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### **“Whitebark Pine – the Oldest Residents in the Park” at the Montana House October 27, 2012**

The Montana House and the Glacier National Park Fund are pleased to co-host a presentation by Rebecca Lawrence, Supervisor for Native Plant Restoration Program, in Glacier National Park. The event will be at 4 pm Saturday afternoon, October 27th at the Montana House in Apgar Village.

#### ***Why are Whitebark pine so important – why are they dying – what are we doing to try and save Glacier’s whitebark pine?***

Lawrence has worked in the restoration field in the west for 16 years. She has worked in Glacier Park for 8 seasons and headed up the whitebark pine restoration efforts for the last 5 years. She received her MS from University of Montana in 2001 in restoration ecology focusing on alpine and subalpine areas. Then she was a Fulbright Scholar from 2002 to 2003 in Austria studying alpine restoration techniques there.

The presentation at the Montana House will be at 4 p.m. with time for questions and answers 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 50th anniversary on June 26, 2010. The shop is open all year round.

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](http://www.glacienationalparkfund.org).