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**Soft Landing Missoula Presents Lecture on Climate Refugees**

As climate change forces more people to flee their homes, do borders keep getting fortified, or are there other ways humankind could be looking for solutions? As the most recent speaker in the Soft Landing Missoula Presents! Lecture Series, journalist and author Todd Miller will explore the dynamics of climate, human displacement, and border security in a talk on Monday, April 1, at the University Center Theater.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m., with Miller's talk, titled ***Refuge in a Changing World: Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security***. It will be followed by a brief panel discussion, in which we will consider implications of climate migrants for Missoula and Montana plus Q&A. Afterwards, there will be an open invitation book-signing and reception at the Mansfield Center.

"With 68.5 million forcibly displaced people currently across the globe, many of whom have been forced to leave their homes due to conflicts with origins in climate issues, including famine, drought and scarcity of resources," said Executive Director of Soft Landing Missoula, Mary Poole, "there is no better time to have the conversation about how we can step outside our boxes, and borders, to think of creative solutions that bring opportunity and promise of a good life to all."

This talk is co-sponsored by Climate Smart Missoula, the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, the UM College of Humanities and Sciences, the UM Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism graduate program, and the UM Climate Change Studies Program.

Miller is the author of *Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration, and Homeland Security*, for which he won the 2018 Izzy Award for Excellence in Investigative Journalism.

For the past 17 years, Miller has researched, written about, and worked on immigration and border issues from both sides of the U.S.-Mexico divide. He is also the author of *Border Patrol Nation*, 2014 and the forthcoming *Empire of Borders: The Expansion of the U.S. Border Around the World* (Verso, 2019). His writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Mother Jones*, *The Nation* and other publications.

"We don't often think about displaced people when we think about climate impacts in Montana, but Missoula is certainly not immune to issues around human migration that result from our changing climate," said Abby Huseh, Outreach Director at Climate Smart Missoula. "While we don't know exactly what the future holds, this is a great opportunity to broaden our understanding of what it means to build a more resilient community."

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The speaker will also be available for questions about his book or talk.

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# REFUGE IN A CHANGING WORLD

Climate Change,  
Migration and  
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**MON, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>  
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UC THEATER AT UM**

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**The event includes a panel discussion and Q&A after the talk, and will be followed by a book-signing and reception at the Mansfield Center.**



