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Saturday, 29 September, Carlton Lake, Bitterroot Mountains. The Larch trees should be showing their autumn colors, making for a beautiful fall day hike. We will hike to Carlton Lake which sits at the base of Lolo Peak. This is a moderately strenuous hike that is 9.5 miles round trip with 2600 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Mary Owens at mowens320@gmail.com, Coordinator, Mary Owens at mowens320@gmail.com (preferred) or 493-1139.

Get Involved.

To find out more about participating in the Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club outings program, or if you’d like to share your favorite wild places by leading a hike or canoe trip in your region, please contact the Outings Coordinator, Mary Owens at mowens320@gmail.com.

Montana Chapter Posts Win against Global Giant

By John Wolverton, Dirty Fuels Campaign Volunteer

Two years ago, Imperial Oil, a Canadian subsidiary of Exxon/Mobil, was moving full steam ahead with its plan to transform U.S. Highway 12 and Montana Routes 200 and 287 into permanent industrial corridors for massive Alberta tar sands-bound “mega-loads.”

But the Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club, along with the Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC), the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Missoula County Commissioners and citizen activists in Montana stood up to Exxon by challenging the “mega-load” transportation project in court.

Montana District Court Judge Ray Dayton indicated any initiative to reinvigorate their case or the environmental review process. Also, Exxon’s intentions regarding the status of the 400,000-pound “TVM” (aka Test Validation Module) currently sitting idle at Lolo Hot Springs remains undetermined.

For a round trip with 2600 feet of elevation gain.

This moderately strenuous hike is 9.5 miles.

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Left to Right:
Jonathan Matthews, Claudia Narcisco, Janet Fiero, Bruce Hunner, Gita Wohlsein, Rachel Jennnings, Rod Jude and John Wolverton (emeritus). Not shown: Jeff van den Noort

Photo Credit: Maria Ibarbia

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2012 Outings of the MT Chapter of the Sierra Club, continued

By Mary Owens, Outing Volunteer

Wolverton (emeritus)

with 1200 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Mary Owens at mowens320[at]gmail[dot]com (preferred) or 493-1139.

Saturday, 23 June–Ekl Lake day hike, Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. The trail begins with winding through trees burned in the late nineties in the Shepherd Mountain fire. We will hike along and above East Rosebud Lake where evidence of the Shepherd Mountain fire still exists, but the forest has grown back substantially. As the trail climbs upward to Ekl Lake, views of the surrounding mountains soar above the dramatic waterfalls of the East Rosebud River. We’ll have lunch at Ekl Lake then return the way we came. 6 miles round trip with 500 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Donna Craig at benanrod@aol[dot]com (preferred) or 328-5386.

Saturday, 30 June–Sourdough Ridge Exploration. Within view of Bozeman are some little-known gems of wild country. Walk a ridge you may have never noticed on a user-created trail. Explore deep woods and ridge-top meadows. Look for early summer wildflowers and seek views of the Gallatin Valley. Learn about why this area may deserve Wilderness protection. This hike is moderately strenuous – 8 miles round trip with at least 1,000 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 8 participants. Phil Knight, a long time Sierra Club member and local organizer, conservationist, guide, naturalist and author of two books about traveling and living in the backcountry, will accompany us on this hike. To sign-up, contact Zack Waterman at zack.waterman@sierradub.org (preferred) or 919-696-8329.

Wednesday, 18 July–St. Mary Peak, Bitterroot Mountains. This moderately strenuous day hike will take us to the top of St. Mary Peak at 9,300 feet in elevation. There is a working fire lookout on top and the views are incredible. 7.5 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 2400 feet. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Mary Owens at mowens320[at]gmail[dot]com (preferred) or 493-1139.

Saturday, 27 July–Lake Dinah Trail from Lake Elsina, Mission Mountains (women only). Both Lake Dinah and Lake Elsina are gorgeous subalpine lakes in the high country basins of the Mission Mountains. The trail winds through lush brush, dense forest and grassy meadows. 5 miles round trip with 700 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign-up, contact Janet Fiero at janetfiero77@gmail.com (preferred) or 970-260-7951.

