

“A Trail Runs Through It” Seeks Interested Volunteers for Trail Advisory Committee Members Should Apply by November 4

The City of Whitefish and Flathead Gateway Partners (the Partnership), are seeking community volunteers for a “Trail Advisory Committee” to help plan and design a recreational trail system that will generally loop around Whitefish Lake, traversing state, federal, and private lands.

Individuals interested in serving on the Trail Advisory Committee should submit letters of interest no later than noon on Friday, November 4th.

“This regional trail system will be the first of its kind around the state. I’m encouraged by the amount of effort the local community and governments have been willing to contribute,” said Whitefish Mayor Andy Feury. “While it is an ambitious project, I have no doubt that these trails will be good for recreation, good for our local economy and great for the community as a whole.” According to City Council member Velvet Phillips-Sullivan, “When this system is connected to the trails we’ve been planning within the city of Whitefish, we’ll end up with worldclass recreational opportunities right here at home.”

Candidates for the Trail Advisory Committee should:

Represent one of the following constituencies:

- recreationists, existing trust land leaseholders, landowners along the route of the proposed trail, representatives of neighborhood/area associations, local government bodies, state and/or federal wildlife and habitat managers, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, or the public-at-large;
- Have some familiarity with trail planning and design; and,
- Be willing and able to attend regular meetings for approximately six to nine months.

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply by sending a letter of interest and qualifications to: Trail Advisory Committee, c/o Bob Horne, 1005 C Baker Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937. Or by e-mail to rhorne@cityofwhitefish.org

The Trail is the backbone of a larger and more comprehensive project that will attempt to accomplish conservation objectives identified in the Whitefish Area Trust Lands Neighborhood Plan. The entire process to implement the trail and conservation objectives of the Plan, as well as associated trail and conservation objectives on adjacent land ownerships, shall be known as the “Trail Runs Through It Project.” For more information, go to www.trailrunsthroughit.org.