

Whitefish Pilot

March 2021

Lake volunteers needed

The Northwest Montana Lakes Network (NMLN) is looking for lake property owners and/or homeowners, recreationists, and just people who are interested in lakes to become volunteer monitors.

There are currently 41 lakes in the program, and many are in need of a volunteer including: Big Therriault Lake, Lincoln County; Dollar Lake, Flathead County; Foys Lake, Flathead County; Holland Lake, Missoula County; Skyles Lake, Flathead County; Smith Lake, Flathead County; Spencer Lake, Flathead County; Stillwater lakes, upper and lower, Flathead County; and Upper

Whitefish Lake, Flathead County.

Volunteers will receive training and equipment to assist them in data collection. However, volunteers will need their own boat (motorized or nonmotorized). Training will be offered this spring and monitoring will begin late spring/early summer of 2021. Volunteers will be asked to monitor their lake(s) twice per month, weather permitting, and will spend one summer day with the Whitefish Lake Institute staff collecting water chemistry data.

The spring training date is Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Beach in Whitefish. To learn more, visit www.nmln.info or contact the Whitefish Lake Institute at 406-862-4327, or send an email to cynthia@whitefishlake.org.