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**EVENT TO EXAMINE LIBBY'S FUTURE**

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In May, W.R. Grace executives who ran a vermiculite mine near Libby were acquitted on criminal charges that they concealed the threat of asbestos contamination from employees and area residents.

Now a Thursday, Dec. 3, event at The University of Montana asks: What's next for Libby?

"Libby, Montana: The Next Conversation" will be held at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The community discussion is free and open to the public.

Speakers will include Gayla Benefield, Libby community organizer; Andrew King-Ries, UM law associate professor; Helia Jazayeri, UM law student and former aide to U.S. Sen. Max Baucus; Curtis Noonan, UM associate professor of biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences; and Pat Williams, Senior Fellow at the O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West and former U.S. congressman.

Steve Schwarze, a UM associate professor of communication studies, will moderate the discussion. The event was organized by environmental justice students in UM's Environmental Studies Program.

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