



**MONTANA WILDERNESS
ASSOCIATION**

Madison-Gallatin Chapter

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline: December 15, 2020



Montana Wilderness Association's Madison-Gallatin Chapter is looking to empower and engage young leaders in Montana to help protect, promote, and advocate for Montana's wildlands. MWA's mission is to "work with communities to protect Montana's wilderness heritage, quiet beauty, and outdoor traditions, now and for future generations." We work on state and federal legislation, participate in agency planning processes, oppose policies that undermine wilderness and public land protection, and conduct on-the-ground outings and stewardship programs.

We're seeking a diverse group of new leaders in Gallatin, Madison, and Park Counties in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s who are interested in public lands conservation, outdoor recreation and the opportunity to:

- **Develop leadership and advocacy skills**
- **Gain experience in nonprofit conservation field**
- **Identify and develop ideas for new projects**
- **Engage and inspire MWA members, volunteers, and supporters to take action in key campaigns**
- **Increase the influence of diverse perspectives in MWA's work**
- **Meet like-minded people in the conservation community**

The leadership council will be tasked with the goals of serving in an advisory role to the local MWA chapter board of directors, creating and implementing projects consistent with MWA's statewide objectives, and attracting and encouraging young people to become active in MWA. Joining the council will be an opportunity to leverage your unique skills to support the future of wilderness and wild places in Montana.

Possible projects include supporting efforts like the Gallatin Forest Partnership, ending noncompetitive oil and gas leasing on public lands, organizing wilderness outings specifically geared to young adults or families, working with MWA's trail stewardship and trail crew programs, interacting with representatives of federal, state and local agencies, putting together fun yet profitable fundraisers, creating educational opportunities for members and the public, and giving the board members of the Madison-Gallatin Chapter a perspective from a young cohort of conservationists.

We envision the council will develop its own plan to meet once a month, whether in a community meeting room, over beer on a patio, or on Zoom, depending on the state of Covid-19. MWA's staff and the chapter board will give guidance and suggestions for possible goals and projects, but the council will have independence to come up with and implement its own ideas (including the initial task of naming this new leadership group). The time commitment will vary based on the group's desired projects but assume approximately 2-6 hours a month.

Learn more about our chapter at wildmontana.org/mgc

If you are interested in joining the council, please send a letter of interest to lisa.trankley@gmail.com (Lisa Trankley is a member of the Madison-Gallatin Chapter Board of Directors.) The letter should explain why you are interested, and the qualities, skills and experience you feel you could contribute.