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“The Mark of the Wolf’s Tooth: Carnivores, Ecosystems, and Human Communities” at the Montana House September 15, 2012

The Montana House and the Glacier National Park Fund are pleased to co-host a presentation by Cristina Eisenberg, Research Director and Conservation Biologist, and author of *The Wolf’s Tooth*. The event will be at 7 pm Saturday evening, September 15th at the Montana House in Apgar Village.

Current science provides many examples of how re-wilding landscapes by restoring apex predators, such as wolves, creates healthier more resilient ecosystems. Dr. Cristina Eisenberg will present examples from her work with wolves and others’ work in ecosystems worldwide that demonstrate these powerful and essential ecological relationships. However, human coexistence with carnivores is not simple. Dr. Eisenberg will share field accounts from her recent research for her forthcoming book about carnivores in which she traveled from Montana to Alaska along the Rocky Mountains examining how carnivores affect ecosystems—and our human relationships to these powerful creatures.

Eisenberg earned her doctorate in Forestry and Wildlife at Oregon State University. Her trophic cascades scientific research focuses on the ecological effects of wolves and fire in Rocky Mountain ecosystems. She is the research director on the High Lonesome Ranch in Colorado, a conservation ranch managed using a Land Ethic model. Her book, *The Wolf’s Tooth: Trophic Cascades and Biodiversity* was published in April 2010. She is currently working on her second book: *The Carnivore Way: A Transboundary Conservation Vision for a Changing World*, and serves on the editorial board of the *Whitefish Review*. An Aldo Leopold scholar, and a hunter, Cristina has lived in the rural West for many years. She is actively engaged in ecological restoration that supports ecosystem-scale carnivore conservation and implementation of fire on private and public lands. When she isn’t at Oregon State University, she lives in a log cabin with her family in a remote part of northwest Montana.

The presentation at the Montana House will be at 7 p.m. with time for questions and a reception to follow. The event is open to the public without charge, but seating is limited, so reservations are needed. Please call 406-888-5393 for additional information and to reserve your seats.

Hans and Toni Jungster established the Montana House Regional Craft Shop in 1960 in Apgar Village, just inside Glacier National Park. Their daughter, Monica and staff continue to carry on their mission: to celebrate and promote the creativity of Montana and Native American artists and craftsmen for our mutual benefit. The Montana House has been a long time avid supporter of Glacier Park and celebrated its own 50th anniversary on June 26, 2010.

The Glacier National Park Fund is the non-profit partner for Glacier National Park, whose mission is to preserve and protect the beauty and heritage of the Park for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. For further information, call 406-892-3250 or go to www.glacienationalparkfund.org.