

Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness Inc

2007 Annual Report



SCOTCHMAN PEAKS INVENTORIED ROADLESS AREA

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 West Cabinet Mountains has been managed for its wilderness potential.

WHO WE ARE

The *Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness* (FSPW) is a grassroots, all volunteer organization formed in January, 2005 by citizens of Montana and Idaho to preserve one of the last and largest wild areas in our region, the Scotchman Peaks roadless area. We have a dedicated group of ordinary and extraordinary folks who have volunteered time, effort and determination to preserve a key part of the Yellowstone to Yukon corridor.

From our inception in 2005 until January 2007 we operated as a program under the fiscal sponsorship of the Cabinet Resource Group. In January 2007 we filed articles of incorporation in Idaho as "Friends of Scotchman Peaks Inc." In February we adopted formal bylaws and in November 2007 the IRS made an advance ruling approving our non-profit tax status as a 501c3 organization, retroactive to our date of incorporation.

Our initial Board of Directors and early additions are listed below. After one resignation (indicated below) we leave 2007 with 8 directors. We are all volunteers. Also included below are the estimated hours each of us spends as a FSPW Inc volunteer, on a weekly average basis:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS /KEY VOLUNTEERS ESTIMATED HOURS

Initial Board of Directors as Incorporated in January 2007

Phil Hough, Chair	20 hours/week
Doug Ferrell, Vice Chair, Montana Outreach Coordinator	10 hrs/week
Lexie de Fremery, Treasurer	12 hours/week
Carol Jenkins, Secretary	12 hours/week
Neil Wimberley, East Bonner County Outreach Coordinator	6 hours/week
**Cesar Hernandez (resigned in Nov 2007)	6 hours/week

Added to board in February 2007

Bill Martin	4 hours/week
Will Valentine	3 hours /week

Added in April 2007

Charlie Clough	8 hours/week
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** Resigned in November 2007, not replaced

We are joined by several key volunteers who edit our newsletter, manage our merchandise and coordinate outreach activities. As dedicated volunteers, we are able to make maximum use of our contributions by having zero expenses for salaries.

Key Volunteers

Estimated Hours

Ann Wimberley, Newsletter Editor	5 hrs/week
Pama Bangeman, Newsletter Design	1 hr/week
Jim Mellen, Merchandise Coordinator	3 hours/week
Ernie Scherzer, Sanders County Outreach Assistance	3 hours/week
Trisha Miller, Webmaster	2 hours/week

In addition to our Key Volunteers, many other volunteers assisted with special events, led hikes, staffed tables or booths or helped with various other tasks.

Together, the hard work of our all-volunteer organization has built a support base of 1400 people by the end of December 2007. We have created a model where we ask for “support” rather than to join as a “member”. Instead of asking people to *join us against* something negative, we ask people to *support us for* something positive. This has allowed us to bring together people reluctant to “join” groups, or who may not ordinarily support environmental causes. This has opened up a positive community dialogue around wilderness values. We believe this has allowed us to grow quickly in size and diversity. The result is a large network through which we can distribute our educational material and action alerts.

We have received resolutions of support or endorsements from Montana Governor Schweitzer, Bonner County Commissioners, cities of Thompson Falls, MT and Sandpoint and Ponderay, ID, Sandpoint Mayor Ray Miller, Sanders County Ledger, River Journal, Bonner County Daily Bee, Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce, Idaho Native Plant Society, Spokane Mountaineers, and many area businesses.

Our campaign directly involves two national forests, two states, three counties, and small, scattered rural communities. Our region's nearest urban center is Spokane, Washington. More information about our organization, our outreach and educational efforts and key volunteers can be found on our website, www.scotchmanpeaks.org.

