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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**
1. Greening UM Student Awards goes to EVST’s Abby Huseth. Congratulations, Abby! Great work! Abby Huseth won the Greening UM Student Award at ASUM Sustainability’s Sustainaganza on the Oval on Earth Day! Each year at the Greening UM Awards, the Sustainable Campus Committee of the University of Montana honors one faculty, staff, administrator, and student for their outstanding contributions to sustainability. Recipients of the award are individuals who have contributed significantly to sustainability initiatives on campus, helping UM move toward its carbon neutrality goal by 2020.

2. UM’s Native American Center goes platinum (LEED that is). The Payne Family Native American Center recently received the highest award for sustainable building from the Montana Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. Read the full story on UM News.

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**AROUND EVST**
1. EVST Defenses continue this week. April 29, May 1, and May 3. 
   Stephanie Lackey presents "Not in My Environment: Community-Based Assessments to Address Environmental Justice and Health Concerns"
   WHEN: Wednesday, April 29, at 2 p.m.  WHERE: Payne Native American Center Room 105

   Chris Olsen presents "It's Elementary, My Dear Watson: Environmental Education for Early Childhood"
   WHEN: Friday, May 1 from 3 - 4 p.m.  WHERE: UM FLAT Studio

   Lily Vonderheide presents "Sacred Zones: Examining Wilderness in Yellowstone, Maine and Russia"
   WHEN: Friday, May 1 at 5 p.m.  WHERE: UM FLAT Studio

   Sarah Moody presents "Communicating with a Reflective Lens: Connecting the Past, Present, and"
Future of Environmental Work
WHEN: Sunday, May 3 from 3 - 4 p.m. WHERE: UM FLAT Studio

2. *Camas* Editor Applications Due Friday, May 1.
   Are you interested in becoming next year’s *Camas* Magazine Editor? As the semester comes to a close we are looking for talented applicants who can take over in the fall. Please send us a resume and cover letter by noon on May 1, 2015. In your cover letter, please include an overview of the strengths and experiences you would bring to editing *Camas*, as well as your vision for improving on the magazine and broadening readers and contributors—among any other details that your vision might hold. Send your application materials to camas@mso.umt.edu. Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to reading your visions and passing on the torch!

**FEATURED EVENT** *(See [www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar](http://www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar) for more)*

1. What makes you Happy? April 27.
   UM Students for Peace & Justice Film Series will show *Happy*. See what makes people happy all around the world. Free and open to all with discussion to follow. For more info, contact EVST major amelia.liberatore@umconnect.umt.edu.
   WHEN: Monday, April 27, 7 pm WHERE: UC Room 326.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

   Kristen Walser from the Bozeman Chapter of the non-partisan, national group, Citizens’ Climate Lobby (CCL) will be in Missoula to lead a group start for Citizens’ Climate Lobby in Missoula. For more on CCL, visit the [CCL website](http://www.citizensclimaelobby.org) or watch this [two minute video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=). Contact Kristen at 406 551-0388 or Bozeman@citizensclimaelobby.org.
   WHEN: Tuesday, April 28, 6-9 pm WHERE: Payne Native American Center.

2. ASUM General Election this week. Wednesday, April 29.
   Vote on Cyberbear on Wednesday, April 29.
   The [event web page](http://www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar) (with amazingly little info) may offer more information.

   350-Missoula, Blue Skies Campaign, and Reinvest Montana will hold a rally to support leaving fossil fuels in the ground and shifting to clean, renewable energy, outside the Asia-Montana Energy Summit on Wednesday, April 29th. The rally will take place from 12:00-1:00pm, outside the Music Building and Dennison Theater (at the corner of Maurice and Connell Avenues). UM students, members of the Missoula community, and others are welcome to attend and learn more about local climate movement campaigns and projects. For additional details see the [Blue Skies Campaign web page](http://www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar).

1,000 New Gardens, Reinvest Montana, Students Against Coal Trains, Students for Peace and Justice, and UM Climate Action Now will hold a get-out-the-vote march to remind students to vote on the ASUM referendum in support of divesting UM from fossil fuels and reinvesting in clean energy. The march starts at 11:30am next to the bear statue on the Oval, and will finish at noon by joining the People's Energy Rally outside the Music Building. All are welcome to participate, and more information is available at Facebook.

5. Referendum on fossil fuel divestment up for UM-wide vote. April 29th-30th.
On Wednesday and Thursday, a student referendum on divesting UM from fossil fuels and reinvesting in sustainable energy will appear on the ASUM elections ballot. Voting takes place online through CyberBear, and all current UM students can vote to express their opinion about whether UM should divest from coal, oil, and other fossil fuel companies. Voting starts at 12:01am Wednesday and closes at 8:00pm Thursday.

