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### FEDERAL EXPERTS TO DISCUSS WILDLIFE ECONOMICS AT REGIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE IN MISSOULA

Federal experts will join University of Montana specialists in a panel discussion of wildlife economics at the joint conference in Missoula of the Northwest Scientific Association and the Montana Academy of Sciences.

The discussion, titled "Can We Afford Wildlife on Federal Lands?" is scheduled Thursday, March 22, at 1:20 p.m. in Room 305 of the UM Forestry Building.

The visiting panelists and their topics are Richard Stroup, director of economics and policy analysis, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., "The Costs and Opportunities of Wildlife on Federal Lands," and Jack Thomas, chief research biologist, Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, U.S. Department of Agriculture, LaGrande, Ore., "Fee Hunting on the Public's Lands--An Appraisal."

UM faculty on the panel and their subjects are David Jackson, associate professor of forestry, "Habitat Management and the Care and Feeding of Homo Bureaucraticus," and John G. Photiades, associate professor of economics, "Pitfalls and Biases in Cost/Benefit Analysis--The Case of Wildlife."

W. Leslie Pengelly, UM professor of forestry, will moderate the discussion.

Subjects of other conference panels include recreation; soils and water; degradation of land and water; fire effects on wildlife habitat; and predators.

Scientific papers will be presented in 15 subject areas.

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More than 300 scientists and science educators will attend the conference, which will be in session March 21-24. Sponsors are the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, USDA Forest Service; the Society of American Foresters, Montana Section; and the Montana Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America.

Information about the conference schedule, registration, fees and banquet tickets is available from the UM Center for Continuing Education, 243-2900.

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NOTE: Programs containing abstracts of the papers to be presented will be available to the press at the registration desk in the lobby of the Underground Lecture Hall in the Chemistry-Pharmacy Building from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 21, 22 and 23.