



MT PLT Newsletter

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Project Learning Tree Transitions to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative

On July 15, 2017, Project Learning Tree® (PLT) was transferred to the [Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Inc. \(SFI\)](#) from the American Forest Foundation (AFF).

A transition team comprised of members of PLT’s Education Operating Committee (EOC) and PLT coordinators representing state government agencies, forestry associations, non-profits, colleges and universities that deliver PLT programming across the country is in place to help ensure the transition of PLT from AFF to SFI is as smooth as possible.

Meet Kathy Abusow, SFI’s President & CEO

9 min. video



TEDx
Wilmington

Check out my TED^x Talk on YouTube to understand the difference between responsible forestry and deforestation.

BE A FOREST HUGGER!

~ Kathy Abusow

PLT’s New Online Units for Grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8

Designed to be easy for teachers to access and use, these self-contained units of instruction are fully online.

We are working with MT OPI to make renewal units available



2017 Workshops in MT

We had a good year of workshops, offering seven educator workshops, a short course at both the MEA and MEEA conferences, and a Facilitator Refresher. Three of our workshops were combined with Project WILD. We have provided opportunities for Early Childhood providers to receive Early Childhood Project units as well as certified teachers to receive OPI renewal units.

2018 Workshops in MT For 2018 workshops, check our calendar for updates, workshops will be added through the year.

- Jan 26, Friday: Early Childhood PLT/WILD in Great Falls
- January: Early Childhood PLT/WILD in Helena
- MEEA and MEA: Plans in the works for sessions

2017 – Participant Information

- 146 participants
 - 23 natural resource professionals
 - 123 youth educators from preschools, public schools, and home schools
- Over 3,700 Students reached/year

Workshop Requests

A great way to bring a workshop to your school or area or during your schools PIR days is to put in a request. Give me a call and let me know what your interest is and if you have others who would like the opportunity to join in a workshop. PLT trained educators are welcome to attend multiple workshops. The themes and activities vary between workshops.

**PLT/WILD Educator
Workshop at
West Yellowstone**



**Be Montana's first
GreenSchool!**

ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS IN
GREENING THEIR SCHOOL

We offer training for adults, tips on starting a student-driven GreenSchools program, how to obtain equipment and collect data, and ways to empower your students to design and lead an action project that uses their STEM skills.



GreenWorks! Grants

Annual application deadline September 30.

Grant applications for 2017 are currently under review; funding for awardees this year will be distributed in December 2017.

PLT Alignment to Standards

National Standards

- Common Core
- Next Generation Science
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- The Private Eye
- Full Option Science System

**PLT Correlations to State
Standards**

- Info Lit/Library Media
- Communication Arts
- Social Studies

**PLT Facilitator Refresher
At UM Lubrecht
Experimental Forest**



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