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Forest Products Week is designed to honor our forest products industry. This year it runs from October 17-24.

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GOOD NEWS ITEM

1. The Transboundary Trail – a new trail in Polebridge
   There’s a new trail project in Polebridge that you’ll want to check out next time you pull up to the Polebridge Mercantile (the "Merc") for a "Huckleberry Bearclaw" and cup of coffee. The trail celebrates the natural history and citizen effort to permanently protect the North Fork Flathead watershed from inappropriate industrial development. Learn more in this video
AROUND EVST

1. Effective Participation in Public Policy Process - EVST Environmental Leadership Series
   US environmental policy is often created through a process that includes designated opportunities for participation of the public or stakeholders. While collaborative processes are growing in number, there is still a need for effective participation in classic rulemaking and National Environmental Policy Act public comment opportunities. This series of workshops will provide the legal background and techniques for effective participation. Please come! Independent study credit can be arranged - contact Len Broberg
   Held in JRH 204 1:10-2pm on the following Wednesdays:
   - November 5 - When is participation open and why is participation necessary
   - November 12 - Effective commenting techniques
   - November 19 - Review of potential comment efforts

FEATURED EVENTS (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)

1. Campus Sustainability Day – Oct. 22
   Join this nationwide sustainability event happening at colleges and universities across the country. Campus Sustainability Day will start with a sustainability biking tour of campus, where participants will learn about the various sustainability initiatives happening at the University of Montana. The day will end with a Sustainability Fair that will include student group tables and an interactive display to educate the campus community about the Climate Action Plan.

   The Sustainability Bike Tour will depart from the Griz Statue at 12:20 and return at 1:30. The Sustainability Fair will occur from 12:20 to 2:30 at the UM Oval.

2. UM FLAT Fall Harvest Festival – Oct. 26
   Join us to reap the benefits of our summer survival and celebrate the changing seasons. We’ll be partaking in some traditional fall activities including carving pumpkins from the PEAS farm and pressing cider all afternoon. A few more highlights:
   - The Black Bear Soup Company will be providing warm bowls of soup along with crusty french bread. Local farming friends Ellie Costello and Dave Wise are starting a new soup company and will be showcasing some bold new flavors.
   - Great Local Music
   - Who-Can-Make-the-Best-Darn-Pie Contest (Bake a pie in the spirit fall flavors and you’ll win a cards from The Book Exchange, Buttercup, and other local businesses)

   When: Sunday, October 26th, 3pm-7pm
   Where: UM FLAT 633 S. 5th Street, Missoula, MT 59801
   Who: Open to the public
**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **Montana State Water Plan meeting, comment period open – Oct. 20**
   The 2015 State Water Plan synthesizes the vision and efforts of regional Basin Advisory Councils (BACs) established in Montana's four main river basins. DNRC has pulled together the work from a collaborative planning process into a comprehensive plan that addresses water management issues on a statewide basis. See the plan and how to submit your comments [here](#). Comment period is open until October 26.

   *Note – EVST professor Vicki Watson serves on the Clark Fork Task Force which worked on the Clark Fork part of the plan. The Task Force is meeting on Oct 20 to finalize their comments on the plan (which looks a bit different from what they sent to DNRC – so the Task Force has both compliments and suggestions for improvements). The meeting is open to the public. That meeting is from 10 am to 3pm at the USFS Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC), 5785 Hwy 10 W, west of the Missoula airport. Phone: 406-329-3900.*

2. **Participate in Missoula urban design planning – Oct. 21-23**
   The City of Missoula received a grant to study building and land use design standards along the Russell Street corridor between Broadway and S. 3rd Street. The project will evaluate innovative ways to promote redevelopment along the corridor while simultaneously building a more pedestrian friendly urban landscape. The consultant for this project is Progressive Urban Management Associates (PUMA) will meet with the public at the following times to get input:
   - **Wednesday October 22** from 6:30 - 8:00: An Interactive Public Meeting in The Source’s Lighthouse Bistro area (225 South Russell Street); Information exchange between audience and consultant.
   - **Thursday October 23** from 12:30 - 1:30: PUMA will recap the previous day and accept additional comments and information in the Reidy Conference Room at 140 West Pine Street.
   - **Thursday October 23**, from 5:30 - 7:00: A public open house held in The Source's class studio (225 South Russell Street) for consultant to summarize information they received past two days and present their initial impressions and recommendations for comment by the audience.

