

Spring 2016

Adopt a Species

Increasing understanding of Montana's wildlife and habitat

This program is presented in partnership with the Foundation for Animals, Helena National Forest, Montana Discovery Foundation, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and the students and teachers of nineteen area schools.



The Adopt-a-Species program was developed to increase student awareness and understanding of Montana's wildlife and the need for habitat stewardship. Students have learned, through study of their own special Montana wildlife species, the value of wildlife and the importance of providing a healthy habitat—**food, water, shelter and space.**

This year, students were again requested to spend time researching their Adopt-a-Species, always with a focus on habitat. They are encouraged to participate in the yearly Adopt-a-Species art contest. Since the outreach for Adopt-a-Species is an insert in the Independent Record, having students create classified ads for their critter seemed like a creative way for them to portray and identify key habits, traits and habitat for their species. We asked the teachers to have their students read the classifieds in newspapers and magazines and let them "go wild." They could illustrate Unfurnished Houses, Want to Own, Landscaping and more. The options were endless.

The Adopt-a-Species partners were a little worried that going outside the norm would limit responses but were very pleasantly surprised when we ended up with more entries from a greater variety of schools than we have had in recent years. The students certainly understood the concept and we received entries from future copy writers, outstanding sales people and "artists." We hope you enjoy their creativity!

The younger students (k-2) grades were only asked to portray their species in its habitat so some of those entries won't always have an accompanying ad. We may have art from one student and an ad written from another which is noted.

Real Estate

River Frontage



A cozy home. Five rooms, one meal room and living space. Great view of river. Mudded walls. **Private slope** into the river. Want it? Contact (Otter)-555-667.

Sofia Salazar, Jefferson School, Grade 5

Wanted

Mountain View



Eva Villalva, Montana City School, Grade 2

Real Estate

New Listing



Newly remodeled with good hiding. All you can eat buffet! Children safe! Only 1 quill a year. Beautiful sunrises.

Trevin Kockler, Rossiter Elementary, Grade 3

Landscaping

Bogs & Us



Rori Schoenfeld, Warren Elementary, Grade 2

Announcement

Rural Living



Looking for homes for barn owls. A nice barn with a square hole in the roof. Would like a barn in a rural area with **big fields of mice.**

Cadin Tate, Four Georgians Elementary, Grade 4

New Listing

Porcupine Paradise



Riley Marcinek, Rossiter Elementary, Grade Kindergarten

Looking to Buy

Pond Life



I want to buy a new lodge. I am looking for something large because I am the largest rodent in North America. I need a creek to swim in because I am aquatic, so I can build dams. I am not concerned about the weather because I have very thick fur. But what I am concerned about is the food types: I like **cotton wood trees, willows and aspens**. I want a place safe from: bobcats, coyotes, wolves and mountain lions—and NO! trappers! If you have what I'm looking for call 1-800-wood or contact me on my log.
Coryn Newberg, Warren Elementary, Grade 4



Art by Roxi Hogue, Warren Elementary, Grade 4
I am a soft herbivore. I am looking to buy a house. I want to live in a nice cozy home. I want it to be in a small pond. I want the pond to be shallow—4 to 6" deep. I want to make my house out of leaves, bark, twigs, and roots. I *don't want to live by farmers*, so I don't flood their land and they don't trap me!
Call me at Jessie Beaver 8279.
Ad by Grace Olney, Warren Elementary, Grade 4



I've been looking to buy me a house made of deciduous trees packed good with mud. I'm looking for an area where there are no predators like linx, fox and bobcat. So f you have a good house for me call at 4596-beav. If I don't pick up, email me at waterfreak@gmail.com.
Mason Heard, Warren Elementary, Grade 4



Art by Hailey Weidow, Warren Elementary, Grade 2
Hi! My name is Justin Beaver.
I want a house with a willow tree on the bottom. I will make my dam even though I am really busy. I want to live in a beaver town with beavers around me, to help with my house..
Call me at 108-3822 Beaver House.
Ad by Roxi Hogue, Warren Elementary, Grade 4

Services

Dining



BFF DINER
Come get your prairie dog! No luck in hunting this year? Your prairie dogs tasting rotten? Come to the BFF Diner. We serve fresh prairie burgers. Not feeling too hungry? Come get some prairie dog fries. BFF Diner on Blackfooted Ferret Blvd.
Lauren Heuser, Central Upper Montessori, Grade 5

Real Estate

Rare Find



Come to the best ferret home ever, with amazing holes and a lot of prairie dogs. Come by Now!
Keslie, Central Upper Montessori, Grade 5

"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together—all things connect." << Chief Seattle

