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CONIFEROUS FOREST SYMPOSIUM TO MEET AT UM

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Approximately 100 foresters, researchers and educators, as well as representatives of many areas of industry which depend on the natural resources of coniferous or cone-bearing forests, are expected to attend a three-day symposium, Sept. 18-20, at the University of Montana, Missoula.

Registration for the symposium entitled "Coniferous Forests of the Northern Rocky Mountains" opens Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Preregistration for the conference has already exceeded 45.

Twenty-two speakers from universities across the United States and Canada and from the U.S. Forest Service will present papers at the meetings.

Topics will include "Wood--The Influence of Man Upon Productivity Within the Coniferous Forests of the Northern Rocky Mountains," by Dr. J.H.G. Smith, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada., and "Coniferous Forests of the Northern Rocky Mountains: The Political Context," by Dr. Thomas Payne of the UM political science department.

The symposium was organized in response to challenges as stated in the Daddario report, made by the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Development to the 90th Congress: "The need is to find out how, why and what we--humans--are doing to the natural rhythms of earth and to the life and environment upon it."

Emphasis of the meetings will be placed on the biological nature of the coniferous forest, productivity of coniferous forests in respect to past and contemporary uses, and the forests in relation to man.

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Program objectives established by Dr. Richard D. Taber, symposium director, include review and synthesis of present knowledge concerning the coniferous forests of the Northern Rocky Mountains, the indication of areas needing immediate further study and the integration of the many diverse points of view from which these forests may be observed by man.

The Northern Rocky Mountain region, for the purpose of the symposium study, extends roughly from southern Wyoming to central Alberta and British Columbia.

All of the sessions of the three-day conference will be in the Music Recital Hall on the UM campus. Housing may be secured in campus dormitories.

The symposium was organized by the Center for Natural Resources, an independent, nonprofit scientific and educational institution with cooperative relationships to the major units of the Montana University System. It is cosponsored by the University of Montana and the UM Foundation and is endorsed by both the Canadian and the United States Executive Committees for the International Biological Program.

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