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Wilderness and … Nature Photography Visits February 12 in Prescott Hall

BILLINGS, Jan. 30, 2014 – In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act, the Montana Wilderness Association Eastern Wildlands Chapter partners with Rocky Mountain College to present Dick Forehand, nature photographer, in a program entitled “Wilderness and… Nature Photography.” Forehand offers his tales and images Wednesday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room of Prescott Hall.

A native of the Rock Creek valley, Forehand focuses on regional wildlife and receives national press for his thousands of images collected over 40 years. Forehand will explain his journeys and tribulations to capture images in our local federally designated wilderness areas.

As places legislated to “remain untrammeled by the hand of man,” wilderness carries its own ethic. Its vistas offer a holistic community without our contributions. All we carry away from wilderness are our memories and images. Forehand will share landscapes around RMC such as the high plateau Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, one of the nation’s most visited wilderness areas, and other nearby vast wildernesses.

The event is free and open to the public. The Eastern Wildlands Chapter offers monthly “Wilderness and…” seminars. Cameron Sapp, RMC ’12, operates the program as Prairie Wildlands Outreach Coordinator for the chapter. RMC faculty and staff such as Kayhan Ostovar, associate professor of biology and environmental science, and Bernie Rose, retired professor of economics, have also worked closely with the Montana Wilderness Association. Three RMC majors in environmental management and policy, environmental science, and environmental studies coordinate field experiences in Montana wildlands, as do major programs in other natural sciences, as well as the RMC Outdoor Recreation Program.

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