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UM CONFERENCE EXAMINES RIVER RESTORATION

MISSOULA –

A national conference, “Floodplains and Rivers: Connections and Re-connections,” will be held at The University of Montana Sept. 22-23.

The conference, sponsored by UM’s Center for Riverine Science and Stream Re-naturalization, will examine how restoration impacts the physical, biological and chemical function of rivers and their floodplains.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, an all-day field trip to river restoration projects on the Jocko River 30 miles north of Missoula will begin the conference. Then five hour-long lectures featuring national river experts will be held beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, in the University Center Theater.

Featured speakers and their lectures are:

■ Stan Trimble, University of California, Los Angeles: “Historical Legacy Sediment in Streams: Examples and Some Management Implications in the Eastern U.S.”

■ F. Richard Hauer, chair of limnology, University of Montana, Flathead Lake Biological Station: “The Ecological Connections Between Channels and Floodplains.”

■ Geoffrey Pool, Eco-Metrics Inc.: “Quantitative River and Floodplain Assessment to

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Support River Restorations: Applications of Remote Sensing and Simulations Modeling.”

■ William Dietrich, UC Berkeley: “Channel-to-Floodplain Sediment Transfer: Lessons from the Fly River.”

■ Jeff Mount, UC Davis: “Ecologic and Geomorphic Response to Passive-Aggressive Floodplain Restoration.”

At noon on Friday, 25 posters by individual researchers will be presented along with a buffet lunch.

To register for the conference or for more information, go online to <http://www.umt.edu/rivercenter> or call Loreene in UM’s Department of Geology at (406) 243-2341.

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