

Flathead County Montana Conservation Voters
2010 Chapter Annual Membership Meeting, July 1st, 5 – 8pm

Official Ballot- The Board may have 10 – 15 members serving one-year terms.

- Dave Hadden, Big Fork, Chair**, serves as director of Headwaters Montana, a conservation organization based in the Flathead, is immediate past-president of the Flathead Coalition that works to protect the Transboundary Flathead River from harmful energy and mining projects, and is president of the North Shore Nordic Club. Dave also served six years on the Bigfork School Board, has two grown children, gardens a lot and gets out in the backcountry as much as possible. He seeks his third term on the Chapter board.
- Heidi Marcum, Whitefish, Co-Chair**, was born in Wisconsin and has a BS in Resource Conservation with a minor in Wilderness Studies from the U of M. She worked 7 years as a backcountry ranger in the Bob Marshall, Anaconda-Pintler and Frank Church wilderness areas, and Glacier National Park. Heidi is an avid backcountry skier and member of the U.S. National Telemark Team. Previously she worked with Sierra Club, US PIRG, and Citizens for a Better Flathead. She seeks a third term on the Chapter board.
- Dan Short, Kalispell, Kalispell, Representative to the Board**, is a long time hunting, fishing, floating and hiking enthusiast. He is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, where he has worked for 12 years. Dan is involved in a number of conservation groups and is currently the Vice Chairperson of the State Council of Montana Trout Unlimited. He serves on MCV's state board. Dan has two children and one grandson who he is teaching how to fish. He seeks his first term on the chapter board.
- Michelle Tafoya, Whitefish, Secretary**, a native of Kansas, first came to Flathead to work as a seasonal ranger in Glacier National Park where she worked for five seasons. She then worked as the Clean Air and Climate Coordinator for the Glacier Field Office of the National Parks Conservation Association. Currently, Michelle is Montana Business Outreach Organizer for Climate Solutions, an climate advocacy group based in the northwestern US, and is working towards a Master's in Environmental Policy and Management from the University of Denver. She seeks a second term on the chapter board.
- Steve Gniadek, Columbia Falls**, served as wildlife management biologist in Glacier National Park from 1987-2009, and also worked as a wildlife management biologist for the Bureau of Land Management in Eastern Montana, as a seasonal biologist and naturalist in Yellowstone NP, and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia. Steve studied elk and cattle in the Gravelly Range of SW Montana for his Master's Degree in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana. Since retirement, he has served on the board of the Flathead Audubon Society. Steve seeks a first term on the chapter board.
- Caeli Quinn, Whitefish** is a co-founder and director of Climate Ride. Caeli earned her B.A. from Northwestern University and then hit the road on two wheels. She spent 10 years traveling the globe, leading biking and hiking trips. While pedaling in China and Burma, she observed the effects of climate change and dirty coal plants firsthand. Caeli decided that it was critical to address America's role in the climate crisis and advocate for a transition to clean energy. She lives in Whitefish with her husband and son. She is seeking a second term on the Chapter board.
- Rod McIver, Kalispell**, brings a lifetime of interest in natural history, ecology, forestry, and agriculture to the organization. He seeks a first term on the chapter board.
- Jan Metzmaker, Whitefish**, is the executive director of the Whitefish Convention and Visitor Bureau. She served on the Whitefish City Council, and serves on the weed committee and a committee that is involved with overseeing the railroad's environmental cleanup efforts in the resort town. She's also a member of the Flathead Basin Commission and the Working Women of Whitefish. She seeks a second term on the chapter board.
- Frank Sweeney, Whitefish**, moved to Whitefish in 1999 with his wife Paula. Over the last decade living in Whitefish, they have been active participants in the Whitefish community. Frank was a City Councilor, Big Mountain Ambassador for several years, served on the Glacier Institute Board, the Montana Innocence Project Board, the Trail Runs Through It Planning Committee, the Foys to Blacktail Trails Board and the Whitefish City-County Planning Board. He seeks a first term on the chapter board.
- Write-In Nominee** _____