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## WESTERN ANNOUNCES MARCH CONSERVATION SEMINARS

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — March 1, 2004—The biology department at Missouri Western State College is hosting six natural resource conservation and management seminars in March. All presentations are co-sponsored by the student chapter of the Wildlife Society. The speakers and topics are as follows:

- Tim Rippenger, Missouri Department of Conservation supervisor for the northwest region, will offer a presentation on Missouri wildlife law enforcement at 7 p.m. March 16 in the Warren E. Hearnese Learning Resources Center, room 102. The presentation is co-sponsored by the Midland Empire Audubon Society.
- Michael Sanders, deputy forest supervisor for Mark Twain National Forest, will present “The Role of Conservation in the U.S. National Forest Service” at 4 p.m. March 24 in the conference room of the Missouri Department of Conservation Building, 701 NE College Drive.
- Thomas Nagel, regional biologist for the northwest district of the Missouri Department of Conservation, will present “Fire Ecology and its Use in Habitat Restoration and Management,” at 4 p.m. March 26 in the conference room of the Missouri Department of Conservation Building.

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- Dr. John Schulz, research biologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation, will offer a presentation on dove management in Missouri at 7 p.m. March 30 in the Evan R. Agenstein Science and Math Building, room 205.
- Dr. Schulz will also offer a presentation on wildlife diseases at 8 a.m. March 31 in the Janet Gorman Murphy Building, room 205.
- Ripperger will also present “The Role of Law Enforcement in Resource Conservation and Management,” at 4 p.m. March 31 in the conference room of the Missouri Department of Conservation Building.

For more information, contact the Western biology department at (816) 271-4379.

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