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Happy New Year!

Wonderful News for the Valley!

With the help of great volunteers, Aquatic Invasive Species samples were collected throughout the 2020 field season on 11 lakes in and around the Clearwater Watershed: Lindbergh, Holland, Placid, Seeley, Salmon, Big Sky, Inez, Alva, Browns, Upsata, and Coopers. Monitoring included five rounds of sampling at each lake, followed with analysis by the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks lab in Helena. We are extremely happy to report another mussel-free sampling year in the Clearwater: zebra and quagga mussel veligers were undetected in all of the samples collected and analyzed in 2020. Great work boaters! Keep those boats clean to protect and preserve our pristine lakes.



Pictured above: AIS sampling (photo by CRC staff)

CRC Welcomes Return of Emily McGuirt

We are excited to announce that our 2020 Big Sky Watershed Corps member, Emily McGuirt, will be staying with CRC as a Research Assistant and GIS Technician. Emily will be assisting with the formation of a watershed restoration plan for the Clearwater basin. This work is funded by the Bureau of Reclamation and will aid in future on-the-ground activities. Stay tuned for more information on this program in future newsletters!

CRC Welcomes New Big Sky Watershed Corps Member

This January, CRC welcomed a new Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) member, Alicia Dixon, who will serve through November 2021. BSWC is an Americorps program that places individuals throughout Montana with organizations where they complete natural-resource related projects. Alicia comes from Maryland and recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a B.S. in Environmental Science and minors in Environmental Studies and American Indian Studies. At UW, Alicia performed research in various areas, including soil science, entomology, weed science, and grassland ecology. Her senior year, Alicia also worked as an intern with an environmental legal group in Madison. She is excited to be a part of the Seeley Lake community and to be working in the Clearwater Watershed!



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New Merchandise Line

Help us spread the word of who we are while enjoying quality products. CRC has released a line of merchandise including sweatshirts, tote bags, hats and more! These items would make great gifts for yourself, family members and friends. For ordering information, go to: <http://crcmt.org/2021-merchandise>.



Left: Medium weight hooded full-zip hoodie. Cottonpoly blend made with recycled bottles.

\$35

Right: 100% cotton twill tote bag with contrast canvas bottom, exterior pocket, and web handles.

\$19



Left: Garment washed cap—unstructured, six-panel with side closure.

\$17

Right: 16 oz double wall stainless steel thermal tumbler with copper vacuum insulation and threaded snap-fit lid.

\$19.99



Left: Lily the Make the Cut Mascot 35 Piece Kids' Puzzle (11" x 17"). Includes fun "Make the Cut" information!

\$15

Right: Hairy Woodpecker (*Dryobates villosus*) 520 Piece Puzzle (16" x 20"). Features local photography by Leon Kauffman.

\$35



Want to Help Keep Our Lakes Beautiful and Productive?

If you enjoy being outside and contributing to CRC's mission to protect our waters, this is for you! We are still looking for volunteers to assist with our Adopt-a-Stream program starting in March. Please contact us at (443) 545-4786 or crc.watshd.coord@crcmt.org for more information.

Follow us on social media!

We are always looking for fun photos of the region! If you have any photographs you would like to submit for consideration for posting on our social media or website pages, please do so at:

crcmt.org/photo-submissions



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Want to get involved? CRC is lucky to have a wonderful set of volunteers who work with us each year. There are many different volunteer opportunities, so if you would like to be a part of our team and join the fun, please contact us at (443) 545-4786 or crc.watshd.coord@crcmt.org.