Newsline is going on summer break. We will be back near the end of August. Have a great summer!

Newsline Extras will be sent to your in-box if there are time-sensitive, urgent, or important items we know you won’t want to miss. Also, we will send out job and housing announcements in a timely manner. Please be sure to check the Conservation Calendar for events. Don’t forget to check in with your favorite organizations on their websites or by following them on Facebook so you don’t miss a thing.

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GOOD NEWS ITEM
1. EVST Alum Emily Withnall receives AWP award.
   Congratulations to Emily Withnall, who finished her EVST MS degree last December, and walked in our Commencement ceremony May 14! She is the 2016 recipient of the Associate Writing Program's creative nonfiction Writers Conference award for her essay, "Disembodied," from her EVST thesis work. For more information, please visit the Association of Writers and Writing Programs web site.

2. Good news for ocean fisheries.
   In a recent speech, US Secretary of State John Kerry stated, “The world marked a turning point yesterday in the global fight against illegal fishing. The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) announced that 29 countries and the European Union have become party to the 2009 Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.” With 30 parties on board, the agreement will officially enter into force on June 5, 2016, giving countries that have joined the agreement the necessary tools to prevent the offloading and sale of IUU fishing products.

AROUND EVST
1. Camas magazine announces the 2016-17 editors!
   Camas Magazine welcomes as 2016/17 senior co-editors Matt Hart and Peter Gurche. Matt and Peter bring to Camas their diverse experience, creative vision, and commitment to environmental writing in the West. We congratulate and wish them good luck!

2. EVST t-shirts have arrived. Get yours today.
   Show your EVST colors with these all cotton, American made t-shirts. Check them out in the EVST office. Only $10. Correct change is appreciated.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
   It's been several months since the Activate Missoula Transportation Summit #1. Since then, Missoula planners have been developing potential transportation projects, reviewing the Goals and Objectives from the 2012 Long Range Transportation Plan, and collecting information for a draft funding plan for the next 30 years. Now, it's time to re-engage with citizens. Transportation Summit #2 attendees will participate in an in-depth review of our expected transportation challenges as the Missoula region continues to grow toward the year 2045. The
Summit will be an interactive event through which you can help the project team prioritize transportation goals and improvements and provide input on how available funding should be spent on future projects. Coffee and light snacks will be provided. [For more information on this Transportation Summit, go to activatemissoula.com.]

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 24, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
**WHERE:** Missoula Children’s Theater, 200 N. Adams Street, second floor, Missoula.

**2. DiverseU Proposals due May 30 for the symposium this November.**
UM’s 2016 DiverseU symposium is scheduled for November 2 - 3. DiverseU is a campus-wide series of events focused on topics of diversity and promoting civil discourse. Students, faculty, staff, and community members discuss, present, perform, and exhibit art throughout the day. [Please submit your proposal online to DiverseU.](#)

The deadline for presentation proposals in Monday, May 30.

**3. Help build/maintain the Continental Divide Trail. Various times this summer.**
The [Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)](#) is the steward of the Montana portion of the Continental Divide Trail. MWA organizes volunteers each summer to help build and maintain the trail and spend quality time around the campfire with friends. There are a few more spaces open this year, but projects are filling up fast. [For a list of available slots and to register, go to the MWA website.](#)

**4. Top 10 Volunteer Vacations for Students!**
The following note was received from GoEco – their service has not been checked out by the EVST faculty – so be sure to check it out carefully yourself.

What better way to celebrate your graduation than going on a volunteer adventure abroad. Spend this summer making unforgettable memories while gaining valuable real-world experience in your field! GoEco can arrange an awesome volunteer placement for you and your friends almost anywhere in the world! To help get you started, [To help get you started, GoEco chose ten volunteer vacations as examples.](#)

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**1. On-farm workshops and tours offered from May 25 through September.**
The [Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC)](#) offers five fantastic field days this summer! These are geared towards people at the beginning of their farm exploration - interns, folks thinking about starting a farm in the near future, and those who are just getting started. Of course, beginning and established farmers and ranchers are welcome, too! Did we mention all the field days are FREE?!

