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PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT

MISSOULA--

A series of events at the University of Montana Feb. 14-16 will provide information on public and environmental concerns such as siting a facility on public land, conserving household energy, and learning about utility rate hikes.

The free program, titled "This Land Is Your Land: Find Out About It!" is sponsored by the Wilderness Institute at UM, the UM School of Forestry, and Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPRIG).

The program:

"Facility Siting and Wildlands," Tuesday, 7 p.m., Science Complex 131. Panel discussion by Carl Englund, Missoula lawyer; Dan Bisenius of the Bonneville Power Administration; and Wayne Wetzel of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

"Mining in the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness," Wednesday, 7 p.m., Women's Center 215. Dave Silvius of the U.S. Forest Service, speaker.

"Environmental Fair," Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., University Center Mall. More than 20 citizen and environmental groups will provide information on their activities. Demonstrations will be given on ski care, car tune-ups and household energy conservation.

"The Montana Power Company Rate Hike," Thursday, 7 p.m., Underground Lecture Hall. Panel discussion by Thomas Power, chairman, UM economics department; John Driscoll of the Public Service Commission; and Wally McCrae of the Northern Plains Resource Council.

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