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### BURLINGTON NORTHERN FOUNDATION DONATES \$25,000 TO UM EXPERIMENTAL FOREST

MISSOULA--

A \$25,000 gift from the Burlington Northern Foundation in Seattle, Wash., will help build a research and public service facility at the University of Montana Lubrecht Experimental Forest.

The gift was announced recently by Dr. Benjamin Stout, dean of the UM School of Forestry. Stout said it will augment an earlier grant of \$524,000 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Wash., in the building of research facilities at the school's experimental forest and the Montana Conservation and Forest Experiment Station, located near Greenough.

"We're very appreciative of the support and leadership from the timber industry," Stout said of the BN Foundation gift. "It shows tremendous continuing support for researching the natural resources development in the Rocky Mountain Northwest particularly when the timber products industry is under economic stress."

Donald K. North, Seattle, is president of the BN Foundation.

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