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AUTHOR GRETEL EHRLICH TO DIRECT UM ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING INSTITUTE

MISSOULA --

Gretel Ehrlich, author of the books of essays "The Solace of Open Spaces" and "Islands, the Universe, Home," will direct the 1993 Environmental Writing Institute May 15-20 at the Teller Wildlife Refuge, near Corvallis.

The institute, cosponsored by The University of Montana Program in Environmental and Nature Writing and the Teller Wildlife Refuge Inc., will feature daily workshops with Ehrlich and is designed for writers of non-fiction prose relating to nature and environmental issues.

Applicants must submit a non-fiction prose manuscript, a resume and a non-refundable application fee of \$10 by Wednesday, March 31. Fourteen applicants will be chosen based on the quality of their submissions. Manuscripts should be in the final stages of revision but unpublished. The competition favors material related to the northern Rockies but doesn't exclude other subjects.

The registration fee of \$500 includes workshops, lodging and meals at the refuge.

Besides leading workshops, Ehrlich will give a free, public reading at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at the refuge.

A resident of Santa Barbara, Calif., Ehrlich focuses on <u>Wyoming</u>'s cowboys, shepherds, Native Americans and land in "The Solace of Open Spaces." "Islands, the Universe, Home" begins and ends in Wyoming.

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She's also written the novel "Heart Mountain," book of poems "Arctic Heart" and short-story collection "Drinking Dry Clouds."

For a brochure, contact the Center for Continuing Education, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; (406) 243-2094 or 243-6486.

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