

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TRUST Program *Targeted Rural Underserved Track* Libby, MT Summer 2009

Please welcome
Hans Hurt

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Hans on
the rim of
the black
canyon of
the Gunni-
son in
Colorado

Greetings Libby, Montana!

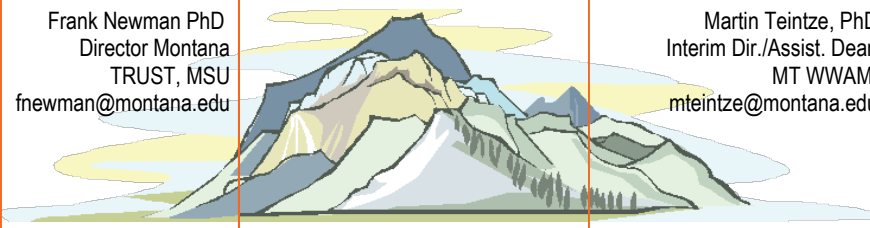
My name is Hans Hurt and I will be coming to Libby for two weeks starting July 27th as a MT WWAMI TRUST student. I grew up in northern Wisconsin on the shores of Lake Superior in the town of Port Wing, population 420: 1hr 15 minutes to the nearest movie theater, stop light, and hospital. Growing up in this remote rural area surrounded by vast forests developed in me a passion for the outdoors, which has only deepened with each new locale and adventure. In the winter months I enjoy the shortened daylight hours and frigid temperatures outside on the ski slopes. As the days get longer and the snow melts I change my equipment to bikes, climbing gear, fishing rods and backpacks. Road & mountain biking are favorites, and I have been climbing since I was 15 years old. I love the physical and mental challenge of each new route I try. Other interests that have stayed with me as I have grown are photography, a love passed down from my father, and music. I started on sax in 5th grade and now play a variety of instruments and have been involved in a number of jazz bands and orchestras.

After high school graduation in 1999, I moved to Bozeman to attend MSU. Montana's skiing, climbing, mountain biking, and fishing were the enticements. After attending school for a year I had the opportunity to live and work in Germany, which I did, delaying my college career for two semesters (which ended up turning into four years) to live in Europe and travel around Asia. During those four years I realized how privileged I was and I developed a social conscience to help those in need. I returned to MSU in order to obtain a degree that would allow me to use my abilities to help the underserved both at home and abroad. From 2004 to 2007 I worked my way through MSU teaching skiing and doing construction as I completed the classes for a German and a Spanish degree as well as a Chemistry minor and a few more classes to fulfill the premed requirements. Since graduating in 2007, I have spent time volunteering at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Emergency Department; shadowing doctors in the public hospitals of Monterrey and Zacatecas, Mexico; private hospitals in Denver; and Indian Health Services hospitals in Crown Point, New Mexico. I am excited to be a part of the TRUST program and hope to incorporate parts of the GLOBAL track as well. I look forward to starting my WWAMI experience this summer as I do my shadowing in Libby, MT. I'm sure it's going to be a great fit! I begin med school classes in the fall in Bozeman.

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