   Questions can be directed to: [cbehan@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:cbehan@ci.missoula.mt.us) or [tzavitz@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:tzavitz@ci.missoula.mt.us).

3. **Help MT Conservation Corps with Mount Sentinel Trail Rehabilitation – Oct. 25**

   **When:** Saturday, October 25, from 9am to 2pm
   **Where:** Meet at the M Trail head at 9am.

4. **Campus Conservation on implementing UM’s Climate Action Plan – Oct. 30**
   Eva Rocke of the UM Sustainability Office is organizing a “Campus Conversation” to discuss the implementation of portions of our Climate Action Plan (CAP), specifically carbon offsets and renewable energy credits. UM has made substantial progress reducing our institutional emissions through conservation, and we are actively exploring other opportunities to address the portions of our footprint not addressed with energy efficiency projects. The event will have a mix of students, staff, and faculty and will take place **Thursday, October 30 @ 5:30pm-8pm**.

   *To keep it manageable, the event is limited to 20-25 staff, 30 students, and 20-25 faculty.*
members from various departments and sectors of campus. If you are interested in attending, please contact Eva Rocke ASAP to see if there is more room: (eva.rocke@umontana.edu)

5. **Help create Missoula's largest public art installation (Missoula Mandela project) – Nov. 2**
   Now in its 6th year, the Missoula Mandela project has always depended entirely on community participation and has grown every year because of community enthusiasm for public art. The entire project, made of colored sawdust, is swept away the next day. [Non-toxic] sawdust dyeing will take place at the Bad Goat mill, under the Scott Street Bridge on the North Side, in the Zip Beverage complex. Several EVST alums are involved in this project, which is made November 2nd at Caras Park. [Learn more](#)

6. **Harvest Montana Grain Conference needs moderators – Nov. 20-21**
   EVST alum Laura Ginsburg needs folks to help moderate conference sessions, which are 75 minutes long. In exchange for doing two sessions (you can pick), she will pay for a shared room for you for Thursday and Friday nights (so bring a friend to help moderate too!), Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch, the remainder of the conference, and brew fest entry. All you have to do is get yourself there by Thursday at 12 for a pre-conference moderator meeting. Four more people are needed to get all the sessions covered. Contact Laura Ginsburg to sign up: laura.ginsburg@lakecountycdc.org; 406-676-5901 x124
   [Click here for more information about the conference](#)

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **Organized Labor's Response to the Climate Crisis Conference Call – Oct. 21**
   This call will address: What should labor's role be in the climate and environmental movements after the People's Climate March, and what is the labor movement's role in achieving a just transition to a society that is both environmentally sustainable and peace-promoting?
   [Registration required](#)
   **When:** Tuesday, October 21, from 6 to 7:30pm, Mountain time

2. **Saving the Planet and Saving your Soul, lunch series – Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Dec. 4**
   Emmaus Lunch Series: Emmaus Campus Ministry Welcomes faculty, staff, clergy, students, church folks and friends at noon at Emmaus House (532 University Ave.) with lunch provided. For more info, contact, [Rev. John Lund](#), Emmaus Campus Ministry, 406-396-4974.
   - Oct 22: Jay Mennenga, author of the newly released book called A Tale of Two Urgencies: Saving The Planet and Saving Your Soul. Jay is from Paradise Valley and is being promoted by the Sierra Club.
   - Nov 12: Gary W. Hawk, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Davidson Honors College: "Scratching the Eschatological Itch: Current Attempts to Imagine Apocalypse and a Faithful Response."
   - Dec 4: Albert Borgmann, Regents Professor of Philosophy: Recovering Sacred Reality With the Guidance of Romano Guardini
3. **Why should Universities lead on climate change? – Oct. 24**
   Come hear wise and witty sustainability leader Auden Schendler, author of *Getting Green Done: Hard Truths from the Front Lines of the Sustainability Revolution*, share his thoughts and lead a seminar discussion. Banter ideas about with a man who has been in the green trenches for decades. Curious? Check out [Auden's blog at Grist](http://grist.org).
   **When:** Friday, October 24, from 12:10 – 1:30 pm
   **Where:** The University of Montana University Center, Room 326

4. **Fulbright opportunities for graduate students – Oct. 24**
   Andy Riess, Outreach Director for the Fulbright Scholar Program, will be meeting with small groups of graduate students to discuss international study/research fellowships. Please contact [Amy Kinch](mailto:amkinch@mso.umt.edu) to participate.

