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### **GOVERNOR TO OPEN UM CLIMATE CHANGE PANEL**

#### **MISSOULA—**

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer will speak at The University of Montana at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, to open a panel discussion on solutions to climate change.

“Climate Change Policy and Solutions, US, MT, MSLA, and UM” will be held in the University Center Ballroom, located on the third floor of the University Center.

Panelists are Anna Klene, UM climate scientist and assistant professor of geography; Phil Condon, UM environmental studies associate professor and member of the University’s Sustainable Campus Committee; Richard Oppen, director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and member of Montana’s Climate Change Advisory Committee; Missoula Mayor John Engen; and, by video appearance, Paul Wilkins, environmental legislative assistant to Sen. Max Baucus.

The panel is being held in conjunction with a 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, live webcast of “The 2% Solution” in the University Theater. The webcast title refers to the need for developed countries to reduce current emission levels by 2 percent each year for the next 40 years to hold global warming to the low end of 3 to 4 degrees Fahrenheit.

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