This will be the last official Newsline this year. We’ve included all pertinent events throughout winter break that we’ve heard of. As always, if we hear of more, we’ll send out an extra.

Next semester we’ll have a wonderful new editor, so stay tuned. Newsline will be sent from a different email address. You can continue to send Newsline items to evst@mso.umt.edu. It’s been a pleasure sending you Newsline updates these past few years!

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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**

1. The Divestment movement gains momentum in 2014
   Here’s a look at some of the biggest ways the divestment movement made its mark in 2014:
   - Doubled in Size and Expanded Overseas: Compared to divestment campaigns involving tobacco and South Africa’s apartheid system, which took many years to take hold, the movement targeting fossil fuels has been riding a rocket.
   - Won Some, Lost Some: The most celebrated win for proponents during 2014 was the divestment announcement from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, which drew widespread media coverage because the fund’s riches grew out of Standard Oil profits.
   - Provoked Industry Reaction: Coal companies, ExxonMobil, Shell and others have begun to fight back. In its most public response to the divestment campaigns, Exxon spokesman Ken Cohen derided the student-led effort as being "out of step with reality."

[Read the rest of the article from Inside Climate News here.](#)
AROUND EVST

1. Rosalyn learns about spatial analysis through a Faculty Professional Enhancement Award
   Rosalyn received a Faculty Professional Enhancement award to travel to Portland, Oregon to
   both meet with folks at the internationally recognized nonprofit Ecotrust (www.ecotrust.org)
   and to take time to learn about the important role spacial analysis tools, such as GIS and
   mapping, have in visualizing complex environmental and cultural information. The FPE award is
   funded through the Faculty Development Office, which coordinates and develops opportunities
   for faculty to grow professionally and personally. The Office provides resources to foster
   teaching, research/creative activity, and service.

2. Don’t forget: Bertha Morton Fellowships and Scholarships – apply by Feb. 6
   The Graduate School is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2015-2016 Bertha
   Morton Fellowships and Scholarships. Besides cash value, the awards honor the department as
   well as the students. Deadline for students to submit applications to their Depts. is Feb 6, 2015,
   midnight.  See attached announcement or contact kelly.speer@umontana.edu

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

1. Sing-a-long Caroling at the Buttercup Café – Dec. 23
   Drop in whenever you can & enjoy some comfort food for your soul & stomach.
   When: Tuesday, December 23, from 4-6pm
   Where: 1221 Helen Avenue, by UM campus

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. Workshop on Building Capacity for Community-Based Conservation (Feb 4-6) – register by Jan. 9
   This workshop (offered by Sustainable Northwest) will include presentations, trainings, and
   discussion on: Communications strategies, methods, tools and tactics; Strategic and business
   planning tools and best practices; Fundraising strategies and methods. Each session will be led
   by an expert trainer in the field and everyone can expect to come away with useful tools and
   strategies to apply at your own organizations. Talented trainers like Resource Media will be part
   of that team. There will also be ample time for networking! Financial aid is available.
   More info here. Workshops held in Dillon, MT

2. Learn about bee-keeping – Jan. 14
   Have you ever wanted to keep your own bees? Don Linton of the Big Sky Beekeepers will
   provide an introduction to this rewarding and delicious activity. Topics will include bee behavior,
   hive design, and the materials you need to begin. Come with questions or familiarize yourself
   with a completely new hobby.
   When: Wednesday, January 14, at 7:00 pm
   Where: Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory St.
   Cost: $4 suggested donation, MNHC members free
3. **Global Sustainability Conference in Portland – abstracts due Jan. 21**  
The Twelfth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability will be held at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, USA from 21-23 January 2016. (is that enough lead time for you?), but abstracts are due Jan 21, 2015. For more information on submitting your proposal, future deadlines, and registering for the conference, see the conference [website](#).

