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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**
1. Legislation to support Native American Languages Passes key Senate Committee. 
   “Preserving Native languages will keep students connected with their culture and heritage,” said Senator Jon Tester (D-Montana), Vice-Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. “This bill will limit overhead costs that often keep tribes and schools from establishing Native language immersion classes and will ensure the survival of these historic languages.” The bill seeks to limit overhead costs and reduce the resource demands on tribal and school administrators seeking language immersion funding. All of the approximately 148 remaining Native languages that are still spoken in the United States are at the risk of extinction within 50-100 years unless preservation actions are taken. 
   EVST Assistant Professor Rosalyn LaPier has been working on this issue.

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**AROUND EVST**
1. Congratulations to Emily Withnall for her publication in Ms. Magazine blog.
   Congratulations to Emily Withnall, EVST grad student and last year’s co-editor of *Camas* magazine, on publication of a short essay on MS magazine blog! Read “When You Don’t Know You’re in an Abusive Relationship” on the [Ms. Magazine blog](https://www.msmagazine.com/).

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**FEATURED EVENT (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)**
   This workshop will include technical sessions on wilderness management and stewardship, including an entire track dedicated to involvement of younger (sub-30) folks in the wilderness community. Topics in this track include pathways to leadership, generational values and communication strategies, and a Wilderness career fair. The four-day event will engage participants on subjects ranging from on-the-ground management to communications to capacity through skill-building, hands-on learning, best practices and case study analysis, small-group working sessions, and structured yet participatory discourse.
   For more information and a full schedule of events, please visit [The Wilderness Alliance event webpage](https://www.wildernessalliance.org/). Cost is $125 but is FREE to UM students with a valid GrizCard!

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
1. **Help Missoula update its thirty year transportation plan. November 4 and 5.**

   Missoula is updating its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Dubbed "Activate Missoula," the 2016 LRTP is a thirty year plan that sets the direction and strategies for our region’s transportation network. The plan encompasses all modes of transportation (walking, bicycling, transit, and driving, as well as discussions of freight, rail and air) and will identify future priorities for projects and funding. Public input is critical to the plan's success, and there are several ways to get involved next month:

   First, please visit the [Activate Missoula website](#) and sign up to receive updates on the 'Participate' page. With one click, you can also tour the 'virtual open house,' and submit comments on an interactive map.

   There will be more opportunities to participate in the process by providing input on goals, objectives, projects, funding and other priorities.

   **Upcoming Events include:**

   --Bicycle Facility Planning Workshop. Participants will take an in-depth view of the current bicycle network in Missoula and help envision its future. We will talk about regional bicycle travel as well as "neighborhood greenway" connections, and work on mapping priorities. Sign in starts at 5 p.m. Coffee and light snacks provided.

   **WHEN:** Wednesday, November 4, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
   **WHERE:** Missoula Public Library, 301 E. Main Street, lower level.

   --Activate Missoula Transportation Summit. At this event, participants will learn about the planning process for the LRTP update, project goals, and previous recommendations during a short presentation. There will be several activity stations for you to learn about transportation projects and for you to let us know about your priorities. Sign in starts at 5 p.m., with coffee and light snacks provided.

   **WHEN:** Thursday, November 5, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
   **WHERE:** Holiday Inn Downtown, 200 S. Pattee Street.

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**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **Rebuilding Modesty Creek, a long-lost tributary of the Clark Fork River. October 27.**

   Build it and They Will Come: Rebuilding Modesty Creek, Reconnecting Habitats is the title of this week’s walk-and-talk. [The Clark Fork Coalition’s](#) restoration director, Will McDowell, will discuss how Modesty Creek, a long-lost tributary of the Clark Fork River, was reconnected to the main-stem river for the first time in over six decades. This reunion of creek and river created prime habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife living and migrating along the Clark Fork River.

   For more information, [email Katie](#) or call (406) 542 – 0539 ext. 212. This event is free and open to all.

