

# BIG HOLE WATERSHED COMMITTEE

## SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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In the stunning Big Hole Valley, our collaborative watershed group is creating a legacy of environmental stewardship that resonates from valleys to mountains. Read on to learn about the Committee's relentless work to conserve, manage, and enhance our valuable river, along with the communities and wildlife that rely on it!



# Big Hole Watershed Committee

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## Beneath Our Feet

*Pedro Marques, Executive Director*

*One of the trickiest parts of watershed management is understanding the dynamics of water that we cannot see. Streams and surface flows grab our attention because they are what we see as we drive through the valley. And this year, we are hitting, once again, record low flows. Thanks to BHWC's 30 years of commitment, we have a network of stream gages and the social infrastructure needed to respond. Our drought plan is in full effect, and shared sacrifice will get us through another tough year. But simply responding is not enough.*

*Looking forward, watershed resilience is going to come from how we manage the water we do not see. Too many trees too far down the hills are the equivalent of thousands of straws drinking up the groundwater as soon as the ground thaws. Too many high-altitude meadow systems have single-thread channels in them acting like drains. Where dry grasses crackle beneath our boots in August, we should have spongy soils and networks of ponds and side-channels to distribute water broadly across flood-plains. Our soils are our batteries for water, and BHWC is actively pursuing projects across the landscape that improve the amount of water beneath our feet. We believe in keeping all the tools in the toolbox.*



Restoring this large headcut at Smith Sage Springs will conserve and enhance wetlands in the upper Big Hole watershed.

*This work requires persistence, passion, and partnerships, and we are thrilled to have a small group of young professionals supporting our efforts to monitor water, restore our systems and share our work far and wide! Kim, Jon, Emma, and Karly bring fresh energy and ideas to BHWC as we provide them with fertile ground to understand the complexities of watershed work.*

*In terms of funding for conservation, the ground beneath our feet has shifted. Some agency partners have lost scores of staff, and with them has gone institutional memory and relationships. Programs we depended upon in the past are facing uncertainty I have never seen before. In 1995, in the face of water uncertainty, BHWC looked inward- leveraging local knowledge and relationships to create the model organization we have today. I believe our ability to weather changes in funding will again rely on a ground-up approach. Unrestricted private contributions keep us engaged, developing projects, and bringing science-driven solutions to the Big Hole. (And that's where you come in—see page 5 to learn how to participate.)*

*Thank you for being a part of us!*

## Thank You, Kim!

### *Intern & Friend*

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Kim Giannone, our Spring 2025 Intern, for the energy, creativity, and dedication she brought to BHWC.

Kim helped bring our work to life through online stories and by stepping up to host BHWC's monthly meetings in February and March while Tana was on maternity leave. Her professionalism, positive spirit, and willingness to jump in wherever needed made a lasting impression on all of us.

Kim, we're so grateful for everything you've contributed to BHWC. We're keeping the door open and the coffee warm—ready to welcome you back whenever the time feels right.

## Welcome Back, Emma!

### *Summer Intern (Again)*

We're thrilled to welcome back Emma Roginski for another season with BHWC! After an incredible internship in 2024, Emma enjoyed her time in the Big Hole so much that she's returned for more hands-on conservation work this summer.

This year Emma is diving into project monitoring and beaver dam building on the beautiful Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area—helping us restore streams, support wildlife, and build a more resilient watershed.

We're lucky to have her enthusiasm, experience, and passion back on the team. Here's to another great summer in the field!

## Telling the Story of Conservation

### *Meet Karly Noetzel, BHWC's Content Creator*

At the Big Hole Watershed Committee, we know that conservation is more than just science and stewardship—it's about storytelling. That's why we're thrilled to welcome Karly Noetzel as our new contracted content creator.

Karly brings a unique perspective to our work. She recently earned her Masters degree from Montana State University and also completed a prestigious internship with NASA, helping to communicate the groundbreaking work of the James Webb Space Telescope. Now, she's turning her lens toward the Big Hole Valley:

**"After completing my MFA in Science and Natural History Filmmaking this spring, I was eager to apply my skills in science communication to support BHWC's mission and amplify its impact both locally and globally."**

We've contracted Karly to transform our library of photos and film footage into compelling content that showcases the beauty of this watershed and the important work being done to protect it. Whether it's highlighting flood-irrigated habitats that support sandhill cranes, or capturing the on-the-ground impact of our stream and floodplain restoration projects, Karly will help bring these stories to life.

