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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**

1. Missoula County just received its 200th conservation easement

2. Missoula Bus Service—faster, later in the evening, and FREE!
   The every 15 minute BOLT service is now available on routes 1 and 2.
   Late evening service (until 9:50 pm, Monday – Friday) on routes 1, 2, 6, and 7.
   And the Fare is ZERO! Thanks to community partners covering the bill (UM, local government, hospitals, Homeward & others)
   With Late Evening and BOLT! Service combines with Zero-fare, Mountain Line will connect more Missoulians to more places at more times than ever before. The results will benefit us all. Seniors, students, and employees will find it easier than ever to get to where they need to go; Missoula’s air quality will continue to improve; traffic congestions will be reduced; and Missoula will grow in prosperity and livability.

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AROUND EVST

1. EVST alum recognized as one of 10 young leaders changing the west

High Country News showcases 10 people under 30 who are shaping the west’s future. 

The article points out that the West is undergoing rapid change associated with climate change, energy development, population growth, changes in land use and biodiversity. New thinking is needed to turn change into progress. EVST alum Zach Brown is the first person showcased in the article. The article gives a little of Zach’s history at UM and his current bills in the legislature (on energy efficiency and stream access). Yep, we’re justly proud of Zach.

FEATURED EVENT (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)

1. Speak up for Ag & Food at the Missoula Fairgrounds, Jan 26 – TODAY!

Local food activists urge you to come speak up for including sustainable food systems on the fairgrounds. Currently, there are some small food gardens at the Fairgrounds, but these could be expanded into a major demo area for local food systems. A public meeting will be held to discuss the study process and to gather input from local residents about the type of events and activities they would like to see held at the fairgrounds throughout the year and the type of structures that might support those activities. Anyone with an interest in the fairgrounds is encouraged to attend.

When: Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7 p.m.
Where: Missoula Fairgrounds, Building 35

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. 1000 New Gardens meetings of spring semester, Mondays starting Jan 26 – TODAY!

1000 New Gardens increases food security by installing food gardens for folks in Missoula. The group meets at the Food Shed (516 North Ave E) on Mondays from 4:56 to 6 pm during UM fall & spring semesters. If you can dig it, email 1000NewGardens@gmail.com.

2. 2 Volunteer opportunities in wildlife research, Jan 29, 31

Eagle Capture & Banding at MPG Ranch, Florence, Thursday 1/29 11am - 2pm

Join MPG and Raptor View Research Institute for this unique opportunity. Volunteers will observe the live capture of bald and golden eagles and get to participate in the banding process. This event is based out of a ranch house, so participants can stay warm. We will live-stream video from the capture site to a large screen at the house so visitors can observe the trapping process while remaining at a safe distance. Spotting scopes will be available for an alternate view from the outside deck overlooking the capture site. Researchers will bring the eagles to the house for processing. The day will include an overview of the research to date, including migratory flight data showing the extent of the eagles' range into Alaska. This event is limited to 6 participants. Lunch is not provided. Contact info below.

Wildlife Tracking at MPG Ranch in Florence, Saturday 1/31 10am - 4pm
Help MPG with the winter mountain lion population survey. Volunteers will backtrack lions and assist with the collection of DNA via hair samples. Tracking is limited to 6 volunteers per outing. Lunch and transportation are not provided for this event. This event is in collaboration with the Montana Wilderness Association. Contact Joshua Lisbon to register or with any questions at: jlisbon@mpgranch.com or 406-396-6285.

3. Help restore Missoula’s Historic Homestead & help it demo sustainable living - Feb 3
While much has been accomplished at the Homestead in the last 2 decades of public ownership, parts of the Homestead need attention. Historic structures continue to decay, and demand for use continues to grow. A local citizen committee has been working on a vision and plan to reinvigorate programs and restoration at the Historic Homestead. Now we need your ideas and help at a public meeting to learn about, discuss, & give feedback on a new Strategic Plan for the Moon-Randolph Homestead. Learn more on the Homestead’s Facebook page.
**When:** Tuesday, February 3 from 6 pm to 8 pm.
**Where:** Burns St Bistro, 1500 Burns St., Missoula.

