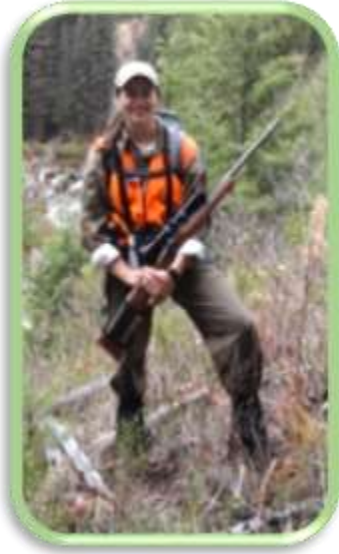


September 2018 Program



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Topic:

The Who & what of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

A presentation from the Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers will include an introduction to the national organization and a summary of the Montana Chapter's activities. This will include highlighting hyper-local efforts as well as National BHA's Public Waters Access campaign, which is a new effort to achieve the BHA mission to improve public fishing and hunting access and opportunity nationwide. We believe that streambed walking access, so essential to our outdoor opportunities, is not being discussed or defended at a national level – and in some states, sportsmen are literally losing ground. Public Waters Access focuses not only on engaging and informing anglers and other sportsmen about stream access; it also works to combat the greatest threats to access, state by state. This Backcountry group has emerged as one of the most effective lobbying groups in Helena, on the same par with TU and Audubon.

Hannah grew up in Worland, Wyoming and obtained a degree in journalism from the University of Montana. Today, she works as a communications specialist for a habitat conservation organization in Missoula, the Intermountain West Joint Venture. The Intermountain West Joint Venture is an effort to increase habitat through various partnerships. Her foremost passions include hunting with her wirehaired pointing griffon and exploring new fisheries. Otherwise, you can find her experimenting with wild game recipes and pickling any vegetable. Dedicated to the conservation of wild lands, Hannah volunteers for the Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers as the Region 2 board member.