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**SUBJECT: “YWCA Talks to Return with Ava Holliday on Inclusion in American Environmentalism”**

*MISSOULA* – What does it take to make the outdoors a more inclusive place? How is true sustainability dependent on communities of color and other unrepresented peoples in the struggle for environmental justice? Researcher, anthropologist, and outdoor educator, Ava Holliday argues that there is no such thing as environmental justice without social justice, and she doesn’t believe in shortcuts. As a result, she has devoted the last six years to working in this field, teaching university courses and working as a consultant for multiple organizations that have a focus on diversity and inclusion. The YWCA Talks series kicks off again with discussions of power, identity, environmentalism, health, wilderness, and their deep interconnectedness. Montana is a rich backyard of opportunity

Join us, Thursday, November 19 where Ava Holliday will give a talk about her professional career, as well as what the Missoula community can do to work toward a more sustainable future, in education, in the field, or even in the office. The lecture will begin promptly at 4PM at the YWCA Center room at 1130 W. Broadway St., and will be recorded by Missoula Community Access Television.

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