4. American Fisheries Society meeting, Feb 24-27, Great Falls
The Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society 48th annual meeting will be February 24 to 27, 2015, in Great Falls. The theme is: Fisheries Challenges in Montana-A Multitude of Viewpoints. And everyone with research in fisheries is invited to present a paper. Full details at [http://www.montanaafs.org/events/annual-chapter-meeting/](http://www.montanaafs.org/events/annual-chapter-meeting/) and [http://www.montanaafs.org/events/annual-chapter-meeting/submission-guidelines/](http://www.montanaafs.org/events/annual-chapter-meeting/submission-guidelines/)

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

1. 2015 U.S. Green Building Council Montana Chapter Annual Summit, Jan 30-31

2. Public Meeting on huge conservation land purchase in the Blackfoot, Feb 2
The Nature Conservancy has acquired 117,000 acres in the Blackfoot & Clearwater watersheds. This public meeting begins the discussion of the caretaking of this land.
**WHEN:** Feb 2 from 7-9pm
**WHERE:** UM's Lubrecht Conference Center, Greenough.
For more info, see [www.blackfootchallenge.org](http://www.blackfootchallenge.org) or 406-543-6681 or Blackfoot Challenge: outreach@blackfootchallenge.org or 406-793-3900

3. Two Webinars on Fish Field Study Methods, Feb 5-6 & Feb 12-13
*Using Acoustic Tags to Track Fish* -- 5-6 February 2015 - 9 am to 5 pm. Attend Online (or On-Site at Univ. of Washington Seattle) [www.HTisonar.com/at_short_course.htm](http://www.HTisonar.com/at_short_course.htm) This course addresses all aspects of tracking fish movement with acoustic tags, including three-dimensional tracking with sub-meter resolution. It includes hands-on-operation and a variety of fish
monitoring applications are covered. Lunch is provided for on-site students. Info & reservations at support@HTIsonar.com.

Using Hydro-acoustics for Fisheries Assessment
12-13 February 2015 - 9 am to 5 pm. Attend Online (or On-Site at Univ of Washington-Seattle) www.HTIsonar.com/ha_short_course.htm This course covers mobile and fixed-location hydro-acoustic survey techniques, including basic hydro-acoustic theory, deployment logistics, data collection and processing, as well as typical results. Split-beam, single-beam, and multi-beam frequency techniques are discussed. Lunch provided for on-site students. Info & reservations at support@HTIsonar.com.

4. Herbarium Night, part of Montana Native Plant Society Spring Program
Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 pm
They won't really keep the fleas off your dog, but it is the 3rd largest genus in Montana. Join Peter Lesica to learn about Fleabanes, the Genus Erigeron. Rm 303, Natural Sciences (Botany) Bldg., UM Campus.

5. Farm School Comes to Western Montana (Jan, Feb, March)
Farm financing (Jan 21), accounting (Feb 4), farming abroad (Feb 18), and farm employee/intern management (March 4) will be covered during Farm School in Missoula. For new and beginning farmers, Farm School is a series of casual learning opportunities with experts on the issues. At each workshop, expert farmers and other professionals give short presentations then open up for discussion and Q&A. Location is the Burns St Center (1500 Burns St, Missoula). More info at www.missoulacfac.org/farm-school.html or contact Annie at annie@missoulacfac.org.

6. Become a Montana Master Naturalist!
Montana Natural History Center’s certification courses consist of at least 40 hours of instruction in a mix of lectures, in-class labs, and outdoor field trips. We'll cover a wide breadth of topics (which might include birds, mammals, insects, trees and shrubs, flowers and more), but the goal will be the same across all the topics—to give you an essential foundation of skill and knowledge on which you can build.
Spring Dates: Tuesday evenings, 4-7pm, Feb 3rd-May 5th + 3 full day Saturday field trips on Feb. 21, March 7, & April 11.
Cost: $395 (3 UM credits as ENST 391 pending approval.)
Summer Dates: 5 day intensive, June 17th- 23rd, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, with the weekend off.
Cost: $395 (UM credits as ENST 391 pending approval.)
Some scholarships available.
Call 327-0405 to register.
Visit the Master Naturalist page for more information

