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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**
1. **Unexpected encounters with nature described by EVST alum in Orion article**
   While it's no joke running into a moose in the forest, writer Alex Johnson has spent enough time in places like remote Alaskan river systems and the mountains of eastern California and western Colorado to have had his share of encounters. In the current issue of Orion, he shares 8 **Meetings Nobody Scheduled**, stories of his experiences with moose, wolverine, dolphins, turtles, and more in this delightful installment of the magazine's Enumeration Department.

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**AROUND EVST**
1. The 2015 Wild Mercy Community Reading Series begins this Thursday, Feb 19, 7pm @ UM FLAT. The 2015 Wild Mercy Community Reading Series will run every Thursday at 7pm at UM FLAT Studio from 2/19 through 3/26. Watch for weekly announcements here and flyers posted in Rankin & on campus.
   2/19 Emily Withnall & Nick Triolo
   2/26 Colin May & Erica Langston
   3/5 Kim Covill & Chandra Brown
   3/12 Theresa Duncan & Rebecca Collins
   3/19 Lauren Smith & Lily Vonderheide
   3/26 Kate Leary & JP Kemmick

   Bring classmates, other alum's, friends, family, people you meet on the street! For a flavor of the series look at Nick Triolo's photo essay of the 2014 Series or listen to alum Micah Sewell's Wild Mercy audio archives.
2. "The Lentil Underground" reading & discussion with Author Liz Carlisle and Farmer David Oien
Missoula native Liz Carlisle has recently published the book, The Lentil Underground: Renegade Farmers and the Future of Food in America. Ms. Carlisle received a PhD from UC Berkeley last year and is a protege’ of Michael Pollan. In her book she tells the story of David Oien and handful of other revolutionary farmers from Montana's high plains. She will speak of her adventure putting this book together, read from the book and answer questions. David Oien will also be on hand to speak about the choices he and others made to turn their farm ecologies and economies around. Following the reading and discussion University Dining Services and The Good Food Store will team up to offer a lentil tasting while Ms. Carlisle signs books. Sponsored by the University of Montana Environmental Studies Program, University Dining Services, and The Good Food Store. February 24th, 7:00 pm UM's North Urey Lecture Hall, Free.

3. New Johnny Appleseed is EVSTer
EVSTer Trevien Stanger is on a Fruit Tree Tour – traveling around California with a group of folks in a veggie-powered bus to 80 low-income, urban schools to help them plant fruit orchards in school yards. You can sign up for their newsletter, Common Vision, or follow them on Facebook. Photos are posted on Instagram or find lengthier reports on Trevian’s blog, Trevian Travels.

4. More good news - EVST Grad Alumni Updates
-See a photo essay on the yurt that Grace Brogan ’12 and her husband John have built and are living in in northern Minnesota at the Minnesota Public Radio site. Stay snug Grace and John!
-Lauren Koshere ’12 is working at Minnesota Public Radio and has been hard at work completely revising her book-length EVST Thesis Falling in Yellowstone. Publishers: Contact her at her website!
-And hi to all who had what sounds like a great mini-Minnesota/EVST reunion in December: Lauren, Grace, Nancy Moore ’12, Beth Baker ’12, and Beth Raboin ’11. Shades of those Thursday nights at the Union Club after Wild Mercy!

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FEATURED EVENT (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)
1. Montana Student Activism Summit at UM, Feb 21, Free.
The Montana Student Activism Summit (MSAS) is dedicated to educating, empowering, and connecting diverse grassroots movements working for environmental and social justice across Montana. MSAS offers 25 different, 80-minute workshops to equip students with valuable activist skills. There is a schedule and workshop list on their webpage and also on the MSAS Facebook page. Hosted by the Montana Student Activism Association with many co-sponsors.
WHEN: Feb 21 from 9am to 5pm; WHERE: UM’s University Center 3rd floor

