

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATION LEADERS

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Dr. Joshua Millspaugh began his position as the new B&C Professor at the University of Montana this fall. He came to Missoula from the University of Missouri, where he was the William J. Rucker Professor of Wildlife Conservation and interim director of the School of Natural Resources where he provided administrative leadership for four academic departments. He was on faculty at Missouri for nearly 17 years. Dr. Millspaugh has 25 years of experience conducting research on big game species, including elk, bison, mule deer, pronghorn, and whitetail deer, throughout North America. His research has also involved studies of African elephants and lions in South Africa. He has conducted research to address important management questions on a diversity of other species and topics including potential effects of wind energy development on sage grouse in Wyoming, river turtle harvest issues in Missouri, and effects of land management practices on a diversity of birds, reptiles, and amphibians.

Dr. Millspaugh is developing his program at the University of Montana and stated, "I want my research to advance science and our understanding of natural systems

while impacting management and policy." In addition to continuing his work with big game species, he expects much of his research to address public and private land management issues. He is excited about the connection with the Boone and Crockett Club and building collaborations to pursue relevant management and policy topics. He has a strong commitment to student education and intends to emphasize the role of science in management and policy. "Training our next generation of scientists to integrate science with policy and placing them in key conservation

jobs is a primary goal of our program," he said.

Millspaugh completed his doctorate at the University of Washington in Seattle where he studied elk ecology and management in the Black Hills of South Dakota. He has received numerous awards for teaching and research including the U.S.D.A. National Teacher of the Year and Missouri Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Last year, he received the north-central section of The Wildlife Society Professional Award of Merit for outstanding professional contributions to wildlife management. ■

"We are extremely excited for Dr. Millspaugh to join us at the University of Montana," said Chad Bishop, Director of the Wildlife Biology Program. "His excellence in teaching and research will undoubtedly strengthen the Wildlife Biology Program and at the same time bolster our long-standing partnership with the Boone and Crockett Club."

The Club started its national endowed professorship program at UM in 1992. Millspaugh will become the fourth Boone and Crockett professor, following Hal Salwasser, Jack Ward Thomas, and Paul Krausman.

Dr. Joshua Millspaugh visited the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch to take part in the most recent Learn To Hunt Program.