7. Master Gardener Training in Hamilton, Feb 3-Mar 24
The Level 1 Course will be held from 5:15 pm to 7:15 pm on Tuesdays starting Feb. 3, through March 24 in the MSU Ravalli Co. Extension Meeting Room. The class is $150 per person which includes the book and other course materials. Those who complete the required 25 volunteer hours and pass the exam with an 80% or better qualify for a $50 rebate as well. Limited to the first 25 paid.
To Register, Contact Katrina Mendrey 375-6611 or ravalli@montana.edu
8. **Clean Energy Day at the Montana Legislature, Feb 18**
   Northern Plains Resource Council’s invites citizens to come to Helena to speak with their legislators about clean energy policy and bills. Training in effective communication with legislators on clean energy issues will be provided to those interested. For those interested, more info at [www.northernplains.org/legislature](http://www.northernplains.org/legislature)

9. **Spend the summer on beautiful Flathead Lake, earning college credit**
   Summer classes at UM's Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS) June 15 - August 7
   Students benefit from immersion in rigorous field-oriented classes at Flathead Lake Biological Station, a UM Center of Excellence. Courses are available for both graduate and undergraduate credit and include: conservation ecology, landscape ecology, stream & lake ecology, forest & grassland ecology, alpine ecology. For an overview of Summer Session 2015 at FLBS, please view this video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxD0apkN7uM&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxD0apkN7uM&feature=youtu.be)
   For complete information and online registration, go to the FLBS Home Page [http://flbs.umt.edu](http://flbs.umt.edu)
   If you have any questions, email us at flbs@flbs.umt.edu or call 406-982-3301.

10. **Social Sustainability – keeping workers happy, Feb 5 & 19**
    The Missoula Sustainable Business Council helps local business folk focus on the triple bottom line: people, planet, profit. And happy employees increase business sustainability. Hence SBC is sponsoring a FREE Social Sustainability Series including the following presentations:
    **Feb 5:** *Inclusive Work Places*, by Liz Roosa-Millar, Director of UM’s UC
    **Feb 19:** *Environmentally Healthy Work Places*, by Skander Spies of Energetechs.
    **WHEN:** 5:30-7pm;
    **WHERE:** Adventure Cycling, 150 E. Pine.
    (an earlier presentation on *Making Work Places Transit Friendly* was given by Tophir Williams of Mountain Line).

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**INTERNSHIPS**

1. **2 great paid internships with Ecology Project International, apply ASAP**
   Bitterroot Wildlife Internships at MPG Ranch
   – involves ecological education, conservation service & hands-on field research
   Term of service: one session is June 21 to July 16; another is July 26 to Aug 20. Indicate your preference when you apply.
   Stipend: $30/day totaling $480. Transportation, meals, camping gear provided.
   Full internship description & other info at [http://www.ecologyproject.org/about/jobs](http://www.ecologyproject.org/about/jobs)

   Yellowstone Wildlife Ecology Field Course Intern,
   --Assist instructors teaching 5 to 9-day field ecology courses for middle & high school students in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Training provided.
   Term of service: Late May to end of August
   Compensation: Lodging in Missoula, MT for non-local interns; Room and board while on-course; Stipend of $150 per week worked; Ten days of professional development and training at the start of the season.
Full internship description & other info at http://www.ecologyproject.org/about/jobs (scroll down)

These positions are open until filled, but they will start reviewing applications by Jan 23 and will select someone as soon as possible. So if you missed the deadline by a little, go ahead and send in your application, since they may still be looking.

2. **Urban Herbs internship**
   An internship is available with Urban Herbs, a local sustainable herb grower. The half-acre of 100 medicinal tea herbs and 40 culinary herbs is located 11 miles west of campus in the West Missoula Valley. Interns are needed year round to work and expand this small sustainable business venture, where both e-commerce and sustainable growing practices are involved.
   Volunteer weekly hours available are Wed.-430-830pm, Sat. and Sun.-10am-5pm, making a total of 18 hours available. You can commit to days or hours according to your internship or volunteer needs. Transportation is required.
   **Spring semester** would include part of or all of the months of January through May where interns would be helping to do research for classes, business and the U-Pick as well as packaging herbs for on-line sales, Saturday markets and spring gardening.
   Learning objectives for the spring semester would include:
   - Learning by assisting in classes presented on herbs around the Missoula area
   - Learn to and prepare for the summer U-Pick and Saturday market sales.
   - Seeding and tending the indoor starting garden.
   - Weeding, landscaping, planting the U-Pick and garden areas, including April Volunteer Learning Days.*

   Learn more at GrizeRecruiting. Application is made by sending an email with your reason for interest (with or without a resume), all contact and transportation information, hours you would like to work. An interview on site will be required and scheduled.