Her creative vision will help us inspire more people to care about this special place and the wildlife, waters, and working lands that make it so extraordinary. We can't wait to see the stories she'll tell—and the difference they'll make for conservation in the Big Hole.

To learn more about Karly and see some of her existing work, visit [karlynoetzel.com](http://karlynoetzel.com).





# Big Hole Watershed Committee

## Activities & Events

### Join Us in Divide or on Zoom

#### *Monthly Public Meetings at the Divide Grange*

Join us for our monthly public meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except July and December. We gather at 7 PM (or 6 PM in February and November) at the Divide Grange Hall. Alternatively, you can participate via Zoom. Our meetings include committee reports, project updates, new business, time for discussion, coffee & snacks, and special topic presentations. For more information, visit [bhwc.org/monthly-meetings](http://bhwc.org/monthly-meetings).

Have a relevant topic you'd like to share with us? Reach out to Associate Director Tana Lynch at [tlynch@bhwc.org](mailto:tlynch@bhwc.org) or (406) 267-3421 to get on our list of monthly meeting speakers!

## An Evening of Cranes, Conservation, & Community

### *2025 Wildlife Speaker Series Event a Success!*

On Wednesday, July 16th, we gathered under the vast skies of Trapper Creek Ranch for a memorable evening celebrating the sandhill crane and the vital habitat that supports it. The event was a resounding success, drawing a wonderful group of attendees who enjoyed a delightful blend of community, food, and conservation stories right in the heart of the Big Hole Valley.

The evening kicked off with a casual potluck dinner, where everyone had a chance to savor delicious hamburgers, generously provided by Trapper Creek Ranch. Our community really came together, with BHWC board members contributing buns, condiments, and more, while guests brought desserts and beverages to share. The spirit of togetherness was truly on display as we enjoyed a meal beneath the open sky.

After dinner, we were fortunate to hear from guest speaker Patrick Donnelly of Ducks Unlimited, who shared fascinating insights into the world of sandhill cranes. His presentation covered everything from migration patterns and nesting habits to the crucial role the upper Big Hole Valley plays in providing the flood-irrigated habitat these birds need. Patrick's talk highlighted how these shallow wetlands are essential for crane nesting and the broader ecosystem.

The evening underscored why conservation efforts—like those supported by the BHWC—are vital for maintaining healthy streams and functioning floodplains. Our ongoing work in the watershed ensures that both wildlife and working lands can thrive together, benefiting everyone in our community.

A huge thank you to all who attended and made the evening so special. We look forward to more opportunities to come together in support of conservation and the incredible wildlife that call the Big Hole Valley home.



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*Conservation Through Community*

The Wildlife Speaker Series of  
Southwest Montana  
Presents



July 16, 2025

**SANDHILL CRANES**

What: Join us for a free and informative presentation on sandhill cranes! In the Big Hole Valley, these magnificent, prehistoric birds grace our skies (and ears) each year. The original "snowbird", they make a special effort to return to this part of the world again and again. Come and learn what they find so valuable about Southwest Montana!

Event includes a potluck dinner with the main course and beverages supplied by Big Hole Watershed Committee board members. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert!

Who: Patrick Donnelly, Senior Scientist with Ducks Unlimited

When: July 16, 2025 (Dinner at 6:00 pm, Presentation at 7:00 pm)

Where: Trapper Creek Ranch, 1100 Trapper Creek Rd, Melrose, MT

Sponsored by: Big Hole Watershed Committee



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# Support the Lifeline: Invest in the Big Hole River Today

## *Your Donation Helps Secure a Healthy Environment for Future Generations*

The Big Hole River—our beloved lifeline—flows through the heart of our valley, sustaining wildlife, communities, and traditions with its steady, life-giving current. Its waters nourish the land, support iconic species, and connect us all. But today, this vital river faces growing challenges that put its health—and the well-being of everything it touches—at risk.

That's where **you** come in.

At the Big Hole Watershed Committee, we are deeply committed to restoring and protecting this incredible resource. From removing pollutants and restoring native vegetation to keeping our waters cold, clean, and flowing, our work ensures the river continues to support trout, ranchers, sandhill cranes, and future generations alike.

