

LOLO WATERSHED GROUP

NEWS FROM UP THE

CREEK

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6th Grade Field Trip

On March 16th, the Lolo Watershed Group and the Watershed Education Network teamed up with 6th grade students from Lolo Middle School and headed out to Travelers' Rest State Park.

During the field trip, students learned about macroinvertebrates, physical stream characteristics, and water chemistry.

There were also in-class lessons, which focused on graph interpretation and the negative impacts of sedimentation.

This environmental education program was made possible by a grant funded by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana.

Thank you to all of our field trip volunteers!



Upcoming Events

6th Grade Sedimentation Presentation

4/19/17: 6:00-7:30pm

Lolo School Family Science Consumer Room

Are you smarter than a 6th grader? Learn about sedimentation from 6th graders at Lolo School during our public meeting!

Volunteer Planting Event

4/30/17: 9:30am-12:30pm

Milepost 21, Highway 12

We will be planting ponderosas, dogwoods, and other riparian species near Lolo Creek.

Lunch will be provided!

Groundwater Fieldtrip

5/21/17: Noon-3:00pm

Square Dance Center & Campground

Join us on a field trip to explore groundwater monitoring stations

We want you to join us!

Lolo Watershed Group is looking for new leadership on our board of directors. We are seeking members to broaden our depth of knowledge, experience, and ideas. Board positions are unpaid, but very rewarding for guiding work in our watershed.

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Lolo Watershed Group Strategic Re-Visioning Effort Kicks Off



We are excited to announce that, thanks to generous funding and support from MT DNRC, Cinnabar Foundation, MT DEQ, and MT Watershed Coordination Council, a strategic re-visioning process is being launched for the Lolo Watershed Group. In the coming months, we will be engaging the LWG board, members, partners, landowners, and other stakeholders and community members to create a strategic plan that will guide the future path of the organization to most effectively and efficiently continue to understand, protect, and restore the Lolo Creek Watershed.

The first strategic planning session was held with LWG board members on April 10, facilitated by Acting LWG Coordinator Rick Potts, and Ada Montegue, DNRC Water Resources Division Planner. The group produced a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis, which will serve as the foundation of the strategic plan as we move forward. Additional planning sessions will be conducted, each one expanding the group of participants to include technical advisors, partners, members, and other interested community stakeholders. If you are interested in being a part of this process, please contact us. We need your input!



2017 Big Sky Watershed Corp Member

Kaeli Wells is a member of the Big Sky Watershed Corps, which is an Americorps program that places members in various watershed groups, conservation districts, and environmental education programs in Montana. She works with the Lolo Watershed Group and the Lolo National Forest to help promote environmental conservation and education.

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