Real Estate

Vista View



Auston Rowe, Smith School, Grade 2

Real Estate

Highrise



Noah Cole-Lohof, Smith Elementary, Grade 2

Real Estate

Mountain Meadow



Rebecca Wilkins, Smith Elementary, Grade 2

Service Directory

Landscaping



I live in Yellowstone National Park. I help by digging holes with my hooves. They plant seeds & create beautiful flowers. I make wallows and other animals love to drink from them. Call if interested. 1212.
June Forsythe, Hawthorne Elementary, Library, Grade 2

Real Estate

Seeking



A place with lots of room, water and plants. A stream going though a meadow preferred. There should be enough plants to eat each day. There should also be tall grass for hiding.
Abby Einspahr, Wolf Creek School, Grade 2

Rental

Solitude



Badger dug a deep cozy home for 3 kits, one vixen and one male. Has lots of small mammals. Lots of room to run, sneak, dig and bury. This amazing home has several different entrances. (in this no one will ever bother you!) If this sounds like you, please call today at 406-504-9123 or visit our website @ www.furnishedfoxhome.org
Addy Leary, Boulder Elementary, Grade 4

Announcements

Lost & Found



I have lost my herd, but I have found cars! Description 1,000-8,000 pounds each. Almost 800 buffalo. If you find them, please call 333-4444 or go to www.lostherd.org/found.
Aidan Robinson, Hawthorne Elementary, Library, Grade 5

Real Estate

Camouflage



Interested in a place with abundant water that comes from the high mountains. A wooded area to provide shelter. Ample space to roam. Meadows for munching. Long grass for camouflage.
Bradley Klipfel, Wolf Creek School, Grade 3

Real Estate

Fox Ridge



Maylea, Boulder Elementary Grade 1

Nest

Prairie View



Newly made nests. Not too many trees, lots of rabbits. Tons of wing room, nice warm nests away from people. Fly to Screech 4365 next to dead willow with a nest with a chick inside. Hopefully, to see your new home!
Ryan Thomas, Canyon Creek School, Grade 4

Real Estate

Rustic



Newly built house. Lumberjack beavers came in a month ago and trashed the place, but now it is good. Nice pond for porcupines only. Dining room included. Apple trees. Sign that says "No Bobcats Allowed. No Predators/smoke. For more information call 767-287-4637 or contact www.porki.com
Jarron Henrich, Rossiter Elementary, Grade 2

Craftsman

Underground



Anaabelle Craft, Boulder Elementary, Grade 1

EarthDay

Personals**Mate Needed**

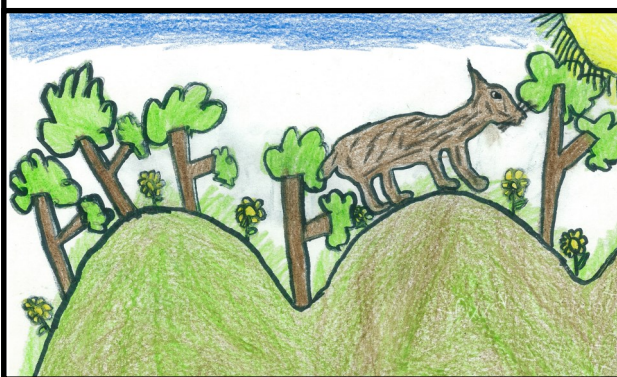
Hi, I am a handsome, furry, grizzly bear in search of a mate. I like to catch food, especially fish, and I LOVE honey. I like a clean den and enjoy lazy summer evenings. I love to take long walks by the river and explore nature. I also adore young cubs. I need a griz mate who'll make me laugh, have fun and who will appreciate me. Please contact me at 772-1639 and we'll schedule a place to **meet in the woods**. Thanks for reading.
Georgia Engle, Clancy School, Grade 5

Furnished**Want to Own**

Looking for a place that has some trees. Must have **mice and snowshoe rabbits**. Lake or river needed for drinking water. In the mountains would be a nice addition.
Charles Hanson, Jim Darcy School, Grade 4



Looking for a hollow tree to live in and a good habitat. Needs to have enough room for 4 cubs, 1 male and 1 female and no smoke. And plenty of snowshoe rabbits. For more information go to Lynxview.com.
Grace Lenhardt, Jim Darcy School, Grade 4



Jesslyn Kunz, Jim Darcy School, Grade 2

Services**Help Wanted**

Need mountain lions. Too many elk and deer. Could cause a decrease in grass and tree population. Might cause erosion. Could wipe out forest.
Victoria Seamons, Montana City School, Grade 4



Too many deer! Need more mountain lions to get rid of some so they do not eat all the plants.
Luke Strizich, Montana City School, Grade 4

Real Estate**Mountain Living**

Art by Taylor Shorten, Montana City School, Grade 2
 This is a beautiful mountain view with 10 acres of forest land. The majestic mountain lion lives in these woods along with other wildlife. At night you can look over off of the mountain and see the city lights, the moon and the stars, and hear nothing but your breathing.
This truly is a beautiful place.
 Ad by Celi Chapman, Montana City School, Grade 5

