of 20 years.

Butler Mountain Lookout in the Coeur d'Alene district lost four men in four years.

A packer took a watchman to the Marble Mountain Lookout in the St. Joe Forest and they had forgotten the lightning protection wire. The packer told the watchman that he would be back the next morning and put the wire in place. It was a month before the packer returned with the wire and as he reached the lookout a lightning storm was passing through the area. The watchman had died with the phone in his hand that very morning.

Youngest Supporter



FSPW welcomes Connor Emmett Dunfield shown with his father, Todd, as our youngest supporter of wilderness designation for the Scotchmans. Todd and the Outdoor Pursuits Program at Gonzaga University have been active and enthusiastic supporters of our campaign. Now when you see Todd hiking a Scotchman trail, we can look for Connor on his back!

Wild Creatures of the Scotchmans

Mink (*Mustela vison*)

By **Mindy Ferrell**

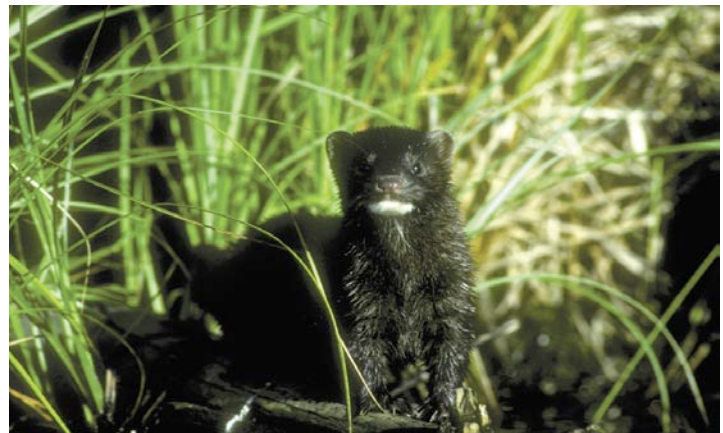
From the corner of your eye, the quickest flash of black darts from the creek's edge and is gone. Did you really see it at all?

Rarely seen because of its chiefly nocturnal and secretive behavior, the richly dark brown mink is a year-long resident throughout Montana and Idaho. Its long, thin body reaches a total length of 19 – 28 inches with a weight of 1.5 to 2 pounds. It has short, sturdy legs with 5 digits on each foot. Its head is flattened with rounded ears and a short nose. It also has a thickly furred tail and a very strong musk gland. While its underparts are almost always paler, a white chin patch is common, but not always present.

Because it is semi-aquatic, the mink's preferred denning location is a hole in a stream bank, underneath piles of brush or rocks, in hollow logs, or a muskrat lodge whose owner it devoured. No den, however, is used permanently – a mink is nothing but shear motion and force.

It is a voraciously fierce carnivore, attacking animals up to three times as large as it, attacking the back of its prey's neck using its sharp canine teeth and hanging on until the deed is done. Mink can go on reckless, wanton killing sprees, killing entire muskrat dens or flocks of birds, yet only eating one.

Mating behavior is very aggressive and their mating season is from January through March. There can be a delayed



Mink (*Mustela vison*) Photo courtesy Don Jones
www.donaldmjones.com

implantation to assure a spring birth, with a 40 to 85 day gestation period. The litter of four or five are born during April or May. And, by 8 weeks of age, the young are accompanying the female on her hunting trips.

The larger males have a wider range than the females. His movements range as broad as 3 miles in diameter, while her total is limited to 20 to 50 acres. There is an almost complete population turnover every 3 years.

The proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness area offers space, habitat, and the privacy this predator requires. The year-round creeks and prey offer a circle of life for the mink, without the interference of man. This creature, too, deserves its place in the wild.