3. **Missoula Urban Demonstration Project (MUD) Marketing/IT Internship -- PAID-- apply by Feb. 6**
   Founded in 1981 by EVST students, MUD exists to create a model of urban sustainable living through demonstration, education, and celebration in the Missoula community. Responsibilities include: Assist staff with new database system for the MUD Tool Library; Assist MUD Director in developing online content for social media and website; Contribute to planning and execution of MUD public events and promotion of MUDs programs in the community. PAY: $10/hr. Full position description at the link below. http://mudproject.org/get-involved/mud-internships/

4. **Community Food & Agriculture Coalition, apply by Jan 30**
   Want to help beginning farmers get started? Learn about how to develop programming, plan educational opportunities, and host events? CFAC is looking for an intern for spring semester to assist with a range of projects, including:
   - Hosting topical potlucks for farmers on a variety of issues (see http://missoulacfac.org/farm-school.html for more info)
   - Supporting MSU Extension in offering business planning workshops in Bozeman (see http://missoulacfac.org/planning-for-on-farm-success-bozeman.html)
   - Planning on-farm field days geared towards farm interns and new farmers for Summer 2015
   - Developing opportunities to encourage local investment in farm and food businesses in Western Montana
-Planning development of a statewide FarmLink site to serve as a one-stop clearinghouse for beginning farmers, land access, and internship/mentorship opportunities.

Interns can focus on one of these projects or assist with multiple projects. To apply, email annie@missoulacfac.org with your resume and a brief cover letter outlining the project(s) in which you’re interested and any additional relevant information not covered in your resume. While we are seeking funding for Summer 2015 interns, this spring internship is currently unpaid. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis but it is recommended that they be received by January 30, 2015. Contact: Annie Heuscher, 830-8218, annie@missoulacfac.org

5. **Internships with Western Montana Mycological Association – adventures in the Fungal Jungal**
   The WMMA board is offering the following internships for any semester (spring, summer, fall):
   - **Newsletter editor** -- Responsibilities: Assemble articles and photos, post newsletter via MailChimp 3 or 4 times during your tenure. Gather information from various sources, report on WMMA activity.
   - **Assistant editor** -- Responsibilities: help with research and newsletter production; post newsletter articles to FJ website, report on WMMA activities, projects, and events. Also prepares you to step up to newsletter editor.
   - **Membership Co-ordinator** -- Review and edit mailing lists, contact members, encourage donations, make monthly report for newsletter: our voice to the membership.
   - **Project and Event Co-ordinator** -- Produce publicity for spring or fall Fungi Foray, co-ordinate location and permit(s), notification of members, execute logistical support, (education, cooking, etc).

   All four of these positions are now open for applications. Each is a commitment of about 40 hours (good for one credit at UM). To apply for any of the internships, contact Larry Evans at fungus@fungaljungal.org.

6. **Climate Change internships (paid) with National Park Service. Apply by Jan 30.**
   The YLCC program provides paid summer internships to highly accomplished graduate and upper-level undergraduate students to work on issues related to climate change and its effects in national parks.
   Internship positions run full-time (40 hours/week) for 11-12 weeks, generally during the summer months. They pay $14/hour plus benefits. Interns are employees of the University of Washington. Most positions come with free or subsidized housing in dormitories or other shared accommodations in parks.

   The YLCC operates under the Department of Interior’s (DOI) Direct Hire Authority (DHA), which means that students who excel in their internships and subsequently complete their degree requirements are eligible to be hired without competition into NPS or other DOI jobs for which they are qualified.

