



Flathead National Forest

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Columbia Mountain Trail Needs Your Help

Columbia Mountain Trail, Forest Service Trail #51, is a popular multiple-use trail used by motorcyclists, stock users, mountain bikers, and hikers. The Montana Conservation Corps received a grant from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks' Recreational Trails Grant Program to improve the tread on the trail, in cooperation with the Flathead National Forest.

The Montana Conservation Corps and the Hungry Horse and Glacier View District will host a work day on Saturday, August 19. Volunteers are needed and trail users are encouraged to assist. The work day will begin at 9am, at the trailhead in Columbia Heights. Work will include cleaning drainage structures, building checkdams and working on the switchbacks on the lower portion of the trail.

Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old, or accompanied by a parent, to participate. Pets, stock, or motorcycles are not allowed on the day of the project.

Volunteers should bring gloves, water, sunglasses, bug repellent, sunscreen and lunch. Sturdy hiking boots and long pants are required. Volunteers should expect to hike between 1/2 mile and 3 miles, depending on which work project you may be involved in.

There will be barbeque at the end of the day to celebrate the volunteer work. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Paula Peterson at 406-387-3818.

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