



Flathead National Forest

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Volunteers Needed for Annual Herp Days on Flathead National Forest

The Flathead National Forest is recruiting volunteers to help with the annual surveying and identification of local amphibians and reptiles across the forest on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 28, 29 and 30th. No prior experience or knowledge is necessary. A training session will be presented each day to help identify amphibians and reptiles followed by wetland field work. Anyone seven years or older is encouraged to participate, although children must be accompanied by an adult. Help is needed each day and volunteers may help any or all days.

Surveys will take place on the Tally Lake, Swan Lake and Hungry Horse Districts of the Flathead National Forest. Participants need to bring lunch, water and something to keep feet dry, such as waders, hip boots or irrigation boots. The forest service has some waders and boots that may be used. Insect repellent and extra socks are also recommended. Each day will begin at 8:30am and should be complete by 3:30pm. Surveys will be conducted rain or shine.

Anyone interested in helping with the projects should contact Beth Gardner in Bigfork at 837-7508, Amy Jacobs in Whitefish at 863-5444 or Mary Lou Zimmerman in Hungry Horse at 387-3848.

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