Welcome to the Fall Semester at UM. The EVST newsletter is getting a late start since we are currently without a student editor. Until we get a new one, we will rely heavily on the Conservation Calendar to inform you of most events. Read it regularly, and scan ahead for those events that require some lead time to attend.

For those of you receiving the newsletter for the first time, it starts with a table of contents that lists the articles that follow. Just scroll down to read the articles that interest you.

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AROUND EVST

Goodbye to Karen Hurd and welcome to Susan Elliott

After many years of keeping EVST organized and moving forward, Karen Hurd is retiring. She will be in the office a while longer, training her replacement. So you still have a chance to thank her and wish her well. And you can also take a selfie sitting on the bench that honors Karen up at the PEAS farm. The bench says ‘In gratitude to Karen Hurd – still supporting Environmental Studies’.

Next week, we’ll introduce you to Susan Elliott who will be stepping into those big shoes.

Community Drought Forum at UM (organized by EVST alum), Sept 12

The MT Drought and Water Supply Advisory Committee assesses water availability and determines whether counties are under a Drought Alert which triggers certain actions under the Montana Drought Response Plan. That plan is being updated to make drought response more locally driven, better coordinated and focused on long term mitigation. To inform the updating of the plan, Community Drought Forums are being held across the state to convey how drought affects folks and their livelihoods, showcase locally-grown water shortage solutions, highlight resources needed to increase drought resilience and gather feedback on the Drought Response Plan. The Forum in western Montana will be: September 12, 2-3:30pm in Room 103 in the Payne Native American Center on UM’s campus.
Thanks to EVST alum Ada Montague who works for DNRC and organized the forums.

FEATURED EVENT – many more events on the Conservation Calendar

**UM's Farm to College Feastival.** Sept 12
GREAT LOCAL FOOD! Live music by Local Yokels. WHEN: Sept 12, 5-7:30; WHERE: UM Oval.
Liz Carlisle and David Oien will attend this year and the menu highlights pulse crops.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Volunteer Orientation at Clark Fork Coalition, Sept 7**

Learn how you can help with stream projects in our river basin. Volunteer projects include a Reserve St Cleanup, Deep Creek Cleanup (Sept 11), a Lolo road decommissioning project, and working with our education program to help deliver hands-on watershed science education to local schools.
WHEN: Sept 7, 5:30-7:30pm; WHERE: Coalition office, 140 S. 4th W. Missoula
For more info, contact Katie@clarkfork.org

**Volunteer at the MUD Garden Party 9/9**

MUD's Annual Garden Party features a locally-grown dinner from Masala, homey and extravagant raffle items, live music from Crow's Share, Wailing Jennings and the Casual Encounters, local beer, “How LOCAL can you get!?” pie competition, site tours, and more! The party is from 6-10pm Friday, September 9, at 1527 Wyoming St. with a tool garage sale starting at 5pm.

**We need your help! Volunteer shifts are 6-8pm and 8-10pm.** Volunteers receive free admission to this otherwise ticketed event. Duties include ticket and will-call, food serving and clean-up, assisting with our raffle, among other general event staffing. To help, contact Ellie mudprojectdirector@gmail.com

**Citizen Science trip to Sleeping Giant Wilderness Study Area near Helena, Sept 9-11**

Volunteers and trip leaders will monitor for wilderness character along the shoreline. Wilderness Institute Citizen Science Program Volunteer Application Form here.

**Help keep bears out of trouble by gleaning apples with Great Bear or Garden City Harvest**

Every autumn, bears come into Missoula city limits for domestic fruit, but often find access to other sources of food like garbage, bird seed, and pet food. The Great Bear Foundation's Bears and Apples program gleans fruit from the periphery of town to mitigate potential conflicts between bears and humans. If you would like to volunteer to glean apples or press cider, please contact Elissa Chott at elissa@greatbear.org or call 829-9378. Volunteers may take fruit home or press cider using Great Bear's apple press. All other fruit is donated to the food bank or Poverello Center.

Garden City Harvest is also gleaning apples. Call them if you have apples that need gleaning, or if you want to help with gleaning – 406-543-4992

**Help with Bike/Pedestrian Traffic Counts in Missoula, Sept 10 or 13.**
Volunteers needed (noon to 2pm on 9/10 and 4-6pm on 9/13 and 3-5pm at UM). To volunteer, complete this form. For more information please contact: Dave Prescott or call Dave at (406) 552-6672. or Aaron Wilson or call Aaron at (406) 552-6629.

Sept Volunteer Opportunities with MT Natural History Center

MNHC has lots of volunteer opportunities, and also provides training for same. See options below.

