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Free, low-cost publications offer info on environment



It often seems difficult to keep up-to-date on environmental and conservation issues. Luckily there are several excellent information resources available at little or no cost that report on these issues in detail. Below are some of the periodicals and publications that I recommend to anyone interested in Missouri's environmental issues. Most of these can also be found at the Columbia Public Library.

FREE PUBLICATIONS

Missouri Conservationist is published monthly by the Missouri Department of Conservation. This high-quality magazine features articles on conservation issues including stream quality, outdoor recreation, hunter safety and endangered species management. Missouri Conservationist is one of the best magazines of its type and features excellent writing and photography.

Subscriptions are free to Missouri residents 18 or older. To start your subscription, write to Missouri Conservationist — Circulation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, Mo., 65102.

Missouri Resource Review is another outstanding magazine free to all Missourians. Published quarterly by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Resource Review provides information about natural resource issues and how state government is addressing them. Its content reflects DNR's diverse mission; well-written articles cover topics such as state parks, historic preservation, energy, soil conservation, hazardous waste, clean water, land reclamation and air quality.

To subscribe to Missouri Resource Review, write to Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Office of Public Information, PO Box 176, Jef-

erson City, Mo., 65102-0176.

DNR also publishes a quarterly newsletter titled Outlook, which covers issues related to Missouri's geology, water resources and dam safety. To subscribe, contact Susan Dunn, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 250, Rolla, Mo., 65401-0250. DNR's soil and water conservation program also publishes a newsletter; subscriptions are available by writing to Soil and Water Resources editor, PO Box 176, Jefferson City, Mo., 65102-0176.

River Crossings is a must-have resource for anyone interested in issues relating to the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. This periodical provides news and up-to-date reports on the diverse issues confronting managers of these gigantic river systems. River Crossings is published every other month by the Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resources Agreement. To subscribe, write to Jerry Rasmussen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 608 Cherry St., Columbia, Mo., 65201-7712.

LOW-COST PERIODICALS

Missouri Environmental Action Report is published six times a year by DNR's Division of Environmental Quality and contains information on events, regulations, permits, enforcement and training opportunities related to environmental quality. The subscription rate is \$15. To subscribe, send your name, address and

check to Environmental Action Report, PO Box 176, Jefferson City, Mo., 65102.

The Conservation Federation of Missouri publishes the Missouri Conservation Legislative Report weekly during the Missouri General Assembly's regular session from January to May each year. The report reviews and tracks conservation and environmental bills that are before the General Assembly and provides valuable information on scheduled public hearings. To subscribe, send a check for \$15 to CFM-MCLR, 728 W. Main, Jefferson City, Mo., 65101.

PUBLICATION CATALOGS

The DNR publishes two free catalogs of its environmental publications, maps, brochures, posters and reports. For the Bibliography of Available Environmental Literature, write to DNR, PO Box 176, Jefferson City, Mo., 65102-0176, or call 1-751-4810. For DNR's Catalogue of Publications, send your request to DNR, Division of Geology and Land Survey, PO Box 250, Rolla, Mo., 65401, or call 1-368-2125.

Many interesting environmental publications are also available from the United Nations. For a free catalog of all United Nations publications, treaties, periodicals, documents and official records, write to United Nations Publications, Sales Section, 2 United Nations Plaza, Room CD2-853, Department 421, New York, N.Y., 10017, or call (800) 253-9646.

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