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WILDLIFE SOCIETY HONORS UM EDUCATORS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MISSOULA —

Several University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation faculty members were honored at the annual conference of The Wildlife Society, held Sept. 20-24 in Monterey, Calif.

A leading scientific and educational organization representing and serving wildlife professionals, The Wildlife Society works worldwide to ensure that wildlife and their habitats are conserved through management actions that take into careful consideration relevant scientific information.

Jack Ward Thomas, UM's Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation Emeritus, gave the plenary presentation at the conference.

Professor Dan Pletscher, director of the University's Wildlife Biology Program, was awarded Honorary Membership in The Wildlife Society. The award recognizes continuous outstanding service to the society and is limited to only two members per year.

UM Associate Provost Perry Brown received the society's Wildlife Publication Award for editorship for the book "Wildlife and Society: The Science of Human Dimensions."

In addition, UM Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation Paul Krausman was elected to a four-year term on the society's Executive Council, and wildlife biology graduate

student Jonathan Derbridge will serve as student liaison. Derbridge is a Boone and Crockett Fellow in the University's Boone and Crockett Wildlife Conservation Program.

"UM's Wildlife Biology Program is one of the best in the country and recognized nationally for the expertise of its faculty in large mammal ecology," Krausman said. "The cutting-edge research conducted at UM is important for wildlife conservation and management decision-makers throughout the world. We are pleased that the fine work at UM's College of Forestry and Conservation is being recognized by The Wildlife Society."

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