

# Swan View's News

Holidays 2015



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*"Nature and human nature on the same path."*

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## *Holiday Issue: Staying the Course, With Your Help!*

It has been a sobering year as we unearth the degree to which many larger "conservation" groups are being bought off by, and are mouthing the utilitarian rhetoric of, government and industry. Yet there are promising signs that spirit, faith, integrity, passion, and compassion have not waned from grass-roots organizations.

Indeed, a revitalization of these core values is underway and can be witnessed in the words of leaders including Pope Francis, First Nations and American Indian Tribes. It is becoming increasingly clear that relentless consumerism will not cure the damage it is causing to the worlds' peoples and Earth's ecosystems (see page 2).

Now largely opposed by regional and national organizations which once helped us, grass-roots groups like ours are staying the course and working together to hold the line. While extreme sports advocates have urged Patagonia and the Cinnabar Foundation to cease funding our work, both have instead increased the size of their grants to us in recent years - and we are thankful for that support! And this year the work of SVC's Keith Hammer was honored by Friends of the Clearwater (page 2).

Two-thirds of our financial support and most of the praise for our work, however, comes directly from our members like you! On page 3, we give thanks to those of you who have already made donations to support our work this year and we include on page 4 a few words of unsolicited praise which have come our way recently! Both are vital to our success!

A special thanks goes out to those of you who helped us meet our Cinnabar challenge grant and, on page 5, we make our year-end plea for you to help us raise the remaining \$16,000 needed to meet our expenses this year. It's been an extra busy year with the skewed

politics of wildfire piled on top of our field work, research and lawsuits filed on behalf of fish and wildlife! We've done it before and will again - with your help!

**HAPPY SOLSTICE,  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS,  
HAPPY NEW YEAR, and  
THANK YOU!**

*Keith*



## *Keith Hammer Receives Macfarlane Plank Award!*

Swan View's Chair Keith Hammer received the Macfarlane Plank Award from Friends of the Clearwater at their November 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. FOC describes it as "an achievement honor for more than 20 years of service and accomplishment within the regional wild-lands protection movement. The people signing this Plank have sacrificed personally and significantly to work for protecting our commons, wild lands, biodiversity, and natural processes."



Hammer's signature on the artfully carved pacific yew Plank appears alongside other notable annual recipients of the award begun in 2006: Gary Macfarlane, Stuart Brandborg, Larry McClaud, Barry Rosenberg, Fred Rabe, George Nickas, Liz Sedlar, Jeff Juel, and Karen Coulter. Hammer was also presented a beautiful Chief Joseph Robe blanket on behalf of FOC by FOC Board member and Nez Perce Tribal member Julian Matthews, FOC's Ecosystem Defense Director Gary Macfarlane, and FOC Founder and Board member Steve Paulson (pictured above, left to right).

## *Keeping the Faith!*

"The greatest danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience . . . We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth; our very bodies made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters." (*Pope Francis*)

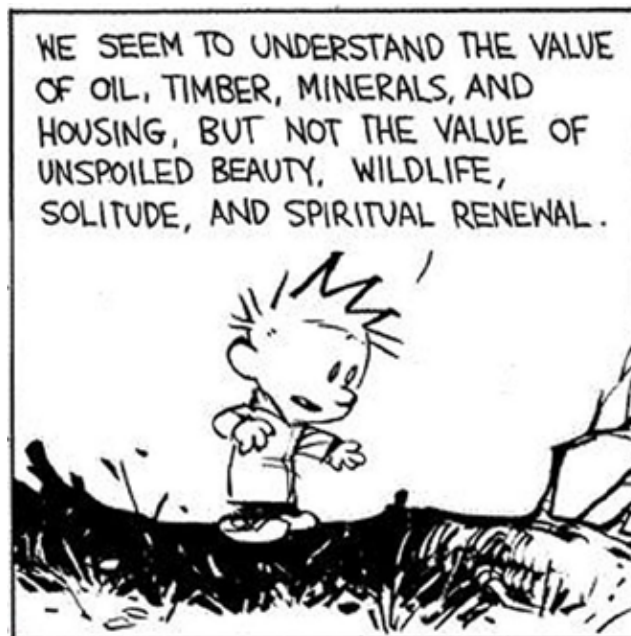
"We must go beyond the arrogance of human rights. We must go beyond the ignorance of civil rights. We must step into the reality of natural rights because all of the natural world has a right to existence and we are only a small part of it. There can be no trade-off." (*John Trudell, Lakota activist and poet*)

"Reconsider the decision to delist the grizzly bear from the Endangered Species Act and to permit States to profit from trophy hunts of this sacred being. The AFN fully supports the positions of the recognized tribes in the United States who share this [op]position." (*Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations*)

## *Please Join These Folks In Support our Hard Work!*

The folks listed below have already donated to support our work this year - and some will again in December. We need to raise the final \$16,000 needed to meet our budget for the year. We did it last December and can again this year with your help! Won't you join with these other fine folks in supporting our work this year? (See page 5).

