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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT SET BETWEEN UM BOTANIST AND FOREST SERVICE

MISSOULA --

James Habeck, University of Montana botany professor, has received a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for research within the upper Swan Valley white-tailed deer winter range. Habeck will research the fire history of the area and how forest fires contribute to the production of foods that are needed in the winter by the white-tailed deer.

Habeck said the agreement will also involve the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks because the studies would help them with the winter range management of the deer.

The Forest Service has agreed to provide Habeck with some \$15,000 in funds for the three-year study. Part of the funding goes to pay a graduate student who will work with Habeck on the study.