Please register at least three days in advance. Walk-ins are still welcome, but we’d greatly prefer to have a good estimate of numbers in advance. Most of the events involve a potluck dinner. [Each farmer field day is described in detail on the CFAC Field Days webpage.](#)

- **May 25:** Ploughshare Farm, Moiese.
- **June 14:** Spindrift Orchard and Vineyard, Polson.
- **July 19:** Good Egg Farm, Moiese.
- **August 9:** PEAS Farm, Missoula.
- **September 6:** Tucker Family Farm, Victor.

[Register online for any farmer field day by clicking this link.](#)
Interested in learning the skills of an Anti-Poaching Ranger? Register now!

Global Conservation Force (GCF) is dedicated to saving wildlife from extinction through education, anti-poaching, and conservation efforts. GCF offers a course in anti-poaching enforcement & field survival skills. It will be taught by 2 anti-poaching rangers from Africa. Mary Nellis of UM Foreign Student Services has recommended the course. Cost is $375, which includes meals, camping permits, and a ranger shirt. **Full details on this course may be found of the GCF website.**

WHEN:  Friday, June 10, through Sunday, June 12.
WHERE:  California’s Cleveland National Forest.


For the first time in six years, the annual Wings Across the Big Sky Festival will be in Missoula. The festival features field trips, speakers, informational booths, and other festivities that celebrate efforts to conserve our birds and wildlife in Montana. Dr. Erick Greene of the University of Montana will be the keynote speaker and highlight his research into songbirds and how they communicate danger to others. Sponsored by Montana Audubon and the Five Valleys and Bitterroot Audubon chapters, the festival will be at the Holiday Inn and welcomes anyone interested in birding, getting outdoors, and learning more about our state’s natural wealth. **For more information or to sign up, go to the Montana Audubon festival web page or call (406) 443-3949 or go online to mtaudubon.org.**

WHEN:  Friday, June 3, through Sunday, June 5.
WHERE:  Holiday Inn, downtown, Missoula.

Local permaculture lab and base camp offers vacation stays.

Some of you may be aware that a group of folks have established what they call a Permaculture Lab (sort of an eco-village for trying out methods of living sustainably on the land and off the grid) about one hour west of Missoula. A recent email from them says: 
To further infect brains and spread the permaculture word, Wheaton Lab is proud to offer vacation rentals. Enjoy a sustainable stay in our natural built structures while observing, or better yet participating, in a wide variety of activities to create a sustainable community. **For more information on these permaculture vacations, go to permies.com.**

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. Summer farm job at County Rail Farm. Apply ASAP. 
   County Rail Farm (CRF) is hiring. Start now and work through mid-October. Room and board is included. You work 40 hours per week. Pay is $130/week, after taxes. **For complete details, including application instructions, go to CRF’s job webpage.**

2. Field Organizer with Northern Plains Resource Council. Apply ASAP.
   Help protect Montana’s water quality, family farms and ranches, and unique quality of life. Work hard, meet good people, and make a difference! We offer salary, benefits, and generous vacation time. This is a year-round job in Billings or Helena. **Get all the details on this opportunity on the Northern Plains Resource Council careers page or call (406) 248-1154.**
3. **AERO seeks full-time Program Manager. Apply by May 27.**
   
   AERO’s Program Manager is responsible for the management of ongoing development of AERO’s statewide sustainable agriculture and energy programs. For complete details on the job and instructions on how to apply, go to AERO’s Program Manager position listing.

   Apply by May 27.