Together, we can protect the Big Hole for all who depend on it—now and into the future.

**We invite you to join us in this crucial mission.**

**Your support will enable us to:**

- Implement innovative conservation and restoration projects.
- Restore and enhance natural habitats, ensuring a thriving ecosystem for wildlife.
- Engage and educate our communities on resource issues and ways to safeguard our river for future generations.

Every gift matters. With your support, we can roll up our sleeves, step into our waders, and take meaningful action to protect this precious river—restoring its flow, healing its banks, and safeguarding its future.

Please consider making a donation today. Together, we can ensure that our river continues to flow with life, strength, and beauty, sustaining the communities and ecosystems that rely on it.



*There are many ways to contribute:*



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# Big Hole Watershed Committee

## Building Drought Resilience in the Big Hole

### Planning for the Big Hole's Future

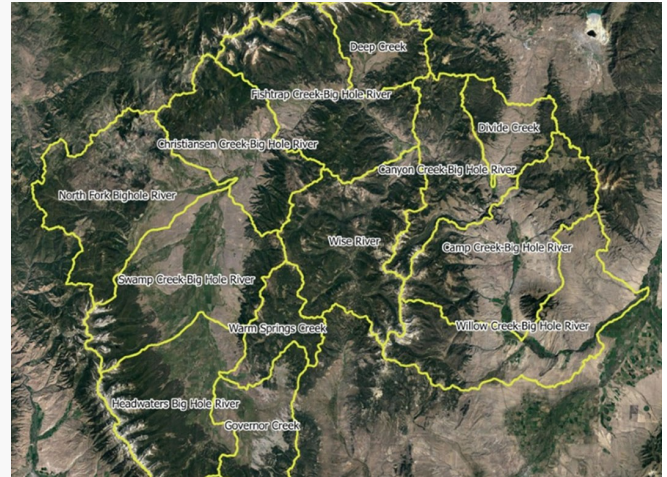
#### *BHWC Awarded \$300,000 Grant to Update Watershed Restoration Plan*

We are excited to announce that we have been awarded a \$300,000 Watershed Planning Grant from the Bureau of Reclamation (BoR). This three-year grant will support the development of a comprehensive, updated Watershed Restoration Plan for the Big Hole watershed.

This new plan will consolidate our two existing restoration plans into a single, unified strategy. It will help us prioritize future projects and focus areas, ensuring our efforts are both strategic and effective.

A key feature of the updated plan is a detailed breakdown of the watershed into its 13 subwatersheds. For each of these, we'll identify specific restoration needs and project opportunities. This will create a valuable, long-term roadmap—guiding BHWC's work to protect, enhance, and restore water and wildlife habitats over the next 10 to 20 years.

We are grateful for this opportunity to plan for the future and ensure a healthy, resilient Big Hole watershed for generations to come.



## Engaging the Next Generation

#### *Jon Peterson Joins BHWC for Summer Stream Monitoring*

This summer, we're excited to welcome Jon Peterson to the BHWC team as our Big Hole streamflow monitor. Jon has deep roots in the valley—he's the son of BHWC board member Dean Peterson and grandson of Harold Peterson, one of our founding members. We're honored to continue that legacy through Jon's involvement.

Currently studying Criminology at Montana State University, Jon aspires to become a fish and game warden, blending his passion for the outdoors with a commitment to conservation. This opportunity to work with BHWC offers valuable, hands-on experience in the field—an ideal step toward his future career. When asked what motivated him to work for BHWC, Jon said, **"Being a 5th generation rancher in the Big Hole, I have grown up loving the Big Hole River and its people. The river is important to everyone who uses it in one way or another, and we all have to take care of it. I am a firm believer in the work that the watershed does for the river and am proud to be a part of it."**

Jon has received expert training in water measurement from professionals at Montana DNRC and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and is available to help irrigators understand their water use and conservation this summer. Contact BHWC to learn more: (406) 960-4855 or [info@bhwc.org](mailto:info@bhwc.org).





