

**REPORT OF GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING JUNE 5, 2014**

The grant subcommittee, consisting of Jessie Wiese and Steve Young, met on June 5, 2014 to begin initial exploration into grant possibilities. *Public Bill Young*

The subcommittee will research grant information from the following:

- 1) Montana Trail, Recreation and Park Association (mtrpa.info)
- 2) Montana State Parks LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund Program)
stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/lwcf.html
Partnerships between national, state and local governments in planning and funding outdoor recreation projects
- 3) Recreational Trails Program (RTP) -
stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/rtpgrants.html
- 4) Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)
- 5) Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

The subcommittee discussed contacting the following to obtain additional information on grant possibilities:

- 1) U~~M~~M or MSU personnel who work or teach in the area of recreational or community grants
- 2) Personnel in Madison/Gallatin County who work with grants
 - a) Gallatin County Grant Administrator: Larry Watson
 - b) Tim Skop - Gallatin County Planning Office (?)
- 3) Those who were involved in formation of the Big Sky Park District
 - a) Ryan Hamilton
 - b) Kevin Germain
- 4) Other park districts in Montana to see where they have obtained grants
 - a) Gallatin County Board of Park Commissioners
 - b) Bozeman Trails, Open Space and Parks Program

Other Topics discussed by the subcommittee:

- 1) What amount was saved by property owners by formation of the Big Sky Park District (\$160,000 total per Madisonian article dated Sept 12, 2012) Would property owners be willing to donate some part of the amount they saved?
- 2) Determine if contributions to the Park District are tax deductible
- 3) Project Prioritization - Mountain to Meadow Trail

Stephen Young