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WILDERNESS INSTITUTE'S LECTURE SERIES BEGINS AT UM

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The 2002 Wilderness Lecture Series, "Wildness and Sustainability," is under way at The University of Montana.

UM's Wilderness Institute, created in the School of Forestry in 1974, has offered the series annually since 1980. This year's lectures provide educational opportunities for both students and the public to explore ways that communities and individuals are working toward sustainability and how wildness contributes to these efforts.

The series is free and open to the public. Lectures begin at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Building Room 122. A list of lecture dates, topics and presenters follows:

Feb. 12 -- "Wilderness Restoration: The Dilemma of Managing for Wildness and Naturalness" by Peter Landres, research ecologist, Aldo Leopole Wilderness Research Institute.

Feb. 19 -- "Wilderness and Communities: What Should we Sustain?" by Steve McCool, professor of recreation management, University of Montana.

Feb. 26 -- "Responsible Energy Development: Can We Do It Right?" by Steve Gilbert, wildlife biologist and member of the Northern Plains Resource Council board of directors.

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March 5 -- "Everday Choices: Sustaining Rural Communities and the Western Landscape" by Lill Erickson, executive director, Corporation for the Northern Rockies.

March 26 -- "Linking the Social and Biological: Stewarding Our Natural World" by Mary Mitsos, director of community conservation, National Forest Foundation.

April 2 -- "The Next Silent Spring: Can Wilderness Survive the 21st Century Chemical Revolution?" by Bryony Schwan, national campaign director, Women's Voices for the Earth.

April 16 -- "Biomimicry: Wilderness as the Wellspring of Well-Adapted Ideas" by Janine Benyus, author of "Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature" (1997).

April 23 -- "The Gwich'in and the Legacy of the Arctic Refuge" by Bert and Jane Gildart, writers and photographers who have lived and traveled with the Gwich'in since 1991.

April 30 -- "Big Wildness and Little Wildness: Thoreau and Nature" by Daniel Botkin, president, Center for the Study of the Environment, and author of "No Man's Garden: Thoreau and a New Vision for Civilization and Nature" (2000).

May 7 -- "Coming Home to Eat: Ecoregional Food Sustainability" by Gary Paul Nabhan, director, the Center for Sustainable Environments, Northern Arizona University, and author of "Coming Home to Eat: The Sensual Pleasures and Global Politics of Local Foods" (2001).

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