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### **UM CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOCUS OF OPEN HOUSE EVENT**

#### **MISSOULA —**

The University of Montana will hold an open house at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the University Center Theater to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the draft of UM's Climate Action Plan.

The plan addresses the three largest sectors of UM carbon dioxide emissions: purchased electricity, transportation and energy on campus from the steam co-generator.

In 2007 UM President George Dennison signed the American College and University President Climate Commitment, dedicating UM to reduce its carbon emissions.

Last year UM achieved several milestones toward that goal. The University completed its first-ever Greenhouse Gas Inventory, created the Office of Sustainability and hired a full-time sustainability coordinator, Cherie Peacock.

Peacock's primary focus has been to draft the University's Climate Action Plan.

Information about the plan and the University's sustainability efforts is on the Greening UM Web site at <http://www.umt.edu/greeningum>. For more information, call Peacock at 406-243-6001 or e-mail [cherie.peacock@umontana.edu](mailto:cherie.peacock@umontana.edu).

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