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STUDENTS RALLY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

MISSOULA —

University of Montana students will hold a rally from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, on the UM Oval as part of a global campaign to raise awareness about climate change.

The rally, organized by students in the University's climate change practicum, is part of the international 350.org campaign and an event of the UM's Climate Action Week.

Students who attend the rally will be asked to sign a petition to encourage the Associated Students of UM Senate to pass a resolution urging Congress to pass legislation that will cut the nation's CO₂ emissions and phase out fossil fuel power.

Speakers will give presentations, and information tables and games will be available. All rally events will take place near UM's Grizzly Bear statue.

The international 350.org campaign is dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate change crisis. Leading climate scientists have determined that the safe upper limit of CO₂ that the Earth's atmosphere can sustain is 350 parts per million.

More information about the campaign is online at <http://www.350.org>.

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