

Spring 2017

Adopt a Species

Increasing understanding of Montana's wildlife and habitat



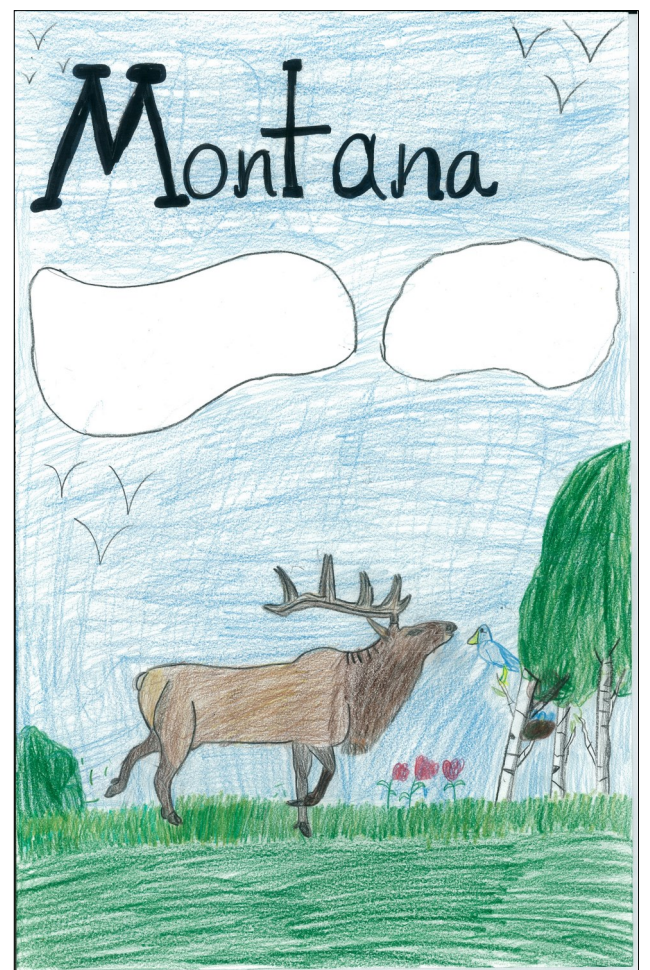
The Adopt-a-Species program was developed to increase student awareness and understanding of Montana's wildlife and the need for habitat stewardship. Students have learned, through study of their own special Montana wildlife species, the value of wildlife and the importance of providing a healthy habitat—**food,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

As we celebrate Earth Day, we can appreciate the diversity of animals that live in Montana. Many species are common and can be found in our own backyard. And if not there, on nearby public lands that are available for all to enjoy.

Consider the life cycles of the many species that are found in the student's artwork, think about the renewal of spring and some of the effects on wildlife:

- Frogs and salamanders breed at this time of year so their offspring go through metamorphosis in time for summer maturity
- Flowers are blooming for a pollinator's pleasure
- Deer, elk and moose are growing antlers to prepare for their breeding seasons
- Birds have returned from their winter's journey
- Deciduous trees are growing leaves, providing cover for offspring
- Bears, marmots, and ground squirrels have woken up from their winter's nap
- Butterflies are flitting and bees are buzzing

There are so many reasons to celebrate Earth Day and none of them better than appreciating the magnificent wildlife that inhabits our Montana backyard. From your home to your public lands, appreciate the diversity of species that share this place and enjoy the student's interpretation of their animal and its habitat.



