SLIDES: A Fine Line Between Success and Failure in Partnerships

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The Blackfoot Challenge: A Watershed Initiative

[Map of the Blackfoot watershed with various color-coded areas indicating different types of land use or protection areas.]

Ownership
- Crown
- Private
- Provincial
- Municipal
- Industrial
- Tribal
- Federal
- Special Designation
- Wetland Reserve
- Wetland Reserve Expansion
- Special Designation

Blackfoot Watershed Project
- Watershed Conservation
- Land Access

Conservation
- NPL (Non-Point Source)
- Conservation District
- Special Designation
- Wetland Reserve
- Wetland Reserve Expansion
- Special Designation

Legend:
- Green: Water
- Pink: Floodplain
- Brown: Farmland
- Blue: Forest
- Orange: Wildland
- Yellow: Special Designation
- White: Other

Scale: 1:100,000

North Arrow

Legend Key:
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- Kilometer: 1 km

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Crown of the Continent Ecosystem

- Glacier National Park
- Blackfeet Indian Reservation
- Flathead Indian Reservation
- Bob Marshall Wilderness
- Blackfoot Watershed
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A RIVER OVERDONE

Blackfoot ‘in danger’ as it flows through people

By GRANT SASSEK
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The Big Blackfoot River still runs hard. But the river Norman Maclean immortalized in “A River Runs Through It” has changed from one of the West’s premier trout streams into one of the West’s most endangered streams.

The river’s decline has reached the point that American Rivers designated it Wednesday as one of the 10 most endangered rivers on the continent.

“It has been overdue,” said Lincoln native Becky Garland, “It has been over-run, over-cut, over-fished, over-recreated and overlooked.”

From beginning to end, the river runs the west for 130-some miles through large valleys and tight canyons. For the river — and its fish — it is a run through an environmental gauntlet.

Pollution from abandoned mines foul its upper reaches. Logging and agriculture stress the river’s middle section. The lower, wider portion of the Blackfoot is crowded by growing numbers of recreationalists.

“Through it all, the Big Blackfoot remains beautiful. Except for where it begins,” Kornec said.

“There’s the Goldenwest mess of minerals up here you’ve ever seen,” 88-year-old Dan Kornek said from the office of the White Hope Mine.

The mine operates in the shadow of the Mike Horse Mine, an inactive mine infested by Conservation Grapes.

Even though the Mike Horse closed for the last time more than 20 years ago, barren creeks of acidic, rust-colored water heavy with copper, iron, zinc, manganese and cadmium still flow from it and other nearby mines into the Blackfoot.

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Miner Dan Kornek: ‘It ain’t going to get cleaned up overnight.’

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Fix What’s Wrong

- Landscape Protection
BLACKFOOT COMMUNITY PROJECT

Our Lands, Our Future
Fix What’s Wrong

• Landscape Protection
• Restoration
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- Landscape Protection
- Restoration
- Management
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- Education
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- Watershed Group
Blackfoot Challenge
“Better communities through cooperation

[Image of a scenic landscape]
THE BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE

- Conservation Groups
- Local Business Community
- Corporations
- Private Landowners
- Recreationists
- State Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
Community Based

• Watershed Group
• Local Leadership
Community Based

- Watershed Group
- Local Leadership
- Tangible On-the-Ground Results
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Project Director(s)
Project Director(s)

- Partnering
Project Director(s)

- Partnering
- Patience
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- Patience
- Perseverance
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- Partnering
- Patience
- Perseverance
- Political Savvy
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- Support Group
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