

Introducing Cabinet Resource Group

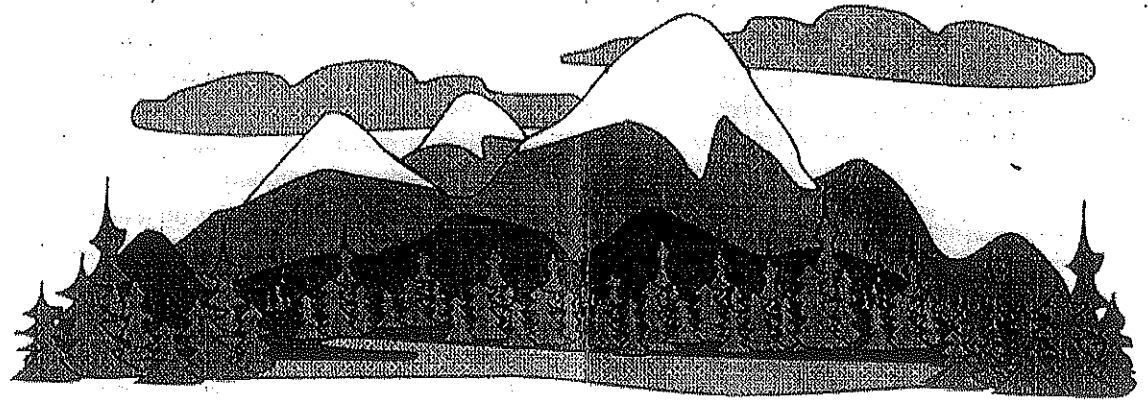


Our Concerns...

- *Maintaining the wilderness quality of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness*
- *Promoting clean, healthy water in the lakes, rivers and streams of Northwestern Montana*
- *Protecting the expanse of forest and the natural processes that keep our public wildlands healthy*
- *Supporting the social and economic well-being of the people living amidst these natural resources*



The northwest corner of Montana consists of the Kootenai National Forest, the Cabinet, Purcell and Salish Mountains. Major rivers include the Clark Fork, Kootenai, Yaak and Thompson River.



Mission Statement

Introduction

We believe it is important to educate ourselves in the science, socioeconomic, and political issues of natural resource management. In turn, we pass on what we learn to those who are interested through workshops and educational programs.

Our members promote recycling, energy conservation, self-sufficiency and an appreciation of nature.

We feel that developing sound management plans for public lands is vital to the long term well-being of the natural world in which we live.

CRG seeks to protect the remaining wild and undeveloped lands of the Kootenai National Forest. We believe that a pristine environment is as important to our communities as timber harvest, mining, and other forms of development. We are committed to preserving the last remnants of our wild heritage, while supporting sensible management of our natural resources.

Our Communities

We believe that a lifestyle in harmony with our natural resources will contribute to the quality of life for the people who live here. This can be achieved only by promoting sustainable economic activities.

Water and Air

Our most valuable resources are clean air and clean water. CRG insists that degradation of our lakes, rivers and streams must stop. We are working to restore watershed integrity where damage has occurred from past activities.

Wildlife

CRG seeks to maintain and improve wildlife habitat. We support efforts to prevent permanent loss of wildlife species through habitat destruction. We promote land stewardship as public policy and practice it in our individual lives.

Accomplishments

Cabinet Resource Group (CRG) was formed in 1976 when people concerned with the fate of the Kootenai River, the Scotchman's Peak proposed wilderness, the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness, and the remote Yaak Valley came together to fight for protection of these natural resources. Since then, members of CRG have participated in countless struggles to preserve wild places and promote sensible management of our National Forest Lands.

- Participated in saving Kootenai Falls from dam construction.
- Seeking wilderness designation and protection for Scotchman Peaks region.
- Won a successful court action concerning ASARCO's Troy Mine, strengthening legal protections for Montana's waters.
- Organized nature education programs through a cooperative agreement with the USFS.
- Conducted recycling symposiums in conjunction with the Sanders County Solid Waste Board.
- Participated in the public comment process for more than 250 projects on the Kootenai National Forest.
- Discovered high levels of lead contamination at ASARCO's idled mine railroad loading facility in Troy, MT and have continued to provide reclamation oversight of the tailings impoundment.
- Promoted and assisted with a scientific analysis of water, air and wilderness issues relevant to Revett's proposed Rock Creek Mine.
- Brought several non-profit Idaho and Montana conservation groups together, establishing Rock Creek Alliance to address the environmental issues of the proposed mine.
- Promoted and assisted with the formation of Rock Creek Watershed Council.
- Encourages public participation in the Forest Plan Revision process.
- Works to protect Bull Lake.
- Fights to protect grizzly bear habitat.



Membership

We hope you will consider becoming a member of Cabinet Resource Group, joining in our efforts to defend the forest, waters and wildlife of northwest Montana from careless exploitation and to enhance the economic integrity of the communities dependent upon our natural resources. Please consider sending in your annual membership today.

Your membership is tax deductible. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, special updates on natural resource issues and invitations to public forums and activities. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

General member \$15.00

Supporting member \$25.00



Membership Form

Cabinet Resource Group
P.O. Box 238
Heron, MT 59844

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Areas of interest: _____

Thank you for your membership and support.

*Concern for a
sustainable
quality of life*



*Protecting our
natural resources
through education
and action*

Cabinet Resource Group High School Scholarship Application Form

- The Cabinet Resource Group is offering one \$600 scholarship to a Noxon, Plains, Thompson Falls, Troy, and Libby High School Senior wishing to further his/her education.
- Other eligibility requirements for scholarship include: Montana residency, minimum GPA of 2.5, and enrollment in an institute of higher education to pursue a course of study in natural resource issues. Suitable courses of study (but not limited to) may include environmental science, forestry and range management, environmental education, plant and animal sciences, etc.
- The application deadline is Friday, April 20th 2012.

Name: _____

Course of Study Interest: _____

Combined Grade Point Average: _____

Permanent Mailing Address and Phone Number:

In addition to this signed application form, please submit:

- ✓ A 3-5 page essay (double spaced, size 12 font) demonstrating knowledge and your personal experiences/interests of the natural area in which you live. You can discuss your volunteer efforts, involvement in conservation or outdoor education programs, a science class, or organized programs such as Boy Scouts, 4-H, etc. What goals do you have to preserve and protect the environment in the future?
- ✓ An official transcript;
- ✓ A letter of recommendation from a teacher familiar with your work and character.

I certify that all application materials are accurate and original to the best of my knowledge. I understand that application materials may not be returned. If I am the selected scholarship recipient, I understand that my name, hometown, GPA, and desired course of study may be used in the Cabinet Resource Group newsletter, website, and other local media.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____

Date: _____

Send Application Materials to: Cabinet Resource Group
P.O Box 238
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