5. **Professional grant workshop at UM – Oct. 27-28**
   Learn from Professional Grant Writers how to prepare, write and secure grants from various funding agencies. We will be finalizing the attendee list soon, if interested please visit our [website](http://www.umt.edu/graduate/) or contact us at 1.877.414.8991 to register/reserve seating.

6. **Film on women taking control of how the media represents them – Oct. 28**
   UM Students for Peace and Justice will show the documentary *Miss Representation*, which shows how the media has presented demeaning images of women, making it harder for women to be taken seriously and achieve positions of respect and power. The documentary also shows women telling their own stories and producing their own media and why it is critical that they do so. [Project website](http://www.missrepresentation.org/); [Trailer](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoRj9F2aBQY)
   **When:** Tuesday, October 28, from 7-9pm
   **Where:** UC 330

7. **Submit abstracts to present at floodplain conference (in March) – by Oct. 31**
   You are invited to give a presentation at the annual Association of Montana Floodplain Managers (AMFM) Conference which will be March 16 - 19, 2015, in Helena, Montana. This year’s conference theme is “**Living in the Floodplain; if the flood doesn’t get you the insurance will**”. The topics can include any aspect of floodplain protection, value of floodplains, case studies of development or protection. Please submit: (1.) your abstract of 300 words or less, (2.) presenter contact information, and (3.) the approximate time needed for your presentation, to AMFM at mtfloods@mtfloods.org

8. **Call for Proposals: Living Future 2015 Dispatch – submit by Nov. 3**
   Our Call for Proposals is now open for our Living Future 2015 unConference taking place from April 1-3 in Seattle (spring break for UM students!). We've integrated this year’s theme of Place + Community into seven overarching session topics. If you've got a brilliant idea for a session, don't delay. [Topics and details here](http://livingfuture.org/2015/)

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**INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Move to Amend Internship Program – apply by Oct. 31**
   If you are a bright, energetic person seeking a vibrant democracy, experience working for a grassroots organization in a collaborative environment, and you are fed-up with corporate rule, corporate personhood and campaign money as protected political speech, consider becoming a Move to Amend intern. Interns participate as full members in our Communications, Field Organizing, Law & Research, and Development Teams. Interns can telecommute from home, and are provided with compensation so they don't have out of pocket expenses in order to participate. [Click here for details and to apply!](#)

2. **Spring internships at the UM FLAT**
   The UM FLAT (Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology) is an educational residence for UM students to demonstrate sustainable living practices. We provide opportunities to experiment, gather information by learning from each other, connect the university and greater Missoula communities, and evaluate daily choices in a mindful way. Our projects are driven by UM students. We are seeking several interns for the spring semester to work with residents on interdisciplinary projects. These projects in the past have included creating passive solar curtains, designing and planting a native plant garden, constructing a greenhouse, writing grants for pellet stoves, networking/advertising with student groups etc. The interns will work with residents to pick a stimulating, appropriate project to be worked on either individually or collectively. Email [umflat@gmail.com](mailto:umflat@gmail.com) with questions and instructions on how to apply.

**JOBS** (mainly local or summer jobs; for full time jobs around the US, subscribe to the envirojobs list serv by emailing vicki.watson@umontana.edu)

1. **Teach for America – apply by Oct. 24**
   As you may know, **Teach For America** is growing the force of leaders who are committed to ensuring that all kids have access to a great education – one that expands their opportunities and gives them more choices in life. We seek to recruit and develop our nation’s top college graduates to serve as teachers in high-needs classrooms for at least two years. Additionally, we offer our corps members a variety of benefits (salary, loan deferral, graduate/employer partnerships, and teacher certification/masters in teaching) so that they can continue to fight for educational justice throughout their career -- within the classroom or from various public/private sectors. If interested, reach out to [austin.warren@teachforamerica.org](mailto:austin.warren@teachforamerica.org) with any questions or for one on one guidance.