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
1. Clean Energy Day at the Montana Legislature, Feb. 18, departing 7:30 AM, returning by 6:00 PM
Join this all-day trip to Helena to see democracy in action. You will learn about current energy issues being debated by the State Legislature and how environmental groups, businesses, labor, and individual citizens are getting involved in the deliberations. Transportation and lunch
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Study in Central America this Summer!**
   Travel to Nicaragua this summer to explore this fascinating and beautiful Central American country. We’ll examine issues of human rights, sustainable development and the environment by engaging directly with the Nicaraguan people. We’ll live in a cloud forest reserve with

2. **Help with Trout Unlimited annual fundraiser, Feb 21**
   The WestSlope Chapter of Trout Unlimited has its annual banquet and auction on February 21 in Missoula. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, check-in, check-out, the auctions, and much more. This is a great opportunity to attend a fun event and to learn more about what WSCTU does. Anyone interested in volunteering at this event --contact tracywendt@gmail.com.

3. **Volunteer Orientation for the Watershed Education Network. Feb 23**
   WEN is welcoming all perspective volunteers to their 2015 spring season! Their nonprofit has been dedicated to fostering knowledge, awareness, and appreciation of watershed health through science and outreach since 1996. They provide K-12, adult, and community education opportunities throughout western Montana. Come to the Swift Center, 315 S. 4th St. E., Suite 203, to learn more about WEN and volunteer opportunities they have available. Check out this and other opportunities on WEN’s website.

4. **Stream Monitoring Training – Saturday March 7th, from 2 to 5 pm.**
   Interested in teaching experiential science or collecting citizen science data? WEN's got you covered! Attend our stream monitoring training, March 7th to be trained in our curricula and protocols. This training will cover all you need to know for volunteering on our School Stream Monitoring field trips and/or our citizen science Stream Team! RSVP to confirm your spot at this training by emailing WEN or by calling 406.541.9287. Meet us over at the park pavilion at 2:00 pm. Can’t make this training? We have two other stream monitoring trainings coming up on March 11th and March 14th! Check out this and other opportunities on WEN’s website.

5. **Submit applications for energy conservation projects at UM. Apply by March 24.**
   The Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund (KRELF) is now accepting project proposals for Spring Semester 2015. The purpose of KRELF is to finance projects that promote resource conservation, waste reduction, and environmental awareness at the University of Montana, as well as capture financial and energy savings, and foster student involvement and education. Project proposals will be accepted until March 24, 2015. Full details are available on the KRELF webpage. Questions? Contact Chris Olsen at asum.sustain@mso.umt.edu or 406-243-4856.

6. **UM Seeks Public Comment on Draft Management Plan for Natural Areas; comment by April 1**
   UM is seeking public comment on the first management plan for its natural areas, which total more than 650 acres between Mount Sentinel and Fort Missoula. The plan covers grassland and forest stewardship, invasive plant management, trail maintenance and social/safety issues. The plan is available to view online. Public comment will be accepted through April 1. You can read more in the UM News article.
families growing coffee, travel by boat along the San Juan River to the rain forest, explore the
Solentiname Islands in Lake Nicaragua, and visit the active Masaya Volcano. Earn 3 credits!
EVST professor Dan Spencer will be offering a 2-week EVST Travel Seminar to Nicaragua, May
25-June 18, 2015. You do not need to know Spanish to participate. Contact Professor Dan
Spencer at Daniel.spencer@umontana.edu or 243-6111 if you are interested. Open to both
undergrads and graduate students.

2. **Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute speaker at UM, Feb 17**
The 2015 Wilderness Issues Lecture Series (theme: Wild Lab: Weaving stories through
wilderness research) continues February 17, at 7:10pm in Gallagher Business Building room 123
on the UM campus. Alan Watson, Research Social Scientist, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research
Institute, will speak on: “It's Bigger than Wilderness: Transformative Realizations from Doing
Wilderness Science.” These lectures are Tuesday evenings, and as always, are free and open to
the public.

