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GOOD NEWS ITEM
1. Ben Colvin, EVST alum, is the new Director of Wild Forests and Fauna! Congratulations to EVST alum Ben Colvin on his new position as Executive Director of Wild Forests and Fauna. Ben received his Master's in Environmental Studies and a BS in Psychology from the University of Montana. The Citizen-Times (Asheville) quotes Ben, “To communities across the globe, forests are vital sources of clean water, clean air, respite and recreation, abundant and diverse wildlife, connections to culture and more. I am proud to join WFF and to work with global communities to protect critically important forests and wildlife for future generations.” Read the full article online.

AROUND EVST
1. Phil Condon, EVST Professor and Director, will give reading. January 31. Don’t miss the next installment of the Second Wind reading series this Sunday. EVST Professor/Director Phil Condon will read – something old and something new. MFA student Jolene Brink will also read.
   WHEN: Sunday, January 31, at 6 p.m.
   WHERE: The Badlander, 208 Ryman, Downtown Missoula.

FEATURED EVENT (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)
1. Spring semester begins! Don’t forget to look back at Newslines in your inbox that you didn’t have time to read on break. There may be a job announcement or funding opportunity that you missed. You can past issues by clicking the link at the top of today’s Newsline, next to “Viewing Problems?”

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
The Clark Fork Coalition provides many kinds of volunteer opportunities for those who want to help the river. River Corps volunteers monitor snowpack, measure stream flows, and help with river cleanup and restoration projects. Using the Snow and Tell curriculum, River Education volunteers can help teach middle & high school students about the river through hands-on, science-based field study. Volunteer by emailing Lily Haines, CFC’s education coordinator.

You might also like to:
Eat for the River at Caffe Dolce on January 26, and they'll donate a whopping 15% of your dinner receipt to protect and restore the Clark Fork River.
WHEN: Tuesday, January 26.
WHERE: Cafe Dolce, Missoula.

2. YWCA recruiting volunteers. Apply by February 1 (GUTS) or 19 (Pathways).
   The GUTS! (girls using their strengths) program is recruiting female volunteers who are interested in facilitating 1-1.5 hour weekly groups and providing mentorship to girls ages 9-13 in Missoula schools. Volunteers are trained in the GUTS! leadership curriculum and implement interactive activities that provide girls a safe place to explore their personal strengths, tackle common challenges, work on community projects and have fun! If interested, contact Tabby at tespinoza@ywcaofmissoula.org

   The Pathways Program is seeking volunteers to help us provide crisis intervention and emotional support to women and children in our Pathways program by answering our 24-hour crisis line, staffing our confidential domestic violence shelter, and meeting women and children at all hours of the day to provide shelter and a safe place to heal from trauma. For years, the students at the University of Montana have been one of our greatest resources in helping us provide this vital community service. If interested, contact Rebecca at email Rebecca Petit (rpettit@ywcaofmissoula.org). The applications are attached.

   This public hearing is on proposed amendments to grizzly bear conservation measures on the Stillwater and Coal Creek State Forests. The Trust Lands Management Division, Forest Management Bureau of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is currently in the process of revising their administrative rules regarding grizzly bear conservation measures on the Stillwater and Coal Creek State Forests. The public comment period ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 5.
   EVST alum Gary Frank will conduct the public hearing.
   A copy of the notice and proposed amendments are available online (http://dnrc.mt.gov/public-interest/public-notices/notices/36-22-191pro-arm.pdf).
   Please submit any comments to Gary Frank, 2705 Spurigin Road, Missoula, MT 59804-3199; fax (406) 542-4217; or e-mailed to gfrank@mt.gov.
   WHEN: Thursday, January 28 at 4 p.m. (hearing).
   WHERE: DNRC’s Forestry Division Headquarters, at 2705 Spurigin Road, Missoula.