Saturday, 18 August–Hidden Canyon Waterfalls. Despite being well traveled, Hyalite Canyon holds some hidden gems that few people get to see. On this day hike, come walk a little known route along hidden waterfalls to a high ridge above the East Fork of Hyalite. Look for signs of wildlife and enjoy breezy views from a remote summit. Learn about some of the controversial history of land management in the Gallatin Range and discuss the idea of Wilderness protection for the Gallatins. This hike is steep and strenuous! 10 miles total, with over 2,000 feet of elevation gain. Phil Knight, a long time Sierra Club member and local organizer, conservationist, guide, naturalist and author of two books about traveling and living in the backcountry, will accompany us on this hike. Limited to 6 participants. To sign-up, contact Zack Waterman at zack.waterman@sierradub.org (preferred) or 919-696-8329.

Wednesday, 29 Aug to Sunday, 2 September–Missouri River Breaks Canoe Trip (women only). Join us for a peaceful 12 ½ day float through the inspiring “White Cliffs” section of this great river. Late summer can be ideal with less heat, less wind, less mud, less folks, almost no mosquitoes and tranquil riverside camping among the cottonwoods and coyote howls. Side hikes and fossil explorations will be on the agenda. Rent or BYO Boat/gear. To sign up, contact Janet Fiero at janetfiero77@gmail.com (preferred) or 970-260-7951.

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**2012 Outings of the Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club**

By Mary Owens, Outings Volunteer

Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club outings are free and open to the public. Liability release signatures are required. Please sign up in advance with the listed outing contact person. No companion animals, please.

**Saturday, 19 May—Lake Como Loop, Bitterroot Mountains (women only).** Take an easy day hike around beautiful Lake Como near Darby. A set of falls at the head of the lake will be our lunch stop, and we'll complete the loop by walking across the dam. 7.5 miles total with minimal elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Janet Fiero at janetfiero77@gmail.com (preferred) or 970-260-7951.

**Wednesday, 23 May—Stuart Peak-Wallman Trail Loop, Rattlesnake National Recreation Area.** This loop day hike begins at the main Rattlesnake trailhead, parallels Spring Gulch for a couple of miles, passes through several pocket meadows, then climbs gently before descending back to the main Rattlesnake trail. Nice views of Lolo Peak on the descent. Shallow water crossing required. 8 miles total with 500 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Mary Owens at mowens320[dot]gmail[dot]com (preferred) or 493-1139.

**Saturday, 2 June—Service Trip, Burnt Fork Creek, Bitterroot Valley.** We will be partnering with Trout Unlimited to plant native tree and shrub species throughout a section of a heavily impacted stream channel. The Burnt Fork is an important tributary to the Bitterroot River, as it contains pure populations of westslope cutthroat trout at its headwaters and is a nursery for several species of trout and other aquatic species in the Bitterroot. The upper reaches of the watershed are National Forest lands while the last few miles of Burnt Fork Creek run through the Lee Metcalf Wildlife preserve. The land in between is privately owned and used primarily for cattle and agriculture. The section of stream that will be worked on was recently fenced off from cattle. This effort will jump start the establishment of a riparian community. Bring gloves, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, water and snacks. A sack lunch will be provided. To sign-up and for meeting time and place, please contact Bob Clark at bob.clark@sierraclub.org.

**Saturday, 9 June—South Fork of Lolo Creek, Bitterroot Mountains (women only).** This moderate day hike goes into the proposed South Fork Lolo Creek Wilderness addition to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. The hike begins by following the South Fork of Lolo Creek, and then climbs moderately through open, old clear cut providing views of the surrounding country. Wildflowers should be plentiful. 7 miles round trip with 1600 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Fran Coover at fran@brenesan.net (preferred) or 406-222-5252.