3. **International Small Farm Advocate to speak, Wed., Feb. 18, 5:30-8, sponsored by CFAC**
Ed Hamer is coming to Missoula as part of a larger project to train beginning farmers across
Montana. The project, which includes a wide array of production and business trainings along
with financing and land access tools, was recently funded by a major grant from the USDA
National Institute for Food & Agriculture. CFAC was one of fewer than 40 organizations across
the country to receive the funding and it is the first time this grant has been given for work in
Montana. Hamer will be speaking at Burns Street Bistro on Wednesday, February 18th from
5:30pm – 8pm. Attendees are invited to bring a dish to share. Full information is available on
the [Missoula Community Farm and Agriculture Coalition](http://www.uncfarms.org) website.

4. **Soil Science Seminar online, Feb 18**
Tony Hartshorn of Montana State University will speak on How to interrogate a soil (up against
the wall, you Pedogenesist!) WHEN: 12pm Wed Feb 18; WHERE: MSU but you can watch live
screencast at MSU's Rough Cut Science site. You can see the entire Spring 2015 Schedule of the
lecture series at the [Montana Institute on Ecosystems website](http://www.mtecosystems.org).

5. **Montana’s rich labor history comes to life, Feb 21**
Interested in learning about Montana’s rich labor history? And perhaps making more such
history? A local chapter of the Industrial Workers of the World periodically meets and the next
meeting is
WHEN: Saturday Feb 21 from 1 to 4pm;
WHERE: Missoula Public Library (probably one of the downstairs meeting rooms).
More info about the IWW (aka Wobblies, One Big Union) at [IWW's Wikipedia entry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Industrial_Workers_of_the_World).

6. **Survey on need for and content of a Montana Climate Assessment, please respond by March 2**
The [Montana Institute on Ecosystems](http://www.mtecosystems.org) is assessing the possibility of developing a Montana
Climate Assessment, including current climate trends and future projections as they relate to
the quality of our natural and managed resources. This assessment would aim to provide timely
and practical information for land and natural resource managers, policy makers, local
communities, and educators across the state. Similar assessments have been undertaken at the
global and national level, and many states have developed formal assessments to help with
planning and decision making. The assessments often look at how climate variability will affect
natural resources and economic sectors that depend on them, and impacts on human health, land use and social-economic change. Please fill out the short survey by March 2.

7. **Montana Native Plant Society events this spring**
   Feb 21 (Sat), 10 am. Winter Shrub Identification Field Trip. Walking along the Kim Williams Trail, learn to identify many different species of shrubs and trees - without a single leaf present. Led by Peter Stickney, noted botanist of the northern Rocky Mountains. WHERE: Meet at the South end of the Van Buren Street / UM footbridge and at the Kim Williams Trail, near the dog park.
   Feb 24 (Tues), 7:30 pm. Introduction to Montana Lichens. As diverse as vascular plants, but few people know them well. WHERE: At the UM Herbarium, Rm 303, Natural Sciences (Botany) Bldg., UM.
   March 12 (Thurs), 7:30 pm. The Ecological Significance of Moss. WHERE: Rm L09 Gallagher Business Bldg, UM.
   April 9 (Thurs), 7:30 pm. Western Montana’s Grassland Wildflowers – time for a refresher on identifying these lovelies. WHERE: Rm L09 Gallagher Business Bldg, UM.
   More information is available on the Montana Native Plant Society webpage.

8. **Wildlands Field Study opportunities. Apply now.**
   The Wildlands Studies Program, California State University, Monterey Bay offers a series of environmental and cultural ecology field studies that we invite you to join. This year you can choose among wildlife, wildland and cultural ecology field studies searching for solutions to environmental and cultural challenges. Each program grants 4-12 transferable upper division units credit. Field studies take place in: Yellowstone, Big Sur (California), Banff (Canada), Vancouver Island, The California Channel Islands, Fiji, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Chile, Baja Mexico, Thailand, Tasmania, India, Nepal, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. All program information is available on the [Wildlands Studies website](#).

