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UM RIVER CENTER OFFERS MILLTOWN DAM FIELD TRIP

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana's Center for Riverine Science and Stream Renaturalization will guide a free field trip to Milltown Dam from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The trip is the kick-off event for "Waters That Cross Divides," a Sept. 30-Oct. 2 joint conference of the American Water Resources Association and UM's River Center.

The field trip will depart the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown at the Park at 1 p.m. Buses for conference attendees are full, so additional attendees will need to provide their own transportation.

The first stop will be a bluff overlooking the former Milltown Dam, where UM and agency scientists will discuss investigations of how the dam removal has affected fish, groundwater and sedimentation in the Clark Fork River. The field trip then will visit restoration work sites in the former Milltown Reservoir, where agency and consultant representatives involved in planning and implementing remediation and restoration efforts in the former reservoir will provide updates on new channel construction and other management issues.

The conference will continue Thursday and Friday, Oct. 1-2, at the Holiday Inn, with keynote and contributed talks from UM Regents Professor of Ecology Steve Running and others

about dam removal, river restoration, climate change, aquatic habitat, groundwater and other water-related topics.

Conference registration is free for all students. For nonstudents, registration is \$130. For more information on the conference, visit <http://water.montana.edu/awra>. For more about the UM River Center, visit <http://www.umt.edu/rivercenter>.

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