



ISU Newsletter

Department of Biological Sciences



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 8–14, 2010

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FACULTY/STAFF/OTHER MEETINGS

The Department of Biological Sciences Faculty Retreat will be **Friday, August 20, 2010**, from **8:15 AM** until **5:00 PM** in the **Plant Sciences Lecture Hall**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a pot luck dinner and refreshments at Bonneville Park for family, friends, and all members of the Department of Biological Sciences (faculty, lecturers, post docs, graduate students, staff, emeriti, retirees, etc) **Friday, August 20, 2010, at 5:30 PM**. Burgers, hot dogs and condiments will be provided for dinner. Please bring a dish to share, your own refreshments (beer and wine are permitted at park) and a lawn chair. This is a great way to meet and mingle with new students, faculty, and staff.

SEMINARS

Amber Hoover, MS graduate student with **Dr. Matt Germino**, will present her Defense Seminar, "Relationships between Soil Heterogeneity and Vegetation Recovery in Sagebrush Steppe Following Wildfire and Wind Erosion," **Wednesday, August 18, 2010, at 3:00 PM** in the **LIBR B16**.

PUBLICATIONS

Aho, K., and T. Weaver. 2010. Ecology of alpine nodes: environments, communities, and ecosystem evolution (Mount Washburn; Yellowstone Natl. Park). *Arctic, Antarctic and Alpine Research*. 40(2):139-151.

Aho, K., Long, R. A. Kie, J. G. and R. T. Bowyer. 2010. A new index for measuring perpendicularity of animal movements in relation to patch boundaries. *Ecological Modelling*. 221(17):2003-2007.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Ken Aho presented a paper at the Use R! The R User Conference in Gaithersburg, MD held on July 20-23, 2010. The title of his paper was *Teaching statistics to biologists: the R-library asbio*.

Dr. Ken Aho presented a paper at the American Statistical Association, Snake River Chapter annual meeting in Boise, ID held on June 4, 2010. The title of his paper was *Teaching foundational statistical concepts using R-graphical functions*.

GRANTS AWARDED

Aho, K. 2010. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Statistical Engineering Division, travel grant award, \$800.

Aho, K. 2010. National Science Foundation (NSF), travel grant award, \$500.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has **Wildlife Technician positions in Boise, Lewiston, and Parma** on open competitive announcement **until August 12, 2010**. The announcement is located at the following link:

https://labor.idaho.gov/DHR/ATS/StateJobs/jobannouncement.aspx?announcement_no=00794099458.

Applications will only be accepted through this website. EEO/Vet Pref.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has a Regional Wildlife Biologist position in Idaho Falls on open competitive announcement until August 20, 2010. The announcement is located at the following link:

https://labor.idaho.gov/DHR/ATS/StateJobs/jobannouncement.aspx?announcement_no=00835014090.

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PAYROLL INFORMATION

Our pay period ends Saturday, August 7. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, August 9, at 12 NOON.** This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by Tuesday, August 10,** 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.