

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Trail Grant Sponsors to Receive Full Funding from Recreational Trails Program;

Deadline for Next Grant Round Looming

Montana State Park officials recently announced that current Recreational Trails Program grant recipients will receive 100% of their anticipated grant awards. This news is based on the latest apportionments from the U.S. Congress, which had previously funded only enough money to guarantee 54% of grant awards.

“This is great news for our grant sponsors,” said Beth Shumate, Trails Grant Coordinator for Montana State Parks. “After months of waiting, we know they will be receiving the full grant award and can finally start work on their trails projects in earnest.”

The Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is an important funding source for Montana trail projects. Administered by Montana State Parks, a division of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, RTP funds are dis-

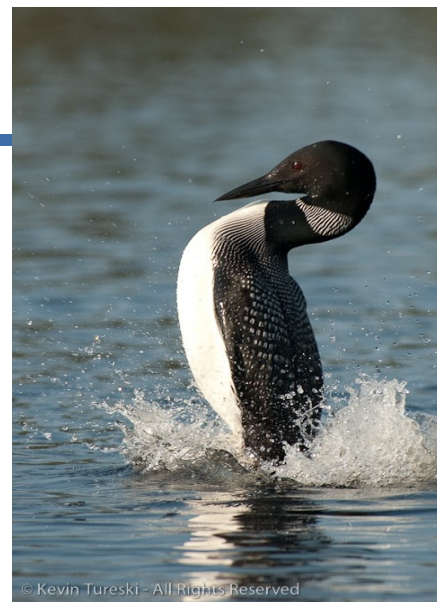
bursed to successful grant applicants each year for local trail projects such as the construction and maintenance of trails, development of trailside and trailhead facilities, ethics education and interpretive programs, and weed control.

Parks receives anywhere from 45 to 80 applications annually from a variety of eligible applicants, including federal and state agencies, towns, cities, counties, and private associations and organizations. Although there is no

guarantee of future Federal trails appropriations unless Congress reauthorizes the RTP Program through the federal Transportation Bill, the deadline for the next round of grants is already looming.

“The deadline for grant cycle 2012 is July 1, 2011,” said Shumate. “We are hopeful that Congress will continue funding

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Loons were recently celebrated in Seeley Lake at the annual Loon & Fish Festival. Stock Photo.

for this important recreational program and provide funds for this next grant round.”

Information on applying for Recreational Trails Program grants is available on the FWP Web site at fwp.mt.gov on the Recreation page under Grants. For questions and comments, contact Beth Shumate (406-444-4585; bshumate@mt.gov). ∞ Montana State Parks. ∞

TRAIL COMMITTEE REQUEST

An ongoing community project to provide a multi-use pathway along the Airport Road from Frontier Drive to Seeley Swan High School is about to take another step. The existing situation

TRAILS COMMITTEE REQUEST cont'd...

is unsafe and inconvenient for existing users.

An application for a grant to level, smooth and apply a gravel surface to the existing sub-grade is being prepared. The improved surface will provide an off-road pathway to better accommodate the recreational users now needing to use the paved roadway.

Letters of support will greatly improve the chance of the grant being approved.

For more information, please call me at 677-3398. Please send a letter of support "To Whom It May Concern" addressed to Seeley Lake Community Council Trail Committee, Box 30, Seeley Lake MT 59868.



The mighty Blackfoot in late May
photo by Kris Gullikson

We need your letter by June 10th. Thank you for your support.

Submitted by: **Ron Cox**
Seeley Lake Community Council
Recreation/Trails Committee
member

Seeley Lake Community Council Agenda

June 6 - 6 pm at the Barn

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES
TREASURER REPORT
SECRETARY/COMMUNICATION REPORT
COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT REPORT
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON - AGENDA ITEMS (3 MIN. LIMIT)
NEW BUSINESS:

Report on All Community Council Meeting 5/23/11- A. Marx
Annual Budget for SLCC
Leadership Training Course-June 15; K. Gullikson

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning process; Report from Rural Initiatives; Pat O'Herren
Equipment storage in downtown area
Water Quality Dist.- W. Hill



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Seeley Lake Community Council** -1st Monday; June 6, 6 pm at the Barn (Hwy 83 south of town)
- **Seeley Lake Cemetery District** - 1st Thurs., June 2, noon at DARLOA office
- **Seeley Swan Hospital District**- 2nd Monday; June 13, 5 pm at the Clinic Conference Room
- **Seeley Lake Rural Fire District** Third Tues., June 21, 6 pm, Seeley Lake Fire Station
- **Seeley Swan Search & Rescue** Third Tues., June 21, Fire Station #2, 6:30 pm
- **Seeley Lake Sewer District**- 3rd Thurs., June 16, 5:15 pm at the Barn
- **Seeley Lake Refuse District**- 4th Monday, June 27, 7 pm at the MC building N of SL
- **Seeley Lake Water District**- 4th Thurs., June 23, 5:30 pm, Water District Office
- **Economic Dev. Comm.**- 2nd Wed., June 9, 7 pm at SLE
- **Rural Initiatives Newsletter**
LINK: <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/ruralftp/Newsletter>



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