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MISSOULA, Mont.—

Dr. James H. Lowe Jr., associate professor of forestry and zoology at the University of Montana, has been appointed committee chairman and coordinator for the United States' western regional study group of the International Biological Program (IBP).

Dr. Lowe will head the Committee on Aquatic and Terrestrial Invertebrates within the Western Coniferous Forest Biome.

Biome director, Dr. Stanley P. Gessel of the University of Washington, Seattle, made the appointment.

The IBP encompasses a world-wide study of organic production designed to accurately estimate the world's existing resources and the potential yield of these resources.

A major goal of the study is to understand the functioning of entire biological systems, such as the coniferous forests. "In this regard," Dr. Lowe said, "man's influence on organic production of the system, as well as his adaptability to a changing environment, will be scrutinized."

According to Dr. Lowe, the IBP will also investigate the biological and physical processes of the biome, such as energy transfer from one nutritional level to another, mineral and water cycling, and the role of pollutants in the system.