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Friends of East Rosebud

As the first sun touches down on East Rosebud Lake, runners are cueing up at the sign-in table to participate in the first "Run for Wild & Scenic," organized by Friends of East Rosebud, a local non-profit organization. By 9 o'clock about 100 participants between 9 and 90 years young are waiting for the start signal. There is something for everyone; a 10K run, a 5K run, and a casual 2 mile walk.

The races are taking place in the same area that had been proposed for a small-scale hydro power plant four years ago. In response to this proposal, local residents, ranchers, and businesses came together to protect East Rosebud Creek from industrial development. They formed Friends of East Rosebud and started to talk to governmental agencies and politicians about better uses for East Rosebud Creek, a place that is enjoyed by hikers, climbers, fisherman, wild life watchers, kayakers, and horseback riders alike, and contributes millions of dollars to the local economy every year.

After 20 - 30 minutes, the first professional 5K runners cross the finish line, the more relaxed runners follow in a wide field. The fastest 10K runners take 38 - 45 minutes. After an hour and a half, everybody, runners and casual walkers, are back. Some take a quick swim in the lake to cool off, some just enjoy the views and talk

about the latest news from the area.

Senator John Walsh introduced Senate Bill 2392, the "East Rosebud Wild & Scenic Act," in June. Senator Jon Tester co-sponsors this bill that would save the free flowing waters of the East Rosebud for all time. The bill just had its first and successful hearing in the US Senate one week ago. It would not affect any private land rights, and would continue to allow all current recreational and agricultural uses.

Everybody finally gathers up as Mary Ellen Mangus and her daughter, Marcy Dye, announce the winners and give out prizes sponsored by Mountain Hardware, Sylvan Peak, Crazy Creek Products, Absaroka River Adventures, the Grizzly Bar, Beartooth Market, and Whitewater Adventure.

Many are hoping for a second annual run next year. And hopefully it will be to celebrate the successful Wild & Scenic Designation of the area. East Rosebud is place of solitude, a place that brings together families and friends like on this sunny Sunday morning. It should always be that way.

Friends of East Rosebud are supported by 1750 local residents and visitors from 43 States. Learn more and sign our petition if you like at www.SaveEastRosebud.org.