Visiting Naturalist in the Schools training will be Sept 7 & 19. (Help teach kids about nature). Other trainings available throughout the month.
MNHC has events coming up on Sept 7, 8, 13, 24, Oct 7 that need volunteers. These range from tabling, making displays, working with kids, maintaining the Nature Adventure Garden. Something for everyone.
To learn more about MT Natural History Center and its volunteer opportunities, contact cmorris@montananaturalist.org

WEN Volunteer Coordination - We need a dedicated person who can commit 6-10 hours/week to wrangling our volunteers from approximately Sept. 6 - December 16th! If you like creating and sending email correspondence, leaving enticing phone messages for people and capturing stories of river days, please get in touch with Deb Fassnacht or Becca Paquette. P: 406.541.9287; E: water@montanawatershed.org

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Go with the FLOW (Faculty Lectures on Water), starts Sept 6.

Forestry is offering a lecture series on water. Tuesdays at 4-4:50pm in University Hall 210. If you want to register for the one credit course (both grad & undergrad credit), contact brian.chaffin@umontana.edu

- Sep. 6 – Andrew Wilcox, Ph.D., Fluvial Geomorphology
- Sep. 13 – Ben Coleman, Ph.D., Aquatic Ecosystem Ecology
- Sep. 27 – Maury Valett, Ph.D., Systems Ecology
- Oct. 4 – Chris Brick, Ph.D., Clark Fork Coalition
- Oct. 11 – David Shively, Ph.D., Geography/Community Planning
- Oct. 18 – Michelle Bryan, J.D., Water Law
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- Nov 1 – Marco Maneta, Ph.D., Modeling Montana Hydrology
- Nov. 15 – Kelsey Jencso, Ph.D., Watershed Hydrology
- Nov. 22 – Wyatt Cross, Ph.D., The Montana Water Center
- Nov. 29 – Sarah Halvorson, Ph.D., Geography/Mountain Studies
- Dec. 6 – Jamie McEvoy, Ph.D., Politics of Water Planning in Montana

Environmental Science & Ecology Lecture Series online starts Sept 7

The MT Institute of Ecology features live screen casts of MSU & UM env. science & ecology faculty lecturing on their research. The presentations can be viewed at noon on Wednesdays. The fall lineup of lectures is listed at http://montanaioe.org/outreach/ioe-rough-cut-science-series
Get ready for Campus Sustainability Month by viewing webinar, Sept 7

Get prepared for Campus Sustainability Month by registering to attend a webinar where participants will gain ideas and find inspiration for how to engage and inspire incoming students and other campus stakeholders to become sustainability leaders. Presenters from several universities will share examples for how campuses can participate, lessons learned and suggestions to leverage this international event. Register Today Sept. 7, 3:00 - 4:30PM ET

Study abroad in New Zealand & Sydney, Australia, info sessions Sept 6, 7, 8

UM is offering again this year the unique Grizzlies Abroad program in Australia and New Zealand where we explore the dynamic cultures and natural environments of the region by traveling extensively as a group with Dr. Shawn Clouse and local field experts. This study abroad course focuses on sustainable business practices and is open to undergraduate and graduate students of all academic majors. The program is over winter session from December 26 to January 19. Full details about the program are here www.business.umt.edu/studyabroad or you can email shawn.clouse@umontana.edu.

There will be three info sessions held on campus on September 6, 7, & 8 at 4:00 pm in GBB119.


Travel to Churchill, MB with the Great Bear Foundation to observe polar bears in the wild and learn about arctic ecology and northern culture. Two options: Intro to Polar Bear Ecology (Oct 23-31) gives a broad overview of the ecology of the Western Hudson Bay polar bear population. Sharing Habitat with Polar Bears (Oct 30-Nov 7) examines coexistence between people and polar bears, and how that may change in the future. Opportunities to participate in an EVST citizen science research project. Student discount available. Contact gbf@greatbear.org or 829-9378. www.greatbear.org

INTERNSHIPS

Intern with UM Sustainability Center

The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) Sustainability Center is seeking 1-2 undergraduate student interns to assist with projects during the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters. The intern(s) will work with the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, ASUM Sustainability Board, and other sustainability-related staff and departments around campus to assist with projects and sustainability initiatives. While there is room to incorporate a student's interests into the duties of the internship position, likely projects will include assisting with improving recycling or energy conservation/efficiency on campus, bolstering the ASUM Sustainability Center social media presence, and building student engagement.