# Building Drought Resilience in the Big Hole

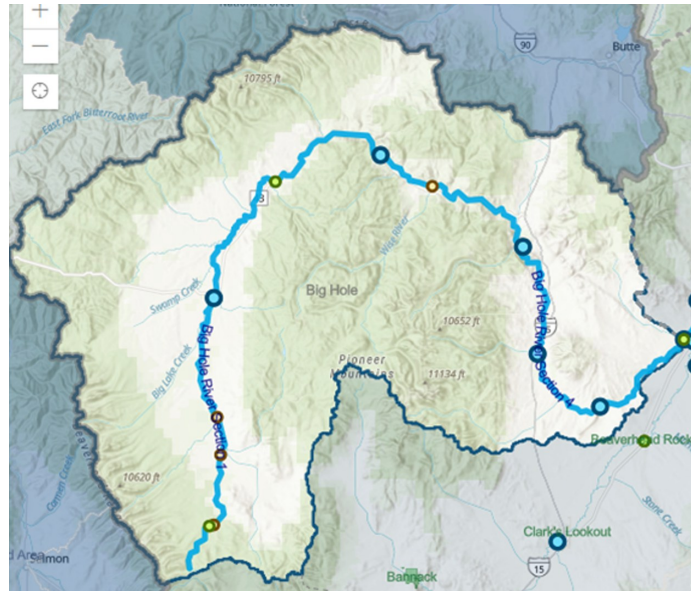
## River Conditions in Realtime

*Visit our Website, [bhwc.org](http://bhwc.org)*

Did you know you can view all of the Big Hole River's stream gages on our River Conditions webpage? Check it out at [bhwc.org/river-conditions](http://bhwc.org/river-conditions)!

Our River Conditions map displays stream gage locations and readings, Drought Management Plan (DMP) triggers, and developing streamflow and temperature trends. It also displays river restrictions and conservation status by section as well as links to the DMP and other useful resources.

We'd like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to our friends at George Grant Trout Unlimited (GGTU) and Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM) for covering the costs of the Big Hole River's three temperature gages this year! Seasonal temperature gages inform the Big Hole River Drought Management Plan and are located at Dickie Bridge, Maidenrock FAS, and Tony Schoonen FAS (Notch Bottom).



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## Fish & Water

### California Creek Basin Ready for Uplift

#### *Restoring a Piece of History at Mount Haggin*

Over a century ago, this site was part of a major logging operation that supported the Washoe Smelter in Anaconda. A historic flume once carried logs from what is now the Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area down the mountainside to the smelter. The construction of the flume and trestles—combined with years of water spilling from the flume—left lasting impacts on the landscape, causing significant erosion.

Today, we're taking steps to heal this land. Restoration plans have been developed to grade out deep rills and fill gullies in order to create conditions for native vegetation to re-establish on these harsh volcanic soils. Designs will be finalized this summer and Construction is expected in 2026.

Thank you to our 2025 project partners: Montana FWP, Montana NRDP, and Water & Environmental Technologies (WET).



### The Water Beneath our Feet

#### *Exploring Natural Water Storage Solutions in the Big Hole*

As water supplies become more unpredictable, we're exploring ecologically appropriate, low-impact solutions to help secure water for all who depend on the Big Hole River—ranchers, recreationists, fish, and wildlife alike.

With support from a DNRC planning grant, BHWB has partnered with Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District (DLVCD) and WGM Group to assess the potential for storing water in high alpine meadows. This work involves mapping and prioritizing locations where meadow-based water storage could realistically and effectively be implemented. These natural systems act like sponges—holding snowmelt and precipitation longer into the season, helping to maintain streamflows when water is most needed.

Unlike large, expensive, and heavily regulated reservoirs, these low-tech approaches offer a cost-effective and environmentally sensitive option for increasing water availability. As a headwaters tributary, the Big Hole River depends entirely on annual snowpack and precipitation. With a changing climate and steady summer irrigation demands, it's essential to explore sustainable alternatives like this.

We will hear from WGM Group on their findings at our September meeting and will soon have a roadmap of on-the-ground work to enhance the landscape's natural ability to retain water.

Meanwhile, another complementary effort is underway. The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology's (MBMG) Ground Water Investigation Program (GWIP) is conducting a study in the Wisdom area to evaluate the potential for Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR). MAR involves intentionally storing water underground—banking it during high-flow periods and recovering it when it's needed most. This kind of groundwater management could become a powerful tool for increasing water security in the valley.

Thank you to our 2025 project partners: WGM Group, MBMG, and DLVCD.

