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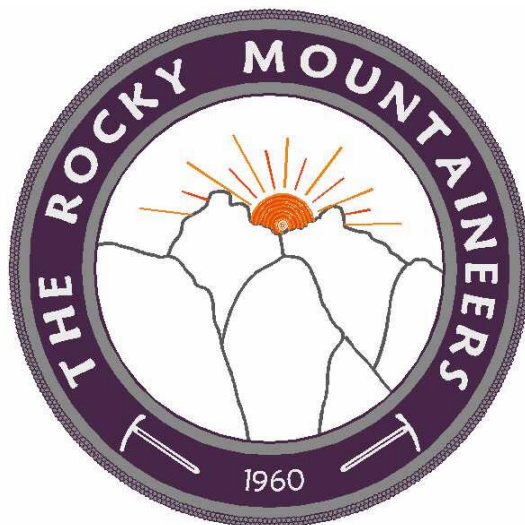
# THE MOUNTAIN EAR

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*The Monthly Newsletter of The Rocky Mountaineers*





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Membership application can be found at the end of the newsletter.

**ABOUT THE CLUB:**

*Mission Statement:*

The Rocky Mountaineers is a non-profit club dedicated to the enjoyment and promotion of responsible outdoor adventures.

*Meetings and Presentations:*

Meetings are held the second Wednesday, September through May, at 6:00 PM at Pipestone Mountaineering. Each meeting is followed by a featured presentation or speaker at 7:00 PM.

*Activities:*

- ☐ Hiking
- ☐ Backpacking
- ☐ Alpine Climbing & Scrambling
- ☐ Peak Bagging
- ☐ Backcountry Skiing
- ☐ Winter Mountaineering
- ☐ Track Skiing
- ☐ Snowshoeing
- ☐ Snowboarding
- ☐ Mountain Biking
- ☐ Rock Climbing
- ☐ Canoeing & Kayaking
- ☐ Rafting
- ☐ Kids Trips
- ☐ Terracaching/Geocaching

## *President's Message*

Greetings, Mountaineers! I hope everyone is having a great summer. It's been a busy summer for me as I've been working out of town most weeks and racing (cycling) on the weekends. I've had the privilege of surveying on Going To The Sun Road for several weeks this summer and am excited for the Glacier Classic. My guess is that most of you have had a lot going on as well since the summer outings have had **very** low attendance. Unfortunately, this can be very deflating for our trip leaders. If trips are not attended, trip leaders become hard to find. My hope is that the attendance at this year's Glacier Classic will be high and that we can renew our commitment to well attended Rocky Mountaineers' trips for the remainder of the year. Again, I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Glacier Classic! It's going to be a great time!

*Joshua Phillips*

## *News and Notes*

Next month (September) we resume our monthly meetings. Most of you have likely heard that **Pipestone Mountaineering** (our meeting place) has changed ownership. We have been informed that we are still welcome to hold out monthly meetings and presentations at the store. So, on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, plan to attend our first fall meeting! The business meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. At 7:00 we will have a "Picture Potpourri". Anyone interested can bring pics or short videos to show to the group (AV equipment will be provided). Bring food and drink too! More details in the September newsletter.

Speaking of Pipestone, please remember to strongly consider their products when in need of outdoor equipment and clothing. They do us a nice favor by allowing us to hold our meetings at their store. Their staff is not only very knowledgeable, but also a great bunch of people that enjoy doing most of the things we do. Stop by and say hello!

The Rocky Mountaineers maintain a cabin on the flanks of Little St. Joseph Peak. Every fall we schedule a day for maintenance and firewood cutting to prep it for winter usage. Tentatively, we are thinking about doing this on either the first or second Saturday in October. The more help we can get, the quicker it goes. After the work is done, we will have a party at the trailhead (Bass Creek Overlook). Plan to attend!

Finally, the Glacier Classic. El Presidente discusses it above. The following article spells out all the details and plans. Do yourself a favor and ATTEND! It WILL be a great time. This is an all ages event...bring your kids, friends, relatives, grandparents, etc. There will be something for everyone.

*Forest Dean*

# The Rocky Mountaineers 5<sup>th</sup> Annual GLACIER CLASSIC

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**Friday, August 28 – Sunday, August 30**  
**Rising Sun Campground,**  
**Glacier National Park**

We invite all members, guests, friends (anyone!) to join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Glacier Classic. This year we will base our activities out of the Rising Sun Campground on the north side of St. Mary Lake. Listed below is the schedule of events. **To let us know that you are coming**, or for more information contact either:

Forest Dean - [mtnear@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear@gmail.com) , 406-240-7612

Steve Niday – [seniday@yahoo.com](mailto:seniday@yahoo.com), 406-721-3790

We really need to get a “head” count in the days leading up to the 28<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us to (hopefully) secure an adequate number of campsites for the group. So again, please tell us you are coming and how many of you there will be.

