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**2005 WILDERNESS ISSUES LECTURE SERIES KICKS OFF JAN. 25**

**MISSOULA-**

The University of Montana's 26th annual Wilderness Issues Lecture Series, "The Future of Wilderness in America: Change, Continuity and Conservation," begins Tuesday, Jan. 25, with a series introduction.

Sponsored by UM's College of Forestry and Conservation, the lecture series brings together a diverse group of scholars and leaders to reflect on the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. The lectures are scheduled for 7 p.m. each Tuesday through April 26 in Gallagher Building Room 122 and are free and open to the public.

The series schedule is:

**Jan. 25** -- Introduction to the series.

**Feb. 8** -- "Looking Back, Looking Forward: What History Tells Us About Wilderness Designation and Management," Doug Scott, policy director for Campaign for America's Wilderness.

**Feb. 15** -- "Has Global Warming Started Yet? Will Wilderness Look the Same?" Steve Running, UM ecology professor.

**Feb. 22** -- "Ecological Restoration and Wilderness: Trojan Horse or Hopeful Future?" Dan Spencer, UM environmental studies adjunct assistant professor.

**March 1** -- "Wilderness in a Red and Blue World," Bill Meadows, president, Wilderness Society.

**March 8** -- "The Wilderness Stewardship Challenge: Will Our Generation Leave an

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Enduring Legacy of Wilderness?" Mary Wagner, director of Wilderness, U.S. Forest Service.

**March 15** -- "Engaging Citizens and Science in the Future of Wilderness," Nicky Phear, UM Wilderness and Civilization Program coordinator.

**March 29** -- "Linking Science and Policy: A Comprehensive Approach to Invasive Species," Ann Bartuska, U.S. Forest Service deputy chief for research and development.

**April 5** -- "Tribal Wilderness in the Mission Mountains," Germaine White, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes education specialist.

**April 12** -- "Were You Ever Out in the Great Alone? Wilderness and Privacy in the 21st Century America," Dan Dustin, Florida International University Frost Professor of Outdoor Recreation, Planning and Policy.

**April 19** -- "Locking Up Wildlife: Turning Wilderness Into Zoos?," Bill Borrie, UM park and recreation management associate professor.

**April 26** -- "The Role of Science in Shaping the Future of Wilderness," M.A. Sanjayan, The Nature Conservancy lead scientist.

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