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RM-CESU NEWS & EVENTS

Nominations DUE August 14, 2009 for RM-CESU Project and Student Awards: The Rocky Mountains CESU annually recognizes outstanding students and projects through an awards program. This is a way for federal agencies to recognize outstanding accomplishments by academic institutions and specific students who are involved in RM-CESU projects. The nominations may be submitted by any representative of the federal agency that sponsored the RM-CESU project.

Nominations are due August 14, 2009. The winners will receive a citation and give a presentation on their project results at the RM-CESU annual managers' meeting, scheduled for October 5, 2009 in Flagstaff, AZ in concert with the *Tenth Biennial Conference of Research on the Colorado Plateau*. For nomination forms, go to the RM-CESU web site at:

<http://www.cfc.umt.edu/cesu/NEWCESU/WhatsNew/default.htm>. For more information contact Lisa Gerloff, RM-CESU Executive Coordinator, at 406-243-5346, lisa.gerloff@umontana.edu

Calendar of Events:

October 5, 2009: **Colorado Plateau/ Desert Southwest/Rocky Mountains Joint CESU Meeting**, Flagstaff, AZ. CESU meeting is in conjunction with the **Tenth Biennial Conference of Research on the Colorado Plateau**, October 5-8 (http://sbsc.wr.usgs.gov/cprs/news_info/meetings/biennial/2009/index.asp). The three CESUs are organizing the following science sessions: Happy 10th Birthday to the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units, where will the next decade take us?; A River Runs Through it - studies on the Colorado River through the Rocky Mountains, Colorado Plateau and Sonoran Desert; and Ungulates and Predators in National Parks - what we can learn by comparing notes across bioregions.

Mission

The mission of the Rocky Mountains CESU is to improve and disseminate the knowledge base for managing natural and cultural resources in the rapidly changing social, cultural, and environmental landscape of the Rocky Mountain Region, and to extend its expertise to national issues where appropriate.

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national leaders, resource managers and experts to discuss considerations and approaches to wind development, including financial, legal, transmission, wildlife, and policy -- to provide best practices, and examples for the future of wind energy development in Wyoming.

<http://www.uwyo.edu/enr/iern/showrelease.asp?id=33122>

September 10-13, 2009, **Celebrating 100 Years of Forestry Education, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho**, Moscow, ID. CNR invites you to help them commemorate the beginning of forestry education at the University of Idaho with this three-day event.

<http://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/celebrating100years.aspx>

October 1-2, 2009: **Montana AWRA/River Center Conference**, Missoula MT. This is a joint conference of the MT AWRA and the University of Montana's River Center. The abstract submission site is for everyone who wishes to present at this conference, as there will be no separate River Center conference this year. There will be a conference-related field trip the afternoon of September 30.

<http://water.montana.edu/awra/abstracts/default.asp>

October 27 & 28, 2009: **Restoring the West Conference 2009**, Utah State University, Logan UT. The theme of this year's Restoring the West Conference is sustainability of Great Basin landscapes from peaks to valleys, with an emphasis on forest, sagebrush steppe, and riparian ecosystems. Unifying themes include the causes and consequences of historic changes in community composition and structure, the effects of ongoing climate change, the importance of the water cycle or ecohydrology, and wildlife considerations.

<http://www.restoringthewest.org/>

November 5 - 6, 2009: **Montana Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology: 2nd Annual Research Symposium**, University of Montana, Missoula, MT. *Call for abstracts will be posted in September 2009*

<http://www.conbio.org/Chapters/Montana/>

RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Fitch Mid-Career Grant: The James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation will award research grants of up to \$25,000 to mid-career professionals who have an academic background, professional experience and an established identity in one or more of the following fields: historic preservation, architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, environmental planning, architectural history and the decorative arts. The Foundation will consider proposals for the research and/or execution of the preservation-related projects in any of these fields. The grants are not visualized as prizes for past accomplishments, but rather to support innovative original research and creative design. The grants are intended to promote the practice of historic preservation; the project must demonstrate usefulness to practitioners and the results must be in publishable form. The next application deadline is Wednesday, September 16, 2009 (postmark deadline).

http://www.fitchfoundation.org/Grants_Qualifications_Fitch.php

Professional Development Grant for Archives and Historical Publishing: The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to improve the training and education of professionals in the archival and historical publishing communities. Projects can be for professional education curriculum development; for basic and advanced institutes; or research seminars. Surveys, focus groups, and other activities to understand these professions and their educational and training needs are also eligible. A grant normally is for one to three years and up to \$150,000. Deadline: October 5, 2009.

