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MWCA Annual Conference
January 31st – February 3rd, 2022
Billings Hotel & Convention Center

Draft Agenda

*****MWCA Office – Little Missouri Room*****

Monday, January 31, 2022

- 1:00 Agency / Group Meetings
- Montana Noxious Weed Advisory Council
 - Montana Noxious Weed Education Campaign
- 1:00 – 5:00 PM Implementation Work Group Work Session
- 5:00 PM Volunteers who arrive early to help with putting together packets and setting up for convention. Dinner provided.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

- 7:00 AM – 12 N Vendor set up – *North Foyer*
- 7:00 AM Silent Auction set up – *Gallatin Room*
- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM MWCA Board Meeting – *Madison Room*
- 2:00 – 6:00 PM Registration & Check-In For Credits Begins – *North Foyer at Entrance*
- 2:00 – 3:00 PM Area Council Meetings
- South Central Area - *Parlor 1001*
 - Southwest Area - *Parlor 1009*
 - Triangle Area - *Parlor 1019*
 - Western Area - *Parlor 1018*
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM Coordinator Support Meeting – *Madison Room*
- 4:30 – 5:00 PM Moderator Meeting – *(MWCA Office – Little Missouri Room)*
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM Vendor social hour/ Throwback to the 80s Night – Nutrien (10 minutes) & Helena (10 minutes)
- Family Feud Team Sign-up
- 6:00 PM Family Feud Tournament

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

- 7:00 - 9:00 AM Registration & packet pick up – *North Foyer at Entrance*
- 7:30 AM Silent auction opens – *Jefferson & Gallatin Rooms*
- 50/50 begins (SE Area 50/50) – *Main Conference Area*
- 8:00 – 8:15 AM Welcome and opening ceremony – *Main Conference Area*
- National Anthem sang by Ms. Claire Volk
- Flags presented
- 8:15 – 8:30 AM Vendor introductions - Jesse
- 8:35 – 11:45 AM General session – *Main Conference Area*

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General Session

8:35 – 8:55 AM	1. Range and Pasture Weed Control	Claire Volk / Michael Hanson
9:00– 9:30 AM	2. The Heat of the Moment: Tips for Overcoming Challenges of Weed Management during Drought	Jane Mangold
9:30 – 9:50 AM	BREAK – North Foyer in vendor area	
9:50 – 10:20 AM	3. What is a CWMA & How to Create One?	Jesse Scott
10:25 – 11:30 AM 10:25 AM 10:35 AM 10:45 AM 10:55 AM 11:05 AM 11:15 AM 11:25 AM	4. Montana Task Force Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDA Task Force Coordination in MT • Dyer’s Woad • Rush Skeleton Weed • Blueweed • Tansy Ragwort • Palmer Amaranth Questions	MDA Task Force Coordinator Amber Burch – Beaverhead Co. Mike Bradeen – Lincoln Co. Kelliann Morris – Ravalli Co. Mike Bradeen – Lincoln Co. Tim Seipel – MSU
11:30 - 11:55 AM	5. Wild Spotter for USFS and BLM in Montana	Chuck Bargeron

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM **Luncheon** – Mexican Buffet - *Main Conference Area*

6. David Collins – Bayer Crop Science

KEYNOTE – Aldo Leopold Conservation Award

7. Stacey Barta - *DNRC Rangeland Resources - Program Manager*

Sponsor Prizes

Break to get breakout rooms ready

1:30 – 5:00 PM Afternoon breakout sessions

Time	Revegetation & Restoration	Soils	Collaboration
	Stillwater Room	Bighorn Room	Yellowstone Room
	Karen Laitala	Jane Mangold	Jasmine Reimer
1:30 – 2:00 PM	8. “Native Seed and Grassland Restoration Partnership, and Elder’s perspective” Tribal Elder, Donovan Archambault	12. “Soils 101” Dr. Clain Jones	16. “Working to Conserve Native Ecosystems in the Upper Gallatin Watershed” Jennifer Mohler, Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance
2:10 – 2:40 PM	9. “Bridger Plant Materials Center – practical findings from 60 years of plant selection and establishment for weed management” Michelle Majeski	13. “Soil Testing & Interpretation” Dr. Clain Jones	17. “Promoting Voluntary Behavior Changes to Address Invasive Species in the Region” Leah Elwell, Invasive Species Action Network

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2:40 – 3:10 PM	Break		
3:30 – 4:00 PM	<p>10. <i>“Revegetation on Montana Highways: Strategies and Case Studies”</i></p> <p><i>Darcy Goodson, Reclamation Specialist Environmental Services Bureau Montana Department of Transportation</i></p>	<p>14. <i>“How soils affect herbicide performance: the interaction of residual herbicides and soil properties”</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Tim Seipel</i></p>	<p>18. <i>“Landscape approach to preventing and controlling infestations of invasive winter annuals in NE Wyoming”</i></p> <p><i>Jaycie Arndt, Northeast Wyoming Invasive Grasses Working Group Coordinator & University of Wyoming Extension Educator on Invasive Grasses</i></p>
4:10 – 4:40 PM	<p>11. <i>“Montana Certified Materials”</i></p> <p><i>Andrew Lam, Noxious Weed Seed Free Materials Program Coordinator</i></p>	<p>15. <i>“Belowground ecology: Plants, microbes, and soil”</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Jed Eberly</i></p>	<p>19. <i>“NextGen Land Stewards: How AmeriCorps Programs Are Impacting Noxious Weed Management”</i></p> <p><i>Angela Davis, Program Manager at Montana Conservation Corps</i></p>

- 4:00 PM Bar Opens in Vendor Area for social hour – *North Foyer*
- 6:00 PM Silent Auction closes
- 6:00 PM Banquet Dinner
 MWCA Annual Awards Ceremony – *Kellieann Morris & Karen Laitala*
 Entertainment – Comedy by *Kenn Kington*

Thursday, February 3, 2022

- 7:00 AM 50/50 drawing (WAC) & Silent auction checkout – *MWCA Office,*
- 7:45 – 8:30 AM MWCA Business Meeting & Raffle Drawings – *Conference Area*
- 8:45 – 10:15 AM ***Interactive Workshops – you will be up and moving for all of these workshops***

Topic	Speaker	Room
20. Diagnosing Herbicide Symptoms: The Doctors are In!”	<i>Noelle Orloff Jane Mangold Tim Seipel</i>	<i>Bighorn</i>
21. Four Critical Decisions	<i>Kenn Kington</i>	<i>Yellowstone</i>
22. Tools to Enhance Biocontrol	<i>Melissa Maggio Greta Dige Madeline Gaffigan Todd Breitenfeldt</i>	<i>Stillwater</i>

- 10:15 – 10:30 AM Networking break

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10:30 AM – 12:00 PM [Repeat Hand's-on Workshops](#)

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12:00 PM

Check Out for Credits