### Fish & Water

## Cutting Trees to Save Water & Habitat

### *Restoring Balance in the Eastern Pioneers through Conifer Reduction*

This summer the Eastern Pioneers is buzzing with activity—and sawdust! BHCW has hired 5 Star Forestry to remove encroaching conifers like juniper and pine that have spread beyond their historic range. Our role in the watershed has brought funding from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), US Forest Service (USFS), Mule Deer Foundation (MDF), and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) to deliver over 1,000 acres of habitat improvements on public and private lands. This work is part of a much larger effort of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Southwest Montana Sagebrush Partnership (SWMSP) across the headwaters of Southwest Montana.

Conifer encroachment—driven largely by decades of fire suppression—occurs when these trees invade sagebrush steppes and riparian zones, areas they didn't traditionally dominate. This shift reduces valuable habitat and forage for wildlife species that rely on open sagebrush landscapes. It also puts added pressure on already limited water resources: conifer trees consume a surprising amount of water, and their removal has been shown to increase watershed yield.

While trees play an important ecological role, restoring balance means making tough choices. By carefully thinning conifers in targeted areas, land managers are helping to bring back more diverse, water-efficient, and wildlife-friendly landscapes.

Thank you to our 2025 project partners: TNC, SWMSP, BLM, MDF, RMEF, AND 5 Star Forestry.



## Ongoing Projects

### *Other Ways We're Maintaining and Enhancing the Watershed*

- Continuing our work of removing contaminated soils and treating Acid Mine Drainage at the historic Elkhorn Creek, Mine, and Mill.
- Smith Sage Springs Phase 2: Reconnecting to the North Fork Big Hole River.
- Finalizing landowner agreement and securing permits to revegetate 3 miles of streambanks on the mainstem Big Hole near Wise River.
- Improved spawning habitat in a spring creek near Wise River.
- Planning and preparing for potential beaver reintroduction at Moose Creek (in the Highlands).



# Big Hole Watershed Committee

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## Wildlife & Uplands

### Keeping it Wild

#### *BHWC's Carcass Removal & Composting Program*

Each spring (March–May), BHWC offers free livestock carcass removal and composting for ranchers throughout the Big Hole Valley. This program is designed to prevent conflicts between predators and livestock during the critical calving and lambing season. When carcasses are left on the landscape, they can attract predators like wolves, black bears, and grizzly bears to ranching operations—posing risks not only to livestock, but also to people and pets. This unnatural concentration of predators near humans can also lead to lethal removal of those animals, which we strive to avoid. By removing carcasses, we help protect both ranching operations and native wildlife.

Our Wildlife Program Technician, Justin Cottingham, leads the charge each spring, using a truck generously loaned to us by the Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Carcasses are hauled to our compost site on Highway 278 near Wisdom, where they are turned into nutrient-rich compost using wood chips donated by Tash T. Diamond Post and Pole (in Polaris) and water provided by Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). We also rely on a loader loaned by local rancher John Jackson to move and turn the compost piles. In 2025, BHWC collected 32 carcasses from six participating ranches, helping to reduce predator attractants across the valley.

To learn more or to schedule a pickup (when available), contact Justin Cottingham at 406-600-8295. This program is made possible through generous support from the Montana Livestock Loss Board (LLB) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) via a grant held by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) and the Heart of the Rockies Initiative (HRI).

Thank you to our 2025 project partners: LLB, NFWF, FWP, HRI, USFWS– Benton Lake NWR, MDT, Tash T. Diamond Post and Pole, John Jackson, and local ranchers.

### New Wheels for Wildlife

#### *BHWC Buys a Four-Wheeler for Range Rider*

We're excited to share that we've purchased a much-needed ATV for our Range Rider program! For years, our Range Rider, Chet Robertson, has generously used his own four-wheeler to cover rugged terrain across the Upper Big Hole Valley. After countless miles and multiple repairs, it was time for an upgrade. We found a gently used (almost brand new—only 50 miles!) version of Chet's machine, and it's now officially part of our program.

Since 2010, Chet has monitored public grazing allotments in the Upper Big Hole, keeping an eye on livestock health and tracking predator activity—primarily wolves, bears, and mountain lions. His work helps reduce livestock losses by detecting predator presence early and finding carcasses quickly so Wildlife Services can investigate and reimburse producers when losses occur.

This kind of proactive stewardship is vital. Supporting a shared landscape between livestock and predators helps keep working lands working—because if cows disappear from the landscape, condos may follow. And that's not the future we want for the Big Hole.