4. **Getting Watershed Info to Legislators (in Helena) – Jan. 28**  
Watershed Wednesday is an event that MT Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC) hosts during legislative years for watershed groups to come to Helena and table during the legislature. Share the great work you do with our representatives. This year’s WW will be an afternoon session and MWCC will provide coffee and treats for legislators and staff. This event is also coordinated with MWCC’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, January 29, so that you can travel once for two great events. Travel stipends available for folks working with watershed groups. Visit [Updates](#) page for more information.  
**When:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015; Tabling from 2:00 – 4:00 pm/ set up between 1:15-1:45  
**Where:** Capitol Rotunda, Helena

5. **MT Watershed Coordination Council annual meeting in Helena – Jan. 29**  
MWCC will host its annual meeting at the Montana Wild Center (2668 Broadwater) in Helena, on Thursday, January 29 from 9-4. This year’s focus is the 2015 Legislative Session and includes: panels on natural resource issues; how to navigate the legislative session using LAWS bill tracking system; agency updates on proposed legislation. Free & open to the public. For more info contact: [info@mtwatersheds.org](mailto:info@mtwatersheds.org) or 406-475-1420. Information also available at:  
- [www.mtwatersheds.org](http://www.mtwatersheds.org)  
- [http://www.conservemontana.org/content/montana-watershed-coordination-council/cnm9802217f0c0803696](http://www.conservemontana.org/content/montana-watershed-coordination-council/cnm9802217f0c0803696)

6. **TEDx coming back to UM – Feb. 20**  
Remember when Neva Hassanein & Josh Slotnick filled folks with hope and great ideas the last time TEDx came to UM? Well, TEDx is coming back and tapping more Missoulians to talk about creative ways to communicate. Speakers include Amy Martin activist singer/songwriter, Turning the Wheel's Lizzi Juda and Lulu Steinberg, Missoula Mayor John Engen, Salish and Pend d'Oreille language school Executive Director April Charlo, climate change communicator SusanJoy Hassol, journalist Clay Scott and Raptors of the Rockies Director Kate Davis. And that's not all! Click here to see all the speakers, and watch a short video about the conference. [Order your tickets here](#) – The event is expected to sell out. The event is Friday, February 20 at the Dennison Theater on the UM campus.

For those who aren't familiar with [TED](https://www.ted.com), it's an organization that hosts conferences around the world and publishes the talks of presenters in video form online. TEDx is TED's younger, scrappier cousin – with a similar format except conferences are shorter and ticket prices lower. In both cases, though, the tagline is "ideas worth spreading," and the emphasis is on short, dynamic talks that teach and inspire. Once you start watching TED talks (or listening to NPR’s spin-off program, the TED Radio Hour), you can get addicted. Each talk is like a high-protein power shake for your mind which tastes good too.
7. **Present your work at UM’s Graduate Student Research Symposium – abstracts due in Feb**

UM has an annual Graduate Student Research Conference which will be April 18, 2015. Grad students give oral or poster papers on their research. There is info online about last year’s conference, but nothing about this year’s conference yet.

The deadline for abstracts for UM’s undergrad conference (which will be held on April 17) is Feb 20, so the deadline for abstracts for the Grad conference will likely be similar. The emphasis is on original research, but papers that analyzed ‘mined data’, use modeling, etc. are also accepted.

And you can present research that you did before you came to UM. There are cash prizes for the best papers. So be thinking about this over break, and keep your eyes open for the notice about abstracts in the spring.

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**INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Missoula Urban Demonstration Project (MUD) Marketing/IT Internship – apply by Jan. 30**

   Founded in 1981 by EVST students, MUD exists to create a model of urban sustainable living through demonstration, education, and celebration in the Missoula community. Responsibilities include: Assist staff with new database system for the MUD Tool Library; Assist MUD Director in developing online content for social media and website; Contribute to planning and execution of MUD public events and promotion of MUDs programs in the community. [Click here for details.](#)

2. **Beck Creek Gardens Manager with Northwest Connections – apply by Feb. 9**

   The Garden Manager will be responsible for garden care and managing a small CSA with support from Northwest Connections staff. You will assist *Wildlife in the West* and *Landscape & Livelihood* students with garden chores and aid with garden work days. You will work with NRCS to install a conservation irrigation system. Beck Creek Garden is located in the Swan Valley. [Click here for more info.](#)

3. **Resident Education Assistant with Northwest Connections – apply by Feb. 9**

   Resident Education Assistants work closely with Northwest Connections Instructors to provide an outstanding educational experience for undergraduates in our Wildlife in the West program. This position is full-time from May 12th through July 3rd and offers a $750 living stipend as well as room and board in the Swan Valley. [Click here for details](#)

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**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. **Americorps Member for Lone Pine State Park – apply by Dec. 29**

   This is a 1700 hour full-time position. Term: January 12, 2015 – November 13, 2015
   
