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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**NEWS TIP:**

**RESEARCHERS RELEASE NEW STUDY ON IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON MONTANA, WYOMING AND IDAHO FORESTS--** Leading University of Montana forestry researchers will hold a press conference Tuesday, Jan. 5, in Missoula to release a new study examining the impacts that climate change will have on forests in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. The forests in the Northern Rocky Mountains are especially vulnerable to climate change because of their dependence on water from snowpack. Increasing drought stress in these forests will increase forest disturbances, including insect epidemics and wildfires. These disturbances will have large impacts on society and the natural world. The press conference will begin at 10 a.m. MST in University Center Room 330 at The University of Montana. For more information, call UM Regents Professor of Ecology Steve Running at 406-243-6311 or e-mail [swr@ntsg.umt.edu](mailto:swr@ntsg.umt.edu).

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