   **WHEN:** Tuesday, October 27, from Noon to 1 p.m.
   **WHERE:** Meet at the Clark Fork Coalition office, 140 S. 4th St. West.

2. **Missoula Air Quality talk includes EVST alum. October 27.**

   Ben Schmidt (EVST alum) and Sara Coefield of the Missoula Health Department will speak in class on their efforts to address air quality problems in Missoula. All are welcome.

   **WHEN:** Tuesday, October 27, from 3:40 to 5 p.m.
   **WHERE:** Social Science Building, Room 352, UM.
3. **Money in Politics. October 27.**
Montana is trying to find out who is buying our elections. Our legislators passed the Disclose Act, which requires that significant donors to political committees be reported to the Commissioner of Political Practices. Now the rules to implement the Disclose Act are being reviewed by a Montana legislature interim committee and may be postponed. What is happening with money in politics, both nationally and here in Montana?
Nancy Leifer, Missoula League of Women Voters, will present information from the nonpartisan League research and finding on the evolution of money in politics. Co-sponsored by Missoula Moves to Amend.
WHEN: Tuesday, October 27, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: Missoula Public Library.

4. **Earn credit living in your tent. Seriously. Information session October 28.**
The [Wild Rockies Field Institute](https://www.wrfi.org) (WRFI) is an off-campus study opportunity; WRFI offers academic field-based courses through the University of Montana. Our courses take place in the “Wild Rockies” of North America and combine rigorous academic inquiry with cultural immersion and extended backcountry expeditions. Students join us from colleges and universities across North America and from a wide variety of majors; we currently offer courses in Environmental Studies, Natural Resources & Science Management, Native American Studies, Geography, Science, and Philosophy. WRFI’s small group size and interdisciplinary curriculum offer students an exceptional opportunity to complement their coursework on campus with experiential education in the field. Scholarships available & Federal Financial Aid applies! Learn more on the [WRFI website](https://www.wrfi.org) and [WRFI blog](https://www.wrfi.org/blog). Please email Bethany Applegate, WRFI Outreach Manager, with any questions.
WHEN: Wednesday, October 28, from Noon to 1 p.m.
WHERE: DHC, Room 118.

5. **Montana Wetland Council meeting in Helena. October 29.**
The Montana Wetland Council agenda includes landscape level perspective on restoration planning, a pilot restorable aquatics database, the potential for restoring water storage and wetlands in the Upper Clark Fork River watershed using low-impact restoration techniques, policy considerations of passive restoration and shallow aquifer recharge, and a legislative interim study of assuming federal CWA Section 404 permitting program. We’ll also hear from wetland program leaders in Wisconsin and Oregon who will provide fuel for new frontiers in wetland conservation in Montana. View the [agenda online](https://www.wetlandclearinghouse.org) or visit the [Wetland Clearinghouse website](https://www.wetlandclearinghouse.org).

6. **Living with Polar Bears focus of Brown Bag Discussion. October 30.**
“Living with Polar Bears: Building Relationships and Collaborative Management in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge” is the title of this discussion.
WHEN: Friday, October 30, from noon - 1 p.m.
WHERE: UC, Room 207.

7. **Soil Health Workshop. November 2.**
Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana is partnering with NRCS this year to bring an exciting lineup of presenters to the annual Soil Health Workshop Series, including renowned speakers Gabe Brown and Neil Dennis. View the [agenda](https://www.sedumc.com) and [register online](https://www.sedumc.com).
WHEN and WHERE:
Missoula – Monday, November 2.
Bozeman – Tuesday, November 3.

8. **Webinar on UN Sustainable Development Goals. November 3.**
A panel of sustainability professionals will examine the UN’s new Sustainable Development Goals and how they align with sustainability initiatives at their universities. They will also discuss how to shape policies, institutions, capacity-building, youth empowerment, and community development to foster a more sustainable future. This event is sponsored by The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). For more information on this event and to register, visit the AASHE website.
WHEN: Tuesday, November 3, at 5 p.m. Mountain time.
WHERE: online.

