



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 4-10, 2010

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FACULTY/STAFF/OTHER MEETINGS

Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 6, 2010**, in the **Speech Pathology Building #68 in room SPA 315 at noon.**

SEMINARS

James Hayden, MS graduate student with **Dr. Gene Scalarone**, will present his Proposal Seminar **Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 12 Noon in Lecture Center 10.**

Patrick Lendrum, MNS graduate student with **Dr. Terry Bowyer**, will present his Proposal Seminar **Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 12 Noon in Lecture Center 10.**

Heidi Abano, MS graduate student with Dr. Nancy Huntly, will present her Defense Seminar, "Relationship of *Bromus tectorum* to the Plant Community and Soil Nutrient Cycling at Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve," **Friday, April 9, 2010, at 2:00 PM in the PLSCI 114.**

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Jim Groome and Boris Hoelzherr presented a talk, "A Novel Hypokalemic Periodic Paralysis Mutation Causes Omega Current in Sodium Channels," at the Brain Awareness Day Symposium in the Wood River Room at Idaho State University on March 16, 2010.

GRANTS AWARDED

Dr. Jean Pfau has been awarded \$192,000 over two years from the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIH) for her AREA grant proposal, "The Role of System xc- in Asbestos-Induced Autoimmune Responses."

PUBLICATIONS

Stewart, K.M., **R.T. Bowyer**, **J.G. Kie**, and M.A. Hurley. 2010. Spatial distributions of mule deer and North American elk: resource partitioning in a sage-steppe environment. *The American Midland Naturalist* 163:400-412.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Washington Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Program is seeking Professional Volunteers to assist with the Montana Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Program. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable field experience and references, while working in the rugged and beautiful Montana Rocky Mountains. **Application Period:** Candidates will be selected in April. **How to Apply:** 1) Cover letter detailing your professional interests and experience as it pertains to these positions, and detail your period of availability 2) Resume 3) List of names and contact information of 3 references. Ideally email this info to: klaudon@mt.gov. If you must, you can also send

application materials to: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Attention: Wolf Volunteer Program, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Telephone: (406) 751-4586, Fax: (406) 257-0349. For more information: <http://fwp.mt.gov/wildthings/management/wolf/default.html>.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Washington State Lake Protection Association (WALPA) announces scholarships to support undergraduate and graduate students in their pursuit of degrees specializing in the fields of Environmental Science. WALPA will award one \$1000 scholarship and one \$750 scholarship in May, 2010. Scholarship funds may be used by recipients to cover the costs associated with education and/or research expenses. Eligible applicants must be enrolled as a part or full time, undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited college or university and be completing course work or research related to biology, hydrology, ecology and management or restoration of lakes and watersheds in Washington or Idaho.

Guidelines for applying: Both scholarship recipients will additionally receive a one-year membership in WALPA and a waiver of registration fees for the 2010 or 2011 conference. Scholarship recipients will also be invited to give a presentation on their research at the annual conference. Winning applications will be chosen based on the quality of research topic, its significance to the fields of Environmental Science, particularly limnology and hydrology, and relevance to the applicant's interests and career goals.

Application Procedure: Applicants must provide a statement of interests, including: research interests and explain why their research is of importance to the field of limnology and/or watershed management, career goals, and intended use of scholarship funds (one-page limit); a one-page resume; and recent transcripts of all college/university course work. A recommendation from someone in the applicant's field of study is encouraged, but not required. **All application materials should be sent to the WALPA Scholarship Program Committee by April 16, 2010;** email submission of the application as a PDF file is preferred. The scholarship recipients will be contacted by the Scholarship Program Committee in May 2010, and announced at the 2010 WALPA conference. Please send the completed application packet to Frank M. Wilhelm, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, P.O. BOX 441136, Moscow ID 83844-1136. Email: fwilhelm@uidaho.edu. **Please use your name to identify your application in the filename – e.g., FwilhelmWALPA2010.pdf.**

PAYROLL INFORMATION

Our pay period ends Saturday, April 3. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, April 5, at 12 NOON.** This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by Tuesday, April 6,** when time cards are due to Payroll. If you have employees working for you, you need to make sure they are submitting their hours and that you are approving their time cards on time. Time cards need to be submitted and approved on time for everyone to get their pay checks when they expect them.