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MISSOULA--

A \$31,438 grant to the University of Montana for a study of plants growing in polluted atmospheres in Montana has been announced by members of Montana's congressional delegation.

In a telegram sent to Missoula, Senators Mike Mansfield and Lee Metcalf and Rep. Arnold Olsen said the grant was from the National Air Pollution Control Administration for research by Dr. Clarence C. Gordon, a UM botany professor.

The first year of a three-year study involving Columbia Falls, the Missoula Valley, East Helena and Anaconda gets under way this summer.

Dr. Gordon said the study will deal with the accumulation of toxic substances in vegetation and in animals which consume the vegetation.

"We are going to work mainly with conifer trees and other indicator plants which show effects of very low concentrations of toxic gases," he said.

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