

RMC GEOLOGY PROFESSOR SPEAKS TO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MARCH 17

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BILLINGS – “Corkscrews and ribbons” will be the title of a talk RMC Geology Assistant Professor Larry Jones will deliver Wednesday, March 17, 2010, to the Montana Geological Society, at the Petroleum Club. The more technical title is “Using Fluvial Floodplain and Outcrop Geometres to Constrain Subsurface Correlation Tehniques.” The luncheon meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. and is open to MGS members.

Jones grew up with an interest in geology in Colorado Springs, where he “collected rocks, explored old mines around Cripple Creek, and read ancient USGS bulletins archived in the basement of Penrose Library,” he said.

Before earning his B.S. from Fort Lewis College, an M.S from Northern Arizona University, and his Ph.D from the University of Wyoming, he worked as a carpenter, truck driver, heavy equipment mechanic and snow plow driver.

He served as a project geologist for a small independent oil company and then worked for the global oil company, Schlumberger, out of Denver. He later lectured at Mesa State College before coming to RMC in 2006.

His recent work in the Holocene -- traditionally described as a geological epoch from about 12,000 years ago to the present -- has been investigating the role of forest fires in valley floor sedimentation in small drainage basins in the West.

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