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Montana Natural History Center August Volunteer opportunities
These opportunities are here

Public meetings on the Clearwater-Blackfoot project, Aug 8, 10 & 11

In 2015, The Nature Conservancy purchased 117,000 acres in the Blackfoot and Clearwater Valleys. TNC wants to get this land into conservation ownership but needs to know how you use the land and how you'd like to see it protected. Tell them at one of these 3 public meetings (all are 6-8pm): Aug 8 at St Ann Catholic Church in Bonner; Aug 10 at Seely Lake COMMUNITY Hall; Aug 11 at UM's Lubrecht Conference Center, Greenough, MT

Public Hearing on proposed changes in subdivision regulations, Aug 24

The Missoula Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to Missoula County Subdivision Regulations Chapter 8, entitled “Divisions of Land Exempt From Review Under MSPA (Montana Subdivision and Platting Act).”
WHEN: 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2016,
WHERE: Room B-14 of the County Administration Building, 199 W. Pine Street, Missoula.
The proposed changes may be seen at: http://tinyurl.com/SRR-Ch8
and hard copies may be obtained at Missoula County Community and Planning Services (CAPS), 323 W. Alder Street. Your comments may be made at the public hearing or in writing prior to the hearing. Written comments should be emailed to jdixon@missoulacounty.us or sent to the following address: Missoula County Community & Planning Services, 200 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802
Questions can be directed to Jennie Dixon, CAPS Planner IV, (406) 258-4657.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Free Webinar on Community Land Trusts, Aug 10

Community land trusts are a flexible tool for communities struggling with issues of housing and affordability. This webinar will define the "classic" community land trust, as well as describe common variations on the model. We will discuss the key organizational and operational elements that make CLTs unique and share thoughts on how a community land trust can benefit a range of communities. Speakers include
* Beth Sorce, Director of Capacity Building at Grounded Solutions Network
* Bob Oaks, North Missoula Community Development Corporation
Wednesday, August 10, noon-1PM Mountain Time **Login 15 minutes prior to start**
REGISTER HERE

Wilderness Management Distance Education Course
NRSM 405/561, Managing the Wilderness Ecosystem
Course credit offered through The University of Montana, Missoula, MT

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
**Paid Internship Opportunity at CFAC** - Want to help Montana’s beginning farmers grow successful, sustainable businesses? Want to learn about how to develop new resources, plan educational opportunities, host events, and evaluate programs? Full description of internship here [Paid Internship Opportunity at CFAC](http://www.urbanherbs.co/interns.html). Home Grown Certified.

**JOBS**

**Climate Action Organizer**

350 Missoula is hiring an organizer on contract to implement an ambitious climate action plan. This is a part-time, 12-week contract. Montana is ground zero for new fossil fuel development and well-thought-out resistance is imperative. We are an affiliate of the international organization, 350.org, and we work to reduce atmospheric CO2 to 350 ppm through strategic actions and policies to end fossil fuel burning. We envision a rapid conversion to 100% renewable energy using wind, water, and solar. Learn more at our website, [www.350montana.org](http://www.350montana.org).

The contract entails working closely with our leadership team to organize meetings and activities geared to a large demonstration in mid-October. Experience in social media, press relations, and community outreach would be helpful. You must also have a big heart and a desire to make a difference.

Jeff Smith, Chair, 406-880-8320 yswolfhowl@gmail.com [mailto: yswolfhowl@gmail.com](mailto: yswolfhowl@gmail.com)

**Big Sky Watershed Corps-AmeriCorps Member**

Primary duties of the Big Sky Watershed Corps Member (CM) include working with the Host Site staff to complete tasks related to project design and implementation, community outreach and education, volunteer generation and management and reporting functions. The CM works under the direct supervision of the Host Site Supervisor and the Big Sky Watershed Corps Program Manager to ensure successful completion of program objectives. The CM is an AmeriCorps Member and is entitled to the benefit package offered to all AmeriCorps Members.

Term of Service: 1/9/17-11/17/17

Living Stipend: $557 biweekly  
Education Award: $5,775 upon successful completion of the program

The Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) is an AmeriCorps program created through collaboration between the Montana Conservation Corps, the Montana Watershed Coordination Council and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana. The BSWC utilizes community based initiatives to protect, preserve and restore local watersheds throughout Montana.

**Apply here:** [http://mtcorps.org/join/big-sky-watershed-corps-member/](http://mtcorps.org/join/big-sky-watershed-corps-member/)

**Wild Rockies Field Institute seeks field instructor**

The Wild Rockies Field Institute is seeking field instructors for its 2016 fall semester course: “Montana Afoot and Afloat: Human/Land Relations”. Openings: August 25- September 8, 2016 and October 8 to October 25, 2016

Must have a masters degree. Job details at: [http://www.wrfi.net/about/employment.html](http://www.wrfi.net/about/employment.html)

**Clark Fork School seeks teacher and afterschool program assistants**
We seek a dynamic and enthusiastic educator to further our mission of fostering a sense of wonder for community and the natural world. This teacher will also be the afternoon planning sub for our various classrooms. Hours: Monday-Friday, 1:00-6:00pm. Minimum Requirements: Bachelor’s degree in education or related field, or two years experience in a licensed childcare setting. Background in nature education strongly preferred. Respect for nature, a love for children, and a caring demeanor is a must! Pay: $12/hr

Job responsibilities: play and

- Genuinely listen to students and react with care and compassion.
- Explore the natural world and the Missoula community with students.
- Plan and implement a place-based, experiential, and student-centered curriculum.
- Model and teach environmentally sensitive behaviors.
- Foster a sense of wonder for community and the outside world.
- Collaborate with other lead teachers & assistants
- Perform administrative tasks as requested.
- Ensure the classroom dynamic promotes healthy student develop and a deep sense of wonder.