Real Estate**Room with a View**

A nice habitat, very grassy, has a **river provided**, plenty of deer, elk, and mountain goats. It has trees and a lot of mountains for climbing and a beautiful view. If interested call 555-4579.
Jadyn Johnson, Montana City School, Grade 5

Find Your Montana Home

Grizzlies! This home is beautiful. There is a pond with cold water. Lots of pine trees. About 10 mountains with no snow on them until mid winter. In the mountains there are tons of caves for you to sleep in. The sunsets are beautiful—orange, red and yellow sky. You will have **nice neighbors—no predators**. There are berries, plants and animals.
Makenna Talley, Clancy School, Grade 3



Art by Kennedy, Clancy School, Grade 5

Cave for Sale

This cave is made of clean stone. New dirt floors!—Great for hibernation. Three beds, one bath. Lake view with plenty of fish and **fresh berries** around the edges. Ready for a nice grizzly family to move in. Contact Kaydee Passche 555-2525.
 Ad by Kaydee Paasche, Clancy School, Grade 5



I am a mama grizzly and I have 3 cubs. We are in the den getting ready to come out. The cubs can't see yet, but soon they will be able to see the beautiful world! I **love huckleberries**, my cubs will too. Every day I will go fishing. I love to fish! I also love to take naps! My cubs will like to climb. I am too big to climb. I use the trees as back scratchers. Do you have space for us? I would love a home for my family.
 Call me on my cell phone because I totally have one.
Landri Carrell, Clancy School, Grade 3



Art by Izzie Kosena, Clancy School, Grade 5

This land is great for fishing. There are trout of all sorts. There is a lot of open meadows for hunting rabbits and raising a family. Also, there are some amazing berries! Beautiful views and sunsets will have you wowed. So bears come live life like a millionaire! (This area may or may not be open to hunters). For more information, please contact Montanahunter.com
 Ad by Natalie Davis, Clancy School, Grade 5

Real Estate**New Listing**

Elliot Ophus, Radley Elementary, Grade 2



Come live here! You can get the space to run, eat, play and birth! There are no wolves, mosquitoes, hunters, bears, ticks, snakes and no litter. There is so much shelter, you will keep warm. You can fit 4-5 moose. Look it up at moosehabitat.org.
Hailey Schwen, Radley Elementary, Grade 5

Apartment**Moose Meadows**

Kyleigh Queen, Radley Elementary, Grade 5



New furnished home in western Montana. **Montana move in ready.** Beautiful trees, large enough to be hidden. Far from the city, occasional hunters, but there are gigantic mountains, such beautiful scenery. Plenty of twigs and aqua plants and right by a calm crick. Room for a large family.
Lexi Erdahl, Radley Elementary, Grade 5

Roommate**Porcupines Preferred**

Braedon Burke, Rossiter Elem., Grade Kindergarten

Apartment**Life on the Edge**

Looking for land with room for five. Need two rooms for billies, one room for a kid, one room for a nanny and a guest bedroom. We are a suffering family. Our home got destroyed in an avalanche. Want a high place with beautiful views with grass and plants. **Want really nice rocks.** Please help my family. To contact me please call 555-1234. Thank You!
Daytona, Bryant School, Grade 4

Real Estate**Highrise Needed**

I don't take a lot of space. I don't do my business on the floor. I do it outside. I also don't yell and I don't break stuff. I'm looking for a high place with a good view of the horizon and the sunset. So visit www.supergoatpowers.com or call 919-845-GOAT. Call Now!
Trenton, Bryant Elementary, Grade 4

Real Estate**Immediate Need**

A mountain lion destroyed my last home. I like high points of mountains and I only have 1 to 2 babies at a time. I eat plants and I'm really good at climbing. In return for housing, I will **keep your mountain free of weeds**. For more details call 5555-1738-2121 or look up www.amountainliondestroyedmyhouse.com
Donevin Vallance, Bryant School, Grade 4

Wanted**Howling Allowed**

Wanted. Wolf den, elk, berry bushes, fresh clean water, tall grass to hide in and a den mate.
Joleah Parker, Broadwater Elementary, Grade 3

Mobile**Wolf Wonderland**

Dorian Hahn, Broadwater School, Grade 3

Apartment **Tree-Top Living**



Tall tree with pre-made nest, plus a hollow spot. Lots of birds and medium sized mammals. Branches big enough to hold 3-4 pounds. Great for making a booming Whooo Whooo. Tree is in Montana. Long-eared owls all around. Great for nesting in February.
Anna Kuney, Four Georgians School, Grade 4

Real Estate **Screeching Allowed**



Wanted: New home, love to have a woodpecker hole. With enough small mammals and plenty of small birds to munch on. I used to live in cottonwood bottoms. Need a cottonwood pecker hole bottom for a new home. Needs good space for it to be safe from enemies. Needs **good water, food, also good shelter.**
Allen Christopher, Four Georgians School, Grade 4