Unfortunately, the funding sources for our wildlife programs will not cover the cost of the four wheeler. Want to help us offset the cost of this new tool? Donate at [bhwc.org/#donate](https://bhwc.org/#donate) and choose the campaign: "Help us Buy an ATV for our Range Rider". (You can also scan the QR code on page 5 or send us a check.)

Thank you to our 2025 project partners: LLB, NFWF, FWP, HRI, Huntley Ranch, Peterson Bros Cattle Company, and Stoddard Cattle Company.



### Wildlife & Uplands

#### For the Love of the Job ... and the Dog

*The Musings of Chet Robertson, Big Hole Watershed Committee Range Rider*



Photo: Lara Tomov

It has not been uncommon, for those humans that I bump into in my summertime travels through the Big Hole, to exclaim, "WOW, what a wonderful job you have". It's also been queried of me, on occasion, as to how one goes about entering such a profession. So, while it is true, that this is a wonderful job, for one "inclined" such as I, I cannot lend enlightenment as to how one finds such a position. In my case, the job was handed to me, in a time of desperation, perhaps in reference to both sides of the contract.

I needed a job, and was willing to take hold of almost anything, as long as it wasn't illegal ... well, by more than a year's worth anyway. And despite the fact that, though I was no stranger to horses, I am certainly no equestrian, and the only "real" qualifications I had were a "half fast" familiarity with cattle, and a love of running wild in the mountains, the producers chose me as their victim.

In order to save the reader suffering through the gibberish, and me the time henpecking the key board, I will

"Yada, Yada" the rest, and cut to the chase. I fell in love with this job, and I think that I may be pretty good at it.

I'm fortunate that I married a woman, who is uncommon at the least, and possibly unmatched, in her quality of devotion to her man, for she supports me, allowing me to disappear for three months out of the year, doing a job that I was born to do.

Isn't it odd, what with my anti-social leanings, my disgust of money, and a multitude of other neuroses and compulsions, comprising what most would consider such a "questionable character", that she allows me what may be my last, and greatest, pleasure, in what has been a very eventful life? I am very content to spend my days in solitude, with my wee bear dog, Finn McCool, a Jack Russel Terrier, expelled from the hinterlands, somewhere between heaven and hell, and we finding every creature roaming our allotments, then learning everything we can, about those creatures.

Together we have chased away an over-zealous elk, crept to within fifty feet of a pack of wolves, and even relieved a black bear of its red angus calf. We have hidden from the rain, hail, snow, and lightning, in a multitude of nooks, crannies, and crevasses, along with suffering a cornucopia of other hardships and adventures. Yet, neither of us wishes to tarry getting to work and often exceed the suggested speed limit getting there.

There is a degree of danger though, what with the grizzlies and all, and each morning we hug the cute blonde chick, in our morning pack meeting, and kiss her as if it were the last time ... Wait a minute!!! Is that what she's up to???



Chet patrols grazing allotments in the Upper Big Hole Watershed each summer (July—September), monitoring for livestock condition and predator location and activity. The goals of BHWC's Range Rider program are to help prevent livestock depredation by wolves and grizzly bears and to contact USDA Wildlife Services to initiate investigations for reimbursement when carcasses are found.



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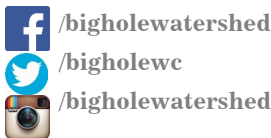
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## Conservation Through Consensus Since 1995

**Mission:** To seek understanding and agreement among individuals and groups with diverse viewpoints on water use and management in the Big Hole River watershed of Southwest Montana.

BHWC is a consensus-driven, multi-stakeholder entity that works closely with other conservation organizations as well as local, State, and Federal agencies on watershed restoration and management plans.

Established in 1995, the Big Hole Watershed Committee (BHWC) is a collaborative organization representing diverse regional interests, including ranchers, sportsmen, conservationists, tourists, and community members. For nearly three decades, BHWC has taken a leadership role in enhancing the vitality of the Big Hole River, the surrounding watershed and communities, and the diverse and rare wildlife that inhabits the Big Hole Valley. The Big Hole River is the lifeblood for the surrounding area's natural and agricultural legacies, and the foundation for the region's economy. By proactively working to conserve this precious resource, BHWC is enriching one of Montana's last, best places for local residents and visitors from around the world.

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