7. **Northwest Connections Internships for 2015 Season**
   **Beck Creek Gardens Manager**
   Northwest Connections is hiring a Beck Creek Gardens Manager for the 2015 season. The Garden Manager will be responsible for garden care and managing a small CSA with support from Northwest Connections staff. You will assist [Wildlife in the West](http://wildlifewest.org) and [Landscape &]
Livelihood students with garden chores and aid with garden work days. You will work with NRCS to install a conservation irrigation system. There will also be opportunities to take on other Northwest Connections projects as time allows. This position is full-time from May 12th through November 7th and offers a $500/month living stipend, room and produce. Board is available during Wildlife in the West and Landscape & Livelihood. These dates are somewhat flexible. Limited involvement in pre-season planning and garden work before May 12th would be appreciated. Applications will be reviewed beginning February 9th and continue until the position is filled. For more information visit northwestconnections.org/internship-opportunity-bcg, email laura@northwestconnections.org or call (406) 471-7384.

Resident Education Assistant
Northwest Connections is hiring a Resident Education Assistant, (REA) for Wildlife in the West 2015. Resident Education Assistants work closely with Northwest Connections Instructors to provide an outstanding educational experience for undergraduates in our Wildlife in the West program. This position is full-time from May 12th through July 3rd and offers a $750 living stipend as well as room and board. The successful applicant will be given top priority for our summer internship position for July and August. There is also potential to stay on through the fall as the Landscape & Livelihood REA. Applications will be reviewed beginning February 9th and will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. For more information visit northwestconnections.org/internship-opportunity-rea, email laura@northwestconnections.org or call (406) 471-7384.

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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. Americorps positions at Milltown State Park & other state parks, apply ASAP
   AmeriCorps position at the park that would work for someone who can start working full time in mid April. The term of service is April 13 to August 14—~ 40 hours a week—for a minimum of 690 hours over the 18 week term. Benefits include living allowance of $4050 over the 18 weeks of service and an education award of $2150 on successful completion of service. Workers are eligible for deferment on qualified student loans. Applications accepted on a rolling basis January 5th to February 27th; position is open until filled. Note that there are Americorps positions at other MT state parks and that there are summer/fall positions as well as spring/summer positions. All can be found at http://stateparks.mt.gov/americorps/. Application info is not yet available for the summer/fall positions. Spring/summer application info at https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=48323&fromSearch=true

2. Experiential Education jobs with Missoula nonprofit
   Ecology Project International (EPI) is a non-profit education and conservation organization based in Missoula, MT, (& started by EVST alums) that offers experiential educational programs to
students in a variety of outdoor settings. EPI is currently hiring for three full time positions, short descriptions below & full descriptions at www.ecologyproject.org/about/jobs.

Education Manager (based in Missoula, MT, or possibly in Costa Rica or La Paz, Mexico – open until filled)
EPI’s Education Manager is responsible for ensuring educational best practices in all EPI programs, sites, and platforms in both Spanish and English. The Education Manager implements EPI’s educational philosophy through oversight of program content, curriculum, delivery, and evaluation. This position is focused on the development and deployment of policies and protocols to standardize and evaluate educational effectiveness, as well as the supervision of EPI’s Alumni and Outreach efforts globally.

Global Field Programs Supervisor (based in Missoula, MT, or possibly in Costa Rica or La Paz, Mexico – open until filled)
The Global Field Programs Supervisor is responsible for the oversight of all aspects of EPI’s risk management system, the coordination of core field program planning and logistics, and supporting field staff to maximize the use of program resources and achieve program goals.

Human Resources Manager (based in Missoula, MT – this closed January 25, but you can check to see if they found someone or not)
The Human Resources Manager guides and manages the overall provision of Human Resources services, policies, and programs for EPI. This position oversees HR management in 5 Latin American countries and the U.S.