9. **UM’s Diverse U. November 4 – 5.**
DiverseU provides a forum for honest dialogue in order to explore the complexities of human experience, promote understanding, and create community through the practice of civil discourse. This campus-wide series of events focuses on topics of diversity. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members discuss, present, perform, and exhibit art throughout the day. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the event.
For more information on the event, visit the event webpage, [DiverseU](http://example.com), email DiverseU, or call 243-5622.
WHEN: Wednesday and Thursday, November 4 & 5.
WHERE: various locations on campus.

10. **Mansfield Center offers Thailand Exchange. Apply by November 6.**
Twenty students and two educators from across Montana will be selected for an all-expenses-paid program to Thailand through the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM. Applications for this open competition are available now through the first week of November. The American Youth Leadership Program for Thailand, funded by the U.S. Department of State, offers a six-month study on food security issues, climate change, leadership development, and community service, culminating in a month-long exchange program to Thailand in July, 2016.
Read more in the UM News article. More information and the application may be found on the [Mansfield Center’s Thailand webpage](http://example.com), or by emailing Kelsey Stamm.
Student applications are due Friday, November 6.

11. **Graduate student writing workshop invites environmental historians to apply by January 10.**
The Graduate Student Caucus of the American Society for Environmental History (ASEH) invites graduate students in environmental history to apply for the third annual Graduate Student Writing Workshop, to be held at the ASEH annual meeting in Seattle, Washington, on March 30 - April 3, 2016 (specific time of Workshop TBA). The purpose of the Graduate Student Writing Workshop is to provide a forum for graduate students in environmental history to develop their writing and research skills. The workshop will emphasize all aspects of the writing process, from cultivating the first germ of a project, to chapter organization and revision, to shaping proposals and abstracts. Groups will be encouraged to discuss writing style, voice, and mechanics, as well as practice how to get and give good feedback. For more information, please visit the workshop webpage online, where you can also find application instructions.
Application deadline: January 10, 2016.
INTERNSHIPS

1. SER seeks student to help put together guidance document.
Bethanie Walder, EVST alum and the new Executive Director for the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER), is looking for a student to work with her to help put together a draft "guidance" document for SER to use to help determine appropriate and inappropriate corporate sponsorship proposals. The document could also include proposed language that the SER could use in sponsorship agreements clarifying that a corporate donation does not provide any "benefit" to the corporation in terms of influence over SER's science or policy positions. This is an excellent opportunity for an internship or independent study with an experienced leader of environmental nonprofit organizations. Interested students should email Bethanie at SER.

Ecology Project International (EPI) is hiring interns to help lead five to nine-day field ecology courses for middle school and high school students in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem for our winter and summer courses (February through August). Our programs introduce students to real-world scientific study, engage them in conservation service projects, and raise their cultural and ecological awareness.
Field interns, as a member of a three person field team, guide students in the preparation of all meals in the field, maintain EPI field equipment, transport students, lead students in leadership activities/games, and support field instructors in conducting all courses. As the internship progresses, interns will be called upon to provide relevant ecology and science lessons to students. Between the winter and summer program seasons interns will work in the office to help prepare gear and paperwork.
Read the full job description online. You must also apply online. Questions about this position and/or application can be made to Lisa Macki, Yellowstone Program Coordinator.

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)

Milltown State Park is at the confluence of the Blackfoot and Clark Fork Rivers near Missoula. This area was once a superfund site, but was cleaned up, a dam removed and now has been restored to some of its former glory.
MFWP has begun the search for a 2016 Milltown State Park AmeriCorps member. This position will be full-time, running from January to November, 2016. Lots of good work lies ahead for an AmeriCorps member! The position description is attached. Apply online, using the generic form for all FWP Americorps positions.
For more information, email Mike Kustudia, an EVST alum (& a fun guy to work for). He can also be reached at (406) 542-5533, or (406) 829-8697 (cell).

