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Dear editors, news directors and reporters:

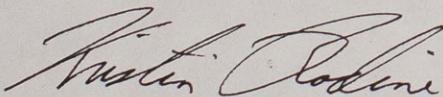
Compton Tucker, the NASA scientist who made international headlines in 1992 by comparing the deforestation rate in the Pacific Northwest to that of the Amazon rain forest, will meet with local media Monday morning, April 11. The interview opportunity is scheduled for 9 a.m. in Forestry Room 111, located inside the forestry school's main office.

Tucker will be in Missoula Monday for a free public seminar comparing deforestation and habitat fragmentation in Brazil and the Pacific Northwest. The seminar is set for 4 p.m. in Urey Lecture Hall.

A senior research fellow at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Tucker was the first person to accurately measure the rate of Amazon deforestation using satellite data. His findings that harvesting rates in the forests of "developed" countries were even higher than in "undeveloped" countries sparked controversy during the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and prompted review of U.S. Forest Service policies.

I hope you or someone from your office will be able to attend the Monday morning session and interview Tucker.

Sincerely,



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News editor