3. Missouri Breaks Tree Caretakers for 2015 field season, apply by Feb 13
The primary job duty involves using a gas-powered pump and hose system to water 150 cottonwood trees planted in 2014 and 2015 at two locations along the Wild & Scenic Missouri River. Technicians will reach remote field sites via canoe and will camp at various campsites along the river during the work week. Additional duties include positively representing The Friends and talking with recreationists encountered along the river and at launch/take-out points.
This position absolutely requires patience and good humor in the face of adverse environmental conditions involving extreme heat (90-100° F) and cold (32° F and colder), thunderstorms, high winds, rattlesnakes, biting insects, thick vegetation, and challenging terrain.
Desired qualifications: Prior field work experience, particularly in arid environments; canoeing and backcountry camping experience; the desire and ability to maintain an effective working relationship with one partner for the entire field season; a good sense of humor; a self-starting work ethic; a friendly demeanor and the ability to represent The Friends in a professional manner while talking to various types of people encountered on the river.
Compensation: $13/hour
Please submit ONE PDF DOCUMENT including a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to sara@missouribreaks.org. Alternately, you may submit a hard copy of the above materials to Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument, 324 Fuller Ave., Ste. C4, Helena, MT, 59601. Find out more about the Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument at http://www.missouribreaks.org/

4. Seasonal wilderness jobs, apply by Feb 27
The Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation is seeking candidates for several 2015 seasonal jobs in the Selway Bitterroot or Frank Church Wilderness areas. Apply by Feb 27.
   Field Stewardship Coordinator (May 4-Oct 22),
Wilderness Trails Liaison (early May to Mid Oct)
Wilderness Trail Crew Leader (May 4 to Oct 15)
Wilderness Trail Crew member (May 4 to Oct 15)
Payette National Forest Lead Steward (May 4 to Sept 11)
Bitterroot National Forest Lead Steward (May 4 to Aug 22)
Info on all the positions at http://www.selwaybitterroot.org/jobs/

5. Summer jobs with Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, apply by March 2
The foundation is a small non profit partner of the Forest Service. Each summer we engage over 300 volunteers with Wilderness Stewardship projects with in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.
This summer we are looking to hire 2-3 Wilderness Trail Crew Leaders and 1-2 Wilderness Stewardship Interns. These are great opportunities for students in Environmental Studies to gain valuable career experience.
The crew leaders will work from May 18 to the end of September.
Info here: https://bobmarshallwilderness.wordpress.com/2015/01/12/now-hiring-crew-leaders-and-interns-for-2015/
Scroll down to find links to job descriptions of both the crew leaders and interns.

FUNDING SOURCES
1. Funding for Research on White Bark Pine, apply by Jan 30.
The mission of the WPEF is to “promote the conservation of whitebark pine and other high elevation five needle white pine ecosystems through education, restoration, management, and research.” In support of this mission, the WPEF offers an annual research grant of $1000 to either an undergraduate student who is writing a thesis or graduate student (MS or PhD) conducting research on whitebark pine.
Full details at http://whitebarkfound.org/?p=1459

2. $10,000 Fellowships for studies in Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, apply by Feb 13
The Grand Teton Association offers the Boyd Evison graduate fellowship of up to $10,000 for graduate studies focused on documenting aspects of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, including water, wildlife, geology, soundscapes and social science. Graduate students are invited to submit proposals by Feb 13, 2015.
Complete info & application materials at http://www.greateryellowstonescience.org/research/fellowships
Note – this web site may still have last year’s deadlines. But all the other info is the same.
A copy of the latest call will be posted at EVST.

3. National Park Service Student Fellowship, apply by Feb 17.
Applications are now being accepted for the Jerry O’Neal Fellowship for work in Glacier National Park, Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS, and Little Bighorn Battlefield NM. The fellowship aims to provide educational assistance for students seeking to understand natural and cultural resources issues and how these interact with human values. Special consideration will be given to proposals that address the following:
-natural resource issues in aquatic or terrestrial ecology, fire ecology, invasive plants, climate change
-cultural resource issues (history, architectural studies, cultural landscape reports, ethnography, archaeology)
-sociocultural science that informs resource management about a natural or cultural topic and/or that addresses visitor impacts to park resources

Competition is open to graduate students or superior upper division undergraduate students at RM-CESU universities and colleges only. Awards range from $1000-5000. Applications must be submitted electronically by February 17, 2015. **For details on the application process please click here**

4. **Humanities Montana grants application deadline, Feb 20**
   The next deadline for regular grants (under $5000) is February 20.
   Visit the [grants section of website](http://www.montana-awwa.org/scholarships) for full information about grant guidelines and deadlines.