Physical Demands: Standing for long periods of time, walking, hiking, reaching, bending, kneeling, stooping, squatting, talking, hearing, visual acuity, significant time spent outdoors in all weather conditions, lifting up to 60 lbs. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform.

Clark Fork After-School Program Assistants

CFS Kids-Niche Programs need energetic, part-time assistants for our nature-based after-school programs. We seek dynamic and enthusiastic educators to further our mission of fostering a sense of wonder for community and the natural world in Preschool through 5th grade students. Hours vary depending on the position, but, in general are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 2:45-5:30pm. Thursday, 12:30-5:30pm. Pay $9-10.50/hr.

Requirements: Bachelor’s degree in education or related field, or two years experience in outdoor or early childhood education. Respect for nature, a love for children, and a caring demeanor is a must!

Job responsibilities:

- Genuinely listen to students and react with care and compassion.
- Explore the natural world and the Missoula community with students.
- Assist the lead teacher in activity prep, clean-up, and the teaching of the day’s theme.
- Collaborate with the lead teacher on activity and field trips, natural history, and place-based themes.
- Demonstrate a passion for place-based education.
- Assist lead teacher in playground supervision and behavior management.
- Demonstrate flexibility and willingness to help with other age groups.

Physical Demands: similar to above teacher

Please email resume and cover letter to kris@clarkforkschool.org. No phone calls please.

The Peace Corps is currently hiring agriculture & environment program specialists to start working overseas in the spring-summer of 2017!

A small sampling of the current two-year positions abroad include:

- Food Security - Crop Extension (Nepal)
- Agribusiness Development Specialist (Uganda)
**Agriculture Extension** (Togo)
**Natural Resource Management & Forestry positions** (Malawi)
**Protected Areas Management & Forestry & Environmental Education positions** (Mexico)
**Check out all available Peace Corps two year assignment openings at [www.peacecorps.gov/openings](http://www.peacecorps.gov/openings).**

For skilled professionals with **10+ years of experience** there are also shorter-term (3-12 month) specialized positions through **Peace Corps Response**, including:

**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

**DES IR E D Q UA L I F I C A T I O N S :**
- 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 as long as candidate is willing to travel

Please send a cover letter, resume, and references to [laura@westernwatersheds.org](mailto:laura@westernwatersheds.org). Position open until filled.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Aug 8 Is Earth Overshoot Day -- Are You Ready?**

You may not feel it, but sometime on Monday our planet will pass a critical threshold: the moment when we’ve used all the natural resources the planet can replenish in a year. It’s got the catchy name of “Earth Overshoot Day,” but put away those streamers and party hats. The last thing we want to do is celebrate the reality that everything else we use for the rest of the year is a debt we’re leaving for our planet and future generations.

That doesn’t mean we should despair, though: Let’s use the day as a moment for action and awareness. This week the Center’s Population and Sustainability team is posting a series of pieces on our Medium page about what our planetary budget means for food systems, energy resources, water, and population growth. Each article includes tips on what you can do to help rewrite the Earth’s budget, starting with what you do in bed, what you put on your plate, and how you use your voice in our political system.

Check out the Medium pieces [here](http://example.com), [here](http://example.com) and [here](http://example.com), and watch this video about what it all means.

**Last Best Conference for seekers, thinkers and creative problem-solvers, Aug 25**


If it’s unclear what the inaugural Last Best Conference is about, well, that’s part of the idea. Organizers say it will be whatever attendees make of it.
"Trying to describe how this is different from a traditional conference has been challenging," says Morgan Slemberger, lead organizer for LBCon, as it's nicknamed. "It's something people have to experience in order to fully understand why it's magical compared to other experiences."

LBCon intends to draw "seekers, thinkers and creative problem-solvers," according to Slemberger, and connect these entrepreneurial-minded people in a showcase for the state's small business community. Slemberger says she took inspiration from South by Southwest and Portland's World Domination Summit, a quirky gathering that includes both traditional workshops and attendee-led meet-ups.

LBCon, which starts at the Wilma on Aug. 25 and costs $199 to attend, will similarly feature workshops and breakout sessions, as well as guest presenters. Separate "academies," which cost extra, will specialize in things like the social role of entrepreneurship and money management. Keynote speakers include Ariel Adkins, the arts and culture liaison for Twitter, and Lu Setnicka, former global director of human resources for Patagonia.

Slemberger is organizing LBCon as part of her work as a marketing and operations manager at the University of Montana's Blackstone Launchpad. She won't specify how many people have bought tickets to LBCon so far, but she expects to hit their minimum attendance goal of 75 to 100 people. Ticket sales are capped at 300.

The Missoula Economic Partnership joined LBCon as a sponsor in June, which is also when the first major volunteer meeting took place. MEP's Lindsey Wallace says the schedule has caused a bit of a scramble to pull things together.

Everything is also coming together on a shoestring budget. According to Slemberger, the Wilma is renting out the space at a greatly reduced cost, and all the guests are waiving their speakers' fees and only being reimbursed for the cost of travel.

Summer newsletters by Vicki Watson