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## FOAM STARTS "TAKE A KID FISHING" PROMO

### *Local Involvement with Local Schools and Kids*

Dennis Alverson, FOAM Board member, has worked hard for several years to put together a program that matches local outfitters and guides with school kids one-on-one to expose the students to fishing.

This spring, Dennis and Livingston guides Jeff Hennan, Tim Rosenbaugh, Pat Joyce, and Steve Wilson took students from the Sleeping Giant Middle School to DePuy's Spring Creek for a day of basic casting and gear instruction, followed by fishing on DePuy's pond.

The Livingston Enterprise sent out a young reporter who took pictures and wrote up a short piece about our new program. Dennis will work over the next ten months or so to analyze what went well and what failed, then present the FOAM board with an outline of the program so we can transport it to other communities.

If you're interested in helping with our TAKF promotion, contact the FOAM offices (406.763.5436) or send an email to info@foam-mt.org.

Good work, Dennis, Jeff, Tim, Pat and Steve. You've started something that will promote FOAM, fishing, and community service.

## MBO MOVES GUIDES TO ONLINE LICENSING

### *Phippen: Easy Online Licensing Process Makes Sense*

**(The following is a message from Trudy Phippen, Executive Director for the Montana Board of Outfitters)**

"Have you renewed your guide license? Those licensees who completed a 2010 guide application and were issued a license may now renew online. It's easy. Go to our website at [www.outfitter.mt.gov](http://www.outfitter.mt.gov), then select the following:

1. Application forms
2. Renewal information
3. Renew online with e-check or credit card

Note: You will need your Personal Identification # (pin) to get into the relicensing database. Brochures containing guide pin numbers were mailed to the outfitter who sponsored you as a guide in 2010.

If you have not received the brochure or a pin number, you may want to contact your endorsing outfitter; the MBO office has these records, too. Please contact Connie Beckman, Application Specialist, at 406.841.2304 to get your pin or answers to other questions."

Many FOAM guide members have taken advantage of this new system already, so check it out - it's a quick way to get your license before hitting the water this season.

## NOTE FROM LEE KINSEY TO OUTFITTERS

### *"Outfitter of Record" Pitfalls and Good Business*

**(A message from MBO board member/fishing outfitter Lee Kinsey)**

Recently, the Board of Outfitters addressed several complaints stemming from poor business practices concerning outfitters of record. I thought a note to outfitters might be a good idea.

An "outfitter of record" is a licensed outfitter who provides his license to service a shop or lodge that doesn't have an outfitter license. In some cases, the outfitter is allowing the employees of the shop or lodge to book clients, receive funds, and log trips. Board of Outfitter laws and rules allow an outfitter to designate another person to book clients and collect deposits or payment, and we all use whatever method we can to keep our records straight.

However, with delegation comes responsibility. Outfitters should be aware that it is the license holder who faces discipline when complaints arise. Ultimately, the outfitter is responsible for the people or guides working under their license and for the trips booked. If complaints are filed, the outfitter may be fined or have their license placed on probation, suspended, or, in rare, but serious cases, revoked, not the people the outfitter has authorized to operate under the license. The outfitter should ensure that they know the law and control any business tied to their license.

Another problem the board has seen occurs when an outfitter allows a guide to act as a "pseudo-outfitter" under his or her outfitter license by conducting the majority of the business with little or no supervision. If the guide does not correctly log the trips, takes clients to an area outside the outfitter's operation plan, violates terms of a land-managing agency permit, or mishandles funds, the outfitter is responsible.

Finally, be aware of outfitter law regarding fish and game violations:

**37-47-404. Responsibility for violations of law.** (1) A person accompanying a hunting or fishing party as an outfitter, guide, or professional guide is equally responsible with any person or party engaging the person as an outfitter for any violation of fish and game laws unless the violation is reported to a peace officer by the outfitter, guide, or professional guide and the outfitter, guide, or professional guide was not an active participant. An outfitter, guide, or professional guide who willfully fails or refuses to report a violation of fish and game laws is liable for the penalties provided in this chapter. If a guide or professional guide violates the laws or applicable regulations relating to fish and game, outfitting, or guiding with actual or implied knowledge of an outfitter engaging the guide or professional guide, the outfitter is legally responsible for the violation for all purposes under the laws or regulations if the outfitter fails to report the violation to the proper authority.

(2) An outfitter, guide, or professional guide shall report any violation or suspected violation of fish and game laws that the outfitter, guide, or professional guide knows or reasonably should have known has been committed by the employees, agents, representatives, clients, or participants in the outfitting or guiding activity. The violation or suspected violation must be reported to a peace officer at the earliest opportunity.