   Yosemite National Park (YNP) is accepting public scoping comments on its Wilderness Stewardship Plan/Environmental Impact Statement until January 29, 2016. The Yosemite Wilderness is 704,000 acres and makes up 94% of the Park. The Park Service has asked for
comments on four issues: visitor use and capacity, stock use, trail management, and commercial services. All are related to potential overuse. If you’d like to help shape future management at YNP, you can submit your comments online.

A Missoula based group, Wilderness Watch, has raised these issues: respect the intent of the Wilderness Act to limit commercial services in Wilderness; stop routine use of helicopters and other motorized equipment in the Wilderness; remove nonconforming structures and uses in potential wilderness within the Park and designate those areas as Wilderness; ensure that all alternatives preserve and maintain wilderness character. Natural processes must be allowed to define the character of the wilderness. You can read Wilderness Watch’s comments online.

5. Comments on proposed changes in Butte restoration plan due February 1.
State of Montana proposes to revise the plan for restoration of the Butte Area One, part of the upper Clark Fork river superfund site. Public comment on proposed changes are requested and must be received by February 1. Copies of the proposed amendment can be seen at viewed and commented upon on the DOJ website.

6. Help make democracy work: serve at the Polls (paid). Training is in February.
Poll workers are trained and paid (both for the time they spend at training and the time spent at the polls). Missoula County is currently calling on citizens to serve as poll workers. There are several kinds of jobs at the polls. The basic poll worker training is 3 hours long, poll book workers require an additional 1.5 hours of training, and poll place managers an additional 3 hours.
Basic Trainings are offered on all these days: February 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, and 25. Poll place manager trainings are on Feb 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, and 24. Currently, poll book training is full, but they may open up more.
All trainings are offered at the Missoula Fairgrounds.
You need to be registered to vote in Missoula County, and when you come to training, you will need two forms of identification. Sign up for training by going to the Missoula County Elections Office website.

7. Write Field Notes and Species Descriptions for the UM Arboretum Committee.
The UM campus is home to the State of Montana Arboretum, so designated by the Legislature in 1991. The UM Arboretum Committee plans to launch an arboretum website as part of Twenty-fifth Anniversary activities. An important part of that website is a species page or field note for each North American tree species on campus. The Arboretum Committee invites students to help with this web page in these ways:
-- Write a Field Note on a Montana native tree or woody plant. Field Notes are played on Montana Public Radio. An example of a Field Note is available on the Montana Public Radio webpage. Field notes will be linked to the Arboretum website in text and audio.
-- Research and develop a Species Page for a Montana native tree/woody plant. A template will be provided to volunteers.
You can do this as a volunteer, as an intern, or as an independent study with an interested professor.
If you are interested in either of these, please email Kelly Chadwick.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
1. **Short online course for Changemakers; only a couple of hours. January 25 – 31.**
   In the chaos of day-to-day life, it’s easy to lose sight of what motivates you to make the world a better place. It’s a new year and a great time to reconnect with your sense of purpose. What’s your deepest passion? What helps you come alive? Story of Stuff offers a special one-week Changemaker Challenge, focused on helping you Changemakers connect with your purpose. Frederick Buechner describes purpose as “the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” We all play different roles in creating a better world and the process of doing that work can be joyful and fulfilling.

   Complete with videos, hands-on interactive online exercises, and some additional tips for practicing what you’ve learned, this short course will take only 1-2 hours to complete. It’s free, and you can go at your own pace. By the end of the course, you will have developed a purpose statement to get you started making positive change in your community and in the world. All you need is an internet connection, 1-2 hours over the week, and a desire to make the world a better place!

   **Sign up TODAY at the Story of Stuff website to begin the January Changemaker Challenge!**

2. **Learn about Asters! January 26.**
   Join the [Montana Native Plant Society](#) to gain knowledge and understanding of the world’s largest plant family – the Asters.
   **WHEN:** Tuesday, January 26, at 7 p.m.
   **WHERE:** UM Herbarium (Room 303, Botany Building).

