Some just came in with imminent deadlines, so we are sending them along with other news. Remember to check the Conservation Calendar for more events.

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VOLUNTEER

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Clip and bag houndstongue before seed drop. Volunteers will carpool from the SW corner of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation’s parking lot. WHEN: Aug 22 (5:30-8:30pm); Aug 23 (7:30am to noon); Aug 29 (5:30 to 8:30pm); Aug 30 (7:30am to noon). More info, contact Bert Lindler <blindler@montana.com>

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Check out this proposed wilderness area, Aug 20

Join Montana Wilderness Association (MWA) for a FREE public hike to Warrior Mountain in the Swan Mountain Range of the Flathead National Forest. This hike is an out and back from the old Napa Point Lookout to Warrior Mountain with spectacular views of the Swan and Mission ranges along with expansive views into the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. From Warrior Mountain you will get a great view of the Bunker and Sullivan Creek drainage areas, which MWA is proposing be added to the “Bob” as recommended wilderness. This is a very strenuous hike at approximately 13 miles round trip and 3,500 feet of elevation change over the course of the hike. The hike can be very warm, depending on the day, as large portions of it are out of tree cover. The climb to the top of Warrior Mountain is a steep bushwhacking scramble (no technical climbing required), but rewarding in the perspective you will gain on the importance of adding Bunker and Sullivan Creeks to recommended wilderness.
Participants must sign up by contacting the hike leader: Bret Luedke at bret@mtluedke.com.
Hikers will need to be fully equipped for an 8 hour hike with water (2 liters minimum, there is no water along the hike), lunch and clothing for any type of weather. The hike leader will respond to any questions about the hike and sign-ups with meeting time and location.
Note – lots more wilderness hikes on the Conservation Calendar

Some Sustainable Energy Courses of interest this fall

Dr. Bradley Layton of the Missoula College Sustainable Energy Technology Program is offering the following online courses this fall:

NRGY 101N - 50 Intro to Sustainable Energy 3 75289
NRGY 291 - 50 Energy Storage and Dist. 3 75284
NRGY 291 - 51 Geothermal Energy 3 75285
NRGY 291 - 52 Solar and Wind Energy 3 75286
NRGY 291 - 53 Alternative Fuels 3 75287
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4 Regional Permaculture gatherings in Sept and Oct

Wildcrafting Workshop near Weippe, Idaho near the Clearwater River.
Sept 6 from 9 am to 5 pm. Training for commercial wildcrafters and for home use. Medicinal plants, edible, seeds, crafting, fibers. How to collect, process and ship the main medicinal plants found growing in this region as well as collecting techniques, tools, timing of harvest and processing.
For more info contact Joanna at Joannaopentrust@gmail.com 541-735-1648.

Inland Northwest Permaculture Convergence, Sept 9-11 near Spokane, WA. Great workshops and presenters. See http://www.inlandnorthwestpermaculture.com/

Northwest Permaculture Convergence. October 7-9 at Fort Flagler, Marrowstone Island, WA. Speakers, artisans, organizations, businesses, Fruit & Nut Show, an International Development and Permaculture Track, Skillshare Village, trade show, demos. See http://northwestpermaculture.org/ for details

Wilderness Management Distance Education Course at UM this fall

NRSM 405, Managing the Wilderness Ecosystem

This course studies ecosystem characteristics and basic principles of wilderness management. Separate chapters discuss management of specific wilderness resources such as fire, wildlife, cultural and historical sites; managing non-conforming uses such as grazing, mining, and motorized vehicles and equipment and mechanical transport. The course will discuss the use of traditional means to achieve management objectives, use of the Minimum Requirements Decision Guide, and Leave No Trace camping techniques. The course is designed to meet the needs of a broad range of students from wilderness professionals, outdoor recreational planners and educators, to members of conservation groups and interested citizens. http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wmdep/register/default.php william.fabro@umontana.edu

INTERNSHIPS

Big Sky/Urban Herbs is looking for students who need volunteer hours or a fall internship at their sustainable garden in west Missoula. If you love nurturing and learning about all herbs edible, and have mostly weekends free - the full details can be found at http://www.urbanherbs.co/interns.html. Home Grown Certified.

JOBS

Part-time jobs on campus with MT Wilderness Association this fall, APPLY NOW!

Montana Wilderness Association is looking for 3-4 students to join our team to protect public lands this fall. Students will work on campus, engaging with their peers around public lands issues, and turning out the conservation vote this fall.
This is a paid position, ranging from 8-12 hours a week (flexible to accommodate your schedule). Students will not only work on campus, but will also have the opportunity to learn and engage with the wilderness and great conservation community. Building their own professional networks, while working on pertinent public lands issues.
All interested can email bcain@wildmontana.org or call/text 406-314-1519 to discuss the opportunity. Note, they hope to select workers this week.

UM Wilderness Institute needs field leaders for trekking!

We are looking for two field leaders for our ten-day Fall Trek to kick off the Wilderness and Civilization program for the 2016-2017 year!
Dates needed to work: August 25-September 11th, 2016
Pay: $110/day plus food stipend
Qualifications: Preference given to alumni of the Wilderness and Civilization program at the University of Montana, but we will consider all applicants who have the following:
-outdoor leadership experience on extended backcountry trips
- Creative ideas for backcountry food experiences for students
- Awesome leadership skills that make map reading fun for everyone!!
- Must have a current Wilderness First Responder certification with CPR updated

Contact: Rachel.James@umontana.edu or (406) 243-6916

Greater Sage-grouse Vegetation Project Field Positions

Western Watersheds Project seeks field staff with a vegetation background to collect transect data in Greater sage-grouse priority habitats. We will sample forbs, grasses, and shrubs in grazing exclosures to determine the potential for important sage-grouse habitat parameters in the absence of grazing. Areas of focus are Idaho, southwest Wyoming, northern Utah, and possibly Montana. Locations will be divided among three people and assigned according to geographic proximity.

The position is for 6 weeks starting in late August 2016 and continuing until early October 2016. Ability to work independently is necessary, as is having a personal four-wheel-drive vehicle. Pay is $20.00/hour or more depending on experience as well as per diem and mileage compensation.

JOB DUTIES:
- Locate grazing exclosures using coordinate systems on maps, GPS, or GIS
- Set up and read vegetation transects with attention to detail and commitment to accuracy
- Drive long hours and camp for several days at a time in remote areas

Desired qualifications:
- Experience reading vegetation transects is preferred
- General knowledge of flora of Intermountain West an advantage
- Affinity for and knowledge of remote and rugged areas in the West
- Willingness to travel and camp alone in field sites
- Self-directed and accountable
- Position may be filled from any geographic location in the Intermountain West

Please send a cover letter, resume, and references to laura@westernwatersheds.org.

Position open until filled

MISC

Visit by Lummi Tribal members seeking justice concerning tar sands & coal development, Aug 28

The Lummi Totem Pole, which has been traveling across country, will be blessed, and stories and a community meal shared.

When: Aug 28 at 4-6pm; Where: new Salvation Army Center on Russell St, Missoula.
For more info, contact john.lund@mso.umt.edu