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New Board Members Add Breadth and Energy to Jack Creek Preserve Foundation

ENNIS, Mont. — The Jack Creek Preserve Foundation, a non-profit providing outdoor education, research and recreation opportunities on 4,500 acres, between Big Sky and Ennis announced the appointment of four new Board members who bring assets in business, education and wildlife.

Joining the Board of Directors of Jack Creek Preserve Foundation are David Barbison, Michael Botha, Michael Fossil, and Robert Rowe. Larry Holle, Co-Chair and President observes, “Each of these individuals bring unique talents and a passion for the mission of the Jack Creek Preserve Foundation.”

David Barbison, a Bozeman native, is an active volunteer as a member of the Board of Eagle Mount since 2009 and the board of the Southwest Chapter of Safari Club International where he was previously Chairman from 2010-2016. “I am looking forward to bringing my experience as a hunting guide and educator, along with my knowledge and passion for ecology, wildlife, and wild places to the Preserve.”

Michael Botha, a new resident of Big Sky, is an entrepreneur investor and is presently the CEO of Yellowstone Holdings LLC, a residential real estate investment company. He has a long history in invasive species management which will aid the Preserve in its conservation efforts. Michael notes, “I am excited to put my experience to work on behalf of Jack Creek Preserve, and giving back to this wonderful community I now call home.”

Michael Fossil, of Ada Michigan, continues and adds to the Fossil family tradition of engagement with the Jack Creek Preserve Foundation. He is presently President of Telocyte LLC a biotech company focused on curing Alzheimer’s and is one of the world’s experts on aging with several published books. He has a wide variety of artistic talents and vast knowledge to assist the Preserve in expanding the programs and services we offer. “I am looking forward to continuing the Fossil tradition of philanthropy.”

Robert Rowe is the President and CEO of Northwestern Energy which provides electric and natural gas infrastructure and service in Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska and Yellowstone Park, and operates a run-of-the-river hydroelectric system for nearby Hebgen and Madison dams. Bob has been involved with the Preserve as a supporter and volunteer, and in 2014 with Northwestern Energy, assisted the Jack Creek Preserve with the construction of the Preserve’s Low Pass Trail that connects the South Jack Creek Trail (FS #317) and Spanish Peak Trail (FS #316).

Bob reflects, “I love this special part of Montana. I am eager to work with the Jack Creek Preserve board, staff and volunteers to help build its capacity and create a larger impact across the region. I’m looking forward to doing some trail work too!”

Jack Creek Preserve is located on Jack Creek Road between Ennis and Big Sky, Montana. Nestled between two sections of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and private land to the east and west, it provides connectivity and a vital migratory corridor for wildlife along Jack Creek and between Big Sky and Ennis. The Preserve offers educational and conservation programs to connect wilderness, wildlife and people.

The public is invited to visit the Preserve to hike and camp, and participate in a variety of education and recreation programs year-round. Learn more at www.jackcreekpreserve.org.

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