**Friday, August 28** – Drive up to Glacier and Rising Sun Campground. Hopefully, we will have a couple of volunteers to arrive early and secure campsites. Cost and campsites can be shared by number of attendees. For those interested, we have one (tentative) trip listed for Friday afternoon (see below). Friday evening, bring your own food and drink for dinner in the campground.

## **MATAHPI PEAK (Scramble)**

*Rating:* Class 2-3, *Distance:* 6 miles, *Elevation:* 3500'

*Description:* I am listing this as “tentative”. Providing I can get up to Glacier early enough on Friday, I figured a “warm-up” scramble to this 9365' summit might be in order. We would start at the Siyeh Bend and hike up the trail toward Preston Park. Before getting that far, however, we would scramble up to the saddle between Going-to-the-Sun Mtn and Matahpi and then up to the peak. Would likely try to start around 1-2 PM. Should take about 4 hours.

*Leader:* Forest Dean – [mtnear@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear@gmail.com) -240-7612

**Saturday, August 29**- The following are the list of activities currently planned. Of course, if nothing suits your fancy, you are more than welcome to do something else! After the days activities, return to camp for the infamous Hanou Burritos. (Tom Hanou always cooks the group burritos....bring your own sides, chips, desserts, drinks, etc.)

### **LITTLE CHIEF MOUNTAIN (Scramble/Climb)**

*Rating:* Class 3, *Distance:* 10.5 miles, *Elevation:* 5900'

*Description:* This climb will start by hiking past St. Mary Falls and Virginia Falls before bushwacking up onto the lower slopes of Little Chief Mountain. From there we climb up and then south before cutting back to the north and the summit (9541'). Will likely be an all day affair if the bushwacking is difficult.

*Leaders:* **Forest Dean** – [mtnear@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear@gmail.com) -240-7612, **Steve Niday** – [seniday@yahoo.com](mailto:seniday@yahoo.com) – 721-3790

### **FLORENCE FALLS (Hike)**

*Rating:* Class 1, *Distance:* 9.5 miles, *Elevation:* 1200'

*Description:* This should be a fairly easy about 5 mile point to point hike. We will leave from the Gunsight Pass trailhead and drop about 200 feet in 3/4-1 mile to Florence falls. Then follow the trail on the north side of St. Mary's River out to a parking lot beyond the Sunrift Gorge area. There is another falls just before the end parking lot and also a falls on the other side of the river from the trail on the way there. If some want to make a longer day a side trail goes up to St. Mary's Falls (on the south side). The Virginia Creek Falls is about 1/2 mile up this trail and St. Mary's Falls another 2 1/2 miles. (round trip to St. Mary's Falls after leaving north side trail would be 6 miles. Trail junction is 2 miles from Gunsight Pass trailhead, 1 mile from Sun Rift Gorge parking.)

*Leader:* **Julie Kahl** -543-6508 - [jawkal@hotmail.com](mailto:jawkal@hotmail.com)

### **GOAT MOUNTAIN/SIYEH PASS (Hike/Scramble)**

*Rating:* Class 2, *Distance:* TBD, *Elevation:* TBD

*Description:* I will be leading a hike from Siyeh Bend to Siyeh Pass (4.7 miles), app. 2200' elevation gain. After crossing over to Baring Creek drainage, the trail goes down app. 4,000' elevation and 5.5 miles to Sunrift Gorge for those who want to go that way. There is a trail halfway down that ascends Goat Mtn (El. 8,816') to the east, however I am planning from the head of Baring Creek to traverse the ridge to Goat Mtn summit. There is an option from the summit of Goat Mtn to drop down to the northeast to Otokomi Lake and take the trail straight into Rising Sun CG. This is unknown territory for me going that way, but we are out for an adventure. It may go or might not. The trail the whole way is a wonderful hike and as good a wild flower viewing trip in Glacier as I have been on in season. There is a side trail on the way down that takes you over to Sexton Glacier on the east side of Going to the Sun Mtn and Mahtapi Peak. This will entail a car shuttle and those going with me all the way, be prepared for off-trail hiking.....shorts not recommended!

