

Our Tuesday, April 4 meeting is set! Meetings are at BJ's Restaurant, 900 N 1st Street, Hamilton, MT. Drinks and dinner off the menu at 5:30. Program starts at 7pm. Raffles and door prize awarded.

Our April program will be presented by Denver Holt, the founder and president of the [Owl Research Institute](#) ("ORI"), a nonprofit he started 30 years ago. Today, it is one of the premier owl research centers in the world, just as Holt is one of the leading experts. Denver will be sharing insight into what the ORI does and state of the owls.

ORI focuses their time and efforts in the field, with the owls, making observations and logging data. Their studies are conducted in natural, uncontrolled habitats. Wild owls are extremely difficult to find, not to mention capture, for research – none of their research is conducted on captive owls and they are very conscious of handling times.

ORI shares their findings with resource managers, scientists, and the public, to improve environmental decision making. Their data assists with forest management plans, habitat conservation efforts, and the listing and de-listing of critical species.

The ORI is headquartered out of a farmhouse near the small town of Charlo, Montana. Located on the Flathead Indian Reservation, they are surrounded by an ecologically diverse landscape containing unique habitat for most of Montana's 15 owl species.

Holt is a widely published author who has been featured in many articles from National Geographic to the New York Times, as well as in many television programs. He has educated and entertained people from all walks of life and enjoys guiding, meeting new people, and expanding his knowledge of wildlife and the natural world.