



**BOB MARSHALL
WILDERNESS**
FOUNDATION

2020
VOLUNTEER GUIDE

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Finding calm in turbulent times is something time spent in wilderness provides. We can disconnect from the barrage of unsettling news, and reconnect with a pace defined by natural rhythms. Wilderness puts distance and connection on the same trajectory.

Giving back, volunteering, is a natural human instinct in the difficult hours. Our country has always rallied when great threats arrive. We have watched uncertainty brought on by COVID-19 inspire new ways of thinking, working and collaborating in volunteer communities across the country and across the world.

As a human health crisis unfolded, we at the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation responded in socially responsible ways while focusing on how we can still provide inspiring wilderness connections. We put our heads down, started working from home, and resolved that when the crisis subsided we would be ready to get you, our community, back engaged with The Bob!

In an extraordinary year we have an extraordinary set of special experiences we anticipate being able to provide. We are working on how we will build upon our already robust safety, hygiene and food handling practices to reflect new knowledge gained during the COVID-19 crisis. We want to provide you the chance to give back to your public lands, and do it in a way that protects the health of our volunteers and Crew Leaders.

As you glance through the opportunities outlined here, do not hesitate to reach out to our team with questions. Consider your own health and the health of others if and when you join one of our Volunteer Adventure Crews for the summer of 2020.

We are inspired by you, our community of volunteers, as much as we are inspired by The Bob. We look forward to the months ahead when we can put our volunteers and The Bob together – again!

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Highlights from the Field



“Watching my son - who was a bit crusty before we set out for having to be away from Snapchat and a shower for a week - really take to the experience and enjoy both the work and the hiking opportunities.”

“I was blown away by the variety of people on our trip - from a 75 year old retired teacher, to young folks (in their 20s?) who were **just passionate about learning about nature and being outside.**”

“The hike to the campground at Pyramid Lake was so beautiful with lots of wildflowers, shady and majestic scenery. The huckleberries were a real treat and I enjoyed them in my water. Cutting trees to clear the trails was **extremely fun and meaningful.** Clearing and repairing water bars brought memories of the yearly work I saw my father and community members do in my hometown of Guatemala, when I was a child.”



“Love learning some of the more elegant aspects of **trail design and maintenance that we often forget as hikers**, like how to build a beautiful and functional water bar.”

