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UM OFFERS FREE SUMMER FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM IN MONTANA WILDERNESS AREAS

MISSOULA--

The wilderness field studies program to be offered this summer by the Wilderness Institute in the University of Montana School of Forestry will offer participants a chance to become familiar with Montana's wild country, develop research skills and collect information on natural resource issues.

June 15 is the deadline for applications for the program. A maximum of 35 persons will be admitted. An interest in resource issues and a desire to learn about wilderness management are the major qualifications required of participants.

There is no charge for the volunteer program and no academic credit is offered. Limited funds are provided for travel but participants must furnish their own food and equipment.

The program starts June 21 with a two-week orientation and training session in Missoula, to be followed by 45 days in the wilderness. It consists of three independent studies. Participants may concentrate on one or two or spend time in all three. They are:

"Mining in Wilderness," a study of vegetative, wildlife and recreation impacts resulting from industrial mineral exploration in the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness;

"The Urban Wilderness," a study of the newly designated Rattlesnake Wilderness and National Recreation Area, with planning for handicapped facilities, wilderness education programs, and non-traditional wilderness users;

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"Energy and Wilderness," a study of the conflicts between oil and gas exploration and outstanding wilderness and wildlife values in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and Rocky Mountain Front.

Information is available from the Wilderness Institute, School of Forestry, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; telephone (406) 243-5361.

The institute is a non-advocate wilderness information, research and education center.

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