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UM SYMPOSIUM EXAMINES U.S.-CANADIAN FOREST MANAGEMENT

MISSOULA—

Forest management practices are as varied as the landscapes they impact and governments that enforce them. So The University of Montana will foster a little cross-border understanding during a Thursday, March 13, symposium that compares U.S. and Canadian management practices.

The symposium, “Forest Management In the United States and Canada: Prospects for Understanding,” will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Parkside. The event will be sponsored by UM’s School of Forestry Plum Creek Lecture Series and the Canadian Consulate General of Minneapolis.

The symposium costs \$15, but students will be admitted free. Registration forms are available at www.forestry.umt.edu/kiosk/Conference/Plumcreek/2003/PlumCreekLecture/index.htm or by calling (406) 243-5507.

Lectures and panels will focus on ownership, policy structures and the importance of forestry, as well as perspectives on land management practices and economic and trade issues.

Following is a complete schedule:

7:45 a.m. -- registration

8:30 a.m. -- Welcome by Perry Brown, UM forestry dean, and Christopher Thomson,

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consul general of Canada.

9 a.m. -- "Sustainable Forestry in Canada and the United States: Developments and Prospects," keynote address by Peter Duinker, director of Dalhousie University's School for Resource and Environmental Studies.

10:30 a.m. -- "Ownership, Policy Structures and the Importance of Forestry," morning plenary by Harry Nelson, senior research associate of the Forest Economics and Policy Analysis Research Unit at the University of British Columbia; Dave Jackson, UM professor emeritus of resource economics and policy; and Carl Fiedler, UM research associate professor of silviculture.

Noon -- pot roast lunch.

1 p.m. -- "Perspectives on Land Management Practices," panel discussion, list of speakers available on symposium Web site.

3 p.m. -- "Perspectives on Economic and Trade Issues," panel discussion, list of speakers available on symposium Web site.

4:30 p.m. -- Wrap-up by Jim Burchfield, research associate professor of the Bolle Center for People and Forests at UM.

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