Marilyn Marler (Mount Sentinel caretaker) has maintained a beautiful little ‘pocket park’ of native plants for years. You are invited to the spring clean-up at the 8th Street Pocket Park. RSVP and get all the details on the event’s Facebook page.
WHEN: Thursday, April 30 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.  WHERE: corner of 8th and Grant

7. Comment on Rattlesnake Recreation area logging by April 30.
The Forest Service proposes to log, thin and burn large areas of the lower Rattlesnake National Recreation Area (NRA). This is called the Marshall Woods project and includes 13,000 acres from Marshall Canyon to the Rattlesnake corridor. It includes 4,500 acres in the NRA (2,300 acres would be logged, thinned or burned). The Missoulian had a detailed discussion of the issues. Public comments on the EA will be accepted through April 30. Send comments to: Tami Paulsen, 24 Fort Missoula Rd, Missoula MT 59804 OR email them directly to the Northern Lolo/Missoula Forest.

EVST masters student Morgan Vinyard needs a few reliable people to carry out a stream ecology research project at MPG Ranch. Volunteers are asked to commit about six or seven days from May 20 to June 20 and six or seven days in late August into early September. Work days are flexible in June and will take place on the weekends in August and September. No prior field work experience is necessary. We will gather aquatic macroinvertebrates, benthic algae, water chemistry, riparian flora, and stream morphology data. Contact Morgan at morgan.vinyard@umontana.edu for more information.

9. Clark Fork Native Prairie needs you.
The Clark Fork Native Prairie mafia has established a native prairie along the Clark Fork River near the Swift building. They are looking for volunteers to help weed, collect native seeds, and plant these seeds. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact John Pierce at 406-542-2640.

10. Montana Parks Interpretive Campfire Speakers needed in Seeley Lake.
Speakers are needed for interpretive campfire program talks starting May 30 and running every Saturday through August at Placid and Salmon Lakes. The program presents interactive talks on
various topics to families for 1 – 2 hours. Of particular interest are talks centered on the environment and water. Mileage and meals may be covered by the Park.

If you are interested in speaking, please contact Tristan Franz asap at (406) 677-6804 or via email at Placid Lake Americorps' gmail.

In Neal Sobania’s new book, *Putting the Local in Global Education*, you can read about the inspiring Swan Valley field program Northwest Connections (NwC). NwC’s Executive Director and EVST alum Melanie Parker writes about the unique spin NwC has put on the concept of ‘domestic study abroad’ and community immersion in her chapter "Immersing Students in Conservation and Community." NwC staff person and EVST alum Laura Arvidson invites everyone to NwC’s Beck Creek Gardens Bash on Saturday, May 2 to help get our garden ready for the season. From Beck Creek Gardens, we feed a small group of Swan Valley CSA members and provide almost 100% of all produce for our fall program, Landscape and Livelihood. For more information about our innovative non-profit, visit the Northwest Connections web page. We will provide dinner and evening entertainment. Plan to bring your own lunch. All are welcome to stay the night in the Barn. Please bring a sleeping bag. Contact Laura at 754-3185 or laura@northwestconnections.org for more info.

WHEN: Saturday, May 2 @ 11 a.m. WHERE: Beck Homestead, 1200 Ed Rd., Swan Valley, MT

The Flathead National Forest has released its proposed management plan. The plan sets the stage for how the Flathead Forest and the wild lands in the Swan, Mission, and Whitefish mountains will be managed over the next 20 years. Email your comments by May 5 to Flathead Plan Revision or snail mail to: Flathead National Forest Supervisors Office; Attention: Forest Plan Revision; 650 Wolfpack Way; Kalispell, MT 59901.
So far the draft proposal provides protection for several wilderness areas. For instance, Flathead Forest Service has largely adopted the Whitefish Range Partnership’s Wilderness recommendation in the Whitefish Range. This includes over 80,000 acres of new wilderness. The Flathead also recognized two new areas along the Mission Mountain Wilderness that should be protected.
Many conservation groups in this region are preparing comments. You may be interested in contacting groups you are familiar with to see how they view the draft plan.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. Screening of *Coal Road to China*. April 28.
*Coal Road to China* is a film on coal exports to Asia and the impacts it would have, here and around the globe, if the proposed Pacific Coast Terminals are approved and built. This visually powerful film, recently refined, was produced by members of MELT, Montana Elders for a Livable Tomorrow. It takes you to the Powder River Basin country in Montana and Wyoming. A grass roots production, *Coal Road to China* gets to the heart of the questions surrounding development of an Otter Creek coal mine and a Tongue River railroad in Montana. It then tells the larger story of what burning that coal would mean.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 28 @ 7 p.m. WHERE: Crystal Theatre
2. **Asia-Montana Energy Summit. April 29-30. FREE.**
The Asia Montana Energy Summit (AMES) is a strategic initiative to address the complex issues surrounding the future of energy and how it shapes our global environment, economy, and society. Join us for two days of thought provoking plenary sessions and breakout panels with international thinkers, business leaders, and policy influencers to discuss energy trends around the world, critical developments in energy technology and policy, economic developments, environmental impacts, and opportunities for cooperation between the US and Asia.
Full details are on the Mansfield Center's Events page.