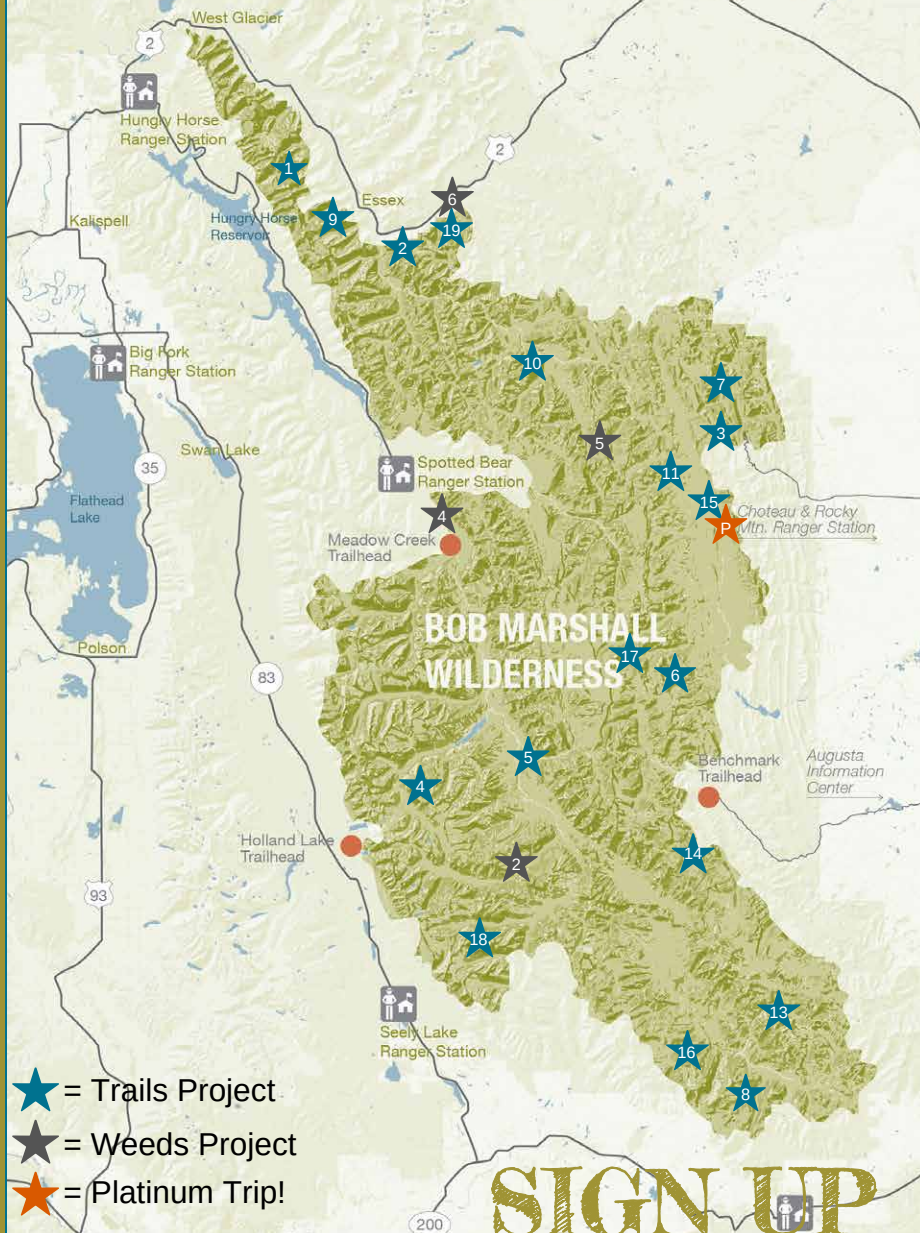
“The hike was **intense**, the work was very **meaningful**, the leaders were **inspiring** and all the participants were **wonderful.**”



“I met people who I hope to keep as close friends. The wilderness also provides **an intimate experience that won't be forgot.**”

2020

VOLUNTEER ADVENTURES



- = Trails Project
- = Weeds Project
- = Platinum Trip!

SIGN UP TODAY!

1. Go to bmf.org/volunteer
2. Pick a trip that fits your schedule and ability level
3. Fill out the online registration
4. Pay your refundable deposit to hold your spot
5. Show up ready to work, explore, and have fun!

BMWFW #01
National Trails Day
 6/6/2020
Hungry Horse Ranger District
Rescue Trailhead

Join us in celebrating National Trails Day! Spend the day giving back to public lands and enjoy a BBQ back at the ranger station after we'll hike in about two miles to Reservoir Basin to clear and brush the trail after an avalanche.



BMWFW #02
Big River Trail
 6/10/2020 – 6/14/2020
Hungry Horse Ranger District
Granite Trailhead

Help with opening maintenance on a popular trail! The crew will hike into the upper middlefork along Granite Creek. The hike is about 7 miles with a little elevation gain and loss. Basecamp will be at the mouth of Granite Creek. The work will be clearing, brushing and tread on trail #155.



BMWFW #03
Mt. Wright
 6/20/2020 – 6/21/2020
Rocky Mountain Ranger District
West Fork Trailhead

Calling all weekend warriors! Join us for a quick, car camping project in the beautiful Rocky Mountain Front. You will be clearing and providing some much needed tread work on the Mt. Wright trail, while enjoying incredible wildflowers!



BMWFW #04
Pendant Cabin
 6/20/2020 – 6/25/2020
Spotted Bear Ranger District
Owl Creek Trailhead

Work just like a USFS trail crew! Meet at the Owl Creek Packer Camp the evening of June 19th for an early start. Your hike will climb up and over Pendant Pass where the views are pretty spectacular! You will be hiking with saws and clear enough for our pack stock to get through all the way to Pendant Cabin where you will camp for the next five days.



