

# A NIGHT TO REMEMBER...

Celebrating 110 years of growth and beauty



Great Burn Conservation Alliance

Less than one month from now marks the 110th anniversary of the fire that ravaged our northwestern forests, stretching from Montana to eastern Washington, destroying 3 million acres, killing 87 people, and flattening entire towns.

## The Great Burn — from tragedy to treasure.

Its legacy lives on through informational-signs sprinkled about small mining burghs, occasional commemorations, hand-me-down stories, and of course, the pristine streams and immaculate forests that were born from its fiery rage.

Blog post for the Great Burn Conservation Alliance by: Sarah Griffin

To anyone who didn't know, The Great Burn would just be an exceptional recreation area, with huckleberries and prime fishing, big mammal varieties and crystal-blue alpine lakes galore.

But to walk silently through old-growth forests and abandoned visitor centers alike, reminds us that **the Great Burn is more.**

The Great Burn is a unique landscape that was born again from ruin, the phoenix of our region.

Still supporting all of the native plant, fish, and wildlife species but Grizzly, the Great Burn is a wildland treasure.

### **But it is a treasure without protection.**

Since 1971, the Great Burn Conservation Alliance has been fighting to maintain the ecological integrity of this unique natural phenomenon.

Human activity is taking its toll. **Time is marching on. And time is running out.**

As an effort to save The Great Burn, we have been advocating for its addition to the national wilderness preservation system, conducting on-the-ground conservation efforts, studies, and advocacy.

**But the Great Burn needs you.**

## **Come join us for the 110th-anniversary celebration of the Great Burn!**

On Saturday, Aug. 15th the GBCA will host a night of music and dancing, with a silent auction-bar and raffle prizes to top.

1234 Address Park  
Missoula, MT

Tickets are \$50 each or \$175 for four.

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