5. **Water related scholarship, apply by March 15**
   The MT section of the American WaterWorks Association & MT Water Env. Association offer the Don G. Willems Scholarship. One or two scholarships are offered annually to students whose course work leads to employment in the water and wastewater fields. These include specialization in water treatment and distribution, wastewater treatment and collection, water resources, watershed protection, groundwater remediation, and many other subdisciplines, including for example, the study of waterborne disease.
   Each award includes a scholarship of $1000 to be used toward the cost of education, such as tuition, books, and supplies. Recipients also receive a one-year student membership to either AWWA or WEF (recipient’s choice), and also paid registration and lodging for the MSAWWA/MWEA Joint Conference.
   Details on the scholarship & how to apply at [http://www.montana-awwa.org/scholarships](http://www.montana-awwa.org/scholarships)

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**RESOURCES**

1. **Missoula Indoor Winter Public Market, Saturdays**
   If you have been missing the Farmers Markets, then pine no more. Missoula now has an indoor market with local farm products, baked goods, arts & crafts. Live music; lots of tables & chairs for hanging out.
   **WHEN:** every Saturday from now until April 18; from 10am to 2pm
   **WHERE:** 800 South 3rd St West – THE HIVE!
   More info: 406-531-6749, or [missoulawinterpublicmarket@gmail.com](mailto:missoulawinterpublicmarket@gmail.com)

2. **Energy issues at the legislature (some sources of info)**
   Energy issues are expected to be a major focus of the 2015 legislature.
   The Montana Renewable Energy Association will be carefully tracking legislation that relates to renewable energy. More info about MREA at [www.montanarenewables.org](http://www.montanarenewables.org)
   But once the legislature starts, things start happening fast – so you may want to sign up for MREA’s e-newsletter [https://vr2.verticalresponse.com/s/mreanewsletterlist](https://vr2.verticalresponse.com/s/mreanewsletterlist)
   MREA will host a Clean Energy Day at the Capitol on Feb 18, along with other groups working on energy legislation, including Montana Environmental Information Center & Northern Plains Resource Council. These groups also offer e-newsletters.
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. **Put your favorite endangered species picture where it won’t be overlooked—send your idea by Feb 2**
   Ever wish your favorite endangered species could be on the Endangered Species Condoms distributed by the Center for Biological Diversity? Well, now’s your chance. CBD is redesigning their Endangered Species Condoms with new artwork and new wildlife, and they want to hear which endangered animals you think should be featured to raise awareness about the connection between runaway human population growth and the wildlife extinction crisis. Email your ideas, along with a slogan for each endangered species you nominate, by Feb. 2.

2. **Changes in bike laws (abandoned bikes can be impounded & sold).**
   As of January 5, 2015, there are some new rules regarding bikes in Missoula. First, it is no longer required to register your bike with the City. The Bicycle Pedestrian Office will continue to offer the service to the public free of charge, but it is no longer a mandatory condition of bicycle ownership. Registering your bike with the City has 2 main benefits: it allows the City to return a found or stolen bike to its owner in a timely manner, and it can help identify riders in the event of a crash, especially young ones who do not generally carry ID. The second ordinance change relates to parking and storage of bikes. It will now be considered unlawful to store a bike in the public right of way for longer than 5 days, similar to the rule for motor vehicles. This means that a person can report a bike as abandoned if it is parked on the street or in a park for longer than 5 days. The City will then tag the bike, informing the owner that if the bike is not moved after 5 days that it will be collected by the City and held for at least 60 days, when it will be eligible to be sold at auction.
   For more information about these rule changes or general information about biking in Missoula, contact Ben Weiss in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Office at (406) 552-6352.

3. **Nominate UM employees for awards by Feb 6**
   Everyone is invited to submit nominations for this year’s UM Employee Recognition Day Awards. The awards recognize outstanding employees (faculty, staff, students) who contribute to the University in a variety of ways. For a full list of awards, as well as info on nomination requirements, please visit the UM Faculty and Staff Awards page.
   The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 6, 2015.
   Save the date for UM Employee Recognition Day --Friday, March 27, 2015 from 3-5 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
   Questions? Contact the Office of the President at prestalk@umontana.edu or 243-2311.