Jim P.	Kathy H.	Bob M.	Tom S.	Paul E.
Christina E.	Jim T.	Keith H.	Julie B.	Pat H.
Steve E.	Dan S.	Dean R.	Don B.	Jeff K.
James C.	Pam W.	Donna M.	Kim M.	Maureen K.
Don S.	Bob H.	Tom M.	Jim V.	Susan B.
Colleen S.	Carol H.	Lex B.	Chris C.	Don G.
Mayre F.	Kraig K.	MaryB E.	George N.	Susan W.
Linda G.	Katie A.	Joe S.	Julie W.	Scott L.
David G.	Frances W.	Gayle P.	Phyllis S.	Jill L.
Riley M.	Ed Z.	Don J.	Teresa S.	Bill B.
Pat M.	Judy Z.	Cathy E.	Jim R.	Rod W.
Tim S.	Nancy F.	Virginia N.	Linda R.	Edd B.
Sukey P.	Joan T.	Joel V.	Rod M.	Janet B.
Eve D.	Roseanne B.	Michael T.	Jana G.	Salley C-R.
Lloyd J.	Ruth Q.	George B.	Elaine W.	Mike R.
Debi S.	Bruce C.	Jordonna D.	Jeff S.	Eve L.
Linda B.	Roger B.	Mike D.	Dominick K.	Patti P.
Claudia N.	Linda B.	Mary S-B.	Carolyn K.	Jeremy R.
Norma L.	Carol B.	Colleen S.	Carol E.	Virginia L.
John L.				Dick H.
Bill H.				Brett H.
Karen L.				Dick K.
Tad L.				Marylane P.
Inger L.				Rick R.
Chris G.				Mike C.
Fawn S.				Lynette K.
Dana S.				Gayle P.
Craig S.				Dan D.
Katy M.				Bill M.
Terry M.				Anna M.
Warren E.				Wayne H.
June E.				George N.
Ned S.				Brian P.
Brian P.				Pat J.
Bob H.				Andy H.



## *Unsolicited Praise For Our Work!*

"Thank you for passing along all of the grizzly bear information. This will be very helpful as I write my comments."  
*Hilary E.*

"I have enjoyed the time spent with your group, and appreciate the new friendships made. Keep up the good work."  
*Patti P.*

"You guys are a real inspiration with your organized approach and long-term dedication to protecting the Flathead."  
*Phil K.*

"We've been enjoying the newsletters and your editorial comments, especially on the issue of collaboration."  
*Kraig K.*

"Congratulations for the 500th [Swan Ranger] outing."  
*Jan V.*

"The Fall newsletter was really interesting, especially for those like me

"The Board truly appreciates your efforts and your effectiveness. Keep it up!"

*Jeff P. - Fund for Wild Nature*



who are not local so are not aware of the politics. Enclosed is a donation to your worthy cause."

*Nancy F.*

"Thank you for clearing the trail."  
*Mary K.*

"You and your colleagues are doing amazing, essential work."

*Christina E.*

"Thanks for all your hard work and keeping this group alive and vibrant."  
*Annegret P.*

"It was entirely my intention to show the beauty, courage and integrity of those who never give up the fight for wild nature. You and the few hardcore who never quit are my heroes."

*Paul E.*

"I appreciate you sharing this information with the Southwest Crown Collaborative."  
*Cory D.*

"We are thrilled to support Swan View Coalition and are so impressed by the amazing work you do."

*Allison R. - Patagonia Grants*

The Swan View Coalition is worthy of any support I can offer, and I really appreciate being a member."

*Fran W.*



## Help Us Raise \$16,000 to Meet our Year-End Budget!

We rely in large part on member donations to fund our work protecting habitat for fish, wildlife and people. We need to raise \$16,000 in December to meet our year-end budget. You can help us broaden our membership base by giving Gift Memberships at \$25 each, either on-line or using the donation form below!

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 [www.swanview.org](http://www.swanview.org) or [www.swanrange.org](http://www.swanrange.org), by clicking on the Donate Now button!



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](mailto:keith@swanview.org) or mail them to the address in #1, above.

**Won't you join the people listed on page 3 and help support our work? We only receive a few foundation grants each year, so it's people like you that make our work possible!**



If there is pink on your mailing label, it means you haven't donated in nearly a year or more. Please make a donation so we can keep sending you our newsletter and continue our work!

- Here's \$25 to cover my minimum dues, newsletters, alerts, and Swan Ranger Reports.
- Here's \$50 to help restore a bit of peace and quiet to America's public lands.
- Here's \$100 to help keep forest roads from ending up in America's bull trout streams.
- Here's \$500 to help secure grizzly, lynx and wolverine habitat for future generations.
- Here's \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help save the world, one mountain range and one river at a time!
- Here's \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Memberships at a minimum of \$25 each. I've included each recipient's name, mailing address, email address, and my greeting on separate paper.
- As a gift of appreciation for my donation, please send me  the Swan/Flathead history booklet "The Lineage of Chief Aeneas: A History of People and Place" and/or  a Swan Ranger patch (circle "hang-loop" or "sew-on").
- Save paper! Email my newsletters to \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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