



## Flathead National Forest

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### **Montana Artists Encouraged to Apply for Artist-Wilderness-Connection Program**

The Flathead National Forest, Hockaday Museum of Art, Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation and the Swan Ecosystem Center invite Montana artists to apply for the 2010 Artist-Wilderness-Connection Program. The program is an artist-in-residence project that connects artists and local communities with public lands of the Flathead National Forest in Northwest Montana.

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 Mountain 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.

Applications for the program are available at [www.hockadaymuseum.org](http://www.hockadaymuseum.org) (click on outreach programs) or by calling the Hockaday Museum of Art at 406-755-5268. Applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2010. 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 Lucy Smith at the Hockaday Museum of Art, 406-755-5268.

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