   Schedule: Serve a minimum of 1,715 hours over 44 weeks, averaging 41 hours/week with 80 hours of holiday/sick time. [Click here for details](#), scroll down and click the link for 1700 hour, full-time positions.
2. **Community Gardens Volunteer Coordinator with Garden City Harvest – apply by Jan. 5**
This job balances working with a diversity of gardeners, volunteer garden leaders, community volunteers, and staff members. It will include some garden maintenance, project management and evaluation, community building, communications, and education. Benefits (health, dental, holidays) included in this seasonal position. [Full job description, application information and details here!](#)

3. **Teaching job in Sustainable Food Systems (only a master’s required) – apply by Jan. 11**
Sterling College and the Rian Fried Center for Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems invite applications for a full-time faculty position in the Sustainable Food Systems major beginning in July 2015. Candidates are expected to have a deep commitment to undergraduate teaching and education. Teaching assignments will include at least three of the following core classes in the Sustainable Food Systems major – Sustainable Food Systems; Food Policy; Economics of Food Systems; Landscape, Food and Culture; Security, Sovereignty and Justice in World Food Systems; Introduction to Value-Added Food Production; and/or other courses consistent with the applicant’s expertise and the need of the program. More info [here](#)

4. **Montana Watershed Coordination Council seeks Executive Director – apply by Jan. 12**
MWCC seeks a motivated and dynamic individual to lead our growing statewide organization. Applicants should be familiar with watersheds and natural resource issues in Montana, and must demonstrate success in accomplishing day-to-day duties as well as capitalizing on big-picture opportunities. This is a full-time position based in Helena, Montana. Applications will be accepted through January 12, 2015. See our [Updates page](#) for a full position description.

5. **MNHC seeks Development & Marketing Director – resume review begins Jan. 15**
MT Natural History Center is hiring a ¾ time or full time development and marketing director. Responsibilities include: Draft and implement short-term and long-term fundraising plans; Develop and initiate a comprehensive marketing plan. [Click here](#) for the full job description.

For students:

1. **Annie’s Sustainable Agriculture scholarships – apply by Jan. 5**
   Annie’s scholarship program assists undergraduate and graduate students pursuing studies in sustainable and organic agriculture. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

2. **Graduate student award to travel to Washington DC – apply by Jan. 14**
   If you are a member of the Ecological Society of America (or perhaps this causes you to decide to join), you can apply for one of ESA’s Graduate Student Policy Awards (GSPA), -- all-expense paid trips to participate in a hands-on science policy experience. Awardees travel to Washington, D.C. for a two-day event May 13-14 to meet with policymakers and learn about the federal budget process. Application deadline is **Wednesday, Jan. 14.** More information on how to apply is available [here](#).
3. Newberry Library Fellowships for students of American Indian heritage – apply by Jan. 15
   More information available at: http://www.newberry.org/fellowships
   - The Frances C. Allen Fellowship: This fellowship is designed for women of American Indian heritage who are graduate students in any humanities for pre-professional background. The goal of this fellowship is to encourage American Indian women in their studies of any field related to the Newberry’s collection.
   - The Susan Kelly Power and Helen Hornbeck Tanner Fellowship: This fellowship is open to PhD candidates and postdoctoral scholars of American Indian heritage. The award supports residential research in any field in the humanities related to the Newberry’s collection.

4. Fellowships for studies in Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem – apply by Feb. 13
   The Grand Teton Association offers the Boyd Evison graduate fellowship of up to $10,000 for graduate studies focused on documenting aspects of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, including water, wildlife, geology, soundscapes and social science. Graduate students are invited to submit proposals by Feb 13, 2015. Complete info & application materials here.
   Note – this web site may still have last year’s deadlines. But all the other info is the same.
   A copy of the latest call will be posted at EVST.

For non-profit or other organizations (good student-organization partnership opportunities):

5. Operation Americorps for Tribal Governments – due Jan. 14
   The FY15 Operation AmeriCorps competition has two funding priorities. The first priority focuses on specific post-secondary outcomes for students. Priority two applicants may propose transformational projects that address any of CNCS’s six focus areas: disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, or veterans and military families. Click here for details

6. Grants for conservation projects – some due Jan. 15
   A number of grant programs are available to conservation districts. NGO’s and individuals sometimes partner with conservation districts to obtain this funding to get a good project done. So check out the possibilities at Development, and Education Grants (CDs) – some are Due 1/15; but others are due throughout the year

7. FWP Community Pond grants – due Feb. 1
   Communities and other entities interested in constructing or improving a community pond have until Feb. 1 to apply for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Community Pond Program grant.