3. **Classic documentary on Vietnam War screened on 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon. April 29.**
UM Students for Peace and Justice will screen the classic documentary *Hearts & Minds.*
A courageous and startling film, Peter Davis’s landmark documentary *Hearts and Minds* confronts the US involvement in Vietnam. Made while the war was still in progress, the film portrays the disastrous effects of war. Winner of the 1974 Academy Award for Best Documentary, the film recounts the history and attitudes of the opposing sides of the Vietnam War using archival news footage and interviews. The film endeavors to give voice to the Vietnamese people to show how the war affected them and explain their reasons for fighting against western powers. Hearts and Minds is a potent antidote to the concept of American Exceptionalism. Had the US heeded the "lessons of Vietnam," perhaps the Invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan would never have happened.
A Lively and Respectful Discussion will follow. You are welcome and encouraged to come regardless of where you find yourself on the political spectrum. Diversity of opinion leads to richer discussions and deeper understanding.
WHEN: Wednesday, April 29 at 6 p.m. WHERE: UC Theater Cost: FREE!

4. **The Last Rhino—Vietnam’s wildlife crisis. April 29.**
Mount Sentinel caretaker and Missoula council president Marilyn Marler recently returned from a trip to Vietnam. And will speak on “The Last Rhino: Education and Vietnam’s Wildlife Conservation Crisis.”
WHEN: Wednesday, April 29th, at 4:10 p.m. WHERE: Interdisciplinary Sciences Building 110

5. **Workshop: "Data Management Basics for Graduate Students," Wednesday, April 29.**
WHEN: Wednesday, April 29 from 4:10-5 p.m. WHERE: Mansfield Library Room 284.

6. **Fossil Fuel Divestment Debate. April 30.**
The University of Montana Debate Team will be hosting a public debate regarding the pros and cons of UM Fossil Fuel Divestment following the Asia Montana Energy Summit. The debate will be held at the Dennison Theater on April 30th at 5PM. Attached is a flyer promoting the event. Please invite members of your department to encourage students to attend.
For additional information, please visit the event's Facebook page or email tracy.valgento@umontana.edu.

7. **Sustainable Transportation Fair & Bike Rally. Thursday, April 30.**
In addition to fun bike events (bring your bike), participants will learn more about UM’s Climate Action Plan.
WHEN: Thursday, April 30 at 3pm WHERE: UM Oval

8. **Missoula Growth Policy Project Open House. April 30.**
Since June 2014, Missoula Planning Staff and citizen volunteers have been working on a new Growth Policy for the city. They invite the public to an open house to hear about and give feedback on the growth goals, objectives and actions they have developed over the past 6 months. You can come any time during the open house. Learn more about the growth policy project at www.ourmissoula.org

WHEN: April 30, 4 to 7:30 p.m.  WHERE: Doubletree Hotel, 100 Madison St.

Heritage Timber in conjunction with Zero Waste Missoula hosts this tour of a designer-renovated demonstration home that features green ideas and recycled materials, presented by Articulture - A Design Farm. From full-width wood-slab bathroom counters to stargazing sleeping quarters, this hill clinging A-frame will please your senses with interior delights and distant vistas.
Heritage Timber will share colorful details on the reclaimed wood found in this home from flooring made out of Bonner Mill purlins to large timbers.
Buttery smooth floors, backyard grotto, and a surprise film screening await!
Karen Slobod is a graphic designer who has won national design awards and who works with architects and planner.
Heritage Timber has been dismantling buildings for materials reuse in western Montana for 21 years and their materials can be found in hundreds of homes and businesses in Missoula.
If you have any questions, please visit the event’s Facebook page or contact Karen Slobod, at karenslobod@gmail.com.

