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## **Volunteer Openings for Northwest Montana Lakes Volunteer Monitoring Network: Training Dates Announced**

**WHITEFISH, MT 2 April 2018.** The Northwest Montana Lakes Volunteer Monitoring Network (NWMTLVMN) today announced it is seeking volunteer lake monitors. If you love being on the water, are a property, home, or summer cabin owner or renter, a recreationist, or are just interested in lakes or water quality and you have a boat (motorized or non-motorized), this is a great opportunity. There are currently 40 lakes in the program, and many are in need of a volunteer including:

- Beaver Lake, Flathead County
- Big Therriault Lake, Lincoln County
- Bootjack Lake, Flathead County
- Dollar Lake, Flathead County
- Fish Lake, Flathead County
- Flathead Lake (Conrad Point, Indian Bay, Mackinaw Alley, Skiddo Bay, Woods Bay, Yellow Bay)
- Holland Lake, Missoula County
- Jette Lake, Lake County
- Loon Lake, Flathead County
- Murphy Lake, Lincoln County
- Murray Lake, Flathead county
- Skyles Lake, Flathead County
- Smith Lake, Flathead County
- Spencer Lake, Flathead County
- Upper Whitefish Lake, Flathead County

Volunteers will receive training and equipment to assist them in data collection. Training will be offered in May and monitoring will begin late spring/early summer. Volunteers must be able to monitor their lake(s) twice monthly, weather permitting, and may spend one day with program staff collecting water chemistry data. To learn more, visit [www.nwmtlvmn.org](http://www.nwmtlvmn.org). If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or you know someone who is, contact the Whitefish Lake Institute at 406.862.4327, or send an email to [cynthia@whitefishlake.org](mailto:cynthia@whitefishlake.org).

**The 2018 spring training date is Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10:00am-12:00pm, at City Beach in Whitefish.**

### **About the NWMTLVMN**

The Northwest Montana Lakes Volunteer Monitoring Network (NWMTLVMN) is a partnership between Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Whitefish Lake Institute. Our mission is to recruit and train citizen scientist volunteers to monitor water quality, identify and report Aquatic Invasive Species and promote watershed stewardship in Northwest Montana.

### **About WLI**

Founded in 2005, the Whitefish Lake Institute is committed to science, education, and community stewardship to protect and improve Whitefish Lake and Whitefish area water resources today, while providing a collective vision for tomorrow.

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