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AUSTRALIAN SCIENTIST TO SPEAK THURSDAY AT UM ON 'FIRE ECOLOGY OF UNIQUE FLORA'

MISSOULA --

Dr. A. Malcolm Gill, <u>Canberra</u>, <u>Australia</u>, who is affiliated with the Division of Plant Industry; Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization there, will be keynote speaker at a free public seminar entitled "Studies on the Fire Ecology of a Unique Flora" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (APRIL 4) in room 307 of the University of Montana Natural Science Building.

While he is in Missoula, Gill also will be consulting with scientists at UM, the Forestry Sciences Lab and the Northern Forest Fire Lab. His visit is sponsored by the Fire Ecology Project (FEP), Coniferous Forest Biome, U.S. Analysis of Ecosystems International Biological Program.

Dr. Ronald N. Kickert, deputy FEP director, who is a visiting assistant professor of botany and forestry at UM, said Gill's research has focused on the response of Australian vegetation to forest fires.

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