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UM OFFERS SPECIAL COURSE ON WILDFIRE

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana is offering a special class on this summer's wildfires in recognition of student firefighting efforts.

Wildland Fire 2000: Pulaskis, Policy and Perspectives will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from Oct. 9 to Nov. 15. It is open to student firefighters, currently enrolled UM students, and the general public. Enrolled students may take the class for credit as forestry 395. Nonstudents may attend any or all sessions for a fee of \$5 per lecture, payable at the door. All profits from the course will go to the American Red Cross Fire Relief Fund.

Topics will include history of fire policy, a summation of the fires of 2000, fire ecology, fire and the urban interface, and smoke and air quality as a result of fire. A complete list of topics and dates will appear in the Sunday, Oct. 8, Missoulian. UM professors and other nationally known experts in fire management will give the lectures.

In announcing the course, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Lois Muir thanked students for their firefighting efforts in Montana and across the West. She acknowledged the difficulty facing students returning to classes already ongoing. This course, one that students can take in entirety after returning to campus from the fire lines, is being offered to help student firefighters obtain some academic credit in the fall semester.

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The School of Forestry and Continuing Education are co-sponsoring the course. For more information, contact David Wickwire at 243-2472 or davidwickwire@lycos.com, or Lisa Gerloff at 243-4623 or nrm@selway.umt.edu.

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