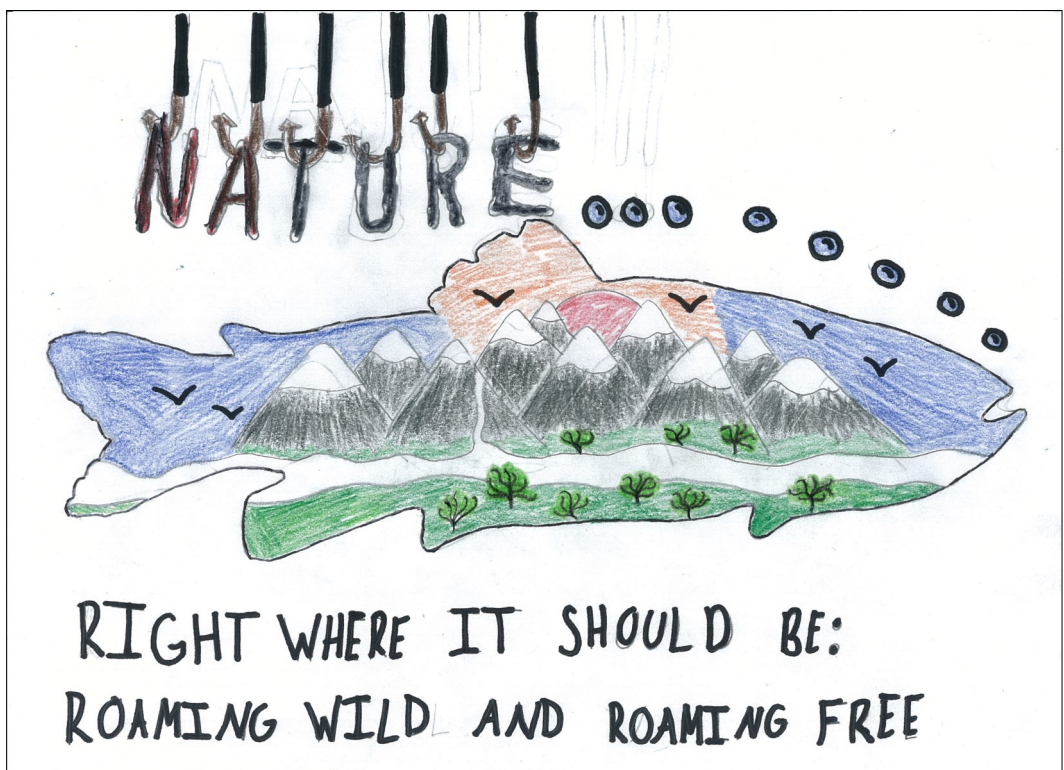
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Kelleigh McKay, 5th grade, Warren School



Andrew Madsen, 5th grade, Radley Elementary



Margaret McDonald, Upper Montessori, Central School



Kash Walker, 2nd grade, Montana City School



Quincey Higgins, 2nd grade, Broadwater Elementary



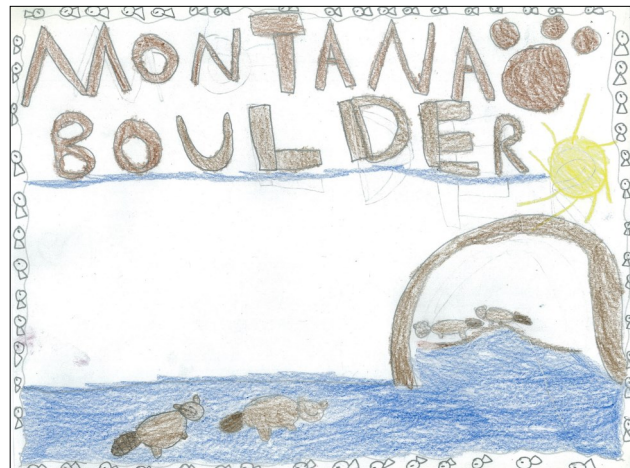
Lacey Brewer, 1st grade, Eastgate Elementary