**Wednesday, 13 June—Bass Creek, Bitterroot Mountains.** Bass Creek Canyon is typical of those in the Bitterroot Valley — U-shaped and glacially carved. This moderate day hike will follow the creek, gradually ascending to some spectacular waterfalls. We will hike through several pocket meadows, so expect to see wildflowers. 8.5 miles round trip with 1500 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Mary Owens at mowens320[dot]gmail[dot]com (preferred) or 493-1139.

**Saturday, 16 June—Broadwater Lake, Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.** Our day hike begins by immediately crossing a footbridge over the Lake Fork of Rock Creek, and gradually heading upstream along the beautiful Lake Fork. The water dramatically increases in volume and velocity as we follow alongside it the entire distance of our hike. This hike has no stream crossings. Often, moose and their calves are seen running along the lower sections of this trail. We’ll stop for lunch at “Broadwater Lake,” a wide, beautiful place in the river. Depending upon our time and the needs of participants, we have the option of continuing another mile and a half up the trail where a left turn takes us to nearby “Lost Lake,” a popular destination for campers. Adding to the appeal of this trail is a series of waterfalls cascading down from mountain peaks along the way. 7 miles round trip with 600 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Donna Craig at benannod@aol.com (preferred) or 328-4386.

**Saturday, 23 June—Blodgett Canyon, Bitterroot Mountains (women only).** This moderate day hike is in one of the most beautiful canyons in the Bitterroot, often described as “Yosemite-like.” We will hike to the second set of falls. 9 miles round trip with 900 feet of elevation gain. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Donna Craig at benannod@aol.com (preferred) or 328-4386.

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**2013 Outings of the Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club**

By Mary Owens, Outings Volunteer

Saturday, 1 June—Rattlesnake Loop, Rattlesnake National Recreation Area.  We will hike the Rattlesnake Loop, paralleling Spring Gulch for 3 miles, then climb to a series of waterfalls in the upper reaches of the Rattlesnake. Water crossing required. 7 miles round trip. Limited to 10 participants. To sign up, contact Mary Owens at mowens320[dot]gmail[dot]com (preferred) or 493-1139.

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**Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference**

By Claudia Narcisco, CCL Alternate/Volunteer

Several members of Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club attended the Good Jobs Green Jobs Coalition conference in Los Angeles, California, on March 14-16, 2012.

Chapter executive committee members Rachel Jennings and Claudia Narcisco, SE Montana members Club and Barbara Braided Hair and Missoula staff Bob Clark were among over 700 attendees representing environmental organizations, labor unions, government agencies and businesses from around the country. All came to learn and share what they were doing to create jobs while protecting the environment, building sustainable communities, economies and futures.

While labor was well represented, union friends from our local BlueGreen coalition were unfortunately absent. We hope to recruit local labor leaders for the 2013 conference.

Keynote speakers included Antonio Villaraigosa; Mayor of Los Angeles; James Hoffa; President of Teamsters; Phil Angelides; Chairman of BlueGreen Alliance and the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, along with Sierra Club’s own Allison Chinn; treasurer and past board president. Villaraigosa and Hoffa have been working together to clean up the Port of Southern California and Los Angeles Airport. As a result, emissions have been reduced by 50 percent.

These reductions directly benefit the health of workers and their communities located near the ports, air quality of Southern California and climate change. While industry did not initially embrace these changes it was proved it could be done to economic advantage.

Recently, the City joined the Teamsters in a lawsuit on behalf of contract drivers. The event was rich with examples and many good contacts were made. Rachel and Claudia plan to take examples and ideas gleaned to the Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club’s Political and Energy Committee to help energize efforts at the state level.

It was not all work. Sierra Club held a roundtable the first evening. We had a chance to meet Chapter leaders from around the West and share the work being done from major victories in protecting coastal areas to closing a coal ash plant adjacent to a tribal reservation in Arizona to efforts to institute alternative energy funding such as Feed in Tariff in Oregon.

We also enjoyed some California sunshine while supporting our Teamster brothers and sisters at a rally for improved working conditions at an Australian owned recycle plant.

