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   For the last four years, Montanans for Healthy Rivers has been asking citizens around the state what they love about their rivers and how they want to see those rivers protected. The results of a 2014 bipartisan survey showed that approximately 75% of Montanans support the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act as a tool to protect more Montana rivers. Thanks to the input of hundreds of Montanans, including business owners, landowners, conservation groups, sportsman groups, land trusts (the list goes on!), we are ready to share our draft Citizen’s Proposal for New Wild and Scenic Rivers in Montana! Come learn about this draft proposal and share your feedback.
For more information, email Kascie at American Rivers.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 3 from 7 – 8 p.m.
WHERE: Holiday Inn Downtown, Missoula

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. **John Toole Park Upkeep, June 1.**
   John Toole Park was the very first property purchased with Open Space funds in 1980. Since 1991, botanist John Pierce has been the lead volunteer, mastermind, and sometimes only caretaker responsible for approximately three acres of Missoula’s native prairie park on the river trail just east of the Missoulian. John established a grassland that appears as Missoula looked prior to settlement. You can support John’s efforts. We will be removing annual weeds. Bring a bucket or bag to sit on and for weeds, a friend to share time with, a weeding tool, gloves, and enjoy a lovely evening in the prairie by the Clark Fork River. There will be treats! Call Kelly (258-5439) with questions.
   WHEN: June 1 at 6:30pm
   WHERE: Meet at John Toole Park, south of 4th Street East, just east of the Missoulian building.

2. **People’s Hearing on the Tongue River Railroad EIS, June 4. Comments due June 23.**
   The Tongue River Railroad is a proposed rail line in SE Montana that would increase export of Montana coal to Asia through Pacific Northwest ports. A hearing co-sponsored by 350 Missoula and the Northern Plain Resource Council to gather comments on the Tongue River Railroad.
   When: June 4 at 5:30 p.m.
   Where: UM’s Clapp Building, Room 131
   Comments will also be accepted at [350 Missoula online](https://www.350.org). The comment deadline is June 23.
   The Tongue River Railroad Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available online. There are also two online public hearings on June 17, from noon to 3 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. Eastern time. You have to register online for these public hearings.

3. **Seeking Area Families to Support International Cultural Exchange.**
   Interested in a cultural exchange to benefit your family and international visitors? The Mansfield Center has three exciting programs coming to UM which provide educational and cultural activities to English-speaking participants from around the world selected in highly-rigorous competitions of the U.S. Department of State. The programs include a weekend homestay so that visitors better understand life with an American family, and homestay families are needed!
   No special activities are required. The goal of the homestay is for participants to understand what life can be like here in the US. They enjoy such activities as visiting the farmer’s market, attending the River City Roots Fest, hiking, going to movies, family barbecues, or whatever might come up that particular weekend.
   Contact Mansfield Center Associate Director, Deena Mansour, or call (406) 274-0992 for more information.
   The Mansfield Center supports the Missoula community with international educational exchange opportunities. Each year we send approximately 20 Montana high school students, 20 professionals, and 15 undergraduates to Asia. Most of these opportunities rely on the generosity of our Asian partners for homestays to better foster an understanding of local
cultures. Thank you for helping us return this hospitality to our international visitors to Montana, and for helping visitors to better understand the U.S. and our community!

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **Greywater Education Webinar Series. June 17 - July 1.**
   - Part 1: Greywater 101 or Drought-Proof Your Landscape With Greywater.
     WHEN: Wednesday, June 17 from 2 – 4 p.m.
   - Part 2: How to Design and Install a Laundry-to-Landscape Systems.
     WHEN: Wednesday, June 24 from 2 – 4 p.m.
     WHEN: Wednesday, July 1 from 2 – 4 p.m.
   Cost: $30-$50 sliding scale (1 registration per organization, multiple staff members can attend)
   By participating in this webinar you will receive: full access to & use of ppts, resource packet, and lesson plans.
   More information is available on the [Transition United States website](http://transitionus.org) or via [email](mailto:info@transitionus.org). You can also [register online](http://registeronline.com).