OUR MISSION

*"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 that this special place stays the same.*

We are singularly focused on working to bring about wilderness protection for the Scotchman Peaks. Through education and outreach we work to bring about the community awareness and demand for action, which will make wilderness designation politically inevitable for the Scotchmans. In the 5 northern counties of the Idaho Panhandle there are *no acres of designated wilderness*. And, the Kootenai forest has the smallest percentage (4%) of wilderness of any national forest in Montana. No wilderness has been designated on the Kootenai since the wilderness act passed in 1964, in part creating the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness. The rich habitats of our region are very under represented in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Wilderness designation for the Scotchmans will protect water quality as well as rare plants and wildlife including endangered grizzly bears, mountain goats, wolves, lynx and bull trout. The Scotchmans, part of the Yellowstone to Yukon corridor, would add habitats (low boreal forests and cedar/hemlock communities) not well represented in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Our local communities will benefit from the unparalleled recreational and economic opportunities which wilderness provides. Many studies have indicated that in the west there is a strong link between protected public lands and diverse, vibrant economies. Our region is shifting from extraction based industries to one which recognizes the economic value of natural beauty and the associated "quality of life" features. Our communities also recognize the inherent value of being good stewards of our natural resources for current and future generations.

Our goal is to increase awareness within our communities of the value of wilderness designation for the Scotchmans. By engaging individuals and groups on many levels within our region, we believe we can elevate a citizen's proposal for action, making

wilderness designation politically inevitable for the Scotchman Peaks. To bring about this change will require us to do more work towards the education and outreach necessary to increasing community support. As we grow the number of individual supporters, and endorsements from businesses, civic groups, community leaders, our communities' call to action will create a need for wilderness to which our congressional representatives will need to respond with positive action.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2007

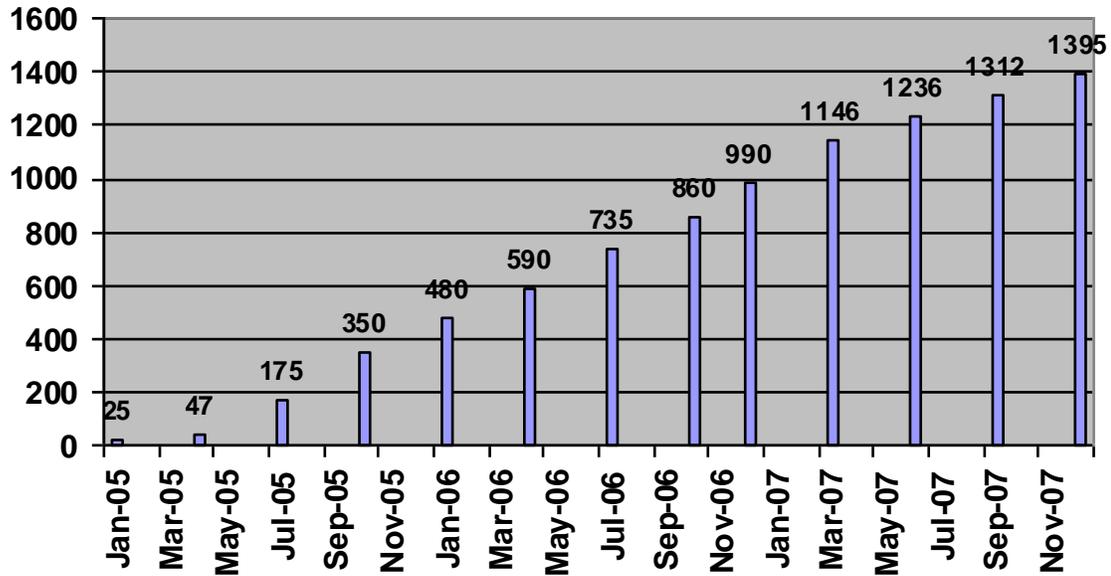
FSPW began two years ago with twelve citizens from Montana and Idaho who believed that the time was right to work diligently to achieve wilderness designation for the Scotchman Peaks roadless area. Most of those 12 continue to be involved and, along with other individuals, form the core of our volunteer efforts. The highlights of our efforts and accomplishments, in 2007, include:

- We hosted Jack Gladstone and Kendall Flint in benefit concert with components of outreach and wilderness values education.
- Continued distribution of an inspiring and educational 32-page booklet, 8 page newspaper insert and tri-fold brochure.
- We produced and distributed posters featuring information and photos of the Mountain Goats of the Scotchmans.
- We printed and distributed, free of charge, bumper stickers featuring The Friends of Scotchman Peaks logo
- We continued to expand the locations for distribution of printed copies of our newsletter.
- Our website content continued to expand, along with the volume of visitors. We feature links to our outstanding bi-monthly newsletter and schedule of year-round guided public hikes into the roadless area. Please see these at www.scotchmanpeaks.org.
- We hosted Walkin' Jim Stoltz in Troy and Libby, in April, for a series of elementary and middle school concerts and class room visits culminating in a free public concert in Libby
- In April we conducted a full day "Strategic Planning Workshop" facilitated by Jen Schmidt and Doug Scott from Campaign for America's Wilderness and including our board, key volunteers and representatives from our major partners, ICL and MWA
- We co-hosted with the Yaak Valley Forest Council, a series of day long seminars on the economics of wilderness led by Ray Rasker with Headwaters Economic Institute and geared towards community leaders as well as conservationists.
- In November we had Walkin' Jim return and perform to over 1,000 students in Noxon, Hope and Sandpoint and culminate in a "Give Thanks For the Wild" concert in Sandpoint on Thanksgiving Weekend.
- During the summer of 2007, we conducted 26 organized group hikes, bringing 264 people into the Scotchmans to see, and be inspired by, its treasures firsthand.

- We included hikes with experts on Mushrooms, Geology, and the history of early explorer David Thompson.
- We hosted the “Great Old Broads for Wilderness” in a 4 day “Broadwalk” in July.
 - We further refined a stunning PowerPoint presentation that we have delivered to a great variety of organizations and community groups including the Troy-Libby Realtors and the Libby Rod and Gun Club.
 - We continued to engage local community leaders, elected officials and forest service as well as other agency personnel in discussions of the value Wilderness would bring to the Scotchmans.
 - We participated in many community events (fairs, festivals, parades) in the three states, including the Bonner County Fair, the Huckleberry Festival in Trout Creek and 4th of July parades in Sandpoint, Clark Fork, Noxon, Trout Creek and Troy.
 - In June we held our second annual “State of the Scotchmans” -- a gathering of our supporters to share a progress report and inspire action and our second annual “Bull River Picnic” – bringing together our supporters in a celebration of wilderness.
 - We collaborated on environmental studies, presentations and programs with North Idaho College and Gonzaga University.
 - Gonzaga University incorporated the Scotchman Peaks campaign as a case study for an undergraduate class on “Ecological Thought, Green Practice” which included a presentation by the FSPW as well as two field trips to the Scotchmans for trail maintenance and educational opportunities.
 - We have participated in projects and activities with local recreational groups including Spokane Mountaineers and Inland Northwest Trails Coalition.
 - Our merchandising (shirts, posters, and bumper stickers) increases familiarity and recognition. Our Scotchman logo shirts are being sold in Montana, Idaho, and Spokane and are seen throughout the region.
 - Our online merchandise store, through Café Press, offered a wide variety of Scotchman inspired products.
 - We worked with Pend d’Oreille winery to produce special “Scotchmans” labeled wines, to promote the proposed wilderness.
 - We have received excellent and continuous press coverage in local newspapers including the Spokesman Review, the Inlander, Bonner County Daily Bee, River Journal, Sanders County Ledger, Western News, Sandpoint Reader, and Sandpoint Magazine.
 - Education and outreach has resulted in growing our support list from about 990 to 1,400 individuals on our supporter list, including supporters from 34 states.
 - FSPW has built strong coalitions with conservation groups. We have been collaborating with Cabinet Resource Group (CRG), Montana Wilderness Association (MWA), Yaak Valley Forest Council, Idaho Conservation League, U.S. Forest Service, Spokane Mountaineers, and Campaign for America’s Wilderness.