BMWFW #05
Big Prairie
 6/27/2020 – 7/6/2020
Spotted Bear Ranger District
Benchmark Trailhead

Enjoy the serenity of Big Prairie Ranger Station in the heart of The Bob. You will spend two days hiking in, work for four days, have a day off, and take two days hiking out. Phew! This one isn't for the faint of heart! Expect long days clearing both the Tilson Peak and Bartlett Mtn Trails. Your reward is camping on the banks of the South Fork at Big Prairie for the week!















Weeds #02
Babcock
 6/27/2020 – 7/3/2020
Spotted Bear Ranger District
Lodgepole Trailhead

A beautiful spot not far from the headwaters of the South Fork of the Flathead River. Help eradicate this patch of weeds and prevent further spread down this pristine river corridor! A longer hike will reward you with views from Young's Pass.



2020 VOLUNTEER ADVENTURES CONTINUED

<p>BMW F #06 Whisky Creek 6/29/2020 – 7/5/2020 Rocky Mountain Ranger District Mortimer Gulch Trailhead</p>	<p>Spend your days cleaning, repairing and replacing existing drains and water bars near Whisky Creek, plus tread improvement as needed. Enjoy a day off midweek to explore the beautiful Sun River country known for it's amazing fishing!</p>	 
<p>BMW F #07 Girls in The Bob 7/4/2020 – 7/10/2020 Lincoln Ranger District West Fork Teton Trailhead</p>	<p>Join us for our 5th annual Girls in the Bob trip!! This project is sure to be full of hard work, sweat, and a lot of laughter! Work and camp in a beautiful setting along the Rocky Mountain Front and enjoy some extra exploring on a day off.</p>	 
<p>BMW F #08 Arrastra Creek 7/12/2020 – 7/16/2020 Lincoln Ranger District Reservoir Lake Trailhead</p>	<p>You will be working alongside a Forest Service Trail Crew to replace a Puncheon (an elevated trail structure used in very wet and boggy areas). Expect lots of lifting and hauling of heavy materials such as logs and gravel. Your crew will hike along Arrastra Creek to your camp and work location.</p>	 
<p>BMW F #10 Partner Project BHA 7/18/2020 – 7/24/2020 Spotted Bear Ranger District Morrison Trailhead</p>	<p>Looking for a way to give back to your public lands in tangible ways? Come join your fellow BHA members for some good times in the Great Bear Wilderness along the Wild and Scenic Middlefork! *Open to current BHA members only.</p>	 
<p>Weeds #04 South Fork Float 7/21/2020 – 7/23/2020 Spotted Bear Ranger District Cedar Flats Put-in</p>	<p>Meet your crew at Spotted Bear Ranger District to caravan to the river. After hauling all of your gear to the put-in (not an easy task...you've been warned) you will begin the journey to camp by raft. Spend a day pulling knapweed on a gravel bar, with the beauty of the South Fork nearby. Fishing and swimming in the afternoons will make it all worth it!</p>	 
<p>BMW F #11 Route Creek 7/23/2020 – 7/28/2020 Rocky Mountain Ranger District Cave Mountain Trailhead</p>	<p>Route Creek Pass is a truly beautiful piece of The Bob. Your hike into camp, and work location will enjoy these views. Crew will spend the week re-establishing tread and repairing and installing drains on the Route Creek Pass and Nesbit Creek Trails. In addition, you'll do some campsite restoration at this popular backcountry camp.</p>	 

BMW F Platinum Trip
Pine Butte Ranch
7/24/2020 – 7/27/2020
Rocky Mountain Ranger District
Middle Fork Teton Trailhead

This trip is a great mid-summer fundraiser for the BMW F. Donors will be lodging at the Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Ranch along the Rocky Mountain Front. Enjoy the comforts of a 5-star lodge for sleeping and meals, then strike out for two days of trail maintenance in the Wilderness. Work will be mostly tread and drainage maintenance with some brushing. There is a \$500 non-refundable donation required to reserve your spot on this amazing project.



