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Good afternoon!

As a Montana community leader, we want to invite you to join Families for a Livable Climate and Stories for Action for a very special panel discussion, **Leave It Wild: Urban and Residential Spaces**, on **Thursday, February 18, from 4 - 5:30 p.m.**

During this free event, we will explore how actions taken on our front steps and in Montana's towns can have a great impact on waterways, biodiversity, climate action, and the health of our communities.

We will hear about benefits of natural infrastructure and green space in our towns, wildlife friendly and food producing lawns, the cultural and ecological significance of local native plants, and how public spaces can transition away from chemical use.

We do hope you can join us!

Register here: https://livableclimate.org/events/2020/12/2/leave-it-wild-urban-amp-residential-spaces

Questions? Please send an email to Winona at livableclimate@gmail.com or call (406) 370-6848.

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SPEAKERS

JAMIE KIRBY, DNRC URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY

Jamie Kirby is the Montana State Coordinator for DNRC's Urban & Community Forestry Program. This program implements and advocates for the role of trees as a critical part of the urban infrastructure in Montana's communities. Jamie will share with us some of those important roles, such as public health, energy conservation, and social equity, as well as tell us about some exciting work the program is doing with health care providers across the state and Montana Tribes. She will

also tell us how we can all take action to ensure green space in our own communities.

KYRA NAUMOFF, HEALTHY BABIES BRIGHT FUTURES

Kyra is the Program Director for Healthy Babies Bright Futures, a national organization working to reduce children's exposures to toxic chemicals that harm brain development. Through Healthy Babies Bright Futures, Kyra works with cities and towns throughout the US to assist them in reaching environmental health goals, such as reducing herbicides in public spaces. Kyra will speak with us on working with the Missoula Parks & Rec to reach such a goal, as well as share the impacts of chemical use in public and residential spaces, alternatives, and how we can connect with our local officials on this issue.

ROSE BEAR DON'T WALK, ETHNOBOTANIST, RECOVERING OUR ROOTS

Rose Bear Don't Walk is an ethnobotanist and a member of the Bitterroot Salish and Apsaalooke Tribes. She holds a BA from Yale University and an MS in environmental studies from the University of Montana. Rose was awarded a "Fellowship for the Future" by 500 Women Scientists, for her program "Recovering Our Roots", which bridges ecological knowledge of local plants to food sovereignty, improved nutrition, and cultural connection for the Salish Community. Rose speaks with us about work she is doing to incorporate this knowledge into urban spaces and how we can find ways to value the land in order to thrive for generations.

KAREEN ERBE, BROKEN GROUND

Kareen is a permaculture educator on a mission to help you create a regenerative and resilient life for yourself, your community, and the planet by growing your own food. With a lifelong passion for standing up

for environmental health and social justice, Kareen found a way to address these issues through the connection to our soil and food. Kareen is based in Bozeman, and through her business, Broken Ground, helps individuals and communities at all levels of experience to increase their resiliency by growing their own food.

NAOMI ALHADEFF, NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Naomi is the Senior Montana Education Coordinator for the National Wildlife Federation. Naomi oversees NWF's Certified Wildlife Habitat program, which encourages individuals and businesses to transition yards into habitats that are beneficial for wildlife and people alike. Naomi will share with us the importance of creating "wildlife friendly" yard spaces and how your yard or community space can become a wildlife haven.

Best,
Winona

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