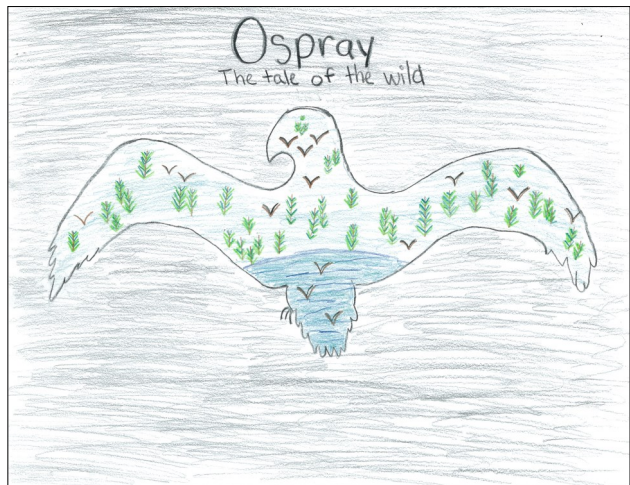
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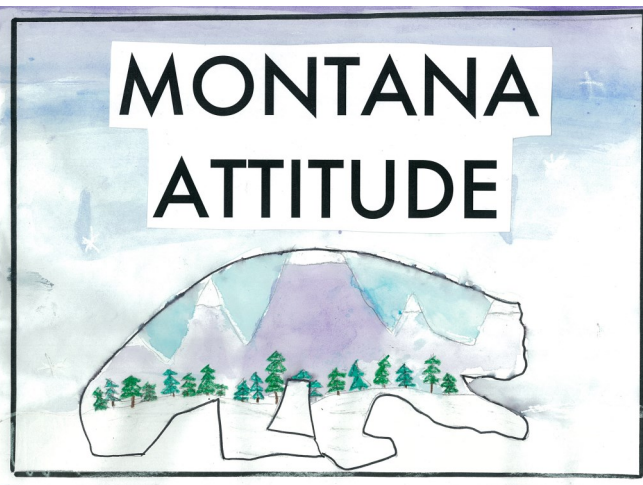
Myle O'Neill, 4th grade, Boulder Elementary



Brianna Layng, 2nd grade, Boulder Elementary



Lauren Riley, 5th grade, Central Upper Montessori



Kate Berg, 5th grade, Hawthorne Elementary



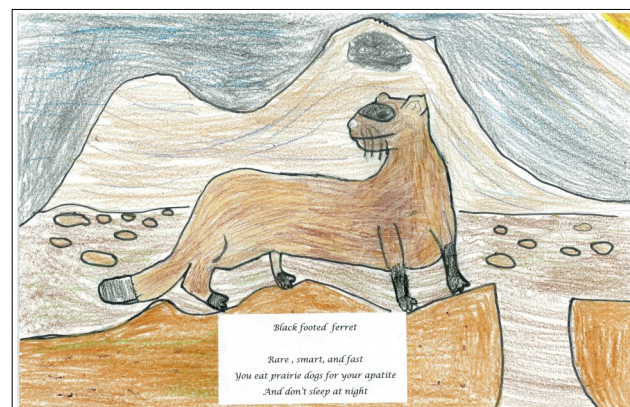
Caoimhe Gallagher, 5th grade, Central Upper Montessori



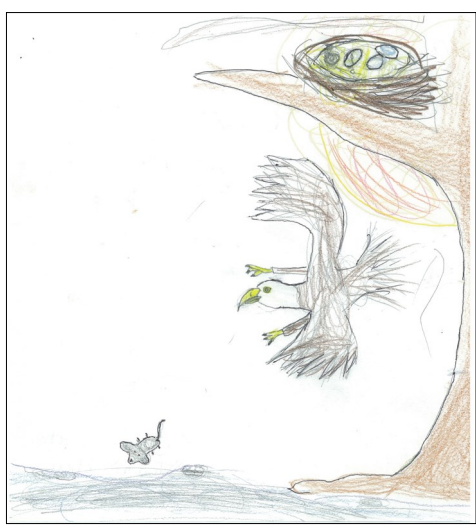
Emma Rainey, 1st grade, Four Georgians



Carter Slead, 4th grade, Four Georgians



Gracie Timmons, 4th grade, Four Georgians



Jocelyn Pritchard, 1st grade, Trinity School



Leah Thomas, 3rd grade, Trinity School

Earth Day EVERY DAY



Nohla Mehus, 3rd Grade, Broadwater School



Owen Kohl, 3rd Grade, Broadwater School



Peyton Williams, 3rd Grade, Broadwater School



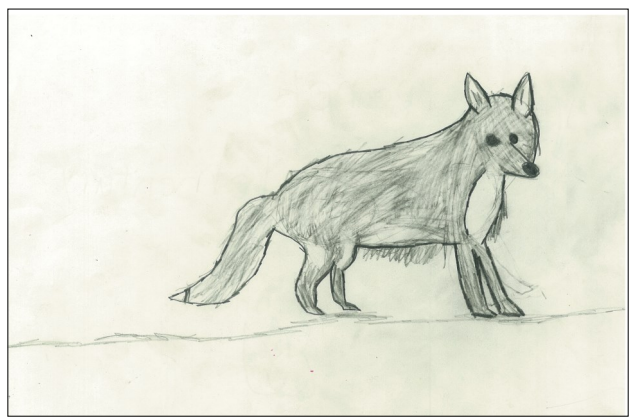
Kennedy Carnahan, Kinder, Rossiter Elementary



