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Dry kiln course offered at University of Montana

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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana School of Forestry will sponsor, Jan. 22-26, a Dry Kiln Course in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Division of Private and State Forestry, and the Utilization and Marketing Division of the State Forester's Office.

Dr. John P. Krier, UM professor of forestry and director of the course, said the sessions are designed to provide basic knowledge and understanding of the drying process as well as to up-date kiln operators and plant owners on the latest techniques in drying wood.

"The course will consist of panel discussions, presentations, tours and problem clinics to iron out some of the problem and expose the participants to the latest developments in wood drying," Dr. Krier said.

He emphasized that the course is a public service presented by the three cooperating agencies with the registration fees covering the basic costs of the course. The services of the course leaders are donated by their employers.

Dr. Krier said participants in the course will come from various parts of the Northwest and Western Canada. He added that the course previously has been held at the U.S. Forest Products Lab in Madison, Wis., but due to the size of the enrollment, the course has been converted to a regional presentation.

Besides Dr. Krier, the instructors for the course are Loren Hearst, U.S. Forest Service; Robert Crowe, State Forester's Office; David Lowery, Forestry Science Lab, Missoula; Raymond Rietz, Forest Products Lab, Madison, Wis.; Ed Johnson, C.M. Lousted Dry Kiln Co.; Lyle Hickman, Western Wood Products Assn.; Edwin Knight, Moore Dry Kiln Co.; Robert Hiller, Standard Dry Kiln Co.; and John Ailport; Diamond International Corp.

The sessions will be held in the Territorial Room of the Lodge.