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BIOLOGIST TO SPEAK ABOUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION

MISSOULA —

University of Montana wildlife biology Professor L. Scott Mills will give the final installment of the 2009 Provost's Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series at UM on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Mills, who teaches in UM's College of Forestry and Conservation, is an award-winning educator whose research across scientific disciplines has led to key advances in applying ecological science to international wildlife management and conservation.

He will present "Wildlife Biology in a Changing World" at 6 p.m. in the University Center North Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

Mills will discuss how the latest advances in mathematics and molecular biology, combined with traditional field work, are helping scientists answer questions such as: What will happen when snowshoe hares change into their winter white coats, but there is no snow? How can we count elusive lynx or leopards as they move unseen through remote mountain passes? What lessons can animals in U.S. national parks teach us about studying wildlife in a Himalayan country?

Mills is a 2009 Guggenheim Fellow and was a contributing author to the North America section of the Nobel Prize-winning report from the 2007 International Panel on Climate Change.

His research has been covered by media outlets that include the Discovery Channel, National Public Radio, Newsweek, National Geographic and The New York Times. His recently published textbook, "Conservation of Wildlife Populations: Demography, Genetics and Management," already is widely used by students and professionals throughout the world.

More information about the lecture series is available on the Office of the Provost Web site at <http://www.umt.edu/provost> or by calling 406-243-4689.

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