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Looks like it's coming to an end, but we did have a little break from the cold this week. Did anyone notice we weren't the only ones out enjoying the thaw?

What looks like jumping dust or pepper on the snow?

See the [Huron Pines eNews answer](#).

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River Simulator debut at the Huron Pines Annual Meeting

Ever wish you could fast forward to see how a river will change? Want to see what effect a sand trap has or how spring runoff may change the course of a river? Huron Pines can now demonstrate the answers to these questions with our new river simulator. [Check out a video of the simulator here](#).

Be sure to register for our upcoming [Annual Meeting](#) in Gaylord to see the river simulator in action and hear Rebecca A. Humphries, the new DNRE Director, discuss Michigan's conservation future. Time is running out! Registrations are a must and space is filling fast. [Sign-up online](#) or [register by mail](#).

Wolverine Power Cooperative supports conservation on Silver Creek

The [Silver Creek Super Project](#) got a big boost this month. [Wolverine Power Cooperative](#) contributed \$22,500 to the restoration efforts in Presque Isle County. The project, which focuses on restoring and protecting the high quality coldwater tributary to the [Ocqueoc River](#), is set to begin with monitoring and the first round of earth-moving as soon as the snow melts. The Presque Isle Road Commission has scheduled two road/stream crossing projects, one on Spens Road and one on North Curtis Road, to start this summer. Learn more about Huron Pines [Watershed Protection](#) efforts. [Mio Pond Fish Habitat Enhancement](#)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

DNRE grants available for local units of government: Application materials are currently available from the Michigan DNRE for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Land and Water Conservation Fund programs. Grants are available to local units of government for the development of public outdoor recreation facilities and the acquisition of land for outdoor recreation and/or resource protection. Learn more by attending an upcoming workshop at the Grayling Ramada Inn on February 10, calling (517) 373-9125 or by visiting http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366_37984--,00.html. Huron Pines staff will be available at the February 10 workshop (1pm-4pm) to assist in proposal development. The deadline for submittal is April 1.

February 2, 3, 9 and 10, Lake Huron Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

Workshops: An international effort to develop a binational action agenda for conserving and restoring, to the greatest extent possible, the native biodiversity of Lake Huron is underway. Join conservation partners to learn about existing local and regional conservation efforts. More information can be found at

<http://miseagrant.umich.edu/workshops/lakehuronbiodiversity/>

March 6, Snowshoe through Pigeon River Country: Local naturalist and Pigeon River State Forest historian, Joe Jarecki, will lead participants on a snowshoe hike through beautiful Pigeon River Country on Saturday, March 6 from 10:00am to 12:30pm. This event is hosted by HeadWaters Land Conservancy. For more information, call (989) 731-0573 or email land@headwatersconservancy.org.

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