For more information visit: http://www.bluegreenalliance.org/
Fastpacking

By Michael Jarnevic, Outings Volunteer

“He who would travel happily must travel light.” —MWJ

With the advent of twenty-first century ultra-light camping equipment, it is now possible to put together a pack weighing less than twenty pounds for overnighters to possibly three-day excursions into the backcountry. (This is for the warm months; cold weather camping requires gear too heavy and bulky for fastpacking.)

While this gear was designed predominantly for adventure racing, with the end goal being to cover a lot of ground in as little time as possible, fastpacking gear—and techniques—certainly have applications for those who simply want to take a lighter, more manageable pack into the woods.

The key to achieving this is a two-fold: pare-down your equipment to the necessities and, for the gear that you do make, it super light and packable.

Your packing list should consist of the following:

1. Pack of around 1500-2000 cubic inches
2. One-person tent or bivySac
3. Sleeping bag
4. Pad
5. Waterproof Jacket and Pants (with a fleece cap in the pockets)
6. Insulated vest
7. Extra underwear / Socks
8. Water (your heaviest item, but if you’re in an area with access to water, carry a filter to cut down on weight)
9. Food that requires little or no heating
10. Map
11. Compass

and kayaking camping as well. Flying out of state and want to do some backpacking? This is the perfect setup that can be dismantled and packed away in your luggage, then reassembled at your destination.

So who makes this stuff, you ask? Here are some brands/stores to check out:

- Snugpak (Sleeping bags): http://www.snugpak.com
- Thermarest (Pads): http://www.therm-a-rest.com
- Maxpeditions (Packs) http://www.maxpedition.com
- Osprey (Packs): http://www.ospreypacks.com
- UltraLightGear http://www.ultralightgear.com/

Yes, this gear is not cheap, but the entire setup can be put together for $500-1000, depending on what you already have and buy, but imagine arriving at your destination with the equivalent weight of a backpack and staying overnight comfortably. Priceless.

Happy trails to you and yours….

Heading up Sheep Mountain, Nancy Gibson hauls a large backpack while Michael Jarnevic totes a fastpack. 

Photo Credit: Carla Abrams

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Submissions must include first and last name with city or town. Please include your phone number and e-mail address in case we need to contact you.

Send digital photographs at 300 ppi in .jpg format. Including a caption and photo credit is always appreciated.

Please contact me via e-mail if you have questions.

Thank you for your support of the Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Montana Sierran.

Maria

Montana Chapter Newsflash

The annual meeting of Montana Chapter’s staff, executive committee members and committee chairpersons and members was held at Carroll College in Helena, Montana in February, 2012. Executive committee members welcomed the newly elected officers, established the chair and membership of standing committees and reviewed the budget for fiscal year 2012. Photo Credit: Maria Ibarbia

In March, 2012, several executive committee officers and committee members attended the public lecture by Paul Cienfuegos entitled “Cities across the Country are Exercising Their Right of Self-Governance: Will Missoula Be Next?” at the University of Montana. Executive committee members Janet Fiero, Jonathan Matthews and Claudia Narcisco also attended Mr. Cienfuegos’ weekend workshop “First Steps in Dismantling Corporate Rule: We the People Are More Powerful than We Dare to Believe.”

Over the past six months, the Sierra Club has hosted eight film screenings of the documentary Carbon Nation across Montana, including Missoula. A Sierra Club information table accompanied the screenings, where Montana Chapter volunteers disseminated materials like “No Toxic Mercury” information. Photo Credit: Bob Clark

Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Montana Chapter Members are aligned with the Sierra Club’s stance against Exxcon/Mobil’s mega-load project, particularly of potential long-term impacts on the environment. Photo Credit: John Wolverton

NOTE: Please read Wolverton’s “Montana Chapter Poats Win against Global Giant” on page 1.
May 10, 2012: FWP to Discuss Trapping of Wolves

By Connie Poten, Footloose Montana

The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will hold a meeting to discuss the trapping of wolves. The agenda will be set about ten days prior to the meeting, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day on May 10, 2012.

Please write to addresses below protesting the trapping of wolves, and please plan to attend this important meeting. FWP has informally decided to trap wolves, but we can stop it.