Weeds #05
Grizzly Peak
7/31/2020 – 8/7/2020
Spotted Bear Ranger District
West Fork Teton Trailhead

Camp at the trailhead the evening of the 31st for an early start. The hike takes you up and over Teton Pass, gaining about 2,000 vertical feet before dropping into Grizzly Park for a total of about 12 miles. Grizzly Park is a beautiful meadow along the CDT which has become inundated with Canadian Thistle. Your crew will spend the next five days eradicating this thistle with sprayers and some pulling. You will enjoy a day off mid-week to relax, hike or fish in the headwaters of the Middle Fork of the Flathead.



BMW F #13
Valley of the Moon
7/31/2020 – 8/7/2020
Lincoln Ranger District
Alice Creek Trailhead

The name Valley of the Moon doesn't disappoint! This project requires a long hike, but you will be rewarded with views across The Bob. You will be working and camping right along the Continental Divide Trail, and might just run into some through-hikers throughout the week! Your work will focus on re-establishing tread, repairing and replacing drains, and brushing. Enjoy a day off mid-week to explore nearby Bighorn Lake.



BMW F #09
Essex Creek
8/2/2020 – 8/4/2020
Hungry Horse Ranger District
Essex Creek Trailhead

The Great Bear panhandle trails make great day hikes, but they can also be a jungle. These 2.5 days of work will be focused on the Dickey Lake and Essex Creek trails. Both trails pass through avalanche paths, which grow hearty alder in the summer. Volunteers will be car camping!















BMW F #14
Straight Creek
8/2/2020 – 8/8/2020
Rocky Mountain Ranger District
Benchmark Trailhead

Hike along a mostly rivergrade trail along Straight Creek for six miles to your camp near the junction with Park Creek. Your work will consist of repairing and replacing existing drains, replacing an old culvert, and brushing.



2020 VOLUNTEER ADVENTURES CONTINUED

<p>BMWFW #15 Headquarters Pass 8/14/2020 – 8/17/2020 Rocky Mountain Ranger District South Fork Teton Trailhead</p>	<p>Give yourself a long weekend with the beauty of Headquarters Pass. The trail will climb up to some incredible views where your work awaits. The trail needs a little love to get it in tip top shape for other hikers and horseback riders.</p>	 
<p>Weeds #06 Summit Weeds Day 8/15/2020 Rocky Mountain Ranger District Summit Trailhead</p>	<p>Join this partnership with Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and our Adopt-A-Trailhead program, and help get the Summit Trailhead in shape. We will spend the day pulling knapweed at this popular trailhead along the Continental Divide</p>	 
<p>BMWFW #16 McCabe 8/15/2020 – 8/19/2020 Seeley Lake Ranger District N. Fork Blackfoot Trailhead</p>	<p>Want to camp in the backcountry and give back to public lands but don't want to hike lots of miles? This trip just might be for you! Hike three miles into camp and spend a few days brushing and improving tread. This project is sponsored by the Paul M. Busch Foundation for the Outdoors.</p>	 
<p>BMWFW #17 Moose Creek Turnpike 8/21/2020 – 8/28/2020 Rocky Mountain Ranger District Mortimer Gulch Trailhead</p>	<p>Backcountry construction project! Your hike into basecamp will begin with along Gibson Reservoir and continue along the North Fork of the Sun till you reach Cabin Creek Cabin - your camp for the week. Your work will consist of turnpike construction on the Moose Creek trail #131. You will have the help of some sturdy horses and mules to haul gravel for the build.</p>	 
<p>BMWFW #18 Crimson Peak 8/29/2020 – 9/3/2020 Spotted Bear Ranger District Pyramid Pass Trailhead</p>	<p>Late summer is the perfect time to visit The Bob! Join us for six days to clear the Crimson Peak trail. A 10+ mile hike will take you up and over Pyramid Pass to camp along Young's Creek. Expect lots of crosscut use! Enjoy a day off mid-week to explore.</p>	 
<p>BMWFW #19 Badger Two Medicine 9/4/2020 – 9/9/2020 Rocky Mountain Ranger District Summit Trailhead</p>	<p>Looking for a way to give back to your public lands in tangible ways? Join BMWFW and the Glacier Two Medicine Alliance for some good times in the Badger! Your work will consist of clearing and brushing the East Fork Woods Creek Trail as far as you can. These trails have become overgrown and need a little love!</p>	 