*Leader:* **Tom Hanou** - [tlhanou@aol.com](mailto:tlhanou@aol.com) – 360-3564

### **REYNOLDS MOUNTAIN (Scramble/Climb)**

*Rating:* Class 3, *Distance:* 5 miles, *Elevation:* 2500'

*Description:* The leader plans to hike up to the saddle on the NW side of Reynolds and then ascend the great diagonal ledge leading across the north face of the mountain. For more details, check out Edwards Climbers Guide.

*Leader:* **Joshua Phillips** – [mtsurveyor@gmail.com](mailto:mtsurveyor@gmail.com) – 396-3162

**Sunday, August 30** – We have a couple scheduled activities on Sunday. Often the schedule changes depending on how worn out folks are from the day before. Feel free to depart whenever you want.

**BEARHAT MOUNTAIN (Scramble/Climb)**

*Rating:* Class 2-3, *Distance:* 8 miles, *Elevation:* 2600'

*Description:* We will hike from Logan Pass to Hidden Lake and then ascend the East Face Route (as described in Edwards guidebook). This should be a fairly easy climb and suitable for many. The 8684' summit isn't especially high, but because of its location, there should be some splendid views. Also, those not wishing to climb to the summit are certainly welcome to come along for the hike to Hidden Lake, then wait for the rest of the group, or return on their own.

*Leader:* Forest Dean – [mtnear@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear@gmail.com) -240-7612

**DIVIDE MOUNTAIN or RED EAGLE MOUNTAIN (Scramble/Climb)**

*Rating:* Class 3, *Distance:* TBD, *Elevation:* TBD

*Description:* Game time decision. Trip will depend on interest.

*Leader:* Dean Stensland – [dstensland@boonekarlberg.com](mailto:dstensland@boonekarlberg.com) – 543-6646



*Little Chief Mountain above St. Mary Lake.*



# UPCOMING TRIPS AND ADVENTURES

## **Trip Notes:**

Please contact the trip leader for more information regarding any listed trips.

Mileage listed is round trip mileage. Elevation listed is gain only. For information on Class Rating see below:

## Class Rating System

**CLASS 1 – HIKING** Mostly on trails, but may also include some easy cross country travel.

**CLASS 2 – EASY SCRAMBLING** Rugged off trail hiking, no hands required.

**CLASS 3 – SCRAMBLING** Use of hand to ascend some sections of rock. Little to no exposure; a fall would not likely cause serious injury.

**CLASS 4 – CLIMBING** Easy climbing, great exposure; a fall would quite possibly cause serious injury. Use of a rope and protection at times possible.

**CLASS 5 – TECHNICAL CLIMBING** Use of rope, protection and belay are a must.

**CLASS 6 – AID CLIMBING** Use of equipment to support your weight as you climb.

## **Saturday, August 15 – BITTERROOT GRAND TRAVERSE (Bitterroots)**

*Rating:* Class 4, *Distance:* 17 miles, *Elevation:* 8300'

*Description:* Last year three of us attempted this and got 3/5ths of it (check out the September 2008 edition for the Trip Report). Back for a second attempt! Targeted date is August 15<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the trip is to climb El Capitan, The Lonesome Bachelor, and the three Como Peaks (all 9000'+) in one day. Will likely camp at the trailhead and start moving about 3 am. If things go right, we should be done by 9-10 pm. A LONG, LONG day with a lot of ups, downs, scrambling, trail running, bushwacking, climbing....sound fun? Make sure you're in shape for it, then give me a call or email.

*Special Equipment:* Harness, belay device.

*Leader:* Forest Dean – 240-7612, [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

## **Sat-Wed, August 22-26 – GLACIER BACKPACK (Glacier National Park)**

*Description:* I have a campsite reserved at Lower Kintla Lake on August 22, then at Upper Kintla for the next three nights. I'm thinking of driving up Friday afternoon and paddling across the lower lake. There are many places to go from there. There is only room for, at most, three people beside myself, so call soon if you are definitely interested.

*Leader:* Steve Schombel -721-4686.

## **Sunday, August 23 –GREY WOLF PEAK (Mission Mountains)**

*Rating:* Class 4-5, *Distance:* 14 miles, *Elevation:* 4800'

*Description:* Will hike up to Riddell Lakes then up and over a saddle to the Scenic Lakes basin. From there we gain a ridge that wraps around this basin to the NE ridge of Gray Wolf Peak. Here there is a steep notch that must be negotiated. There is a steep mountaineers trail up to the Lakes. Participants should be in good shape and have some familiarity with high 4th class/low 5th class climbing.