3. **Ecology seminar on plant design. January 27.**
   Peter Reich, University of Minnesota, will present "Secrets of plant design: causes and consequences from the cell to the neighborhood to the globe." Peter was the top choice of Forestry & Biology grad students to bring to speak at UM. Steve Running stated that Peter’s work is a key part of some global climate models.
   **WHEN:** Wednesday, January 27, at 4:10 p.m.
   **WHERE:** Interdisciplinary Science Building, room 110.

4. **Montana Wilderness Association meeting. January 27.**
   Join the MWA for a discussion on current challenges of protecting our public lands.
   **WHEN:** Wednesday, January 27, from 6 to 8 p.m.
   **WHERE:** Missoula Public Library meeting room.

5. **Training for solar PV Installers in Bozeman. February 4.**
   The NEC 2014 Changes /NFPA 70E 2015 Solar Update Training class covers the new and/or “changed” technical and safety language in the Code and 70E relative to solar PV. It will address the areas of compliance focused on by the State electrical inspectors and includes the same material inspectors will cover in their March State Building Codes Conference in Bozeman and annual Inspector training in Helena (April).

   This FREE class is mandatory for all qualified installation contractors, unless you took the NEC/70E update training in Missoula in 2015 or one of the Helena JATC update trainings in 2015. The class is State of Montana Electrical Board approved CE class for electricians (4 Code Credits –State of Montana MTEL#14180) and can be applied for NABCEP CE Code credits.

   The class will be held on Thursday, February 4, at the Best Western GranTree Inn, 1325 N. 7th Avenue, Bozeman (Just off I90 on the 7th Street Exit). Check at the front desk for room number.
To RSVP for the Bozeman training, please contact John Jones at 465-5206 or e-mail at highmark@mac.com.

6. Polar Bear field courses. Apply now for fall courses.
The Great Bear Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of a new arctic ecology field course, Sharing Habitat with Polar Bears: how people and polar bears coexist. In addition to general polar bear ecology, this course takes an in-depth look at community responses to living with polar bears, how Indigenous peoples have historically coexisted with bears, and how we as global citizens share a planet with polar bears in rapidly changing times. This course is designed to stand alone, or as a follow-up to our introductory field course, Polar Bears 101. We lead by example, offering the lowest-impact Churchill polar bear experience available. All proceeds directly fund our bear conservation and education programs. Field courses sell out quickly, so register today! Find more information on this trip on the Great Bear Foundation website.

There will be presentations on how plant genetics interacts with conservation, restoration, taxonomy, and management for terrestrial and aquatic plants. This event is hosted by the Montana Native Plant Society and Montana Natural Heritage Program and sponsored by U.S. Forest Service and UM Biological Sciences. Find more information on the conference on the Montana Native Plant Society webpage. View the conference proceedings in an online pdf (http://www.mtnativeplants.org/fileaccess/getfile/439.pdf). You may also register for the Conference online.
Student Registration is ONLY $5.
WHEN: Wednesday and Thursday, February 9 - 10
WHERE: University of Montana-Missoula, University Center, 3rd floor.

Together, we will explore the history of knowledge and the formation of disciplines in the sciences and humanities, concepts of interdisciplinarity, and examples of contemporary interdisciplinary scholarship.
If you have a question, an idea, or want to become more involved in building the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Network, please email the Collaborative.
Course detail: BIOB 595, CRN#34884, Thursday, 2:10-3:30, 1 Credit.

Wilderness in the American Context (NRSM 404)/American Wilderness Philosophy and Policy (NRSM 560) is an online course that provides a broad perspective of what wilderness is and how the idea developed, exposes the student to some of the differing values, ethics, and expectations of wilderness held by society, and also examines the early history of wilderness preservation that ultimately led to federal protection in the U.S. Wilderness Act. Visit http://wmdep.wilderness.net/ for more information. You may also contact Will Fabro, WMDEP Manager via phone at (406) 243-5346 or email at william.fabro@umontana.edu.

