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MISSOULA--

More than 1,600 teaching positions in the western states were listed unfilled during the first two weeks of August, according to Charles E. Hood, director of the University of Montana Placement Center.

Total vacancies listed among schools and colleges in 25 states include 937 for elementary schools, 625 for high schools and 41 for colleges.

The greatest shortage of teachers is in California, according to Hood, where 820 elementary and 416 high school vacancies are listed.

Montana schools listed 17 elementary and 35 high school openings.

Oregon announced the greatest number of college openings with eight vacancies.

Hood emphasized that certain grade levels, school locations and subject areas actually have an over-supply of teachers. He said there is much more competition in college towns, and there are more candidates for high school than for elementary positions. Teachers in certain areas are in more demand than in other areas.

UM's Placement Center has found positions for 375 teachers so far this year, Hood said. Thirty-eight have indicated that they are still available, but most of these are limited as to the location in which they wish to teach.

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