Personals **Owlsome**



My size is 20 to 25 inches. My weight is 3-4 pounds. My habitat is river bottoms to timberline throughout the state. I begin nesting in February. I nest in stick nests made by other birds, broken-topped snags, hollow trees or cliff cavities. My clutch of babies is two to four owls. I'm capable of eating small to medium-sized mammals and birds. **Do I sound like your type?**
Cooper Ard, Four Georgians School, Grade 4

Real Estate **Cozy Nest**



Rosalie Cox, Four Georgians School, Grade 1 (coloring page)

Apartment **Room with a Whoo**



Giulia Pisciarelli, Four Georgians School, Grade 1 (coloring page)

International Migratory Bird Day

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir Saturday, May 7, 2016

6:30 am—Early bird hikes
9:00 am—1:00 pm—Outdoor Fair

- 🌿 **Live Raptors**
- 🌿 **Build a Bird House**
- 🌿 **Heron Rookery Overlook**
- 🌿 **Bird Games**
- 🌿 **Birding Art**
- 🌿 **Plant a Bird Feeder**
- 🌿 **Face Painting**
- 🌿 **& so much more . . .**



FREE FAMILY EVENT
Hope to See You There!!

Brought to you by the Helena National Forest, Montana Discovery Foundation, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Birds & Beasleys, Bureau of Reclamation

Employment **Help Wanted**



Fisherman wanted, must have long tail, light brownish fur, must be able to catch fish, **must be good swimmers.** Call 555-Good Swim or visit our website www.goodswimmers.com
Julia Amman, Jefferson Elementary, Grade 5

Employment **Wanted**



Fishing Partner Wanted. Must be able to fish in cold, clear water. Wages—all you can catch. For more information contact www.helpfish.com or call 555-fish.
Jenna Amman, Jefferson Elementary, Grade 5

Rental **Roommate**



Roommate Wanted. Den, river access, mudslide to river, two nests. Playful, must like fish. Call 406-river otter-541.
Tristan Jeo, Jefferson Elementary, Grade 5

“There would be very little point in my exhausting myself and other conservationist themselves in trying to protect animals and habitats if we weren't at the same time raising young people to be better stewards.”

» Jane Goodall

River frontage **You Otter See This!**



Hazel Snider, Jefferson Elementary, Grade Kindergarten

Recreation **Slip—n—Slide**



Owen Carson, Jefferson Elementary, Grade Kindergarten

Save the Date: International Migratory Bird Day Outdoor Fair, May 7th, Helena Regulating Reservoir— 9 am to 1 pm. (SEE ADD ABOVE)

The Partners

Foundation for Animals

The Foundation for Animals is a unique nonprofit foundation dedicated to addressing the critical needs of animals, both domestic and wild. The Foundation provides assistance to well-managed projects that promote animal welfare, prevent animal suffering, and provide improvements for animals.

The Adopt-a-Species program encourages K-5 school children to learn about wild animals and habitat needs. The Foundation for Animals has been involved with the program since inception, and has been instrumental in bringing educational films, and eco-entertainers to area students to increase their knowledge of the conservation of Montana habitat for wildlife. For more information about the Foundation for Animals, please visit our website at www.foundationforanimals.org.

Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest

Straddling the Continental Divide, the HLCNF is rich with natural and cultural resources. Its diverse topography and geology provides great scenery and recreational opportunities abound.

The Forest's mountain ranges contain a wide array of plant and animal life. Native cutthroat trout and other fish species populate clear mountain lakes and streams and wildlife is found everywhere.

HLCNF is committed to providing quality visitor information, education and outreach to the community. As part of these efforts, HLCNF has been involved with the Adopt-a-Species program since inception and appreciates how current partnerships have revitalized a great education program focusing on habitat. For more information, please call 406.449.5201.

Montana Discovery Foundation

The Montana Discovery Foundation is a nonprofit that provides hands-on experiences in nature, working to get kids and adults outside, improve wildlife habitat and watershed health, promote responsible recreation, and interpret nature for students of all ages.

MDF provides free environmental education to diverse audiences. Through a multitude of programs in 19 area schools, guided hikes and events year-round, MDF hopes to lead people to value

and promote Montana's natural resources. For more information, please call 406.495.3711 or check out the website at www.montanadiscoveryfoundation.org.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, through its employees and citizen commission, provides for the stewardship of the fish, wildlife, parks and recreational resources of Montana, while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generations.

It is the belief of FWP that safe, knowledgeable, involved and responsible participants are essential for effective management and conservation of Montana's resources, and that active participation leads people to develop an interest to conserve and manage those same resources. For more information visit www.fwp.mt.gov.

