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Cle-ski law conference set at Big Mountain Jan. 6-9

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MISSOULA, Mont.--

Legal implications of a variety of environmental problems affecting the Pacific Northwest and other geographical areas of the nation will be highlighted during the third annual Continuing Legal Education (CLE) and Ski Conference in January at Big Mountain, Whitefish, Mont.

The CLE program and related recreational activities, primarily for lawyers from a four-state region, are sponsored by CLEM (Continuing Legal Education-Montana), a joint effort of the State Bar Association and the University of Montana School of Law, Missoula.

Conference dates are Jan. 6-9.

Most of the participants expected for the conference will be from Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, although South Dakota, North Dakota, Utah and Minnesota also may be among the other states represented.

Robert E. Sullivan, dean of the UM School of Law, is conference director.

Legal experts on the speakers' panel during the four-day program will include federal officials and representatives of private industry. A total of 94 attorneys attended last year's CLE and Ski Conference.

Purpose of the conference is to give lawyers an opportunity to become better informed about the emerging areas of environmental quality and the complexities of land use planning and land use controls.

"We're trying to provide a broad background for attorneys concerning the problems of environmental quality, highlighting the problems of the Pacific Northwest," Sullivan said. "Discussions by legal experts will include the mining and forestry industries, particularly as they are related to pollution of water, air and the wilderness in general."
Recreational skiing will be featured during the four-day conference north of Whitefish. Legal sessions will be from 8-10 a.m. and from 4:30-6:30 p.m., except Jan. 9, when there will be only one session from 8-10:30 a.m. Skiing activities, including several competitive events for the more experienced skiers, are scheduled during other daylight hours.

Sullivan said a number of attorneys participating in the CLE and ski program may wish to bring their wives.

Conference registration will be on the evening of Jan. 5 and the morning of Jan. 6. Living accommodations are available on Big Mountain.

Inquiries may be sent to the University of Montana School of Law, Missoula, Mont. 59801.