

3/8/2010

Professional Development with MWCA  
Weed Manager Training  
Helena, MT, L & C County Fairgrounds  
March 30, 31 & April 1, 2010

**Tuesday, March 30**

8 – 8:30 am Registration

8:30 – 8:50 Welcome with **Harold Blattie & Dave Schulz**

8:50 – 9:35 Engaging Landowners

A session for all on better communications with landowners, options for dealing with decreased resources for landowners, and subdivision issues. **Morris**

9:40 – 10:30 Vendor presentations – **Gordon (20), Cole (10), Lake (10), Thomas (10)**

10:30 – 12 noon

Time	Mechanical	Spray Issues	Technology
10:30– 10:55	Best practices for maintaining pumps, reels & hand guns - <b>Johannesen</b>	How weather conditions impact your spray program - <b>Schott</b>	Elevate your professionalism through the use of technology- <b>Ericson</b>
11:00 – 11:25	Repair Work 101 Basic repairs explained and demonstrated - <b>V Thomas</b>	Proper sterilization treatments <b>Gordon</b>	What can the Internet do for your weed program? - <b>Ericson</b>
11:30 – 11:55	Repair Work 101 - <b>V Thomas</b>	Dealing with the public and herbicides - <b>Harwood</b>	Power Point 101 - <b>Brink</b>

Lunch at 12 noon- Lunch provided

Luncheon Speakers– Special Gun Story, Law Enforcement talk about best practices when dealing with hostile landowners. **J. Thomas, Law Enforcement Academy**

1:30 – 4:30 Early Detection and Rapid Response and the Invader Database Workshop  
**Jane Mangold & Peter Rice**

4:30 – 4:50 Break

4:50 – 5:30 Vendor presentations – **Marlow (20), Ohlinger (20)**

Dinner is on your own.

**Wednesday, March 31**

8:00 – 10:30 “A New Weed Mapping Initiative for Montana?” - Natural Heritage Program, **Linda Vance**

10:30 – 11:00 Vendor Presentations – **Saunders (20), Miller (10)**

11:00 – 11:30 MWCA Business - **Kington**

11:30 – 12 n MDA Business - **Burch**

Lunch at 12 noon – Lunch provided, luncheon speaker, How Best to Deal with the Dreaded Chemical Spill – **Kevin Rauch, Olympus Technical Service**

Breakouts from 1 – 4:30

<b>Time</b>	<b>Compliance &amp; the County Weed Act</b>	<b>Spray Crews</b>	<b>MACo &amp; Legal Issues</b>
<b>1:00 – 1:25</b>	The Non-compliance process, a check list for you to use – <b>Burch &amp; Sehestedt</b>	Best practices for securing good employees – <b>A Burch</b>	Working with your commissioners and best practices for fostering that relationship - <b>Bessette</b>
<b>1:30 – 1:55</b>	Legal issues and constitutionality of the weed act – <b>Jenson &amp; Fitch</b>	Management skills 101, a better way to manage your crews – <b>Moore</b>	Liability issues with rental of sprayers and waivers - <b>Sehestedt</b>
<b>2:00 – 2:25</b>	Working effectively with your county attorney – <b>Jenson &amp; Fitch</b>	Management skills 101 - <b>Moore</b>	Chemical storage & transportation liability – <b>Jackson</b>
<b>2:30 – 2:55</b>	Neighbors and non-compliance issues - <b>Barta</b>	Corrective discipline and firing procedures – <b>Lennon</b>	Prohibited employment activities, public disclosure & contracts and contractors - <b>Sehestedt</b>
<b>3:00 – 3:25</b>	Non- compliance and organics – <b>Crabtree</b>	Work comp issues - <b>Sesselman</b>	Wages, salaries, overtime and hours of employment - <b>Sehestedt</b>
<b>3:30 – 3:55</b>	How does non-compliance work with uncooperative entities – <b>Burch</b>	Your crews and best practices for defensive driving - <b>Davis</b>	Questions and issues for MACo – <b>MACo legal panel</b>
<b>4:00 – 4:30</b>	Update on the revision of the county weed act - <b>Burch</b>	Dealing with public and traffic safety issues - <b>Davis</b>	Questions and issues for MACo – <b>MACo legal panel</b>

5:00 – 5:30 Vendor presentations

5:30 – 6:30 Happy Hour

6:30 Dinner provided & awards and recognition

#### **Thursday, April 1**

7:30 – 8:30 MWCA Coordinator Support Business Meeting with door prizes and a large drawing for a special prize

9:00 – 11:00 Budgeting and Your County Program – **Norm Klein**

11:00 - 12 n Sign up for credits, final announcements, meeting adjourned. Lunch on your own