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FRIENDS OF UM BIOLOGICAL STATION ORGANIZE GROUP

MISSOULA--

Although it is known in scientific circles worldwide for its research and teaching, most of the work done by the University of Montana Biological Station on Flathead Lake relates directly to water problems in the Flathead Lake valley area.

A group of interested local persons recently formed a citizens advisory committee for the station at its Yellow Bay headquarters to help better inform Flathead area residents about the station's research and its significance to the future of the lake.

Other goals of the new group will be to increase information about the station to Montanans, to work with other groups to enlarge an endowment fund for the station, and to recruit members to a Friends of the Biological Station group.

The station, which recently expanded to a year-round research facility, emphasizes study of the biophysical relationships and pollution problems of lakes and streams. During the summer it offers UM undergraduate and graduate field and laboratory courses in river and lake ecologies taught by UM and visiting faculty.

The advisory committee will begin meeting regularly to work on its goals beginning in early November, according to Dr. Jack A. Stanford, director of the station.

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Committee members include Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Bennington, Polson; Dr. Jessie Bierman, a resident of the lake's west shore; Mr and Mrs. Jim Symonds, east shore; Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Taplin, Dayton; and Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Trosper, Ronan.

For more information about the groups, interested persons should write or call the committee chairman, J.E. Laplin, Dayton, (406) 849-5521; or J.W. Symonds, Bigfork, (406) 982-3392.

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