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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY— The Environmental Studies Program at The University of Montana will celebrate its 30th anniversary this weekend, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, with a first-ever reunion of many of its 350 alumni. Participants will enjoy an opening reception on campus and alumni presentations, plus a day at Lubrecht's Experimental Forest that will include volleyball, an awards dinner, singing around the campfire and the Blackfoot Boogie – the traditional fall gathering of EVST students. The EVST program has evolved and grown over the past 30 years to include larger classes and an undergraduate degree.

Some featured events are:

■ Opening reception, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29, University Center Rooms 330-332. Speakers will include EVST Director Tom Roy, former UM College of Arts and Sciences Dean Jim Flightner, EVST grad and gubernatorial candidate Mark O'Keefe and former Congressman Pat Williams.

■ Alumni presentations, 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, Gallagher Business Building Room 122.

■ Panel discussion, "The Future of EVST and of Environmental Activism," 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, Gallagher 122. Panelists include past students and a current student.

■ Restoration project, 2-5 p.m., Lubrecht Experimental Forest, Saturday, Sept. 30. Alumni and students are asked to meet at the forest for transportation to the Pearson Creek site. Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves and to plant native shrubs along a creek that was recently recontoured because cattle grazing damaged its banks.

■ Alumni presentations, 5-6 p.m., Lubrecht, Saturday, Sept. 30.

■ Awards ceremony, 8-9 p.m., Lubrecht, Saturday, Sept. 30.

■ EVST talent show and music, 9 p.m., Lubrecht, Saturday, Sept. 30.

For more information, call the EVST office at (406) 243-6273 or organizers Jake Kreilick at (406) 829-6353 or Tracy Stone-Manning at (406) 542-0539.

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