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Artists Encouraged to Apply for Artist-Wilderness-Connection Program

KALISPELL, MT., January 19, 2016 –The Flathead National Forest, Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, Hockaday Museum of Art, and Swan Valley Connections invite artists to apply to the program that connects artists and local communities with public lands of the Flathead National Forest in Northwest Montana. The application deadline for the 2016 Artist-Wilderness-Connection, artist-in-residence program is Friday, February 19.

Professional working artists of various disciplines, media and styles spend up to two weeks in a remote forest cabin on the Flathead National Forest to focus on their respective art. The program connects artists with wild lands like the Bob Marshall, Great Bear and Mission Mountains Wilderness Areas. After completing the residency, artists select a format to share their talents and residency experience with the community and donate a representative piece of their art to the Artist-Wilderness-Connection Program.

The on-line application for the program is available at <http://hockadaymuseum.org/> under Artist Opportunities, Artist-Wilderness-Connection. Individuals and group collaborations are invited to apply.

For more information about the Artist-Wilderness-Connection Program, contact Teresa Wenum at the Flathead National Forest, 406-758-5218 or Carol Treadwell with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, 406-387-3847.

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