*Special equipment:* Tribal recreation permit; ice ax, harness, helmet.

*Leader:* Forest Dean – 240-7612, [mtnear1@gmail.com](mailto:mtnear1@gmail.com)

**Saturday, September 12 or 19 – MISSOULA-ELK SUMMIT-BLODGETT CIRCUIT (Bitterroots)**

**The M.E.S.S.S. (Missoula – Elk Summit S\*\*\* Show!)**

*Rating:* Difficult: Approximately 70 miles of sustained uphill cycling on pavement and gravel roads followed by a 26 mile trail run/trek...all in one day.

*Description:* The plan is to ride from Missoula (starting early) and head up and over Lolo Pass to the turn off for Elk Summit, continue up the gravel road to Elk Summit and transition to running/trekking. End up at the Blodgett Creek trailhead before or very near dark. The trip will be supported and transitions of bicycles will be possible. I'm planning on there being a keg at the Blodgett trailhead!

Email or call me if you're interested in joining in for this interesting quest (as a participant or as a support volunteer).

*Special Equipment:* Road and mountain bike or cyclocross bicycle

*Leader:* Joshua Phillips-H: 543-0898, email: [mtsurveyor@gmail.com](mailto:mtsurveyor@gmail.com)

**Saturday, September 19 – HOLLAND PEAK (Swan Range) *CLASSIC SERIES TRIP***

*Rating:* Class 3, *Distance:* 10 miles, *Elevation:* 5000'

*Description:* Climbing Holland Pk is a full day with 5,000 plus feet of elevation gain. There's a rough trail for much of the trip. The route passes the Rumble Cr Lakes before gaining the ridge which has a section that is somewhat exposed although not too difficult. We'll probably leave about 7:00 am. Call me for more details. It's a beautiful mountain!!!

*Leader:* Paul Jensen 728-6881

**Wed-Sat, Sept 23-26 – SMITH RIVER FLOAT TRIP**

*Description:* There will be a four day floating and camping trip on one of Montana's premiere rivers in September, and there is room for a few more on the permit. You will have to coordinate with me, the permit holder, and arrive at the put in on Sept. 23rd and share our campsites. You will also need your own raft or canoe and transportation. We will camp three nights and take out on Sept. 26th.

*Leader:* Steve Schombel at 721-4686.

**2009 – The Rocky Mountaineers – CLASSIC SERIES**

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Destination</b></i>	<i><b>Activity</b></i>	<i><b>Leader(s)</b></i>
August 28-30	GLACIER CLASSIC (Rising Sun)	Various	Forest Dean/Steve Niday
September 19	HOLLAND PEAK	Scramble	Paul Jensen
October 3-4	MCDONALD PEAK	Scramble	Forest Dean
November	LOLO PEAK	Scramble/Snowshoe	
December	WARD MOUNTAIN	Ski/Snowshoe	Joshua Phillips



## TRIP REPORTS

### June 13-14 – Blackfoot Meadows (Boulder Mtns)

This trip up to the headwaters of the Little Blackfoot River, south east of Elliston in the Boulder Mountains, was intended to be our shake down trip for the longer 4th of July trip into the North Fork of the Big Blackfoot River. The shake down started right away when David and Julie camped at the trail head over night. We found our tent didn't have the stakes with it. Last time we used them I let the grandkids take down the tents, and hadn't doubled checked before we took the tent on this trip. Otherwise the rest of the evening was pleasant. Steve Schombel joined us the next morning and not realizing there was a parking area further up the road we parked in the campgrounds area and did extra miles because of this. I was trying out a new pack and it was obvious immediately that it just didn't and wouldn't fit right, after a very slow 1/2 miles adjusting and padding here and there with backpacking towels I knew I could go on, but it was slow going the 4 miles back to the meadows. Something about the pack was cutting off the circulation to my left leg and lots of resting and adjusting went on. Otherwise it was a nice trail, much of it wooded, with a few long uphill sections.

We arrived late afternoon and scouted for a campsite, finding one with a good view of the meadows and the backsides of Electric Peak and Thunderbolt Mt. both on the continental divide. There was also a small hill between us and the only other campers a horse party. Steve and David fly fished the streams in the afternoon & evening. As it got dark we watched the meadow where creeks joined to start the Little Blackfoot River for wildlife but were disappointed.