9. **Green Spring Breaks & Summer Breaks**
   The Green Program offers experiential learning programs focused on clean energy & sustainability. Upcoming classes are in Peru, Iceland & Philadelphia. Local public service work is part of the program. The EVST faculty are not personally familiar with this program, so be sure to check it out yourself before enrolling. We will be interested to hear of your experience if you do. Check out all the programs on [The Green Program website](#).

10. **Sustainable International Studies courses in Belize.**
    The Institute for Sustainable International Studies, ISIS Belize, offers conservation and ecology courses over the summer in English speaking Belize, in Central America. Our courses offer experiences in the jungle, the Belize Zoo, the savannahs, crystal clear rivers and in the Caribbean Sea. Summer sessions run in two week sections during June and July and carry three credit hours each. Students can take two courses back to back for six credits and spend a glorious month in Belize. Full details on the courses offered can be found on the [I.S.I.S. Belize website](#) which links to pages for the [Wildlife Health, Ecology and Conservation](#) course, the [Tropical Marine Ecology and Conservation](#) course, and the NEW [Watershed Ecology, Conservation and Management](#) course. Class sizes are limited to 12 students.

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INTERNSHIPS

1. **Farm to School Educational Internship with Garden City Harvest. Unpaid. Credit available.**
   Lead activities and games for children, ages 6 – 10, by helping run 3 summer camp programs at the PEAS Farm (weeks of June 22, July 13, & Aug. 10). Guide spring & summer educational farm field trip for school and community groups. Assist with garden maintenance. Educate youth about gardening and farming, and much more. Approximately 300 hours, mid-March – mid-August, hours per week and position is flexible. College credit is available. Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions, lift up to 50 lbs, excellent communication skills, and interest in or experience leading youth groups and activities. Experience/knowledge of organic gardening. To apply, send your resume to Jason at Garden City Harvest no later than Friday February 27, 2015. More details are on Garden City Harvest's Farm-to-School web page.

2. **Youth Farm Internship. Earn up to 6 credits.**
The Youth Farm is a partnership with Youth Homes and Garden City Harvest, created to give teens employment through hands-on opportunities for job skills training, community engagement and empowerment through agriculture. Assist with all farm operations including field work, greenhouse, tractor use, and sustainable farming practices, safely lead and supervise employee and volunteer work crews, and learn techniques for successful CSA operation and distribution and much more. To apply, send cover letter, resume, and three references to Cori at Garden City Harvest by March 15th, 2015. Learn more about them on Garden City Harvest's Youth Farm web page.

3. **Communications/Media Internship Opportunity at the Watershed Education Network. Unpaid**
   WEN is looking for an unpaid intern for the spring semester to help in their much needed communications department. Some responsibilities for this position include social media updates, email communications to donors, volunteers, teachers, etc., and other miscellaneous communications such as press releases. As a WEN intern, you also have to opportunity of working first hand with our educational programs if you so desire. Familiarity with social media sites (such as Facebook, Twitter, Blogspot, etc.) preferred but not required. Apply on WEN's website or call 406.541.9287.

4. **Wildlife Image and Video Technician Internship, Paid – NOTE date clarification**
   MPG Operations is seeking a part- to full time intern to support our wildlife monitoring program in the Swan Valley. Persons seeking this position should have experience working in the field and be familiar with wildlife species common to forested ecosystems in Western Montana. Job dates are approximately April 1 to May 30, pay starts at $12-16/hr DOE. The intern will be responsible for maintaining remote video cameras, collecting and recording data from the video cameras, and documenting species observed on our still camera network. The intern will work with others to monitor bear use of rub stations. In the winter, the intern will maintain bait stations designed to attract forest carnivores. Written and video documentation of field observations throughout the year will be encouraged.
   To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to swanjobs@mpgranch.com. Please also include a writing sample and examples of your wildlife photography if possible, and type “Swan Wildlife Tech” in the subject line.

