

Business seminar in Billings

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Montana and North Dakota will experience the slowest economic growth among 10 adjacent states during coming years, while Wyoming's economy will decline, according to a Montana economist.

Paul E. Polzin, director of the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, will be one of the featured economists at the 17th annual Economic Outlook seminar at the Billings Radisson Northern Hotel Tuesday beginning at 8 a.m.

Polzin and other researchers will be comparing Montana's economy with the economies of states and provinces in the region.

According to Polzin, the states in this region with larger populations and relatively low dependence on the natural resource industries are projected to have growth above the national average. States with smaller populations that are more dependent on these industries — like Montana and North Dakota — will have slow growth rates.

The seminar, co-sponsored by the bureau and the Billings Area Chamber of Commerce, will also include an overview of the region's natural resource industries and a local business panel.

Speakers for the panel are: David Brown, president, Wyo-Ben Inc.; Jim Kelly, vice president, Western Syn-Coal; and Cal Winslow, president, Deaconess Development Foundation.

The fee for the seminar is \$60 and includes lunch.

Slowed Growth in 10 Adjacent States Discussed

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