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Plum Creek CEO to headline Missoula conference

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Plum Creek CEO Rick Holley

The head of Plum Creek Timber Company will be the keynote speaker for this fall's third annual Real Estate and Development in the Northern Rockies conference in Missoula.

Newest.net announced Tuesday morning that Plum Creek CEO Rick Holley will be the featured speaker for the conference, which will be held October 23rd and October 24th.

Plum Creek, which is Montana's largest private landowner, has been making headlines this year on a couple of major fronts.

First has been the controversy over negotiations between the timber company and U.S. Forest Service Chief Mark Rey over access to Plum Creek lands, a point that's been of particular concern in Western Montana.

More recently, Plum Creek made news with the announcement it would sell more than 300,000 acres of land to local conservation groups for more than \$500 million.

Other speakers at the conference will include Christopher Thornberg of Beacon Economics, who will update his analysis of the region's real estate market. Other sessions will cover issues such as development in a slowing economy, transportation and agriculture.

More information about the conference and registration is available at the conference [web site](#).

- Dennis Bragg reporting from KPAX in Missoula



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