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INTERNSHIPS
1. Wilderness Ranger summer internships. Apply now.
These internships are in the Selway-Bitterroot-Frank-Church wilderness and are managed by the Montana Conservation Corps.  
Apply online. More information about this wilderness is available on their webpage. Also, full details on this internship are available online.

2. Summer Internships with Green Corps. Apply now.  
Green Corps (http://www.greencorps.org/) trains environmental organizers. If you are graduating this spring, you might consider entering Green Corps’ one year paid training program. (Please see the companion listing under “Jobs.”) If you are not graduating, but are interested in a summer internships, Green Corps also places students in summer internships.  
Green Corps has nearly 350 alumni working with groups like Food & Water Watch, Sierra Club, Greenpeace, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, National Wildlife Federation and more.  
For a complete list of these opportunities and application instructions, visit Green Corps’ internship webpage (http://greencorps.org/internships.php).

Mountain Line is Missoula’s community bus service, operated by the Missoula Urban Transportation District (MUTD). Mountain Line seeks 2-4 outgoing part-time intern Bus Ambassadors to help with the promotion and communication of our services in the community, with a focus on new Missoula apartments within a five minute walk of our routes. Ambassadors will engage in one-on-one conversations with prospective riders through door-to-door canvassing, tabling and clip-boarding at neighborhood events and meetings, ridership surveys, and planning an educational event at the end of the internship period. Active students are encouraged to apply.  
Commitment and Compensation: The position is based in Missoula, MT and is supervised by Mountain Line’s Community Outreach Coordinator. The position begins approximately Feb. 1st with three training days and concludes at the end of the University of Montana’s fall semester. It is a part time position at 10-15 hours a week with a $500 stipend upon completion of the required hours.  
Internship Responsibilities: serve as the public face of Mountain Line and inspire and challenge others in the community to use diverse transportation options; inform Missoulians about Mountain Line and the services provided; meet daily and weekly goals for contacts and new riders; report regularly to the Community Outreach Coordinator; regularly ride assigned routes and foster relationships with regular customers and our staff.  
Qualified applicants will possess: an outgoing personality and interpersonal communication skills, including the ability to engage with a diverse community comfortably and confidently; strong organizational skills and attention to detail; ability to work both independently and as a member of a team; ability to take initiative on individual projects and be a self-starter.  
To apply: Email Cover Letter, Resume, and three references to B. Pfeiffer at Mountain Line by Feb. 1, 2016.
The Montana Wildlife Federation is hiring a Field Representative to work on grassroots organizing and priority conservation campaigns in Western Montana. Job will be located in Helena or potentially another community in western Montana. Please see the attached job notice for more information. Applications review will begin on January 29 and continue until the position is filled.

2. **Jobs with Montana State Parks.**
   Montana State Parks has many Americorps jobs this spring or summer in some beautiful state parks. Some jobs run from April 11 to August 12 (apply for those by Feb 28). Other jobs run from May 16 to September 16 (apply for those by April 11). The jobs take place over 18 weeks; require 675 hours of service; pay a living stipend of $4050 and provide an educational award of $2200 at the end of service. Details for each position and application instructions may be found on the [State Parks/Americorps website](http://www.stateparks.org/a2/). Details for each position and application instructions may be found on the State Parks/Americorps website.

3. **Temporary Seasonal jobs with US Forest Service Northern Region (fisheries, soils, hydrology).** Nez Perce & Clearwater National Forests in Idaho are hiring temporary seasonal positions in fisheries, hydrology and soils. The positions are attached. Amber Kamps, the Regional Outreach Coordinator in the Missoula Office, provides this website with information on seasonal hiring in the Northern Region of the Forest Service. All applications are through the USA Jobs website. Note that these positions will be open for application only from February 3 to February 9.