<http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/development.html>

TRAINING AND COURSE OPPORTUNITIES



Craters of the Moon National
Wilderness Area

UM offers online wilderness management course in the fall **RECM/FOR 407 Management of Recreation Resources (3 credits Undergraduate) /RECM/FOR 562 Managing Recreation Resources in Wilderness Settings (3 credits Graduate)** offered online this fall through the University of Montana's Wilderness Management Distance Education Program. Dr. Kari Gunderson will lead a facilitated discussion group online with guest instructors. The course allows students to access the lesson materials and the discussion group at their own convenience.

RECM/FOR 407 and RECM/FOR 562 deals with the people aspect of wilderness by focusing on managing wilderness for visitor use and enjoyment, and by representing ways to solve problems associated with visitors' expectations and their impacts.

The course will run October 5, 2009 thru January 24, 2010.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 30th, 2009. For more information visit http://wmdep.wilderness.net/407_562.htm

FOR 562 Managing Recreation Resources in Wilderness Settings (3 credits Graduate) counts toward **UM's Online Graduate Certificate in Wilderness Management**. To learn more about the graduate certificate, visit: http://wmdep.wilderness.net/grad_cert.htm

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Program Manager, Loch Vale Watershed long-term ecological research and monitoring program, Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO (posted 7/20/09)

Research position, Water Economist, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, PhD or Master's student interested in a PhD program or a student currently enrolled in a PhD program. Located in Fort Collins, CO. (closes 8/30/09)

Assistant Leader-Fisheries, U.S. Geological Survey, Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit | University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY (closes 8/25/09)

EnCana Chair in Canadian Plains Mitigation and Reclamation Research, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta (review of applications will begin 8/14/09)

Postdoctoral Scientist Climate change effects on native cutthroat trout, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO (submit applications by 8/24/09)

Carbon Sequestration GIS Analyst, The Big Sky Institute, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT (screening will begin 8/7/09)

Assistant Professor of Agronomy - Weed Scientist, Department of Research Centers, College of Agriculture, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT (deadline for applications: 8/3/09)

For details on all opportunities visit <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/CESU/NEWCESU/Postings/default.htm> and click on "Jobs".

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

August 2-7, 2009: **94th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, "Ecological Knowledge and a Global Sustainable Society,"** Albuquerque, NM. <http://www.esa.org/albuquerque/>.

August 30-September 3, 2009: **139th meeting of the American Fisheries Society,** Nashville, TN. <http://www.fisheries.org/afs09/index.html>

September 15-18, 2009: **36th annual Natural Areas Conference,** Vancouver, Washington. <http://www.naturalarea.org/>

September 20-24, 2009: **The Wildlife Society 16th Annual Conference,** Monterey, CA. http://joomla.wildlife.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=37&Itemid=184

October 1-2, 2009: **9th Annual Montana Water Law Conference,** Helena, MT.

October 5-8, 2009: **10th Biennial Conference of Research on the Colorado Plateau,** Flagstaff, AZ. http://sbsc.wr.usgs.gov/cprs/news_info/meetings/biennial/2009/index.asp

October 6-9, 2009: **National Atmospheric Deposition Program Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium,** Saratoga Springs, NY. <https://nadp.isws.illinois.edu/meetings/fall2009/a/>

November 6-13, 2009: **9th World Wilderness Congress: Symposium on Science and Stewardship to Protect and Sustain Wilderness Values,** Mérida, Mexico. <http://www.wild9.org/>

November 30-December 4, 2009: **4th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress: Fire as a global process,** Savannah, Georgia

If you would like to post an announcement in the next RM-CESU Newsletter or on the website, please contact the RM-CESU Coordinator at rmcesu@cfc.umt.edu.