FUNDING SOURCES
1. **EPA’s P3 Sustainability Grants competition now open to student teams. Apply by December 8.**
   The EPA is now taking applications for EPA’s People, Prosperity, and the Planet (P3) Program for the 2016-17 school year. EPA offers annual research grants to U.S. colleges and universities to engage students in projects to solve our world’s most serious environmental challenges. Through EPA’s P3 Program, students work in teams to design sustainability solutions and compete for more funding to take their ideas from the lab to the real world. EPA’s P3 program fosters team-based learning, interdisciplinary effort and class-to-real-world experience. More information may be found on the [EPA P3 webpage](#) and the [EPA’s research grants webpage](#), the latter being where the application is located. Apply by Tuesday, December 8.

2. **Research & education projects that benefit nongame wildlife. Apply by December 11.**
   Montana Audubon will offer grants totaling approximately $1,600 to fund projects for research and education which benefit nongame wildlife and their habitats. The funds can be used for mileage, supplies, equipment, printing, and communications. [Project guidelines and an application form](#) may be found online. Applications must be emailed on or before Friday, December 11, 2015. Grant recipients will be announced by February 1, 2016.

### HOUSING

1. **Two bedroom house available December 1. Great location.**
   Historic two bedroom house available December 1, or possibly sooner. Situated on a quiet, dead end street on the Clark Fork River next to Bess Reed Park downtown, the house has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and two kitchens. Rent is $1000/month, which includes water/sewer/trash. This is a great location near campus and right on the river trail bike/pedestrian path. You would be taking over the current lease, which runs through August 31, 2016, with the option to renew. Pets are possible with deposit. It’s a great spot, come check it out! Call Kelsey Patterson at (406) 529-4459, or [email her](#) if you are interested.

### RESOURCES

1. **Inspired words on Wilderness.**
   In 2014, on the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Wilderness Act, a major conference was help in Albuquerque. Exactly one year later, the official "Proceedings" of this major 50th Anniversary Wilderness conference have been printed and are available in an [online pdf](#). Eloquent statements by author Terry Tempest-Williams and Sierra Club President Dave Scott are highly recommended reading.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. **Montana Conservation Voters membership meeting. October 28.**
   There will be an election of officers and planning for the coming year. We will also meet City Council Candidates. WHEN: Wednesday, October 28, from 6 – 8 p.m.
2. **UM Halloween Party, October 30, and Halloween Dance, October 31.**

   Friday, October 30 - Staff Senate and UM Dining invite all members of the campus community to attend a public Halloween Party at The Iron Griz at the University Golf Course. Free hors d’oeuvres will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to attendees wearing the best costumes. Everyone is welcome to this family-friendly event. The World Series will be shown on TVs and trivia and additional costume contests begin at 8:30 p.m.

   For more information, email the Staff Senate or call (406)243-5422.

   WHEN: Friday, October 30, from 4 – 6 p.m.

   WHERE: The Iron Griz at the University Golf Course.

   Saturday, October 31 – The UM Folklore Society will co-host a Halloween Dance at the Missoula Senior Center (2nd best dance floor in town – after the UC ballroom – and much more affordable). Live music by Skippin’ a Groove (Irish jigs and reels), and calling of fun, easy-to-do community dances by Morna Leonard. Costumes encouraged, but not required. Great refreshments. Cost is only $6 to UM students showing their Griz cards.

   WHEN: Saturday, October 31, from 8 – 11 p.m.

   Or come at 7:30 p.m. for the beginner workshop to increase your fun.

   WHERE: 705 S. Higgins across from Big Dipper Ice Cream.

3. **Win 2 spots on Montana Audubon’s Centennial Valley tour.**

   Montana Audubon recently launched a stunning new website that is easy to navigate, and features the latest conservation news and Montana Audubon program information at the click of a button. Gorgeous images of your favorite bird species and Montana landscapes are sprinkled throughout.

   Visit the [Montana Audubon website](http://www.montanaaudubon.org) today and enter a raffle for a chance to win two spots on MT Audubon’s popular Centennial Valley tour in September, 2016!