ShyAnne McLean, 3rd Grade, Rossiter Elementary



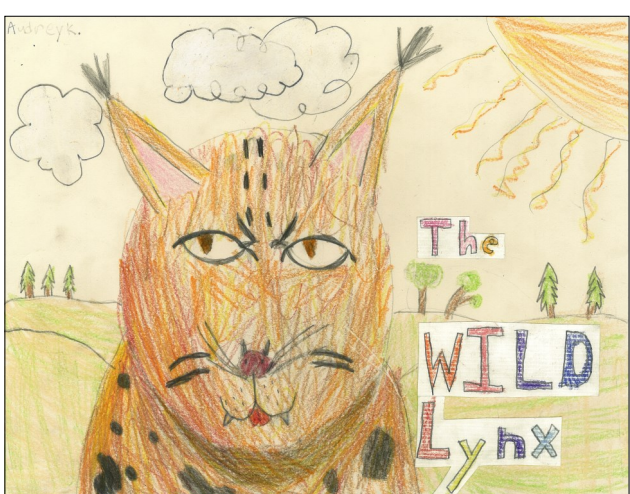
Elena Tran, 3rd Grade, Rossiter Elementary



Victor Paniek, 3rd grade, Kessler Elementary



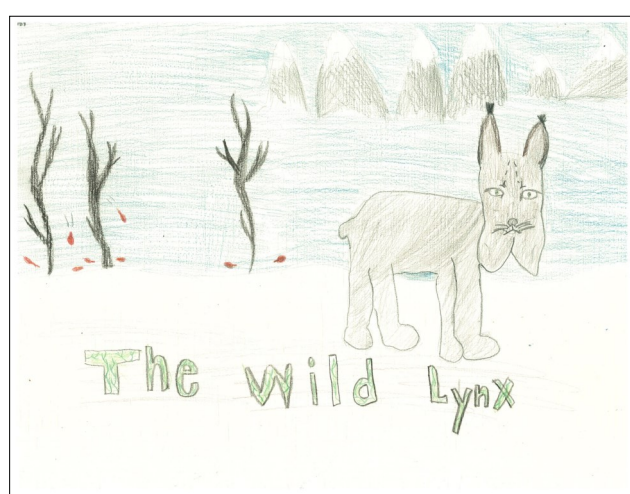
Trinitee Hamlin, 3rd grade, Kessler Elementary