4. **Montana Conservation Corps is taking applications for summer field crews. Apply now.**
   **Youth Crew Leaders**
   Term dates: March 7 to August 19, 2016; Bi-weekly living allowance: $626.50; Ed award: $2,822.
   Responsibilities: Upon successful completion of the Leadership Development Program (March-May), you and your co-leader will hit the trail for your first four-week session with a crew of four Montana youth ages 15 to 17. You will be in the field for the entire session, with the support of staff and a senior crew leader, and one scheduled day off. You and your co-leader will be "on duty" the majority of the time. Upon the completion of your first session, you will be given time to recoup and plan before departing once again, for session two.

   **YCC Crew Leaders**
   Term dates: May 25 to August 23, 2016; Bi-weekly living allowance: $626.50; Ed award: $1,195.
   Responsibilities: The US Forest Service, Flathead and Kootenai National Forests, have partnered with Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) to run an 8-week summer youth employment opportunity for local teens age 14-17. Leaders serve in MCC's Northern Rockies Region (Kalispell, MT). Housing may be provided.

   **Crew Members**
   Term dates: May 23, to November 4, 2016; Bi-weekly living allowance: $504; Ed award: $2,822.
   Responsibilities: Throughout the five month field program, you'll explore and develop within the MCC Program Objectives of communication and team skills, leadership skills, environmental stewardship, technical field skills, and the development of a strong service ethic through your crew interactions, designed to enhance personal growth, with the experience itself as the primary teacher. This includes labor-intensive fieldwork, the rigors of camp life, and public lands education focused on connecting your day-to-day work to MCC's mission.
Veterans Green Corps Members
Term dates: May 16, to August 3, 2016; Bi-weekly living allowance: $650; Ed award: $1,195.
Responsibilities: VGC is based in Helena, Montana in MCC's Central Divide Region. In 2016, corps members will serve for 12 weeks during the summer. Trainings are largely field based and projects partners may include various land management agencies. Project work is typically fuels reduction or thinning projects, however, it may also include trail maintenance, historic preservation, fencing, and /or addressing many other accessibility issues on public lands. Participants will spend the majority of their time front country camping.

Find more information on the Montana Conservation Corps website. Call (406) 587-4475 or email Joy Davis with any questions.

5. **Seasonal jobs with the National Parks Service. Apply now.**
Want to use your skills to study and protect some of the world's most interesting and beautiful protected areas? The U.S. National Park Service is now hiring multiple seasonal positions in parks around Alaska for a variety of physical science tasks including glaciology, coastal landform mapping, GIS, freshwater monitoring, geo-hazards, fluvial geomorphology, and many others. Most jobs run from May to October.

There are two job announcements with two different application deadline dates and each includes some different locations: the **first has an application deadline of January 29**, and the **other has an application deadline of February 1**.

6. **Selway-Bitterroot-Frank-Church Foundation is hiring summer field workers. Apply now.**
These positions run from mid-April to late October. Position descriptions are available online. The applications are also online.

7. **Get paid while training with Green Corps. Apply now.**
[Green Corps](http://www.greencorps.org/) runs a year-long paid training program in environmental organizing for college graduates that combines intensive class-room training with leaders in the environmental movement and field placement working on urgent environmental issues with organizations like the Sierra Club and Food & Water Watch. Some alumni include Phil Radford, Executive Director of Greenpeace USA and Sarah Hodgdon, the National Program Director at Sierra Club.

Get paid! Green Corps organizers earn a salary of $25,500. We also offer a generous benefits package.
Launch your career: Green Corps will help connect you to environmental and progressive groups that are looking for full-time staff to build their organizations and help them create social change and protect our environment.

The Application Process: In the next few months, we’ll invite 35 college graduates to join Green Corps in 2016 -2017. We’re looking for people who are serious about saving the planet, people who have taken initiative on their campus or community, and people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and work for change over the long haul.

