Reports & Resources

The Sustainable Innovation Gap
World Resources Institute | READ STORY
A recent article outlines the need for sustainable innovation and offers suggestions to further environmentally and economically sound practices.

Smoking Rates By Country
The Daily Good | READ STORY
The following infographic compares smoking rates by country, as well as information on anti-smoking measures that specific countries have adopted.

President's Corner

Our annual MACDEP meeting took place Nov. 8 with election of new Executive Committee members; welcome Mandie Reed, treasurer and Jennifer Anderson, secretary, and Barb Andreozzi, VP. Minutes from the meeting will soon be posted on the MACDEP website.

The Community Development Society 2012 Conference Call for Abstracts has been extended to Jan. 27.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

Rural Broadband Conference
December 14, 2011
Sponsor: USDA Rural Development

Missoula Businesswomen's Network Business
The Impact of Social Security
The Daily Yonder | READ STORY
The following map compares the percentage of personal income provided by social security for rural areas by state.

Social Security in Rural America
Comparing the percentage of total personal income coming from Social Security in rural portions of states

- **4.2% to 7.8% of total personal income**
- **8% to 8.9%**
- **9.3% to 9.8%**
- **10.1% to 12.7%**
- State with no rural counties

No Consensus on Economic Disparity
The Pew Research Center | READ STORY
A recent survey finds that Americans are divided in their perceptions of economic disparity, as indicated by the graph below.
Forests Succumb to Development in Southern States

World Resources Institute | READ STORY
A map released by the World Resources Institute identifies areas where urban and suburban development are destroying forests.
Montana Forester Named to National Post
Missoulian; November 8