Audrey Knox, 2nd grade, Smith School



Cate Murray, 2nd grade, Smith School



Ruby Barany, 2nd grade, Smith School



LeeAnn Harris, 3rd grade, Clancy School



Bridger Marks, 3rd grade, Clancy School



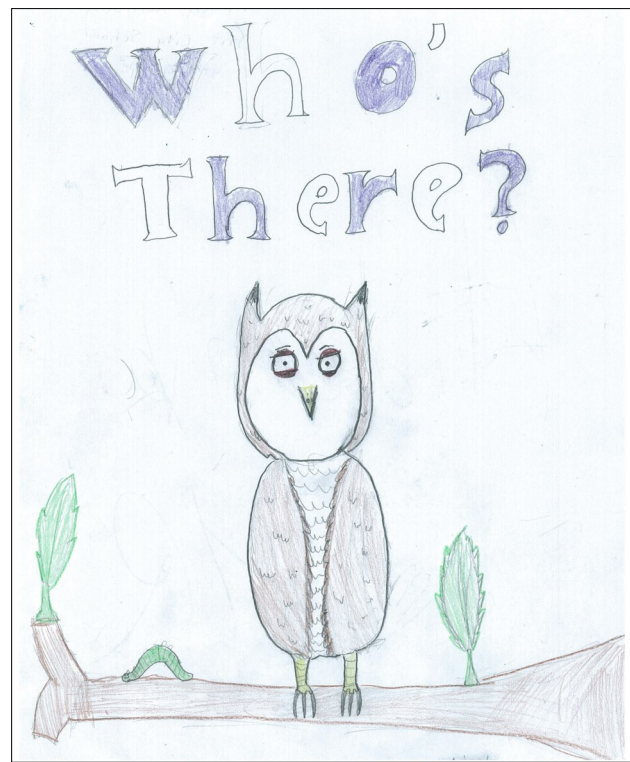
Emma Williams, 3rd grade, Clancy School



Elizabeth Quintinsky, 2nd grade, Montana City



Peter Stock, 3rd grade, Montana City School



Aiden Kenison, 4th grade, Montana City School



Kovi Poulin, 3rd grade, Montana City School



Shannon Hartnett, 3rd grade, Montana City School



Jacob Dale, 2nd grade, Montana City School



Milo Sealey, Kinder, Jefferson Elementary



Kharmen Hampton, 5th grade, Jefferson Elementary



Anna Council, 5th grade, Jefferson Elementary



Willa Bishop, 5th grade, Jefferson Elementary



Victoria Summers, 5th grade, Jefferson Elementary



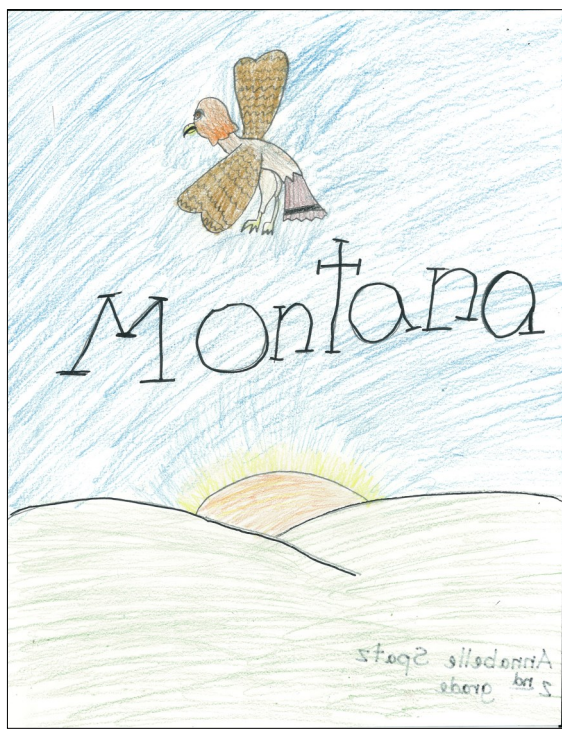
Elliot Gonzalas, 1st grade, Eastgate Elementary



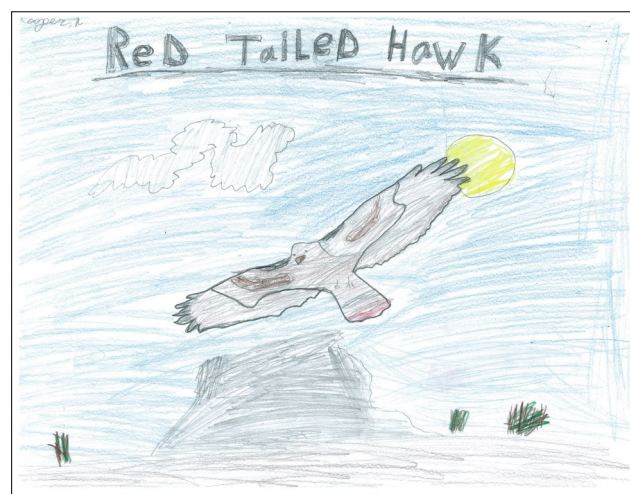
Luke Jackson, 1st grade, Eastgate Elementary



