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Taking Care of Business!

This abbreviated newsletter is to let you know our annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday, November 29, at 4pm, followed by a potluck dinner. See page 2 for details!

We also want to say THANK YOU to all of you who had your donations matched/doubled by Cinnabar Foundation this summer! Indeed, thanks to all of you who have supported our work for 41 years through your generous donations and kind words!

On page 3, we share the good news that a generous donor will again match/double your donations up to $15,000 through the end of the year! Please make a donation today if you are able.

We have to take care of such business in order to continue our fight against a Forest Service now dedicated to destroying public forests in the name of "fuels reduction," which should more aptly be called "habitat destruction!" As this photo of the Flathead National Forest's Bug Creek Fuels Reduction shows, a cool and moist mixed-cedar forest has been reduced to a handful of western larch trees and huge piles of logging slash that will be burned to release the stored carbon into the atmosphere all the more quickly!

As the companion photo on page 2 shows, the Flathead appears willing to lock the public out of its National Forest to hide such destruction! Please donate to our work today and read further on page 2.

Keith

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Continuing the Fight!

The photo on this page shows the type of shady, mixed-cedar forest that also existed on the opposite side of the Crane Mountain Road prior to being logged into oblivion by the Flathead National Forest, as shown in the photo on page 1! The photo on this page also shows the degree to which public forests are being handed over to the timber industry for its private extraction of profits at public expense.

So, not only is the public being denied adequate time and opportunities to object to such logging plans, due to supposed "emergencies," the public is being denied adequate public access to monitor the results of those logging projects!

We continue to monitor the Flathead's road building and logging programs and challenge those projects we can in court. The Flathead received a revised Biological Opinion on its Forest Plan's handling of roads and culverts in September and we have already sent legal notice that we will litigate it - as we have successfully twice before!

We also continue to challenge numerous attempts by the Trump administration to gut the Endangered Species Act.

We'll provide more details in our Holidays Newsletter in November. Meanwhile, please continue to support our work with your donations and kind words!

Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck November 29!

Join us for our Membership Meeting Sunday, November 29, at 4pm! We meet at the Mountain Brook Community Library at 2353 Foothill Road.

We'll spend an hour electing officers, discussing a bit of business, and summarizing the past year's challenges and accomplishments!

Then we'll enjoy a potluck dinner and socializing in a relaxed atmosphere!

Dinner will be followed by a regularly scheduled Swan Range Community Music Jam Session at 6pm for those who wish to stay! You don't have to play an instrument to enjoy this low key get together!

We hope you can join us!

Generous Donor Matching Your Donations up to $15,000: Donate Today and Double Your Gift!

We rely in large part on member donations to fund our work protecting habitat for fish, wildlife and people. **You can help us broaden our membership by giving Gift Memberships at $25 each,** either on-line or using the form below! **It's easy to join with and help others support our work:**

1. Send a check to Swan View Coalition at 3165 Foothill Road, Kalispell, MT 59901 - or -

2. Use your credit card securely on-line at https://swanviewcoalition.networkforgood.com (or by clicking on the Donate Now button at right)!

Network for Good handles your transaction securely for us and informs us immediately via email of your donation by credit card. You can also choose to give monthly, quarterly or yearly there to make it easier or more affordable (or change your mind anytime)! If you have other info you want to get to us, such as Gift Membership info, simply email it to keith@swanview.org or mail it to the address in #1, above.

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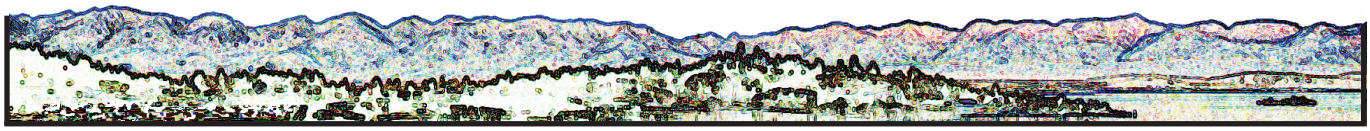

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