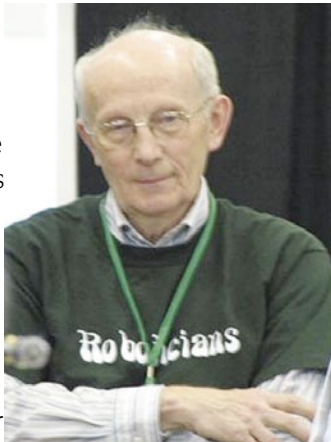


Over the Top Volunteers

Ernie Scherzer

By Doug Ferrell

The FSPW board considers ourselves particularly fortunate to be one of the many interests and projects pursued by Ernie Scherzer of Trout Creek. The list of organizations to which Ernie volunteers is way too long to list here, and includes many school and community groups. Ernie is also a member of the Executive Committee



of the Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation, and chairs or serves on several important committees in this highly regarded organization. Ernie has coached a number of Junior High and High School Science Olympiad Teams at state wide competitions over the years, and also coaches an award winning Lego Robotics Team that recently designed, built, and programmed a robot to perform 14 different tasks.

Scherzer is a retired science teacher whose connection to the outdoors dates way back, and includes many summers

when he was a young father and worked at Glacier Park. The whole family explored the wonders of the park whenever Ernie was not at work and sometimes when he was!

We greatly appreciate Ernie's great energy, charm, and cheerful can-do spirit, as well as his many, many contacts throughout the community and state. Ernie is also a fertile and creative source of ideas for how to reach out to people and groups with our message that protecting the wild Scotchmans is an important and vital investment in the future of our state and community. His wife Martha is also an active volunteer and friend to many. The two of them together have enriched many lives and are greeted warmly everywhere they go.

For years Ernie has organized the FSPW participation at the Trout Creek Huckleberry Fest, and seems to line up the many volunteers and materials and overall plan with little effort. It has become easy to take Ernie's efforts for granted, but this year when he was called away on a family emergency, we were reminded once again how very much we appreciate the chance to connect with this wonderful man. Ernie, Thanks for all you do!

Birds found on the Scotchman Peaks

The Boreal Owl

By Earl A. Chapin

Last issue I mentioned the Boreal Chickadee and today I am writing about the Boreal Owl. I just looked up Boreal in the dictionary and it says "Northern or North winds". That statement really describes "Boreal Birds". They live at high elevations and survive the cold winter winds.

Boreal Owls live in our area and I have only heard them a few times and seen them twice. The first time was March 3, 1988. A fellow who worked for the Forest Service heard them calling from a nest box that he had erected at 5500 feet elevation. There was about ten feet of snow in the area but we were able to ride snowmobiles nearly to the nest site and arrived at the site about dark. We saw a Northern Pygmy Owl and heard a Saw-whet Owl as soon as we arrived. We waited for two hours after dark and the Boreal began to call. Soon all three of the species began to call. What a thrill!

Our best look at Boreal Owls came early last March. A friend had located a pair in a cavity in a large tree. There was still four feet of snow. He said that we should hike in and be settled and quiet one hour before dark. The Owls had picked the site but had not started nesting. He said that they only

came to the site to spend the night. Just before dark the male came in and landed on the limb near the cavity. We were only 25 feet from the cavity. He began to call very loudly. After about ten minutes the female began to answer. She was a long way out and we could barely hear her. She made several stops as she began to come closer and as she did, the male's call became quieter until we could barely hear him. The minute the female arrived she went into the cavity and he followed her.



Boreal Owl

Photo courtesy Don Jones www.donaldmjones.com



Tales of Scotchman Peaks

The Best Laid Plans...

By Eric DeWald

The alarm went off at 2:30 a.m. on a Thursday morning in July in Berwick, Pennsylvania. I thought Traci and I would be heading for the Idaho mountains by 12:00 Noon that same day on our first excursion to Idaho and Montana.

Traci and I had carefully packed so as not to have to set foot into a restaurant until the night we would come out of the wilderness and head back to Sandpoint for our last night when we would stay at the K-2 lodge before heading home out of Spokane. Food, sleeping bags, tent, headlamps, clothes...all in the packs. Good planning, we thought.

Things went sideways when our Northwest flight out of Philadelphia was cancelled at 6:00 a.m. and we were re-booked on US Air for that night at 6:30 p.m. Already a day and night was eliminated from our short four-day and three night adventure. We quickly adjusted our thinking and planning so that we didn't get angry or depressed about losing a day. Traci looked at me with a convincing expression and said: "We'll get an early morning start on Friday." Instead of going through Minneapolis, we went to Denver and switched airlines again to Frontier to go on to Spokane by 11:30 p.m. I ran to get the rental car before the desk closed at midnight! Traci waited by the baggage claim for our packs.