Colton Onstatt, 3rd grade, Jim Darcy Elementary



Annabelle Spatz, 2nd grade, Jim Darcy Elementary



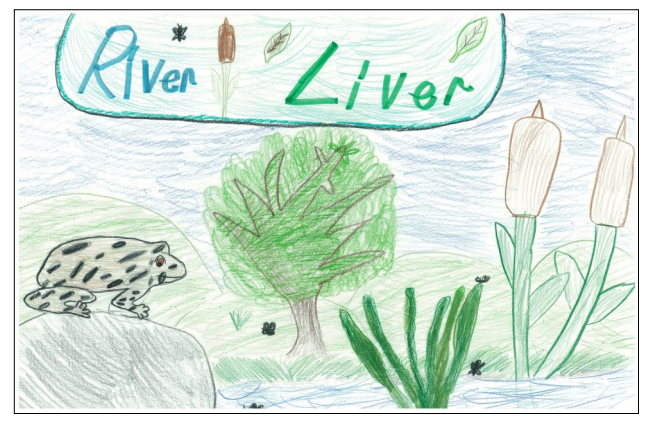
Cooper Nelson, 3rd grade, Jim Darcy Elementary



Holly Hudoba, 4th grade, Warren School



Carlee Coil, 5th grade, Warren School



Kylee Gardipee, 5th grade, Warren School

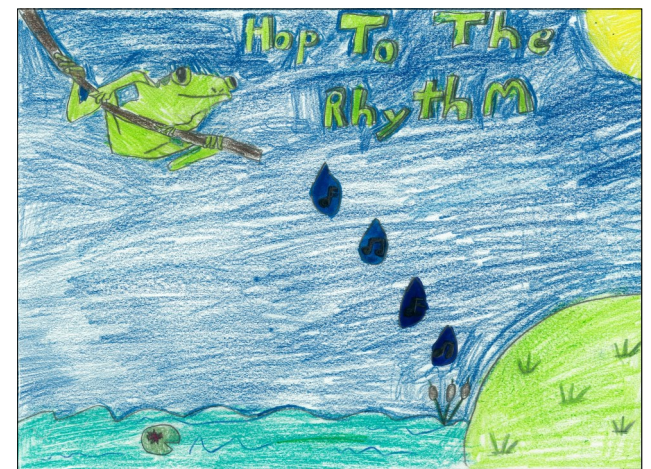


Bodie Kaufman, 4th grade, Warren School

**Helena Valley
Regulating Reservoir
Saturday, May 6, 2017**
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
Brought to you by the Helena National Forest,
Montana Discovery Foundation, US Fish & Wildlife Service,
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Birds & Beasleys,

Maddi Kynett, 4th grade, Warren School



Mason Corwin, 2nd grade, Radley Elementary



Rori Schoenfeld, 3rd grade, Radley Elementary



Mikayla Murolo, 4th grade, Radley Elementary

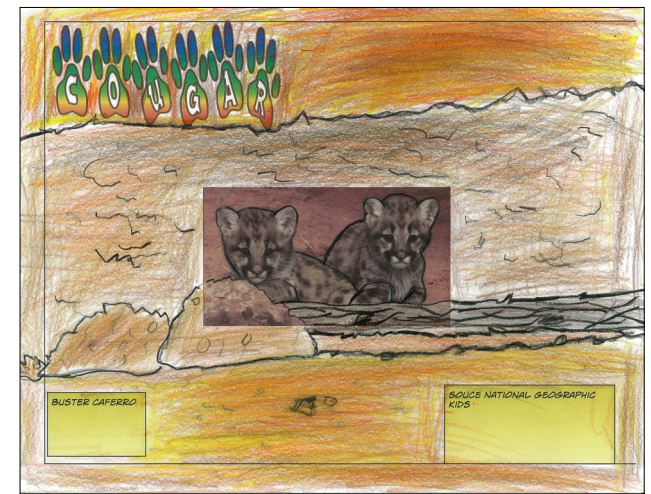


Damien Roberts, 3rd grade, Radley Elementary

“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



Clayton Olson, 3rd grade, Bryant School



Buster Caferro, 3rd grade, Bryant School

Save the Date: International Migratory Bird Day, May 6th
Helena Regulating Reservoir— 9 am to 1 pm

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 go to www.fwp.mt.gov or visit Montana WILD, FWP's premier conservation education center, located at 2668 Broadwater Ave (south side of Spring Meadow Lake State Park). MT WILD provides conservation education and outdoor recreation opportunities for both youth and adults. It also houses an interpretive visitor center with fish and wildlife displays designed to increase the knowledge of visitors of all ages!