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Scenic beauty offered in the Seeley Swan Valley  
Photo by Kris Gullikson



## TRAILS WORKSHOP HELD IN SEELEY LAKE

Missoula County Parks Department, transitioning to the Parks and Trails Department, held a workshop at the Seeley Lake Elementary School on Tuesday, Oct. 5. County staffer Lisa Moisey, the only staff for the entire Parks Department, introduced a representative from PROS consulting and summarized the need for the workshops and consulting assistance. The 50+ people attending listened to a representative from PROS consulting, hired to help strategize and plan next steps for parks and trails in the County. A lively discussion followed the presentation, with some contention between motorized and non-motorized interests, but with a general positive input for developing trails for all interests. Notes were kept on citizen input to help guide next steps for the

County. Finally, several copies of maps of the Seeley Lake area were available for viewing. Attendees were encouraged to "revise" the maps with consideration for existing trails/parks and ideas for future trails/parks or changes in usage. There was considerable positive interaction between people with what could be considered opposing usage. The result was an overall collaboration among varied interests to improve communication and work on trails. As an editorial note: it seems the largest challenge for planners and the County is finding a way to guide trail/park users to appropriate spots or seasons to reduce potential conflicts. In other words, sorting through the myriad of trails and roads to allow everyone the ability to enjoy the scenery we came here for.

Submitted by Carol Evans

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Seeley Lake Community Council**- Tues., Nov. 1, 6 pm at the Historical Barn,  
**Seeley Lake Cemetery Dist.**- 1st Thurs., Nov. 4, at 12pm, DARLOA office  
**Seeley Swan Hospital Dist.**- 2nd Monday, Nov. 8, 5 pm at the Clinic Conf. Room  
**Seeley Lake Rural Fire Dist.**- Third Tues., Nov. 16, 6 pm, Seeley Lake Fire Station  
**Seeley Lake Sewer Dist.**- 3rd Thurs., Nov. 18, 5:15 pm @ Historical Barn  
**Seeley Lake Refuse Dist.**- 4th Monday, Nov. 22, 7 pm at the SL Transfer Station  
**Seeley Lake Water Dist.**- 4th Th., Nov. 25, 5:30 pm, Dist. Office  
**Economic Dev. Committee** -2nd Th., Nov. 11, 7 pm at SL Elementary



The information contained in this document is to provide a brief narrative of different infrastructure meetings. No information reported should be considered the final action of the infrastructure boards reported on, it is only to be informative to the community.

## OCTOBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP



Communications to the Seeley Lake Community Council for September

were quite extensive, bringing a report by Evans that lasted well into the meeting. Included in the report was notification that the Office of Planning and Grants of Missoula Co. would again be contributing to the Council budget by awarding the annual \$1000 grant for 2011 year operating budget. Also, a Missoula Co. matching grants application deadline is fast approaching for groups interested in applying; for forms and more information go to: <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/opgweb/>

**The Missoula County Commissioners are coming to Seeley Lake to discuss the Seeley Lake Land Use Plan. This will be a public meeting at the Seeley Lake Community Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 6 pm.** This meeting will not provide an opportunity for additional public comment on the proposed Plan but will provide an opportunity to hear

the deliberations of the County Commissioners.

The Council's permanent records are at long last secured in an indoor heated storage place in the Missoula Co. building in Seeley Lake (old Plum Creek building). Contact Carol Evans, Secretary, for access at [cevas@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com](mailto:cevas@seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com).

Community concerns

submitted to the Council included past rumors of MC offices (such as the DMV) setting up in Seeley Lake for the convenient access by local residents. The Council will be checking into that as well as

coordinating with the County on snow maintenance on the new walkway on the bridge by the High School. The new principal at the Seeley Swan High School, Dr. Pecora, is also pitching in by networking with other school districts that may have similar issues.

Another resident had concerns about the (lack of) county animal control in this part of the County. As the discussion ensued on all these issues, it looked like the County will be quite busy



### TRAIL NOW COMPLETED!

The Riverview Dr. trail is now paved and ready for use!

Enjoy our local trails system– it is one of the best in the state!

filling the needs of our little community this month!

Hill reported on the success of the Candidate Night hosted by the Council on September 8th in Seeley Lake. His suggestion was to make this a tradition for all elections to better serve the community needs. It seems the candidates were most appreciative of the efforts made for them.

The guardrails along Salmon Lake, reported on last issue, are now installed and construction has ended.∞