(3) A person may not hire or retain an outfitter unless the outfitter is currently licensed in accordance with the laws of the state of Montana. A person may not use the services of a guide or professional guide and a guide or professional guide may not offer services unless the services are obtained through an endorsing outfitter.

Once again, the outfitter is responsible for any unreported violations of fish and game laws. Be aware, protect your business, safeguard your license.

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## EASY WAYS TO COMBAT INVASIVE SPECIES

### *Be a Model for Your Clients; Help Them Control Invasives*

With all the concerns about invasive species in Montana, there are a couple simple ways for us to control their introduction in our waters. By following easy procedures, we can make our clients aware of the importance of keeping our rivers free from invaders.

1) Inspect and clean your waders and boots before you leave a river or stream. Do it right there with the clients watching, explain how it halts the spread of anything troublesome, and make them to do the same while they're here.

2) After clients arrive but before hitting the water, clean their boots at your place, at their motel, or on the way to the river, but not near the water you're fishing. Studies have shown that any dirt at all, even small amounts, can harbor invasives from elsewhere. Keep 'em clean, folks.

When we make a big deal of these easy steps, we keep our stuff clean and we model the correct behavior for our clients and friends. You come off as professional by sticking to these methods and insisting your clients follow suit.

More effective, but difficult measures include freezing your boots and waders overnight to kill all live material, putting boots and waders in 140-degree water to sterilize them, keeping an inventory of separate boots and waders for each water you visit, or using separate anchor ropes for individual waters. And, use NO CHEMICALS! There are no over-the-counter solutions that protect against invasive species without polluting the waters we're trying to protect.

Remember, too, that FWP now operates a few mandatory boat-inspection stations, so be aware and stop if you come to one.

Have questions about invasives? Contact the Invasive Species Action Network at 406.222.7270 / [www.stopans.org](http://www.stopans.org) or the Clean Angling Coalition / [www.cleananglingpledge.org](http://www.cleananglingpledge.org). As a group, FOAM members can take action now to halt invasives and educate our clients and other folks, too.

## FATHER SEEKS MISSING SON, A MARINE

*Last Seen in Bob Marshall Wilderness Sept 15, 2010*



### **NOAH H. PIPPIN**

**Age:** 31

**Height:** 5'11"

**Weight:** 200lbs

**Hair:** Black, usually shaved

**Eyes:** Blue

**Other:** Diminished hearing, possibly carrying a military duffelbag, possibly armed with .38 caliber handgun.

Noah rented a hotel room and dropped off his rental car in Kalispell, MT, on August 31, 2010. Reportedly last seen on Sept. 15, 2010 in the My Lake area of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He had previously mentioned spending time in Glacier National Park, Gallatin National Forest and Yellowstone National Park. There is no known method of travel or what clothes he was wearing. Noah is listed with the NCIC as missing by the Flathead County Sheriff's Office.

If you have any knowledge of Noah's whereabouts or have sighted him, please contact:

Flathead County Sheriff's Office, Detective Division 406.758.5610

Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Detective Division 406.582.2121

Montana Missing Persons Clearinghouse 406.444.1526

Noah's father, Michael Pippin, contacted FOAM and MOGA for help locating his son. Yes, it's been a long time since Noah was last seen, but any information regarding his location would be helpful to a worried father. Contact Michael at 231.275.2064 or 231.883.1445 or [pippenpension@centurytel.net](mailto:pippenpension@centurytel.net)

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## PLAN AHEAD FOR M'SHIP, INSURANCE

*FOAM Handles Paperwork Quickly, But Not Instantly . . .*

Every year, a handful of FOAM members delay applying for their membership and insurance coverage until a day or two before they plan to hit the water. FOAM has streamlined the application process to two forms and two checks. We hand-carry all insurance paperwork to the our insurance agency and Aureila, the agent who handles the FOAM insurance, processes insurance questionnaires and sends out insurance certificates within 24 hours of receipt. Plus, we can't process anyone until they're actively licensed.

However, several members have anxiously voiced disappointment that we can't handle processing over the phone or take credit cards to speed payment. Worse, these members vent their frustration to Aureila or Kerry at the insurance agency. Bad idea. These folks handle our policy coverage quicker than any agency in the past and deserve to be treated with respect.

So, THINK AHEAD, make sure you have an active license, then plan on the process taking from two to three days to complete its cycle. Most of all, BE COOL with the insurance folks; complain to FOAM, maybe, but not them.