

MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION AWARDS FOR 2010

Weed season is upon us and as you go about your efforts to manage noxious weeds , please keep in mind MWCA awards. Who is a super weed fighter? What weed district is doing a great job? Which group or young person is battling weeds? If someone worthy comes to mind, please submit a letter of nomination of this person, group or business to the MWCA Awards Committee for consideration for a Montana Weed Control Association Award.

Nominations have to be received by Monday, November 1, 2010.

Nine major awards may be presented at the MWCA Annual Awards Ceremony during the banquet dinner at the Great Falls Heritage Inn, January 12, 2010.

The awards are:

1) Weed Fighter of the Year – (Non-professional)

- A proven leader who cooperates or partners with others. (Examples of partnership may include the public, departments, landowners and agencies.)
- Institutes an aggressive attack on weeds.
- Uses unique and innovative approaches to weed control.
- Good use of integrated weed control.
- Open to any age level.

2) Agency Weed Fighter of the Year –

- Must work for local, state or federal agency.
- A proven leader who cooperates or partners with others. (Examples of partnership may include the public, departments, landowners and other agencies.)
- Institutes an aggressive attack on weeds.
- Uses unique and innovative approaches to weed control.
- Good use of integrated weed control.

3) Weed Fighters United

- For two or more people working together
- A proven leader who cooperates or partners with others. (Examples of partnership may include the public, departments, landowners and other agencies.)
- Institutes an aggressive attack on weeds.
- Uses unique and innovative approaches to weed control.
- Good use of integrated weed control.
- Open to any age level.

4) Outstanding Weed District

- For a district that has increased public awareness of weed problems.
- Involved county government and the general public in weed control efforts.
- Used integrated and innovative approaches to overwhelming problems.
- Has provided cost-effective means of control within the program.
- Has shown improvement through on-the-ground treatment at a significant level within the county.
- A weed district may only receive this award once within a 5-year period.
- Please refer to the attached list to see who has won in the past.

5) Weed Stopper Award –

- Cash award of \$100.
- Person or persons must have identified an initial infestation of one of the Priority 1A or 1B species previously undetected in the area it is found in.
- Districts are eligible to receive one cash award per year.
- Award requires a copy of the sheet sent to MSU Herbarium for verification.

6) Weed Management Services Award –

- A supporting member of the MWCA who goes above and beyond the call of duty.
- Individual or business may include equipment dealers, company representatives (including bio-control and grazing businesses), and private, commercial and aerial applicators.
- Individual/Business assists private landowners as well as governmental agencies.
- Participates in MWCA activities.
- Supports the programs of the MWCA.
- Is very involved in noxious weed management.

7) Weed Board Member/Outstanding Commissioner of the Year –

- An outstanding weed board member or commissioner who is a member of the MWCA.
- Displays commitment and dedication to the cause of fighting weeds and making a difference in their county.
- Takes an active role in county weed management programs.
- Actively participates in county, agency and private weed management programs.

8) Screw-Up of the Year Award –

- Must be an MWCA member who has had a “screw-up” of some sort this past season.
- Please use discretion when making your nomination; we do not want to jeopardize someone’s job or cause hurt feelings.

9) Barb Mullin Lifetime Achievement Award –

- Person has been active in the MWCA for 10 years or more.
- Demonstrates leadership abilities.
- Successfully deals with agencies and the public in the noxious weed effort.
- Cash award of \$100 in conjunction with Achievement Award.
- Agency personnel, officials and private individuals may qualify.

Nomination Process:

- All nomination letters are sent to MWCA office by November 1st.
- Becky will compile “packets” of nomination letters and send out to the work group established to vote on the nominees.
- Work group members will have two weeks to review the packets and submit their ballot to the MWCA office for final tally.
- Becky and Pam will work to secure awards for the nominees who receive the most votes, and Pam will design and implement the awards process at the annual conference.