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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)

1. Big Sky Employment & Academic Enrichment Fair, February 18
   Stop by the UC Ballroom on Feb 18 from 9am to 3pm to visit with over 70 employers who are looking to hire full-time professional positions, part-time positions, internships, volunteer opportunities, and summer work. On the Thursday after the fair, employers will be conducting formal one-on-one interviews with qualified candidates they met at the fair or that sign-up prior to the fair in Griz eRecruiting. There is Helpful Student Information available, along with a full list of employers attending on the web.

2. Food Corps recruiting on the UM Campus, Feb 18
   FoodCorps is a nationwide team of AmeriCorps leaders who connect kids to real food and help them grow up healthy. Through our partnership with AmeriCorps, we recruit, train and place emerging leaders into limited-resource schools for a year of service implementing our three-ingredient recipe for healthy kids. ALL MAJORS WELCOME. To learn more, stop at the Food Corps table at the Big Sky Employment & Academic Enrichment Fair – FEB 18 from 9am to 3pm, UC Ballroom. If you can’t make it to the fair, check them out on their Food Corps website, or their Twitter feed. You can also apply online now.

3. Two Montana jobs. BLM Fish Biologist in Missoula Apply by Feb 19. E.D in Bozeman.
   Fish Biologist (GS 9/11), Bureau of Land Management (Missoula, MT) application is due 2/19, Executive Director, Montana Aquatic Resource Services Inc. (Bozeman, MT) application due 3/9.

4. Summer jobs with Montana Conservation Corps, Apply by April 15
   Full details on all 3 full time jobs are at Montana Conservation Corp’s Career Opportunities webpage.
   Staff Leader: Saw Crew for Montana Conservation Corps, Helena, May 4 to Aug 21
   Staff Crew Leader: Invasive Strike Team for MT Conservation Corps, Bozeman, May 4 to Aug 21
   Staff Leader: Historic Preservation for Montana Conservation Corps, Bozeman, May 4-Oct 30

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FUNDING SOURCES
1. Philip L. Wright Memorial Research Award, Apply by March 26.
   The Five Valleys Audubon Society are now requesting proposals for the Philip L. Wright Memorial Research Award. A flyer for this award is attached and the deadline for applications is March 26, 2015. More information is available from Jeanne Franz in the College of Forestry.

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HOUSING
1. Spacious, light-filled, downtown 1BR apartment available for rent in mid-March.
   More details are available on this Cragislist ad or contact EVST alum Dave Loos daveloos@gmail.com.

2. Third female roommate sought.
   Two girls looking for third female roommate for 3 bedroom apt. Excellent place for UM student, available 2/21/15. $280/month, split electric & internet bills, with a $280 security
deposit. Sewer, water and garbage are paid by landlord. No smoking. Includes: fenced front yard, reserved/off-street parking washer/dryer, full bath. If interested, call/text Kathy at (509) 851-1017 (please leave message) or reply via email kberman91@hotmail.com Located at 926 Palmer St. Unit B, Missoula.

3. Master Suite in Rattlesnake, available at new discounted price!
   Full details now available on Craigslist.

**RESOURCES**

1. Annual home building show at Adams Center, Feb 22 – possible green building elements
   Often the Missoula Building Industry’s annual tradeshow has solar and geothermal system info or displays. Other green building elements you might see – double pane windows, insulation, repurposed building materials, etc. WHEN: Feb 22 from 10am to 5pm; WHERE: UM Adams Center

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS**

1. Support Five Valleys Land Trust while sharing some love, Feb 17
   Celebrate Valentine’s Day late! Invite your friends and family to join Five Valleys Land Trust for dinner, drinks, or dessert (or all three!) at Caffe Dolce on Tuesday, February 17! Caffe Dolce will be generously donating 15% of the night’s proceeds to Five Valleys Land Trust. This event takes place at the Brooks & Beckwith location.

*This Newsline prepared by Vicki Watson and Theresa Duncan. Please send any comments here.*