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ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, TO SPEAK THURSDAY AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MISSOULA--

Jack Horton, assistant secretary for land and water resources, U.S. Department of Interior, will lecture Thursday (May 24) at the University of Montana on the structure and function of the Department of Interior Task Force and Study Group working on the development of eastern Montana coal resources.

Thursday's lecture, which is open to the public without charge, will begin at 2 p.m. in room 131 of the UM Science Complex.

Dr. Robert R. Curry, associate professor of geology at UM and program coordinator, said Horton will present facts about federal government involvement in Powder River Basin studies.

"In addition, Sec. Horton will speak about proposed government reorganization of the Departments of Interior and Agriculture into a Department of Natural Resources and the role of the proposed reorganization in total resource management," Curry said.

About half of Thursday's lecture time will be devoted to audience questions and discussion, Curry said.

Horton is visiting UM at Curry's invitation to participate in an environmental geology course.