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MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS

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Reports & Resources

The Sustainable Innovation Gap

World Resources Institute | [READ STORY](#)

A recent article outlines the need for sustainable innovation and offers suggestions to further environmentally and economically sound practices.



Smoking Rates By Country

The Daily Good | [READ STORY](#)

The following infographic compares smoking rates by country, as well as information on anti-smoking measures that specific countries have adopted.

President's Corner

Our annual MACDEP meeting took place Nov. 8 with election of new Executive Committee members; welcome Mandie Reed, treasurer and Jennifer Anderson, secretary, and Barb Andreozzi, VP. Minutes from the meeting will soon be posted on the MACDEP [website](#).

The Community Development Society 2012 Conference [Call for Abstracts](#) has been extended to Jan. 27.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

Rural Broadband Conference

December 14, 2011
Sponsor: USDA Rural Development

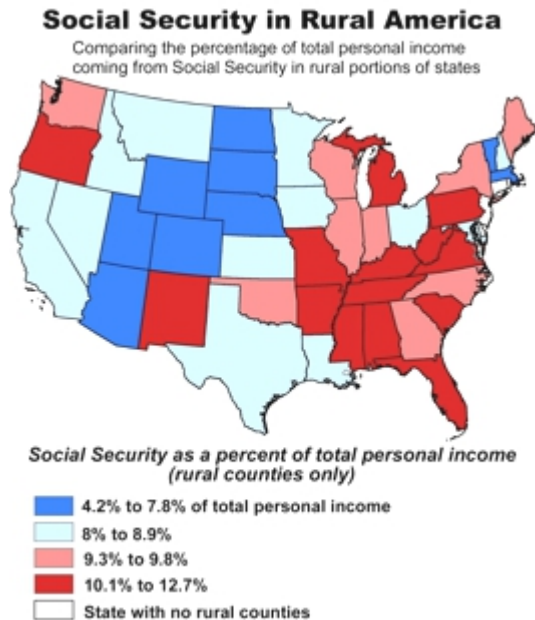
Missoula Businesswomen's Network Business



The Impact of Social Security

The Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

The following map compares the percentage of personal income provided by social security for rural areas by state.



No Consensus on Economic Disparity

The Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)

A recent survey finds that Americans are divided in their perceptions of economic disparity, as indicated by the graph below.

Symposium

January 28, 2012, Missoula, MT

Sponsor: Missoula Businesswomen's Network

Focus on Rural Entrepreneurial Development

May 3-5, 2012 Bozeman, MT
 Sponsor: Prospera

2012 Rural Community Conference

May 15-16, Bozeman, MT
 Sponsor: MSU Extension, Rural Development Inc, Montana Community Foundation

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Smarter Cities Challenge

Deadline: December 16, 2011
 Funder: IBM, Inc

Sparks! Ignition Grants for Museums and Libraries

Deadline: February 1, 2012
 Funder: Institute of Museum and Library Science

Smart Health and Well-Being Grants

Deadline: February 6, 2012
 Funder: National Science Foundation

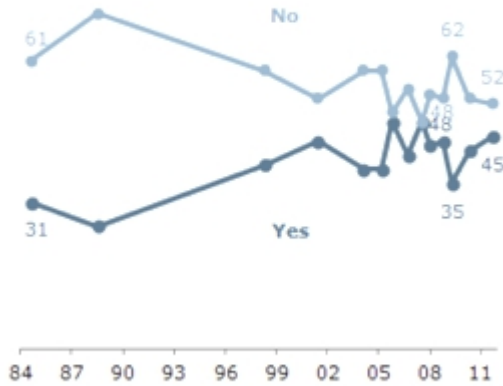
Encore Social Innovation Prize

Deadline: March 22, 2012
 Funder: Civic Ventures, Encore Careers

National/International News

Public Divided in Perceptions of Economic Divisions

Is American society divided into two groups, the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'?

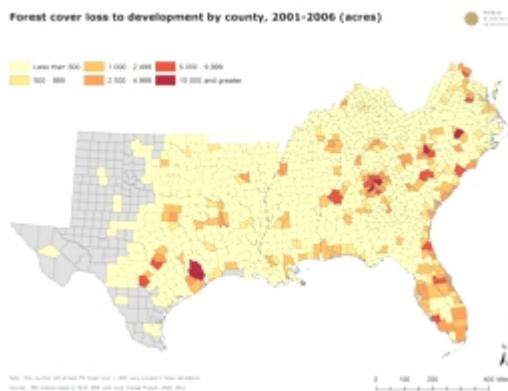


PEW RESEARCH CENTER/WASHINGTON POST Sept. 22-25, 2011.

Forests Succumb to Development in Southern States

[World Resources Institute](#) | [READ STORY](#)

A map released by the World Resources Institute identifies areas where urban and suburban development are destroying forests.



US Ag Exports Higher Than Ever

Deseret News; November 16

Government Program Addresses IT Access for Low-Income Americans

Great Falls Tribune; November 8

Study Reports Increase in Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Spokane Spokesman-Review; November 4

Colorado Companies Incentivize Energy Saving

Denver Post; November 4

Study Finds US Firms Pay Less Tax

New York Times; November 3

Montana News

[Montana Policy Research Center Releases Unemployment Report](#)

Great Falls Tribune; November 30

[Montana Green Energy Business Recognized with Conference Invite](#)

Missoulian; November 20

[Foundations Empower Communities](#)

Billings Gazette; November 15

[Montana Co-op to Explore Geothermal Energy](#)

Flathead Beacon; November 14

[Montana Senator Stands Up for Rural Post Offices](#)

Great Falls Tribune; November 10

**Montana Forester Named to
National Post**

Missoulian; November 8



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