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Montana State University receives 1,000 Sears Roebuck Foundation grant

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Montana State University has been awarded an additional $1,000 Sears Roebuck Foundation grant for support of the Forest and Conservation Research Library in the MSU School of Forestry, Dean Ross Williams announced.

The foundation granted $2,000 to the University in 1959, the dean said. Half of the original grant was for a project in research and education in water conservation, and half was to add to the Forest and Conservation Research Library's store of materials on forest, water, range, and wildlife conservation.

The library in the School of Forestry was established in 1958 in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service and the Montana State Forester, according to the dean. Region 1 of the USFS, headquartered at Missoula, transferred its library materials and librarian funds to the new library, and the State Forester also entered into the cooperative venture, he explained.

The library is a central depository for the Northwest for conservation literature, Dean Williams said. It services the field staffs of the Regional Forester, the Missoula Research Units of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, the State Forester, the MSU forestry faculty, and other professional personnel in the area. It is also designated a depository for the Weyerhaeuser Foundation program of collecting and preserving historical materials on the logging and lumbering industry.

The University was notified of the additional Sears Roebuck Foundation grant by Walter H. McLeod Jr., former Missoulian, who is regional director for the foundation in Minneapolis, the dean said. The foundation is a nonprofit corporation supported by the parent merchandising organization, he said. Its purposes include aid in the solution of agricultural problems and in general fields of educational and community service, he added.

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