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### **Montana Lake Book Third Edition published**

WHITEFISH, MT, 30 October, 2017 – The Whitefish Lake Institute and project steering committee partners are pleased to announce the publication of the *Montana Lake Book Third Edition*. This 56 page coffee-table worthy publication tells the story of how lakes function, how they are challenged, and how they can be protected.

Executive Director Mike Koopal and Science & Education Director Lori Curtis from the Whitefish Lake Institute coordinated the production of the newest edition, and served on the steering committee which was comprised of contributors from the Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; Flathead Basin Commission; Flathead Conservation District; Flathead Lake Biological Station; Flathead Lakers; Flathead National Forest; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; Montana Watershed Coordination Council; and Whitefish High School.

The book is separated into seven chapters including Lake Basics, Waterfront Living, Working in a Watershed, Water Recreation, Protecting Our Fisheries, Aquatic Invasive Species, and A Changing Climate. Each chapter offers web links to sites with more information on chapter subject matter. It also includes a list of lake related Montana and U.S. agencies as well as an appendix of lake terminology. The book was designed by eBizServices in Whitefish and printed by Thomas Printing in Kalispell. With 50 beautiful lake and lake related photos and 15 figures and maps, the Montana Lake Book is a great resource for Montana residents. The book can be obtained free of charge from the steering committee offices. The entire publication is also being designed into a website which will be announced at the end of November.

Funding for the book was provided by the Flathead Basin Commission, Flathead Conservation District, Flathead Lake Biological Station, Flathead Lakers, Flathead National Forest, Department of Environmental Quality, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks, and the Whitefish Lake Institute.

About Whitefish Lake Institute

Founded in 2005, the Whitefish Lake Institute is a 501 (3)(c) non-profit organization committed to acquiring scientific research, and to educating and engaging the local citizenry to protect the Whitefish area water resources of today, while providing a collective community vision for tomorrow.

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