Student interns can receive course credit in ENST 398. Students from all academic departments are welcome to apply. The ideal candidate will have a passion for sustainability, excellent communication skills, proficiency with social media,
and good organizational skills. To apply, please email a brief letter explaining your interest in the position, as well as contact information of two references to: asum.sustain@msu.mt.edu

Intern with Environment Montana

Environment Montana is part of Environment America, whose mission is to work for environmental justice through grassroots support, coalition building, media visibility and state-level lobbying. This fall, EM is working on a campaign to cut carbon emissions in Montana, as well as a campaign to protect the Grand Canyon from uranium mining. EM has 6 internship positions available for undergraduate or graduate students interested in gaining class credit through hands-on experience. For more info, contact Emma Patrash (217)402-3668 epatrash@environmentmontana.org

Internship with Missoula Parks

Missoula County Parks, Trails and Open Lands Program is pleased to announce a job opportunity for an intern to assist our program with a Parks Asset Inventory & Condition Project. This is an opportunity for Fall Semester, starting approximately mid-September. For more information, please see the attached position description. We appreciate your help with spreading the word about this opportunity. For more info, contact Lisa LMoisey@missoulacounty.us Or Garrison at gswanson@missoulacounty.us.

MontPIRG Internships - Are you looking to earn three upper division credits and create positive, tangible change? Apply to be a MontPIRG Intern today! Our interns learn outside of the class room the skills to create change in their community and in their state. You'll learn grassroots organizing, lobbying, managing a campaign, interpersonal communication, event planning, and much, much more.

JOBS – local and part-time. For non-local full time jobs, subscribe to envirojobs listserv

Local farmer needs help with harvest

Harlequin Produce is local farm that needs help with harvest. They pay cash & veggies. You must be able to lift 50 pounds, enjoy manual labor & like hard work. Schedule somewhat flexible. Please email harlequin.produce@gmail.com or call Kaly 406-459-7217 if you're interested.

Montana Renewable Energy Association seeks Executive Director, apply by Sept 11

MREA’s Executive Director will have overall responsibility for the execution of MREA’s mission, including policy advocacy. The job description is available on our website. The deadline for applications is September 11.

FUNDING/SCHOLARSHIPS

SONNY KLESS CLEAN ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP, APPLY BY SEPT 15

In honor of EVST alum, Sonny Kless, who the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund is named, EVST is pleased to announce an undergraduate student scholarship opportunity for this fall for up to $2,000. To be eligible you must be an EVST major,
currently enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours) and in good academic standing. Past recipients may re-apply. To apply, please send: (1) a letter of interest of no more than 300 words; (2) a current resume with names and contact information for two references; and (3) your unofficial transcript to Professor Robin Saha (robin.saha@umontana.edu). In your letter of interest, please describe your involvement, interest in and/or commitment to making positive change in the area(s) climate change, energy conservation, energy efficiency, and/or renewable energy. Also, please describe any relevant volunteer, work or leadership experience, coursework, personal qualities, characteristics or aspirations that you think prepare you to make positive contributions to our climate crisis now and in the future. Applications are due by 5 PM on Thursday, Sept. 15. Questions can be directed to Robin Saha.

Funding for Neighborhood projects & pre-application workshop Sept 13

Attend a Pre-Application Workshop for Neighborhood Project Funds Grants on Sept 13. Read on...

The workshop prepares you to apply for Neighborhood Grants! Deadline: October 25. Read on...

Funding for conservation projects in MT

New! Grants Promote Student Environmental Service Projects. Due 9/30 Details
New! Program Supports Wildlife Habitat Conservation. Due 9/30 Details
Crowdfunding Demonstration project. Due 8/29 Details
Water Quality Mini-Grants, Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Due 8/31 Details
Montana Main Street Program. Revolving deadline, starting 8/1. Details
NFWS, Pulling Together Initiative. Due 8/3. Details
Grants for Creative Place making. Due 9/12 Details

MISC

WILD fest!!! Sept 9-10

MUD party Sept 9 !!! SPUD FEST, Sept 8 !!! Celebrate Open Space, Sept 8 !!!
Look for these and more on the Conservation Calendar

Interested in cat/house sitting? Contact Tom Roy, former EVST professor/director at 728-8319

HOUSING

Amazing Riverfront Sublet—Spacious, furnished 1.5 bedroom/1 bathroom featuring great river views and ideal location just a few blocks from the heart of downtown and a 5 to 15 minute walk from anywhere on the UM campus. Close proximity to bike path, hiking trails, libraries, and all downtown attractions. Gas stove, hard wood floors, large eat-in kitchen and main bedroom, and extensive shared backyard. This is the perfect place for a graduate student or couple. Available approximately Oct. 1 to June 1. $785/month rent includes internet but not gas or electric, which cost ~$30-80/month depending on heating needs. Place is fairly well furnished but can accommodate more furnishings. There is a small couch, queen bed, futon for guests, kitchen table and chairs, desks, dresser, book shelves, wall unit, 40" TV, some
dishes, cook ware and appliances, and tons of storage space. Cats are OK but no dogs. Email me if interested at: af136732@umconnect.umt.edu

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