A Typical Day ON A BMWFW TRIP



- 7:00 AM** Coffee's on!
- 7:30 AM** Eat breakfast, clean up, pack your lunch.
- 8:00 AM** Leave camp for the worksite. Work until lunch, taking periodic breaks.
- 12:00 PM** Half hour lunch break, followed by several more hours of work with breaks.
- 4:30 PM** Arrive back at camp. Freshen up, have a snack. Go for a swim, fish, or relax.
- 5:00 PM** Dinner crew helps prepare dinner.
- 6:00 PM** Dinner time! After, cleanup crew does dishes and picks up. Enjoy the evening around the fire.

Difficulty Levels

HIKE

Car camping or easy hike to camp; less than five miles with little elevation gain.



Moderate hike into camp; 5-10 miles with less than 1,000 ft. elevation gain.



Strenuous hike into camp; 10-15+ miles with significant elevation gain/loss.



WORK

Relatively easy work; pulling weeds or brushing, infrequent swinging or digging.



Moderately difficult work such as repeatedly lifting up to 40 lbs., sawing, digging, etc.



Strenuous work with consistent repetitive motion like digging or swinging; heavy lifting; long hike to worksite.



MEET YOUR 2020 Field Crew!



Ally Pike | West Side Crew Leader

Ally is returning for her 3rd season leading volunteers with the BMWF! Ally grew up in Central Texas, and received her degree in Wildlife and Fisheries from Texas A&M. She began working on trails as a crew member with Earthcorps, then as a crew leader with Montana Conservation Corps. Ally loves hiking in wild places, primitive outdoor skills, mountains, climbing, snowshoeing, meeting new people, minimalism, Leave-No-Trace ethics, teaching, plant ID, and anything food-related.



Ben Rutherford | East Side Crew Leader

We're excited to welcome Ben back to the Bob! Ben was our Weeds Crew Leader in 2015. With a degree in Parks, Tourism and Recreation Management, Ben utilized every opportunity to take his education outdoors. Recently, he's been in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota to provide transformative Wilderness expeditions with Outward Bound. To the Bob, Ben brings his unflappable enthusiasm for stewardship, people and sweat equity. He is excited to share in the adventure with our volunteers!



Ian Bartling | Crew Leader

Ian is back for his 2nd summer with BMWF. Ian's appreciation for wild places started at a young age while canoeing with his family in the Canadian wilderness. This love eventually brought him to Montana, where he's spent seven years directing outdoor adventure programs for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Exploring The Bob has become a passion that started with his first trip to the Chinese Wall. When Ian's not hiking, he enjoys sailing, climbing, and plucking his guitar.



Kim Cleary | Roving Crew Leader

Kim grew up exploring the outdoors through camping, fishing, and skiing. She carried this love of the outdoors into her college career and received a degree in Economics and Environmental Studies. Kim fell in love with working hard outside with great people to protect public lands during a season with Montana Conservation Corps. She's worked with Arizona Trail Association on their youth programs and as a ski instructor at Big Sky to share her passion for outdoor recreation with others.



Marty Maddalena | Weeds Crew Leader

Marty returns for his 2nd summer as the Weeds Crew Leader! Marty grew up hunting, backpacking and riding horses in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. He has worked for large-scale cattle operations, an organic vegetable farm, zip line construction, and historical building reclamation. Marty's degree is in Natural Resources from MSU Bozeman. He is looking forward to spending the summer exploring and improving the Bob with an awesome group of volunteers.



Wayne Steele | WCC Crew Leader

Wayne came from Asbury Park to Montana in 2015 to pursue conservation and forestry work with the MCC. He quickly became passionate about this work as well as the culture that this field creates. He spent the next four years leading field crews with a variety of government, state, nonprofit and private agencies in many different ecosystems across the Rocky Mountains and southwest. Wayne wishes to stay in the field for as long as possible and experience a few seasons in wildland firefighting before moving up.



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