Soon, we became a lonely looking couple trying to wish our packs into existence at baggage claim. "Come back tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.," they said. Instead of spending our first night under the stars in the Idaho wilderness we were at a cheap truck-stop motel in Spokane. Back to the airport at 9:00 – no packs. "Come back at 1:30 p.m.," they said. Back to the airport at 1:30 p.m. – no packs. Instead, we got an official apology letter and small toiletry bag.

We decided to leave Spokane and head for Idaho that Friday night. We thought our camping trip would now turn into a hotel hopping road trip along Route 90. By 5:00 p.m. we were exiting Rt. 90 into Coeur d' Alene to discover that the only room available was \$250 that night. Back on the road and a call to Expedia.com. Expedia couldn't find us a room either, but "Not to worry Mr. DeWald, we

will credit you \$25.00 when you plan your next trip". At this point I called the K-2 lodge hoping that they would have a room. Jim Locke, the owner of K-2 answered the phone. He didn't have a room but he had just received a call the previous day from Cathy Bixler of Clark Fork. Cathy had just built a small cabin and wanted to rent it out. He also put me in touch with Tim Dick who owns Huckleberry Tent and Breakfast. We called Cathy and by dusk we were standing on the front porch with a breathtaking view of the Clark Fork River and the surrounding mountains.

The next morning, realizing that we each had one pair of shorts, a tea shirt and Tevas, we looked at our options for hiking. Scotchman's Peak was close and seemed doable in Tevas so we headed out. As we climbed we met Aaron, Jennifer and Jess Godern of Montana. Hearing our tale, they offered us camping equipment and a place to stay (their ranch was visible from the peak of Scotchman's). We had already settled in to Cathy's place but their generosity was much appreciated.

Part of our Scotchman's Peak experience was thanks to the Godern's beautiful female k-9 who was in heat! This drew the attention of the male goats at the summit who got up close and personal with us. As we grew a bit nervous about the close proximity of the goat (and the dog's welfare) we tried to shoo the goats away to no avail. So 17 year old Jess decided to test her swine calling ability and that did the trick (sorry Jess).

In retrospect, Traci and I couldn't have planned a better experience. We feel as though we met friends in Cathy, Jess, Jennifer, Aaron, Tim and Jim. We didn't intend to visit Scotchman's Peak but now it's a place we want to revisit and take our hiking friends to experience. We often end up reminiscing about Cathy, the cabin, the goats, and of course Jess's piggy snort that scared away the goats. We wouldn't have changed a thing.

Oh! We got our packs on the way home. You'll all be relieved to know that Security searched our packs, cut open our freeze dried (expensive) bagged food and found no explosive substances.

Hope to see ya at the top.

Catch our fast moving hats

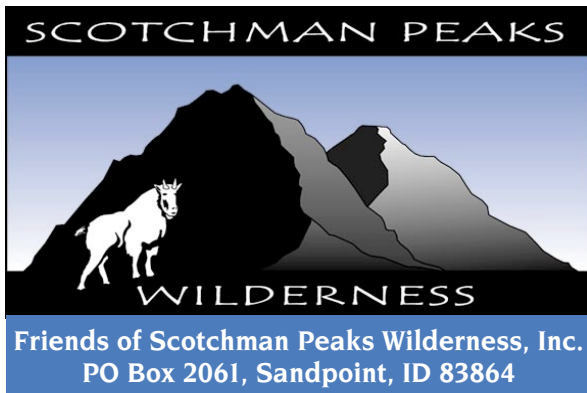
Sales are brisk for the Scotchman hats available in stone and stone-washed red. Check them out along with our shirts and sweats, including children's sized T-shirts, at our outlets: Mountain Meadows in Libby, Huckleberry Thicket in Trout Creek, The Hope Market Café in Hope, Eichardt's, Café Bodega and Outdoor Experience in Sandpoint, and REI in Spokane. Out of the area, contact jmellen@imbris.net Other Scotchman merchandise is available in our online store run by Café Press at www.scotchmanpeaks.org/store/html.



Trail of the Month



Jim Mellen in the Bear Grass of Scotchman Basin
Photo courtesy Sandy Mellen



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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