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MOON TREE SEEDLING TO BE PLANTED  
AT UNIVERSITY ON SATURDAY, JULY 17

MISSOULA---

A Douglas fir seedling grown from a seed taken to the moon with the Apollo 14 mission in 1971 will be planted at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17, in the University Center (UC) Mall at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Participants in the planting ceremony will include Dr. Roger R. Bay, Ogden, Utah, director of the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station (IFRES), U.S. Department of Agriculture; Dr. Ralph A. Klawitter, assistant director of the IFRES in Missoula; Dr. Robert F. Wambach, dean of the UM School of Forestry, and Gary Brown, Missoula, chief of the Cooperative Bureau, Forestry Division, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

A representative of the IFRES indicated that the seedling planting ceremony Saturday at UM symbolizes the progress made in forestry research over the past 100 years as well as the important role the UM School of Forestry <sup>has</sup> played in that progress.

Seeds of several varieties of North American timber trees were taken in a container to the moon by Stuart Roosa, Apollo 14 command module pilot. Roosa was a U.S. Forest Service smokejumper in California. The seeds survived under the same stresses that the flight crew astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr., Edgar D. Mitchell and Roosa experienced. The flight lasted from Jan. 31 to Feb. 9, 1971.

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The seedling to be planted in the UC Mall Saturday was among several seedlings grown at the U.S. Forest Service Genetics Laboratory at Placerville, Calif. Since mid-April, the seedling to be given to UM has been growing at the Intermountain Station's Forestry Sciences Laboratory on the University campus.

Other moon tree seedlings were given to the Forestry Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for plantings during the American Bicentennial Year. The plantings commemorate the centennial year of the profession of American forestry. The first professional foresters began working in the U.S. in 1876.

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