

# Friends of the Missouri Breaks

## 2017 Friends' Volunteer Events

**Cottonwood Plantings** – Terry Ranch, **March 25th (Camp out 24th)** and Pablo Rapids, **April 1st (Camp out March 31st)**

Our annual cottonwood planting events, now with a camping experience the night before featuring multiple natural resource presentations from Friends' and BLM staff. This is a great way to leave a lasting mark on the monument for generations to come.

**Spring Monument Inventory Float** – Fort Benton-Judith Landing, **April 19th-23rd**; Judith Landing-James Kipp, **April 24th-26th**

Float with Friends' staff from Fort Benton to Judith Landing, or Judith Landing to James Kipp, to survey recreation sites, fencing projects and wildlife habitats within the monument. The survey will influence work within the monument for the coming summer season and beyond.

**Arbor Day Planting** – Coal Banks Landing, **April 28th**

Plant native cottonwood trees at Coal Banks Landing Campground to help bring increased shade and wildlife habitat to one of the monument's most well-loved and most used campsites. Your work will be greatly appreciated by all during the scorching summer months.

**Friends Membership/Stewardship Float** – Coal Banks-Judith Landing, **May 4th-7th**

The young cottonwood trees planted during the 2016 and 2017 planting events need an early watering before the heat of the summer and our seasonal watering crews arrive. Please join the Friends' Stewardship Director and Membership/Outreach Manager on a float through the White Cliffs section to give the trees their first drink of the year.

**Spring Clean-Up Day** – Coal Banks-Judith Landing, **May 12th**

Join Friends' and BLM staff for a day of river beautification prior to the beginning of the summer's heavy use period. This is a great chance to see a large stretch of the river all in one day from the comfort of a jet boat, while also helping to protect the monument's natural resources.

**Confluence Campout** – Wood Bottom, **June 3rd-4th**

This is the first annual Friends' flagship event, come camp at the same site Lewis and Clark spent over a week at in 1805 while learning from interpretive campfire talks (all day Saturday) and taking part in stewardship projects (Saturday) around Decision Point and Wood Bottom Recreation Sites. On Sunday wake up and join a guided one day river trip from Wood Bottom to Coal Banks landing.

**Summer Celebration Interpretive Center Day**- Fort Benton, **June 23rd**

Come beautify the Monument's Interpretive Center in preparation for the extremely busy summer months. Work will include flower bed cleaning and trail projects. This also happens to take place the day Fort Benton's annual Summer Celebration kicks off, so stick around town for the day, or even weekend, to take part in the fun.

**Invasive Weed Survey Float** – Judith Landing-James Kipp **August 7th-10th**

Join staff from the Friends on an expedition through the monument's lower stretch to document invasive weed species along the river. This work will help BLM natural resource professionals fight the spread of non-native vegetation in the monument's most wild areas.

**Fort Benton River Clean-Up Day** – Fort Benton, **September 11th**

Historic Fort Benton is where the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument starts, and is also home to a wonderful riverfront river trail and park system. Come out and help clean up Canoe Camp at the beginning of the Wild and Scenic River designation and the river trail that follows the monument through town.

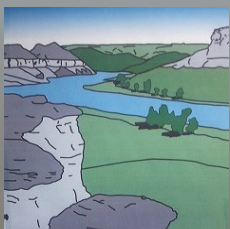
**National Public Lands Day** – James Kipp **September 30th (Camp out 29th)**

Come out and help complete much needed projects at James Kipp Recreation Area. Work will range from painting to trail clean-up. A BBQ will be provided on Friday night for those who will be joining the night before for a camping experience, and for all involved a lunch will be donated the day of. This is a wonderful time to be at James Kipp, as you will likely hear elk bugling throughout the evening and morning.

**Fall Monument Inventory Float** – Fort Benton-Coal Banks, **October 12th-13th**; Coal Banks to Judith Landing, **Oct 15th-17th**; Judith Landing-James Kipp, **Oct 18th-20th**

After the summer's heavy usage the monument's resources need to be surveyed for damage and potential future development to accommodate needs. Performing this work allows the Friends' and BLM staff to better understand what work must be done where and when.

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