

# NEWS RELEASE

## “Forever Wild”: A Celebration of Wilderness

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Missoula, MT: Unique American folksinger and backcountry traveler Walkin' Jim Stoltz will bring his powerful multi-media show, “Forever Wild,” to Missoula’s Stensrud Building, 314 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, on Saturday, March 6, 2010. A social hour begins at 6 p.m.; the program starts at 7 p.m. The mix of stunning photography, stories, and music makes this one-of-a-kind concert an inspiring journey into our nation’s last wilderness areas.

Walkin' Jim, a veteran performer of more than 30 years, gets his name from the nearly 27,000 miles he has walked through the wild country of North America. Carrying a guitar and writing his songs along the way, his lyrics express a great love and respect for the Earth and the wild places he knows so well. Known for his powerful baritone and emotion-packed vocals, Stoltz’s “Forever Wild” show is much more than a concert. It combines live music and poetry with stunning, multi-image slides to create a stirring celebration of the natural world. In this year’s show, he will share images and songs from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, his Yellowstone to Yukon walk, the Utah canyon country, the Northern Rockies, and wild places all across America.

Walkin' Jim has toured extensively throughout the U.S. for the past 23 years. In 2006 he organized a 45-state outreach tour with other musicians and authors, and worked with hundreds of community organizations to gain support for clean water, roadless lands, and wildlife. Jim has been presented with the Environmental Protection Agency's *Outstanding Achievement Award* for his advocacy of nature and wilderness across America. Stoltz will have copies of his recent book, “Walking With the Wild Wind” to sign at the event. His songs from nine different CDs get regular airplay on National Public Radio and will also be available. Visit his website at [www.walkinjim.com](http://www.walkinjim.com)

The concert is free and open to the public. This event is a benefit for the [Last Best Place Wildlands Campaign](#) (LBPWC), with beer sales going to support the cause and donations gratefully accepted. The LBPWC is a coalition of conservation organizations and citizens dedicated to wildlands protection, forest restoration, and the sound long-term management of America’s public lands legacy. Come celebrate the wild spirit of our public lands, and learn why Senator Tester’s Forest Jobs and Recreation Act fails to protect them.

*"Jim Stoltz is a music man of exuberance and passion, with more to say in one song than Frank Sinatra ever managed in a whole bloody concert."* -- Edward Abbey

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## **Public Service Announcement**

(Radio - Approx. 30 seconds)

*When:* On Saturday, 3/6/2010—Social Hour at 6 p.m., Program at 7 p.m.

*Where:* Missoula's Stensrud Building, 314 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street

*Who:* The Last Best Place Wildlands Campaign will present

*What:* FOREVER WILD, an award-winning, multi-media celebration of nature featuring folksinger/photographer Walkin' Jim Stoltz, combining his inspiring photographs with his original folk-style songs from 27,000 miles of walking through America's last wild places. This performance is more than a concert. The stunning photography, stories, and songs make it a moving visit into our nation's remaining natural areas.

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