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Dry kiln course offered at UM January 26-30

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The University of Montana School of Forestry will sponsor a Dry Kiln Course Jan. 26-30 in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, the 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 course director, said the sessions are designed to provide basic knowledge and understanding of the drying process as well as to update kiln operators and plant owners on the latest wood drying techniques.

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

He said the course is a public service presented by the three cooperating agencies with a $50 registration fee covering the basic costs of the course. Course leaders' services are donated by their employers. The sessions will be held in the Montana Rooms of the University Center from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration will be from 8-9 a.m. Jan. 26 in the Montana Rooms.

Dr. Krier said participants in the course will come mainly from the Northwest and Western Canada but also from as far east as Michigan.

Besides Dr. Krier, the instructors for the course are Loren Hearst, U.S. Forest Service; Robert Crowe, State Forester's Office; David Lowery, Forestry Sciences Lab, Missoula; Raymond Rietz, Forest Products Lab, Madison, Wis.; Lyle Hickman, Western Wood Products Assn.; Edwin Knight, Moore Dry Kiln Co., and Leo Cummins, UM Forestry School.

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