This is the final Rough Cut talk for spring 2015. Renee Reijo Pera, Vice President for Research and Economic Development @ MSU presents Perspectives from the VPRED on the IoE: Links to Human Health, Energy and Agriculture.
WHEN: Thursday, April 30 at 12 p.m.  WHERE: 126 EPS at MSU
Watch the live screencast online.

11. Native Landscape Restoration Presentation by MPG Ranch for First Friday. May 1.
Join MPG Ranch on First Friday, May 1st, as we present about native landscape restoration. Presentations will discuss seeds and seed dispersal, restoration tools, micorrhizae, rangeland restoration projects, invasive species management, pest management, GIS mapping, irrigation, and more! We will provide beverages and appetizers catered by Riversong Gourmet. This family-friendly event will include games, contests, and prizes! The event is located at 1001 S. Higgins Ave Suite B (right next to Rockin’ Rudys) from 5-7 pm. We hope to see you there!

Join Five Valleys Audubon on Saturday, May 2 for an all-day outing to Brown’s Lake and the upper Blackfoot valley. The group will view waterfowl, raptors, Sandhill Cranes, Long-billed Curlews, and other beauties. Meet in the northwest corner of the Adams Center parking lot. The group will leave promptly at 8 a.m., returning by 5 p.m. Dress appropriately and bring a lunch. For more info call Terry at 214-1194. Other target species include Common Loon, Spotted Sandpiper, Mountain Bluebird, Marsh Wren, and Red-naped Sapsucker.

13. Rain Barrel and Gardening workshops at MUD. May 2 & May 10.
Rain Barrel making workshop at MUD. Cost: $50
WHEN: Saturday, May 2, from 1-4p.m. WHERE: MUD, 1527 Wyoming St.

Gardening workshop at MUD. Cost: $20
WHEN: Sunday, May 10 from 1 to 4p.m. WHERE: MUD, 1527 Wyoming St.

Learn more about management of Missoula's largest wintering elk herd during the annual meeting of the North Hills-Evaro Elk Working Group.
This spring, wildlife biologist Liz Bradley counted 407 elk from Rattlesnake Creek west to Highway 93, down from 435 counted in the same area last year. Biologists' attempts to stem the growth of the North Hills-Evaro elk herd may be showing some success (or the elk may be crossing Highway 93 to Mill Creek where counts have been increasing). One of the challenges of managing elk on the fringes of Missoula is preventing them from losing their fear of humans.
WHEN: May 4 at 7p.m. WHERE: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, 5705 Grant Creek Rd. (use the entrance on the west side of the building).

INTERNSHIPS
1. MontPIRG Internships now available. 3 upper-division credits.
MontPIRG is a student-directed nonpartisan nonprofit that advocates issues important to students, including privacy, consumer rights, the right to vote, and our constitutional right to a clean environment. Our internship provide experience in nonprofit and activism. Contact katy@mtpirg.org or call 913.406.0871 for more information.

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)
The Land Protection Specialist is responsible for the development and completion of new conservation easement and fee acquisition projects within Bitter Root Land Trust's western Montana service area. This specialist will work closely with Bitter Root Land Trust's conservation staff to identify conservation opportunities, complete due diligence, ensure sound recordkeeping, and increase the pace and impact of private land conservation in the local community. The Land Protection Specialist will also work closely with landowners, funding partners at the county, state, and federal levels, and Bitter Root Land Trust's board and staff. Bitter Root Land Trust is an accredited, locally-focused land trust working to conserve the water, wildlife, and working farms and ranches of Montana’s Bitterroot Valley. View the full position description on the Bitter Root Land Trust website.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS
1. Big Sky Film Series starts April 28. Free!
The Big Sky Film Series is a weekly screening series highlighting traditional and innovative non-fiction film and video. Screenings are held every Monday of each month at the Top Hat Lounge.
in downtown Missoula and are free and open to the public. Selections for the Big Sky Film Series are by invitation only. If you would like us to consider a film or video for the series, email a brief synopsis, release date, and primary contact information. Find more information at bigskyfilmfest.org. The next film is Bikes vs Cars!
WHEN: April 28 @ 8pm WHERE: Top Hat COST: Free!

2. Five Valleys Land Trust’s annual banquet. May 9. Reservation deadline May 1!

Rapping bees, dancing cockroaches – this parody has plenty of talented creepy crawlies. They hope to inspire you to help out with some crowdfunding of Missoula’s new bug house. Watch the video. For more info about the bug house, visit the website.

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