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MT. SENTINEL ROAD-CUT RESTORATION PROJECT BEGINS SATURDAY AT UNIVERISTY OF MONTANA

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Stating that "a good turnout of students and faculty is absolutely necessary for this project to succeed," Steve Owens, Aber Day Committee chairman at the University of Montana, plans has announced/for a pre-Aber Day project designed to restore the 17-year-old road-cut at the base of Mt. Sentinel to a more natural condition.

The road-cut restoration project will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at the north end of the retaining wall. The project may continue Saturday, April 27.

Owens, a UM senior from Deer Lodge, said the project will include soil stabilization, application of a fertilitzer and distribution of a special seed mixture of six native grasses.

Persons who wish to participate in the road-cut restoration project may sign up in the UM Department of Botany offices in the Natural Science Building; room 110, Forestry Building; and the Associated Students of UM office, room 105, University Center. Workers should bring gloves, and they may bring sack lunches.

The restoration project is sponsored by the Aber Day Committee and UM botany department, with the assistance of UM School of Forestry and U.S. Forest Service personnel. Several organizations made donations to finance the project. Miller Hall and the UM Foundation each donated \$100, and Knowles Hall, the UM Alumni Association and the Montana Power Co. donated \$50^{each}. The UM Physical Plant Department is doing preparatory work.

Aber Day, a campus rejuvenation and beautifying project, will be May 8 at UM.

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