



November 2012

Dear Friend:

What is your memory of a very special time at the lake? We all have those wonderful times we remember as clearly today as the day they happened. Here is a good example:

"My special memory goes way back to when I was about eight years old – about 1951. I remember being at my grandparents' cottage and my grandfather taking me fishing. It was just the two of us in his wonderful Larson wooden rowboat. It was about 18 feet long with four seats and an old Johnson outboard. It rowed like a dream – straight as an arrow. We went out most evenings and my grandfather had figured out how to keep me occupied and involved. He had me row the boat around our little bay while he would cast toward the reeds and bulrushes hoping to catch a nice large mouth bass. It was a special time to be one-on-one with my grandfather." What memories.

It would be nice if we could make sure those special times will be here for our children and grand children. Our lakes are under such pressure. What can be done to ensure the next generations have an opportunity to make special memories?

The Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) and the Pine River Watershed Alliance (PRWA) have recently created **Land & Waters**, A Preservation Trust of the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association and Pine River Watershed Alliance, a special endowment opportunity for the stewardship of our lakes and streams. Contributions will be managed and invested by the Initiative Foundation of Little Falls, Minnesota. A Land & Waters Endowment Committee composed of three representatives each from WAPOA and PRWA will oversee the distribution of earnings from the fund through grants for preservation projects in the Pine River Watershed including the Whitefish Chain.

As an added incentive, the Initiative Foundation has offered to match the first \$50,000 contributed before December 31 of next year. On top of the Initiative Foundation match, an additional match has been arranged for the first \$5,000 donated before December 31, 2012. That could mean that a dollar donated to Land & Waters yet this year, could result in two additional dollars being contributed. All donations are tax deductible. The Initiative Foundation is also ready to work with contributors to discuss charitable bequests or the unique advantages of non-cash gifts such as stock, real estate, and trusts.

If you are interested in preserving and protecting our lakes and streams, please fill out the pledge card and return it in the enclosed envelope. This is a special opportunity to be stewards of a special part of our lives and, hopefully, of generations to come.

Sincerely,

David Fischer

President, WAPOA

Ron Meyer

Chairman, PRWA

PLEDGE CARD



\$ _____ (total enclosed/authorized amount) is my endowment gift to support Land & Waters, A Preservation Trust of Whitefish Area Property Owners Association and Pine River Watershed Alliance.

Immediate Contribution

Please enclose payment or complete credit card authorization below.

\$ _____ (Total enclosed/authorized amount)

Annual Pledge

Please indicate the amount of your pledge and a schedule of annual reminder dates.

\$ _____ (Total amount of pledge)

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Select Payment Method:

Payment enclosed – please write checks to “Initiative Foundation, Land & Waters Preservation Trust”

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Please contact me to discuss a charitable bequest or the unique advantages of non-cash gifts like stock, real estate, and trusts.

THANK YOU!

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