2. **Wetlands regulatory program specialist with Army Corps Engineers in Missoula**
   **Duties:** Utilize a professional knowledge of natural, physical, and social sciences theories, practices and methodologies, as they relate to the natural and human environment. Serve as a regulatory specialist with technical expertise to evaluate Department of the Army (DA) permit application, compliance, and/or enforcement cases for activities in waters of the United States and/or navigable waters of the United States within the regulatory authority of the Clean Water Act. [Click here for the full job description](#)

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FUNDING SOURCES

   The U.S. Small Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Details here

2. Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant Program – submit by Dec. 10
   Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) seek to promote sustainable communities through Environmental Solutions for Communities by supporting highly-visible projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. Details here

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HOUSING

1. Three rooms available in EVST-friendly house near campus
   A basement room for $380, available Nov. 10, that shares a bathroom and kitchen with the occupant of one other basement room (the other room will be vacant in December). A main floor room for $420, available Nov 1, which shares a bathroom with one other main floor room, and a kitchen with three others. And an attic room, $475, available Nov 15, with private bathroom that shares a kitchen with three others. All rents quoted include utilities (heat, electricity, water, wifi, trash, recycling, etc). There is a washer/dryer, several garden spaces, many fruit trees, a bike shed, and other amenities. Please contact Ari LeVaux (EVST alum) at lavo@montana.com.

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RESOURCES

1. Resources on being prepared for climate change
   - Webinar - Climate Resilience: What to Expect, How to Prepare and What to Learn from Others  Oct 29th
   - EPA Releases "Being Prepared for Climate Change: Developing Risk-Based Adaptation Plans" - resource for watershed managers.

2. Check out the Missoula Off-Campus recycling guide
   Compiled for the ASUM Renter Center by EVST student Kara Colovich: Recycling guide. You can also access it by going to umt.edu/rentercenter

3. UM Campus Sustainability Map
   The UM recycling map is on the campus map under the filter of Sustainability: click here
   To turn on the Sustainability theme, click on the icon that looks like a stack of papers in the upper right hand corner; then click on ‘Sustainability’ in the list of themes that appears. In addition to the recycling stations, this map shows UM’s energy monitored buildings, LEED platinum buildings, buildings with geothermal cooling, bike parking, and other green thingies (like the UM FLAT).
4. **The Great Bear Foundation’s free yard sale – through the end of November**

   The Great Bear Foundation is moving out of our 802 E Front Street office, next to the Press Box, after 20 plus years. Now through the end of November, we'll be putting stuff out on the lawn, free for the taking. Come by and check out our treasures—wildlife journals, tons of books, numerous coffee makers, chicken wire, stilts, hula hoops, fishing gear, art supplies, office supplies/equipment, plaster wildlife tracks, cool posters, and fascinating relics of times past. C'mon by and check out our wares. Everything is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS**

1. **Possible Earthquake drill – Oct. 22**
   
   There may be an earthquake drill on the UM campus sometime around Oct 22. More info about such drills at [http://www.shakeout.org/montana/](http://www.shakeout.org/montana/). If we get definite word on this – will let you know.

2. **UM Environmental Law Group Annual Auction, benefits WEN this year – Oct. 24**
   
   The Environmental Law Group of UM have chosen Watershed Education Network (WEN) as the beneficiary to their annual fundraiser this October! **Bulls, Brews, and Blues Silent Auction!!**
   
   **When:** Friday, October 24, at 6:00pm
   
   **Where:** Missoula Children's Theatre

3. **Home Resource Benefit – Oct. 24**
   
   Home Resource is a building materials reuse store started years ago by some EVST students to reduce waste and make housing more affordable. Now it’s a thriving non-profit business. Get your tickets for the Home ReSource Benefit Auction, where we'll celebrate creating a culture of reuse and building a vibrant local economy. Throughout the evening, you'll enjoy dinner, drinks and inspiring company; silent & live auction of substantially-crafted art, furniture, local services; Featured Speaker: Auden Schendler, author of **Getting Green Done**.
   
   **Purchase your Benefit Auction tickets today** $45 per person or $400 for a table of 10.
   
   **When:** Friday, October 24, from 5 to 9pm
   
   **Where:** DoubleTree Edgewater, 100 Madison

4. **Submit your film project to Missoula’s International Wildlife Film Festival – by Jan. 9**

   The International Wildlife Film Festival is now accepting submissions for the 2015 festival, happening in Missoula, Montana April 18-25. Our expanded programming welcomes **all films** about the natural world, from environmental and conservation films, to issue driven explorations of earth and its inhabitants.

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