- Our board of directors includes individuals also on the board or staff of CRG, MWA, and Idaho Native Plant Society, the Inland NW Mycological Society, and the Ice Age Flood Institute

FSPW Supporters



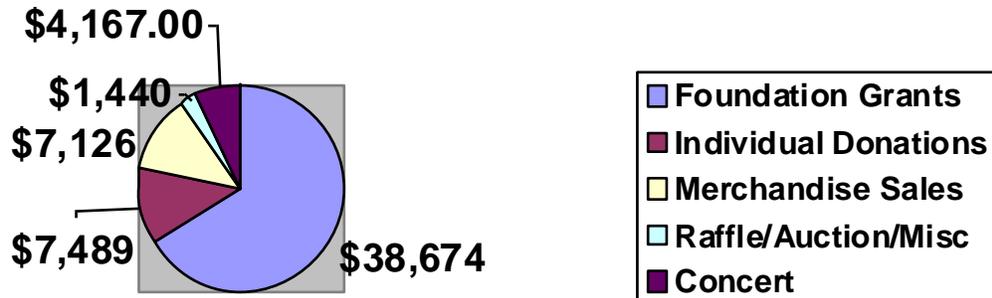
OUR GOALS

In 2008 we intend to continue to build the broad base of support needed for Wilderness designation. We have solid support in North Idaho and strong support in Sanders County MT. We continue to build support in Lincoln County MT. Primary goals for 2008 include continuing this momentum, and particularly building additional community support from Lincoln County. Our efforts at outreach and education are pivotal to bringing about a community where wilderness is valued highly and sought for by a broad spectrum of the public.

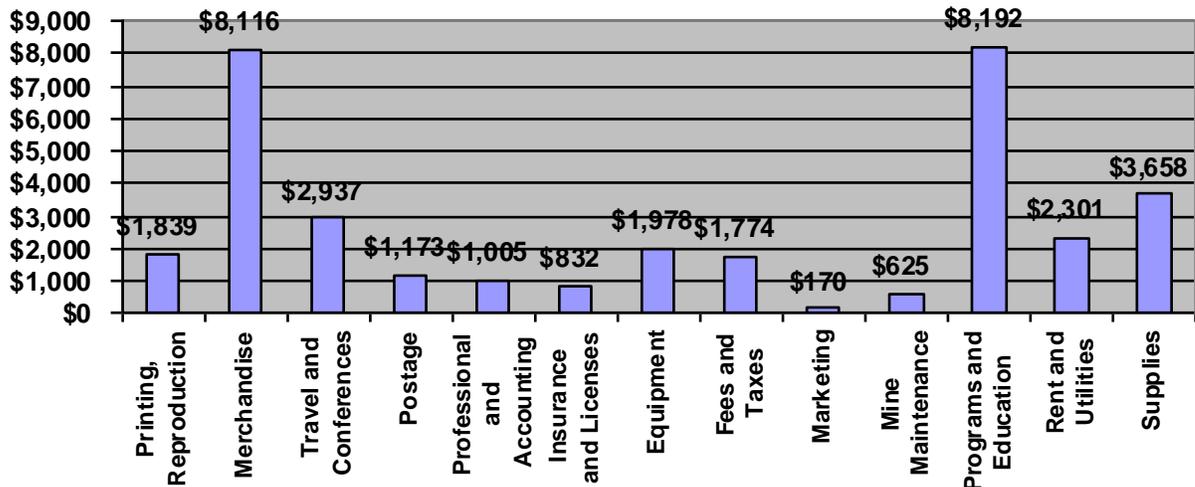
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In 2007, we received \$58,896 in total support. Sources included individual donors, merchandise sales, raffles, equipment rental, interest income, concert sales and foundation grants. The following foundations provided grants: Maki, Cadeau, Cinnabar, Campion, New Land, Patagonia, Wilburforce, and Y2Y.

FSPW 2007 Revenue Sources



FSPW 2007 Expenses



We are an *all-volunteer* organization with *no staff salary expenses*! Our volunteer Board of Directors acts as unpaid staff handling all organizational and administrative duties, allowing us to allocate funds directly to support our educational and outreach programs. In 2007 our expenses totaled approximately \$34,600. We began the year with a balance of about \$17,000 in strategic reserves and ended 2007 with approximately \$41,000 in strategic reserves in our bank accounts.