For updates, go to http://www.footloosemontana.org.

Please join us at the following venue and/or contact the FWP Commissioners TODAY:

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“Wild Wolves.” Watercolor by Kendall Jan Jubb
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Comments Needed on EPA Regional Haze Plan for Montana

By Mike Scott, Billings Office Staff

In Montana, it’s common to hear the old saying made popular by Robert Frost: “Good fences make good neighbors.”

Ever think about what it means? Here, it means we don’t let our problems go onto our neighbors’ place. In terms of energy development and production, it means do unto those downwind as you would have done unto yourself.

However, the good old boys from Pennsylvania Power and Light (PPL), the operators of Colstrip Power Plant, don’t seem to share these values. Instead of protecting Montana from their dirty pollution by upgrading Colstrip with 21st century, industry-standard, pollution controls, they are lobbying the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to weaken th controls in what is called a Regional Haze Plan.

Fortunately, the EPA is taking comments on a draft regional haze plan for Montana until June 19, 2012.

Unfortunately, the current draft doesn’t require PPL to invest in strong pollution control technology.

Tell the EPA to protect Montanans from dirty coal pollution and pass strong Regional Haze standards for Montana.

Across the country, over 200 coal-fired power plants have installed strong pollution controls. This technology is called Selective Catalytic Reduction technology, and it works much like a catalytic converter you are required to have on your car, keeping dangerous toxic gas from spewing into the air.

But PPL refuses to upgrade its facilities voluntarily—content to continue polluting our Big Sky with noxious gas that threatens our health and our air quality. PPL even has on its website that “PPL will continue to operate the plants as they are built to meet existing requirements. [PPL] continues to pursue other means of NOx control.”

Stay tuned for more information on this important decision, as the EPA held hearings in Helena and Billings on May 1 and 2, 2012, respectively.

The Sierra Club will let you know the specifics as information becomes available. To submit your own comments, follow these instructions:

1. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R08-OAR-2011-0651:

   • On the web http://www.regulations.gov, follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.


E-mail: hinkle.vanessa@epa.gov

Mail: Carl Daly, Director
Air Program, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at
Region 8, Mailcode 8P-AR,
1595 Wynkoop Street,
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129.

Thank you for all you do for the environment!

*Note:* Please see related article entitled “Comments Needed on EPA Regional Haze Plan for Montana” on page 6.
Send Comments Today: EPA Proposing Greenhouse Gas Standard for New Power Plants

By Bob Clark, Missoula Office Staff

On December 15, 2009, the EPA Administrator found that the current and projected concentrations of greenhouse gases endanger the public health and welfare of current and future generations.

Fast-forward: Today, the EPA is proposing that new fossil fuel-fired power plants meet an output-based standard of 1,000 pounds of CO2 per megawatt hour.

The proposed carbon rule would apply only to new fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units including fossil fuel-fired boilers, integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) units and stationary combined cycle turbine units that generate electricity for sale and are larger than 25 megawatts.

This proposed rule is an important first step in tackling climate change.

The EPA is currently accepting comment on this proposed rule during the 60-day comment period. Deadline is June 12, 2012.

HOW TO COMMENT:

Comments on the proposed standard should be identified by Docket ID No. EPA HQAR20110660.

Website: www.regulations.gov; Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code: 2822T
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC, 20460.

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- For the first time ever, there will be federal limits on carbon
- Fish and wildlife—and our hunting, fishing and recreation heritage—are in real danger
- Greenhouse Gasses are responsible for a growing number of serious health and environmental problems
- Climate change is degrading Glacier National Park and other high mountain regions
- Cleaning up our air creates jobs

- Montanans' Colstrip coal-fired power plant is one of the dirtiest in the country
- Americans want and deserve cleaner air

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The proposed rule called "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions for New Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units" is posted at www.epa.gov/carbonpollutionstandard.

Note: Please see related article entitled "Comments Needed for EPA Regional Haze Plan for Montana" on page 5.

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