2. **Water Resources Management conference in Missoula in October. Abstracts due by July 15.**
   The Montana Chapter of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) and the Montana Watershed Coordination Council invites presentations for a joint conference to be held in Missoula October 8-9. The theme is "Linking Water Research to Policy and Water Management". Both oral and poster presentations are invited. Topics of particular interest include: riparian & floodplain protection & restoration, post-restoration studies, aquifer recharge & water reuse studies, watershed studies, groundwater/surface water interactions, water quality/quantity interaction. Abstracts are due by July 15. You can start submitting them in early June [online to AWRA](http://www.awra.org). For more information, email [J. Meek](mailto:jmeek@awra.org) or call (406) 444-4806.

**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](mailto:vicki.watson@umontana.edu))*

1. **Clark Fork Coalition seeks part-time Promotions Coordinator. Apply by June 1.**
   The Clark Fork Coalition (CFC) seeks an enthusiastic and motivated river advocate to promote the Coalition’s work and a unique raffle opportunity at a wide variety of public events from June through August. This is a fun and engaging summer employment opportunity to help raise funds to keep the Clark Fork River clean, healthy, and whole. See attached flier for more details on hours, pay, and how to apply.

2. **City of Missoula seeks full-time GIS Analyst/Planner. Apply by June 5.**
   Work as part of the City planning team to coordinate GIS, prepare maps, and databases. Initiate, monitor, and oversee Development Services planning projects. For a full job description and instructions for application, visit the [City of Missoula jobs page](http://www.cityofmissoula.org/jobs).

3. **The Big Sky Community Corporation seeks Executive Director. Apply by June 7.**
**The Big Sky Community Corporation (BSCCMT)** seeks a highly motivated professional to assume a pivotal role in the evolution of a fast-growing, highly respected organization. BSCCMT is seeking an individual of outstanding quality with a record of success in leading a nonprofit organization and is prepared to offer a very attractive compensation package, including a competitive base salary as well as health, and vacation benefits.

Qualifications include: strong written and verbal communication skills, proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and web applications, past success working with nonprofit Board of Directors, strong marketing, public relations and fundraising experience, with the ability to engage a wide range of stakeholders and cultures. Please see the [full job description](#).

This is a full time salaried position based in Big Sky, MT.

Please send a resume, cover letter, and 3 references to BSCC by June 7th. For more information, please call 406-993-2112.

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**HOUSING**

1. Three bedroom house close to University. Available immediately.
   Older 3 bedroom, 1 bath, two-story house within walking distance of the University. Nice yard and shed storage space shared with renters in basement apartment. Washer and dryer included. $1200 rent; landlord pays water, sewer, and garbage. No pets allowed. Contact Candace at (406)868-9526.

2. One bedroom apartment in lower Rattlesnake.
   Nice 1 bedroom basement apartment very near campus in the lower Rattlesnake. Rent is $625; water and garbage included. Tenant’s utilities average $30-40/month. Available June 1 for year-long lease. Please email Martha Newell for more information.

3. Two bedroom house four blocks from campus. Available July 1.

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**RESOURCES**

1. CFAC developing new online resource – FarmLink.
   The Community Food & Agriculture Coalition (CFAC) is developing a new online resource, FarmLink— a clearinghouse for beginning farmers and ranchers in Montana. The site will include:
   - Information on available resources from a wide range of federal, state, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations across Montana
   - New resources on business planning, financing, legal issues, land access, and more
   - Tools to connect farmers and landowners with those seeking internships, mentorships and land lease/purchase opportunities
   We are in the early stages of developing the site and plan to launch by early winter 2015, but we wanted to reach out to you early on to let you know about the project. We want to include you
and share your great work and resources with beginning farmers and ranchers from around our great state!
If you have any questions about this project, have ideas for partnering, or if you want more information, please email Annie at CFAC.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. Fundraiser to help local climate activists. Friday, May 29.
   Missoula 350 is holding a fundraiser to help local climate activists pay for their legal costs. Enjoy great music, good conversation, great readings by some of the newest voices in Missoula’s environmental community, and more information about the climate action movement. Light refreshments served, and you are welcome to bring the beverage of your choice. Voluntary donations will be accepted.
   What: Bluegrass music by The Gravelies, readings by local environmental writers, & other activities
   When: Friday, May 29, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
   Where: Harmony Stables, 3500 Duncan Drive. (This is EVST alum Dave Harmon’s place.)

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