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## **BERT LINDLER NAMED NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Missoula resident Bert Lindler is being honored for his dedication to conservation, environmental stewardship and community as the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year for 2012. Lindler will be honored at the Missoula City Council meeting on Monday, July 22. Mayor John Engen will proclaim July 22 as Bert Lindler, Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer Day and July as Missoula Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer Month.

The members of the Community Forum, Missoula's consortium of neighborhood councils, chose Lindler for his outstanding and selfless work in the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council and the Missoula community. A memorial tree will be planted in his honor.

Bert is well known for his dedication to conservation and environmental stewardship. He has worked with the National Wildlife Federation and local landowners and has spent many days improving wildlife habitat in the North Hills. His work includes taking down miles of unneeded barbed wire, installing elk passages in ranch fences and working with North Hills landowners to abate weeds and restore the land.

Bert has played a key role in making the Grant Creek Trail possible through his work over the past six years. He has worked with the Grant Creek Neighborhood Council, the Grant Creek Trails Association, the Community Forum and the Prospect Meadows Homeowners Association to help make the trail a reality. The city's 2-mile portion of the trail--from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to the Grant Creek Hills subdivision--will be constructed in 2014.

Bert has served more than three years on the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) and also serves on the Conservation Lands Advisory Committee (CLAC), which gives advice on managing the city's conservation lands.

In his professional life, Bert was a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune newspaper and a technical editor for the U.S. Forest Service. He is a generous and productive volunteer for his neighborhood and community as well as a great leader and organizer. He's thankful to live in Missoula, where any one volunteer's efforts are multiplied by broad community support.

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