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Program Notes

Beetles as Barometers

(*Imagine That!* Ivie—airs Sunday, Jan. 8, 1995, at 9 p.m.)

Consider a lowly beetle, one small insect with a huge set of relatives. Since one out of five living things is a beetle, beetles have a growing role in the study of environmental changes, says a nationally recognized specialist at Montana State University-Bozeman.

On the next segment of *Imagine That!*, airing Sunday, Jan. 8, at 9 p.m. on KUFM/KGPR Radio, entomologist Mike Ivie discusses how the omnipresent beetle provides clues about the health of our nation's wildlife and wild lands.

Ivie is an associate professor and curator of entomology at MSU-Bozeman. As a past president of the Coleopterists Society, a worldwide organization of people who study beetles, Ivie is an enthusiastic fan of the insects.

Imagine That! is produced as a joint venture between The University of Montana-Missoula and Montana State University-Bozeman. The program also airs at 7:35 a.m. Jan. 9 on KEMC public radio stations. For more information, call Annette Trinity-Stevens, MSU VP for Research Office, 994-5607, or Lilly Tuholske, UM research news editor, 243-5547.



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