

NWMT-FFLA 2014 Year End Report

March

MOU b/w FNF & NWMT-FFLA signed by all parties on 3/7/201 – good for 5 years

BOD meeting – 3/10 – Chapter Bylaws were adopted

Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex (BMWC) Newsletter – One page article on the NWMT-FFLA

BMWC/LAC Annual Public Meeting, Choteau, MT – two BOD attended

April

Contacted by Kootenai Nation Forest, Recreation Specialist, about two lookouts in need of repair; dialogue will continue

BOD meeting – 4/21 — Flathead Community Foundation Director, Lucy Smith outlined their services with regards to a pass-through account and starting an endowment - Standing Watch painting by Rob Akey; original painting not for sale; 60 giclees will be available for sale

May

KOVI Radio - 5/21 – Kjell Petersen goes live on talk radio – fire lookouts & the NWMT-FFLA

NWMT-FFLA Kickoff, Stonefly Lounge, Coram, MT – 5/22 - Information displays; revolving slideshow of lookouts and projects; Start of Fundraiser for Moran Patrol Cabin siding; Premier showing of “Standing Watch” painting by Rob Akey; sales of NWMT-FFLA t-shirts

Standing Watch painting and narrative published in the Whitefish Review

June

First Aid/CPR training for project leaders – three BOD attended

PayPal – account set up to do business on website

Partnership agreement was established between NWMT-FFLA and Two Bear Air for aerial support

FFLA Western Conference, Darby, MT – 6/27-29 - Attended by 7 BOD – Donated one Standing Watch giclee to the FFLA Silent Auction.

July

Picnic table purchased and delivered to Firefighter Lookout - 7/22

Through the MOU with the FNF and the Spotted Bear Ranger District, the **Spotted Bear Lookout Maintenance Project** was carried out – 7/28-8/1 – three NWMT-FFLA volunteers and one BOD served as project leader;

scrapping, painting, pulling staples (recently wrapped), repairing screen door, oiling structural timbers, replacing stair tread, painted & replaced shutters, cleaned/organized repeater & storage sheds.

August

Challenge Cost Share Agreement b/w FNF & NWMT-FFLA – Signed by all parties on 8/18/14 – good for 5 years

MBWC/Wilderness Act 50th Celebration – Spotted Bear Ranger Station – NWMT-FFLA display booth covered by two BOD

September

Through the MOU and the Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the FNF, Siding for Moran Patrol Cabin was purchased by NWMT-FFLA to be delivered to the HH-GVRS – fire crews painted in preparation for delivery to lookout site by FS helicopter – delivery and installation by FS crews took place the week of September 21st.

Hungry Horse News – Article on Moran Patrol Cabin restoration project

TV series – filming - two days of filming at Moran Patrol Cabin featuring restoration of historic structures

Go Wild! - Wilderness Act 50th Celebration – Flathead County Fairgrounds – NWMT-FFLA display booth covered by all BOD

October

TV series – filming – one day of filming at Baptiste Lookout – importance of lookouts - lightning & radio/repeater issues

Leif Haugen receives Flathead NF Annual Fire Management Award for service above and beyond

Strategic Planning Retreat, HHRS – 10/30

November

Meeting with Glacier National Park Staff to discuss the future of fire lookouts in GNP.

Meeting with MT-DNRC/Swan Unit to look at stairs replacement at Little Napa Lookout.

NWMT-FFLA donated a triptych photograph of Jumbo Lookout titled *Last Light a Wilderness Vigil* to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation for their annual fall fundraiser auction – Triptych sold at auction for \$400.

December

The original *Standing Watch* painting by Rob Akey was placed on permanent display in the FNF-SO office in Kalispell.

A giclee of Standing Watch was placed on display (for sale) in the HHRS lobby.