

Growth and Weeds
From horse lovers to Houndstounge
What Realtors across Montana need to know

Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Location: TBA

Cost - \$60 includes lunch and weed ID materials
Class size: limit 75

6 Continuing Ed Credits

Course Purpose: To provide realtors in Montana with concise, reliable and comprehensive information regarding the rules, regulations and requirements for subdivisions, developers, small acreage landowners who have horses. It will also encompass needed land management practices pertaining to the Montana Noxious Weed Law with buy-sell transactions. The course will be taught in two sections: a growth section in the morning and a weed section in the afternoon.

Course Objective: to bring to one location and provide a forum for accurate, current, and pertinent information regarding various agencies and authorities who deal with growth and the critical land use issues surrounding it. Additionally, realtors will better understand the weed law to reduce the risk of liability relating to ownership transactions, be able to discuss weed topics with buyers and sellers and how they are related to land management and land value.

8 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome/Introductions/Course outline

Growth Issues

8:45 – 9:15 The Changing Face of the American West
Presentation includes statistics and facts of growth as it occurring across Montana and the West. Overview of what is happening in your area.

9:15 – 9:45 Subdivision regulations and laws
An brief legal overview of weed law and subdivisions and the interrelationship between the weed law and subdivisions.

9:45 – 10:00 Break with door prizes

- 10:00 – 10:30 Revegetation & management of weeds in disturbed road building and utility development
Discussion of the options of re-vegetation within disturbed sites and management of weeds as required by the law.
- 10:30 – 11:00 Grazing on small acreages
Discussion about what buyers should know prior to buying land in regards to grazing animals and the needs specific animals have on the land.
- 11:00 – 11:15 Break with door prizes
- 11:15 – 11:45 Wildlife corridors/vegetation changes
Discussion on the vegetation changes that occur with growth and impacts on wildlife with growth.
- 11:45 – 12:00 Water rights
Discussion covers the purpose of the law and permit and certificate system of water rights administration.
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch provided

Weed Issues

- 1:00 – 1:15 Realtor Requirements, responsibilities and regulations to understand the MT County Weed Act
Overview of buy sell agreements and the County Weed Act. What are the responsibilities of realtors to adhere to this act.
- 1:15 – 2:00 Ecological and Economic impacts of noxious weeds, maintaining healthy plant communities, and integrated weed management practices
- 2:00 – 2:15 Break with door prizes
- 2:15 – 2:50 Noxious weed ID
Concise and informative discussion on the invaders that are prevalent in your area and ones to be on the lookout for.
- 2:50 – 3:00 Break with door prizes
- 3:00 – 3:15 Closing the deal
Liability and risks associated with disclosure and requirements related to noxious weed issues
- 3:15 – 3:30 Engaged in change
How you can get involved with watershed groups, grants, and the Montana Weed Control Association.