8. Noxious Weed Control in MT, ND and SD – apply by Feb. 11
   Click here for info

9. DNRC Aquatic Invasive Species Grants – due March 1
   The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is offering grants to local government entities for the prevention and control of aquatic invasive species. The goal of the grants is to protect the natural resources of Montana from severe and unacceptable damage from aquatic invasive species. More info here

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The U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the National Institutes for Water Resources, requests proposals for matching grants of up to $250,000 to support research on the topic of improving and enhancing the nation’s water supply. Awards are available only to Water Research Institutes or Centers. However, any investigator at an institution of higher learning in the United States is eligible to apply for an award through a Water Research Institute or Center. [More info here](#)

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**HOUSING**

1. **Share a 3 bedroom house**
   Looking for young, responsible professional/student to share our three bedroom home. Room for rent is large and well lit, with south-facing windows. It has a medium-sized closet, unshared full-sized bathroom and separate entrance, allowing substantial privacy and independence. Rental room is on the ground floor with adjoining den. Upstairs is occupied by couple in their early thirties, with very well-humored baby. Upstairs kitchen is shared by all. Washer/dryer included. House has garage space and large yard with garden beds and native plant garden. The house is located just west of downtown in a friendly neighborhood filled with other outgoing young folk. Also nearby is the Good Food Store and the Clark Fork River trail and we are within biking distance to University. Rent is $425/mo plus utilities. Internet, water, gas/electric are split three ways. Sewer, garbage paid by owner. Sorry, no pets allowed. Contact Cameron, cameron@wildrockies.org, 406.546.2952.

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**RESOURCES**

1. **Latest newsletter on the Clark Fork River cleanup now available online**
The December 2014 edition of DEQ’s [CFR River Review](#) is now available online. For more information on the CFR cleanup project, see the [website](#). You can sign up to receive this newsletter each time it comes out by emailing the [List Service](#).

2. **Five Valleys Land Trust’s winter newsletter available online**
You can [read it here](#)

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. **Free dinner and a movie about the Missoula Peace Sign – Jan. 5**
   Open Way invites you for dinner (provided) & a movie! Beyond the Divide (documentary on the Missoula peace sign. More about the film [here](#) will be shown at 6 pm. A $5 donation is suggested for the Jeanette Rankin Peace Center. Dinner will be provided, so just bring yourself. Feel free to tell your friends and family about this special film showing - space is limited though so please RSVP to Rhonda at r.callison33@yahoo.com. [Click here for event info](#)
   **When:** Sunday, January 4, at 5 pm  
   **Where:** Open Way Mindfulness Center, 702 Brooks St

2. **Environmental leaders who died in 2014 – carry on their work**
   - **Martin Litton** (1917-2014) was instrumental in preventing dams in the Grand Canyon and Dinosaur National Monument, in the establishment of Redwood National Park and Sequoia National Monument, and saw success on many other campaigns as well. His most recent environmental activities revolved around opposing logging in the Sequoia National Forest and the recently created Giant Sequoia National Monument, and campaigning to remove Glen Canyon Dam and drain Lake Powell. More info [here](#)
   - **Theo Colborn** (1927-2014) For nearly 30 years she dedicated herself to revealing the dangers of endocrine disrupting chemicals to wildlife and humans with books like *Our Stolen Future*. More recently she alerted us all to the threats posed by chemicals associated with oil and gas development. She wove the two together beautifully in her statement *The Fossil Fuel Connection*, which she worked on until the day she died. More info [here](#)
   - **Pete Seeger** (1919-2014) – beloved peace activist and folk singer, who also campaigned to clean up the Hudson River, and wrote many songs for disarmament, civil rights and the environment. [Learn more here](#)

3. **Video Contest on Population Issues**
   A Video Contest on population issues is being sponsored by Californians for Population Stabilization, there are big prizes, and not too many entries yet. For details and instructions see: [http://www.capsweb.org/crowdfifornia-video-contest](http://www.capsweb.org/crowdfifornia-video-contest)

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