

The Boone and Crockett Club's Lee and Penny Anderson Conservation Education Program

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch (TRMR)

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“Conservation Through Life-long Learning”

- **Community Conservation Education Programs:**
 - 4 spring Front Range Conservation Education Group programs were conducted in Choteau, Dupuyer, Valier and west of Augusts for approximate 300 middle and junior high aged students from approximately 14 public and private schools.
- **Conservation Projects:** De LaSalle School planted shrubs, trees, grasses in April to restore and enhance native vegetation around the education center. 3 Boy Scout crews pulled invasive weeds around the shooting range, education center and along Dupuyer Creek. 2 cub scouts planted 12 limber pines for wildlife enhancement project near education center. Helena High School students removed an old barbwire and sheep wire fence no longer needed on the TRMR. Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation staff cleaned up old wood and wire around historical homestead cabin on TRMR and moved a foot bridge to better location along Dupuyer Creek.
- **Long-term monitoring projects:**
 - Great Blue Heron rookery - monthly monitoring at a nearby rookery on Dupuyer Ck.
 - Dupuyer Creek water quality – monthly monitoring, three-site comparison on the TRMR stream reach
 - Bluebird Trail – weekly, 12-box trail on the TRMR, monitoring has been conducted since 2006.
 - Sharptail grouse leks, and mule deer doe-fawn ratios – annual monitoring counts
 - Old North Trail – multi-year historical documentation project on TRMR
- **Summer programs:**
 - Conservation Across Boundaries® (CAB) course is designed to immerse teachers in diverse landscapes to learn more about nature and how to conduct and apply biological and ecological field investigations focused on fish, wildlife, and their respective habitats. Current landscape level conservation practices and issues are studied. Courses last summer were cancelled due to low number of applicants and not enough grant funding to adequately fund course expenses. We will offer the two-week CAB MT-TX course from June 18 – July 2, 2010. Grant funding has been raised to support travel stipends and cover all course expense EXCEPT university credit for 16 educators from throughout the nation.
 - Outdoor Adventure Camps (OAC) offered opportunities for 40 youth to learn more about outdoor skills and recreation, conservation- and wildlife-related careers at the TRMR.
 - Little Critters OAC is offered to ages 5-8 (grades K-3)
 - Wildlife Conservation OAC is offered for ages 15-17 (grades 9-12) August 1-6, 2009.
 - Outdoor Skills OAC is offered for ages 10-15 (grades 5-9th) August 8-11, 2009.
 - Montana High Adventure Base (MOHAB) scout program was conducted for 36 scouts to combine with stunning backcountry treks in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex with map & compass, bear safety, leave-no-trace principles, lay of the land, fish ID & fishing, wildlife ID, and shooting sports at the TRMR. This program is offered in partnership with the Montana Council BSA.