A few thunder storms had rumbled around us Sat. afternoon, but they started in the morning on Sun. We had breakfast, the guys fished some and we packed up and hadn't gone to far when it started to rain, and



*One of the Blackfoot Meadows. J. Kahl photo.*

very shortly after that grapple started to pile up on the ground. The trail was a running channel. I was still moving slow and Steve went on ahead, but we met him further down the trail taking a break in a dry spot under some trees. The horse people passed us as they came out and they looked pretty miserable. We just kept moving and did the 4 miles in less then 3 hours. It was raining less below and we got on dry clothes. Steve took off to do more climbing in the Bozeman area (it was raining down there and he eventually just went home.) David and I head back to Missoula to dry out our stuff.

*Julie Kahl*

### **Special Report: Pat Caffrey in the Brooks Range**

On June 29th whilst driving the Alaska pipeline road in the Galbraith Lake area on the north slope of the Brooks Range, I made an impromptu scramble up a small mountain (2000-foot elevation gain) on the western edge of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Thought I'd call it a Rocky Mountaineer trip. I figure the attendance would have been the same had I announced it beforehand. Anyway, all attendees agreed it was a great little outing.

Should you have the opportunity to drive the pipeline road, which goes all the way to the Arctic Ocean, there's so many peaks, mostly unnamed, to choose from, with all levels of difficulty. For major projects, like the Arrigetch Peaks in the Gates of the Arctic National Park or the higher summits in ANWR, one can drive to Coldfoot and take a short flight with Coyote Air (book ahead). Regardless, the scenery is exceptional on a nice day. The entire Brooks Range is north of the Arctic Circle, so it never got dark.

Mosquitoes are not a problem. Simply apply a pint of Cutters to your entire carcass, breathe in through your teeth, and every minute or so clean off the grill. Once above the tundra vegetation, cool breezes blow the pests away.







Photos:

#1 – View of peaks in the Gates of the Arctic.

#2 – The pipeline and north slope from my mountaintop.

#3 – Peaks in ANWR.



### July 3-5 – North Fork of the Blackfoot River (Scapegoat Wilderness)

We had originally planned on doing this trip from the 3rd-6th, but when it was just Julie & David Kahl it worked better to go on Fri. instead. But we had to compromise and not spend the night at the trailhead as we would normally have done. Instead we drove up early Fri. morning to this area where neither of us had been before. We were on the trail by 9: AM. I was using my tried and true pack and after finding everything in our packs wet after the Blackfoot Meadows trip had brought dry bags to use as stuff sacks for our sleeping bags.



The trail is mostly level, but initially it climbs to go above some steep scree slopes then drops down after that. Much of the trail was on edges with steep drop offs and in some places they had two trails for the horse traffic, one going in the other out. Much of the hike was through the old 1988 burn with pick-up sticks downed timber in the woods almost literally covered by the phenomenal beargrass bloom. On the map was a place called the "Big Slide" which seemed it could cover most of the steep cliffy ridge sides we could see. The actual Big Slide however, about 1/2 way into to the guard station, is avalanche chutes, there was even some debris covered snow along

the river in that area. We took a couple of inadvertent side trips, thinking we wanted to cross where the ford was, which actually we did want to do, but not at high water, we backtracked and bushwhacked back to the trail and then started looking for good camping sites before we crossed the bridge by the guard station. There were some there but they were already taken.

We stopped by the guard station and set up camp there. Using the bridge to hang our food from. We visited a lot with parties coming and going and had some attenuated deer & rabbits patrolling. There were those old doors with spikes driven through them in front of both doors on the cabin to keep griz out. David tried his luck bushwhacking to fish the North Fork. On Sat. morning David fished the Dry Fork with no luck, and then we hiked up to the North Fork Falls. It's only 1/2 mile from the guard station but the trail winds around a ridge and it's about 3/4 of a mile. Some fly-fishing people and their dog scrambled down to one of the falls and got a few bites in the pool, but the



main falls is directly below the best viewing point and impossible to see at its base due to the very steep slot canyon it's in. David fished again in the afternoon and in the evening we walked around the Dry Fork and East Fork of the West Fork confluence for a while. We had a leisurely morning on Sun. and hiked out around 9:AM, were back to the car by 2:30. It was getting to be a hot day.