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**HOUSING**

1. **Three bedroom apartment available now. Great location. Available now.**

   Cozy 3 bedroom apartment with all amenities: washer/dryer/dishwasher. Four blocks from Orange Street Food Farm, on Mountain Line bus route, near bike path, 15-minute walk to campus and a 10-minute walk downtown. Each bedroom has large windows. Share the yard and garden with upstairs tenants. Backyard has a patio. There is garage space for gear and bicycles. Car parking is on the street. Rent includes water, lawn maintenance, and trash. You are responsible for electric. Rent is $1050. First month plus security deposit is required. Dogs considered with references. No smoking allowed on property. Contact Courtney Hodek at 239-1257.

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**RESOURCES**

1. **Planning your Walk in the Wild.**

   MT Wilderness Association’s 2016 Wilderness Walks season has begun. Sign up for a walk [MWA's wilderness walks webpage](#).

   Or plan your own hike in Montana using [MWA's online, statewide trail guide](#), [hikewildmontana.org](#).

2. **Which states are pushing solar power, and which are throwing shade on it?**

   Solar power is growing fast, but some states are putting road blocks in the way. Center for Biodiversity’s new report, *Throwing Shade*, shines a light on ten of the worst offenders: sun-drenched states that should be leading the way in the solar revolution but are instead lagging through weak, nonexistent or, in some cases, counterproductive energy policies. Together, these states have more than one-third of the rooftop solar potential in the lower forty-eight states but currently account for less than six percent of what’s installed.

   Montana is not in the group of ten worst offenders, but its policies look pretty poor compared to more progressive states.

3. **Report on ten wild places saved by endangered species.**

   The Center for Biological Diversity has issued a report on how endangered species have saved their endangered ecosystems. [Read the press release about Saving Species and Wild Places online](#).

   [A pdf of the full report, Saving Species and Wild Places, is also available online](#).

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS**
1. **EPI hosts First Friday event. Fun for the whole family. June 3.**
   Local nonprofit [Ecology Project International (EPI)](https://www.epi-montana.org) invites the public to join its First Friday event, featuring local glass artist Kathleen Sheard, local bands Soul City and The Casual Encounters, free beer and wine, food trucks, and kids’ activities. EPI is also selling eco-travel raffle tickets for a chance to win three incredible travel packages, including a luxury Galapagos cruise for two. Get your tickets at the First Friday event or call EPI at (406) 721-8784.
   WHEN: Friday, June 3.
   WHERE: Swift Center, 315 S. Fourth St. East, Missoula.

2. **Nominate a young change-maker for the 25 under 25 campaign. Due June 17.**
   [Forward Montana Foundation](https://www.forwardmontana.org) is launching its Second Annual 25 Under 25 campaign! Our goal? We want to recognize and celebrate young people across the state who are changing their community and Montana for the better. By publicly honoring these young visionaries, we will:
   - generate additional opportunities for these and other young people to succeed and remain in Montana for years to come.
   - inspire other young Montanans to see their own potential and initiate the change they want to see in their communities.
   - build a statewide network of young people dedicated to making our state the best possible place for ourselves and future generations.
   Please take a minute to nominate a young person in Montana who is deserving of our recognition now.
   [Please submit your nomination via this Forward Montana link now.](https://www.forwardmontana.org/25under25/

3. **Get your 2016-2017 events in the Missoulian’s Bear Necessities Guide. Due June 24.**
   Bear Necessities, a guide to UM and the Missoula area distributed by the Missoulian near the first day of classes each fall, is an important resource for publicizing your events. University Relations aims to get the UM Events Calendar updated for this publication, but we need your help. Let us know about any 2016-17 academic-year events you would like to submit for Bear Necessities. Submit the information by Friday, June 24, to ensure your events are included in content University Relations sends to the Missoulian for publication. Send fliers or other printed information through campus mail to University Relations, Brantly Hall 319. Be sure to note that they are for the UM Events Calendar editor. Submit your information online by:
   - uploading individual events using the Post Your Event link at [https://events.umt.edu/](https://events.umt.edu/)
   - emailing multiple events, such as lecture series, to calendar@mso.umt.edu.

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