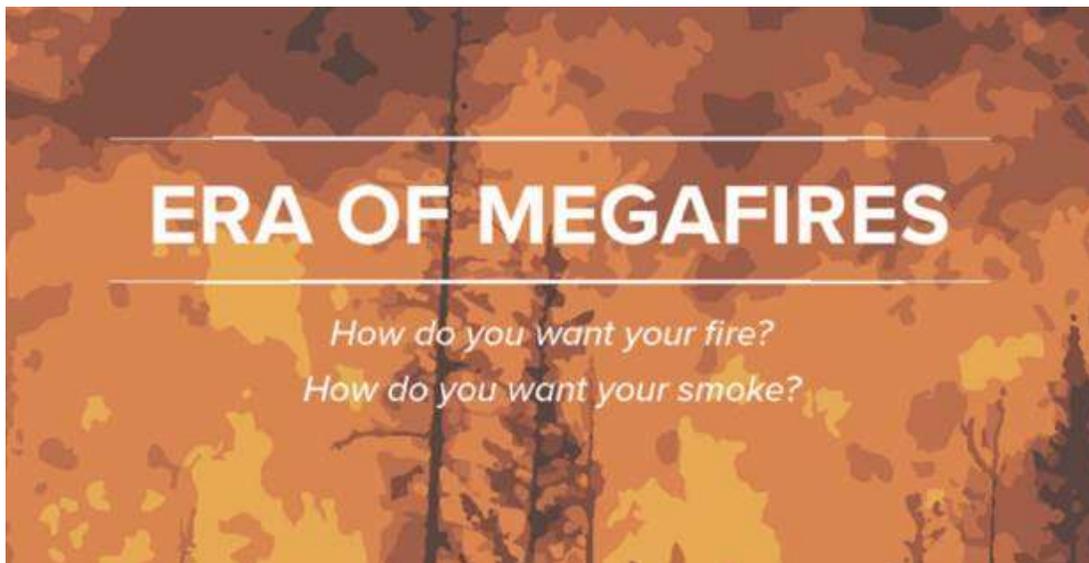


“Era of Megafires” is coming to MONTANA



The Wildfire Project is a 60-minute, multi-media, traveling presentation hosted by Dr. Paul Hessburg (Pacific Northwest Research Station and the University of Washington), who has conducted fire and landscape ecology research for more than 27 years. The presented material comes in the form of fast-moving, short, topic-based talks interspersed with compelling video vignettes and features the work of wildfire photographer, John Marshall. Think TedX mixed with snappy documentary shorts and amazing photography. The videos are created by, award-winning documentary film company, North 40 Productions, of Wenatchee, WA. <http://www.north40productions.com/wildfire/>

The trailer for this presentation is available for your viewing pleasure at <https://vimeo.com/137188036>. If you like this video, make sure you share it, too!

If you would like to get involved or have questions please email the point of contacts listed below! More location specific details to come.

DATES:

April 7 – Bozeman, MT (tentative), point of contact Patrick Lonergan plonergan@bozeman.net

April 24 - Missoula, MT, point of contact Crystal Beckman clbeckman@mt.gov

April 25 - Kalispell, MT, point of contact Ali Ulwelling aulwelling@mt.gov

April 26 – Helena/Lincoln, MT, point of contact Sara Schmidt sara@blackfootchallenge.org

April 27 - Seeley Lake, MT, point of contact Jenny Rohrer jenny@crcmt.org

“This is, if not, the best crafted messages and format conveying the reality of the natural and human dimensions of wildfire occurrence around our communities. This presentation is not a lecture from the scientific community, nor is it a “fear of fire” message, it is both an ecological and social story of our forests, our communities, and how they inter-mingle. It is a message that community citizens and decision makers need to hear.” - Erik Warrington, previous attendee of this presentation in Bend, OR and Stewardship Specialist for MT DNRC.

Partners at this time include: Blackfoot Challenge; Flathead FireSafe; Lolo Restoration Committee; Missoula Climate Smart; MT Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation; Northern Rocky Fire Science Network; Southwestern Crown Collaborative; Swan Valley Connections, University of Montana; US Forest Service (more partners are welcome to get involved at any time).