For more information and application instructions, visit the Green Corps website (http://greencorps.org/internships.php).

8. **Seasonal river ranger in Idaho. Apply by end of January.**
The BLM Cottonwood Field Office in Idaho will have a seasonal river ranger position opening for the 2016 season. Primary duties include: patrolling the Lower Salmon River by raft ensuring outfitter compliance, making public contacts, and river cleanup. This is a potentially dangerous job to float a whitewater raft on the Salmon River. Experience is required with whitewater rafting in oar frame rafts (15-16 ft.) on Class III-IV rivers. Find this job on USA Jobs under the announcement name Park Ranger (River), number BLM-TEMP-2016-0046, with the duty station being in Cottonwood, Idaho. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by the end of January, as applications submitted by January 31st ensure first round consideration.

9. **Forward Montana seeks Development Director and Program Director.**
Forward Montana describes itself as a homegrown, statewide, youth-led, grassroots organization with the mission to train, mobilize, and elect the next generation of young leaders in the state of Montana. Forward MT is hiring for two full-time jobs in Missoula which they describe thus:
First, we're looking for that perfect someone who has the drive and passion to raise all the monies as **FM's Development Director**. Do you love to plan outrageous parties, aren't bashful about asking for money, and constantly think and dream about dolla billz? Forward MT wants you!
Second, the new year has inspired us to start the search for a rootin tootin, campaign-winning **Western Montana Program Director**. We need a data diva, goal destroying, team leader to expand FMT's programmatic reach to new heights.
**Full details are available on the Forward Montana website** and at the above links.

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**HOUSING**

1. **Super-sustainable home has some rooms to rent.**
Steve Loken, local sustainable builder, currently has two rooms for rent in his home, which is super insulated, passive solar, retrofitted home, kitchen, private bath, utilities, and laundry included. There is access to Rattlesnake Creek, all trails, 1 mile from downtown, full garden, and pond, PVs on roof, salvaged and reused materials for interior trim, non-toxic floor coverings, and interior all painted with recycled paint.
$475/month for big room, and $450 for small room.
Contact Steve at 544-2523 (cell).

2. **Room for rent in the Rattlesnake.**
This room is perfect for a responsible, easy-going, kind, fairly quiet grad student who likes kids, as they will be around 2 weeks a month. Good communication skills are key! The south-facing basement bedroom has a large window, closet, and comes furnished if need be with a double futon. The bathroom next door has a shower etc. Laundry, Wi-Fi, a single parking space, and utilities are included. A well-trained quiet dog is a possibility too- must be friendly with ducks. There is also a fenced yard and garden space. The bedroom opens onto a large, open family room with a gas stove and plenty of room for stretching out, reading, or doing projects. That room is used by the family- me and my two kids, ages 12 and 14- and is meant to be a creative space.
The house is located on a quiet, dead end street a block from Rattlesnake Creek, the PEAS Farm, and trails up the North Hills and up to the Rattlesnake. Also, two blocks from the Route 5 bus route. Kitchen and downstairs living area will be shared. Rent is $425 a month. Call Claire at 728-7910 to talk details or see the property.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS**

1. **UM Society for Ecological Restoration meets January 26.**
   - UM Society for Ecological Restoration (UM SER) will hold its first meeting of the semester this Tuesday in the Forestry greenhouse, which is on the south side of the Forestry building. The agenda includes planning for this semester’s projects. Please note: meetings will be on Tuesdays this semester. You can follow UM SER on Facebook.
   - WHEN: Tuesday, January 26, at ~5 p.m.
   - WHERE: Forestry Greenhouse.

2. **Lovable elderly cat seeks home.**
   - Dan Spencer is looking for a home for a beloved 15-year-old family cat named Blue. His owner is moving away, and Dan can’t take him due to allergies. If you have room in your home and heart for a nice mellow old cat, please email Dan Spencer.

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