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Letter from the Editor

Dear MGS Membership,

As promised in last month's letter, I have an update for you on MGS's future plans. Two main items were discussed at our recent Board Meeting. The major item was revising our plans for the Paradise Valley Field Conference originally in the works for 2021 and the other was a change to our scholarship standards.

In response to the worsening pandemic and the uncertainty everyone faces in planning while the pandemic is still ongoing, the decision was made to push the Field Conference back to 2022. Optimal dates were discussed and at the moment we are thinking of targeting late July to early August 2022. More to come on these dates as we move forward. In the meantime, we will be looking for presenters and field trip guide to help fill out the agenda. If you know of a good trip or are working on a paper related to the geology of the region (in/around/near the Paradise Valley), please get in touch with the Board.

The other item on the docket was the requirements for MGS Scholarships. Originally these were meant to go towards students at Montana schools, but in the past couple of years, we've really seen the applications from local universities dry up. While we aren't sure of the cause of this dearth of applications, we want to encourage Montana-based projects and have those projects presented to the local geological community. To that end we have made the decision to open up the call for scholarship applicants to university students outside of Montana, as long as they are working on a Montana-based project.

Tom Hewett
MGS President

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“Study could rewrite Earth's history”

“New research has found evidence to suggest that the Earth's first continents were not formed by subduction in a modern-like plate tectonics environment as previously thought, and instead may have been created by an entirely different process.”

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“A 'regime shift' is happening in the Arctic Ocean”

“Scientists find the growth of phytoplankton in the Arctic Ocean has increased 57 percent over just two decades, enhancing its ability to soak up carbon dioxide. While once linked to melting sea ice, the increase is now propelled by rising concentrations of tiny algae.”

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

September 2, 2020



MR. RYAN ZINKE

**US Navy SEAL Commander,
State Senator, US Congressman,
52nd Secretary of Interior**

“AMERICA’S ENERGY REVOLUTION”

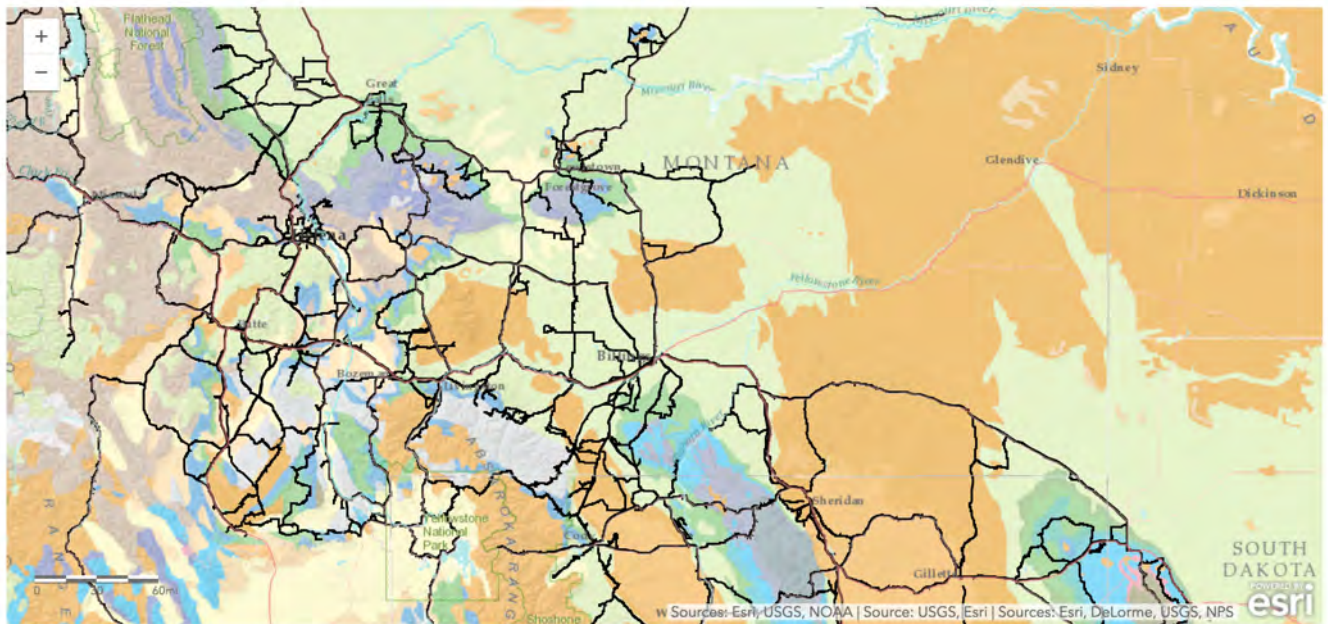
Ryan was born and raised in Montana and attended the University of Oregon where he was awarded All-PAC 10 honors, the Sahlstrom Award and the prestigious Emerald Cup Award for academic, leadership and athletic achievement. He then attended US Navy Officers Candidate School and completed Navy SEAL Training in 1985 and was assigned to SEAL Team ONE. Highlights of Commander Zinke’s twenty-three year career in Special Operations includes two tours of duty at SEAL Team SIX, Acting Commander of Special Forces in Iraq, Task Force Commander in Bosnia and Kosovo, and served as the “Dean” of Special Warfare training. He was awarded the Bronze Star for combat in Iraq and is credited with conducting 360 combat missions and the capture or kill of 72 terrorists. He retired from active duty in 2008 and was elected as a Montana State Senator and later twice elected as Montana’s sole member of the US House of Representatives. He served on the House Armed Services and Natural Resources committees. In 2016, Congressman Zinke was nominated by President Donald J. Trump and later confirmed by the US Senate to serve as the 52nd US Secretary of the Interior. As Secretary, he was a champion of restoring the voice of state and local communities in land and wildlife management decisions, established and protected wildlife corridors, budgeted for the largest investment in our Nation’s history for National Parks, increased public access for recreation and traditional use, and was the principle architect of the American Energy “Dominance” policy. After 31 years of public service, President Trump accepted his resignation in 2019. The Honorable Ryan Zinke is the author of American Commander and serves on numerous boards. He holds an MBA in Finance, an MS in Global Leadership, and a BS in Geology. He is married to the former Lolita Hand of Santa Barbara, has three children and two grandchildren.

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