The most interesting of the people we spoke with a young guy probably in his 20's who was a Bob Marshall reincarnate. He used to work at the Spotted Bear Ranger station and had made plans to meet friends at Big Prairie and go out with them. He came in the North Fork on Thurs. undaunted by the 39 mile hike to Big Prairie, but didn't connect with his friends so he had proceeded, on Sat. to hike the 39 miles back out. He came by the guard station about 6:PM. He just had a pack frame with a tarp and sleeping bag and a small sack of food and a matching set of 5 point elk antlers. We offered him food and water, he accepted the water and went on. Folks who had stayed at the trailhead over night said he got out about 9:30 Sat. evening. *Julie Kahl*

### **July 15- Colt Killed Creek (Bitterroots)**

Fred and Eileen Schwanemann went to Powell Ranger Station Area. We took Colt Killed Creek Trail to Beaver Creek and back. This trail 50 goes along the NE bank of Colt Killed Creek. It is cool in there and the creek has a rumble like Rattlesnake Creek. We also took a look at Savage Ridge, Trail 909. The trail seems to have a lot of blow down and not much used. The upper access road (360) is very rough but possible in low gear. *Fred Schwanemann*

### **July 18 – Blackfoot River Canoe Trip**

Chris Dunn, John Schwartz, Steve Schombel, David Kahl, Sally and Alden Wright put in at River Junction fishing access on the Blackfoot. David had a modern canoe rented from the Trailhead, while the Wrights supplied two ancient (one from the early 60's) aluminum canoes. The weather was great and the river flow was sufficient that grounding was not a problem. This section of the river is very scenic with high banks and not much development. We saw mergansers and cliff swallows. Steve caught at least one nice fish. We had left our cars at the very small fishing access site at Scotty Brown bridge with the idea going on to the Russell Gates fishing access site if we had time. When we got to Scotty Brown Bridge we decided to go on, but then car problems delayed us sufficiently that we took out at at Scotty Brown. *Alden Wright*

### **July 25- Ellis Peak (Tendoy Mountains)**

This was a trip that went just as planned. I found a nice spot to camp along a creek only about four miles from the start of the hike. I got an early start and was up to the top and back to the car by early afternoon, despite hiding in some trees both up and down to let some lightning clouds pass by. There was a jeep trail all the way to the top, but it appeared that few used it, especially above the mining areas. There were interesting old ruins, little loose scree, and lots of green grass and wildflowers, even several Bitterroots near the top. And great views of wild, mountainous country, and I had it all to myself. There were hardly any vehicles on the back roads in this area. *Steve Schombel*

### July 25 – Great Northern Mountain (Flathead Range)

This month's Classic Series climb had only two participants- the leader and the leader's son. Well, perhaps there were 27 other participants who just didn't realize they were on a Rocky Mountaineer's trip (more on this in a minute). Forest and Frank Dean left home at 5:30 Saturday morning and drove up to the Hungry Horse Reservoir, arriving at the trailhead about 8:10. If climbing this mountain do not follow the description in Falcon Press's *Hiking Montana* (unless fond of bushwhacking). Rather refer to Summitpost.org for a good description. There is a very



good trail all the way up. It starts off at about 4200' and climbs quite steeply, but it is always a good trail. On this bluebird day, we rapidly ascended the first couple thousand feet in the first hour and got above treeline. There it levels out a bit and follows the ridgeline all the way to the summit. Although not a real high mountain (8705') or a difficult one (borderline class 3), it is a truly scenic one! Because it follows a ridge crest for the final mile and a half to the summit, you are constantly presented with outstanding views- particularly those of the southern part of Glacier NP. Along the way, we ran into fellow TRM member Lewis Kogan who happened to have the day off from his duties as a summertime backcountry ranger in this Great Bear Wilderness. After a chat with him we continued on to the summit arriving at high noon. We took a 40 minute break and headed back down. Along the way (up and down) we counted 27 other climbers. Not a remote wilderness experience. But a fun climb nevertheless. We arrived out at 3:30- a seven hour round trip with 4500' of gain and about 7 miles RT. *Forest Dean*

### July 29 – Mt. Haggin, Mt. Evans, Mt. Howe (Anaconda Pintler area)

John Schwartz and I took off early in the morning on Tuesday, July 29 heading down to the Anacondas. We hiked towards Mt. Haggin from Anaconda. It was an easy approach, but a rocky climb. It was foggy when we summited. We traversed over and spent the night just below ridgeline. It was raining hard and we got some lightning. The next day we climbed up and met the Continental Divide which we traversed up Mt. Evans. It was a clear view. From there, John went back the way we came and down towards Twin Lakes, while I continued along the divide to climb Mt. Howe and descend down a different drainage. We eventually met up at Lower Twin Lake and spent another night. It was very rocky, while some sections had huge boulders, so things went pretty slow. *Chris Dunn*



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