

DRAFT AGENDA

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This is a TENTATIVE AGENDA and will undergo several revisions prior to completion. If you know of any speakers or topics that would be a good fit for the following agenda, please let Becky (bkington@3rivers.net) or Jack Eddie know (jeddie@co.beaverhead.mt.us).

[Blue font indicates confirmed speakers.](#)

Location: Crowne Plaza, Billings, Montana

Theme: Getting it Done in the Real World

Registration Fees: \$150.00 for members and \$175.00 non-members and \$25.00 late registration fees for anyone who doesn't register by the deadline. Vendor/booth fees \$100 for members, \$150 for non-members.

MONDAY, JAN 12

1:00 pm – 4 pm – Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council meeting (Trust Fund), MDA
(meetings open and public is welcome)

TUESDAY, JAN 13

10:00 am – 3:00 pm MWCA Board meeting (includes 1 hour lunch) (meeting open to public)

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm early registration open

1:00 pm vender check in – Silent auction set up ([Kellieann & Lindsey](#))

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Commercial Applicator workshop?? – [Jim Ghekiere preliminary contact](#)

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm area meetings

5:30 pm -HAPPY HOUR begins – Sponsored by Vendors – Top Floor

5:30 – 5:45 pm – Happenings in the Pesticide Industry and how we can help - [Mark Crowwell, UAP](#)

5:45 – 6:15 pm – Coordinator awards and retirement recognition – [Adler & Ghekiere](#)

WED, JAN 14

[\(General Session Moderator – Jim Ghekiere\)](#)

7:00 am - Registration open – 50/50 drawing (Western Area)

8:00 am - Welcome – [John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioner](#)

8:10 am - MWCA Welcome and conference overview - [Kington](#)

8:30 am – 9:30 – The Greening of America and Pesticide Hysteria - How can weed managers effectively address this environmental movement –[Donna Farmer, Monsanto](#)

9:30 am – Break

10 – 12 noon – Workshops – Grants.gov & ASAP with BLM. Limited to 20 participants who are encouraged to bring laptops so they can actually work through the process with presenter Lori Anderson [John Simons \(mod\)](#) & Creating and Developing CWMA's CIPM ([Janet Clark mod](#))

Workshop A: Working with grants.gov and ASAP with the BLM, Lori Anderson & John Simons, BLM.

The workshop will be an interactive session where participants need to bring laptops with wifi capabilities to actually

work through the ASAP and grants.gov sites. Lori will be on hand to answer all questions and help you work through actual applications. Class is limited to 20 participants per session.

Workshop B: Creating and Developing CWMA's, Janet Clark, Center for Invasive Plant Management

This workshop will provide information on Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA's): what they are, how and where they're being organized in the U.S., and what makes them successful. Case studies of several CWMA's in Montana will be offered. The workshop will conclude with discussion including Q&A with a panel of practitioners.

10 – 12 noon Strands

TIME	Getting it Done in the Real World – John Moody	Building Partnerships – Lindy Garner	Professional Development Steve Saunders
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Federal Funding & Cooperative Partnerships– Simons & Olivarez	Working with commissioners & weed boards – Schulz	Interpersonal skills
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	MT State Bid Process & Procurement – J. Williams	CMR Refuge and partnerships with NFWS - Garner	The value of mentoring and motivation
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	MT Noxious Weed Trust Fund partnering with Weed Managers across the state– Bearden & Johnson	Building successful partnerships to ensure a more diverse weed program – Stellflug & D. Williams	Your body language & what it says about you
11:30 – 12:00 noon	How to implement local multi-agency teams after fire – Ethridge	Working with companies/agencies who disturb the environment – Miller? & Edsall	Development planning for achievement

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm LUNCH (All American Buffet – pork chops, country fried steak)– Jane Mangold Montana's new MSU Extension Rangeland Plant Specialist and board nominee recognition, Northern Ag broadcasting live from lunch.

Workshops 2 – 4 p.m.- Grants.gov & ASAP and Creating and Developing CWMA’s presented again.

1 – 5 p.m. strands

TIME	Research & New Invaders	What We Do For You
	Kenny Keever/ Tonda Moon	Dave Burch
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Overview of Hoary Allisum in Montana - Blasenak	Montana Weed Control Association – Kington/Ericson
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Russian Olive in Riparian Zones- Kellogg	Trust Fund Council – Turner
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Blue weed - Morris	SNWAEC - Hoopes
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Cheatgrass Mangold	Summit Advisory Council - Olivarez
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Japanese Knotweed, Trials and Tribulations- D. Williams	CIPM – Galli-Noble
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Effects of Timing and Intensity of Defoliation on Yield and Seed Production of Sulfur Cinquefoil - Frost	WSFF- Moon
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Flowering Rush – Dupuis	Invasive Species Council - Rise
4:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Scotch Broom - Halpop	NAWMA- Walker

5:00 –

6 p.m. Mapping Overview, Where is Montana At? ([Dougherty mod](#)) this session is open to all who are interested in what current mapping efforts are happening in Montana and issues surrounding mapping.

6:00 p.m. Happy Hour and Awards Dinner (*Western buffet- beef brisket, BBQ baby back ribs & honey dipped chicken*)– theme “Git R Done” Rednecks in Montana ([Brink, Alt & Edsall](#)) You are invited (and encouraged!) to dress the part! ☺ ****NEW THIS YEAR - AWARD FOR BEST DRESSED REDNECK!**

7 p.m. – Silent auction closes

Time	Vendors
	Gordon/Baker
1:00- 1:15 p.m.	Helena Chemical - Hammel
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Desko Environmental Solutions - Deskins
1:30- 1:45 p.m.	Desko Environmental Solutions - Deskins
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4:45- 5:00 p.m.	

THURSDAY, JAN 15

7:30 am Breakfast (*The Rocky Mountain Buffet - scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon & sausage, sweet texas toast*)

8:30 am MWCA Business Meeting, silent auction results & new elected board members introduced

10:00 am Break

Climate Change Presentations ([Duncan mod](#))

10:30 – 11:15 am– Plant Response to Climate Change - [Molly Cross](#)

11:15 – 11:45 am –Invasives and Climate Change - [Bruce Maxwell](#)

12:00 pm credits sign up – no early sign ups will be allowed (barring weather conditions) as directed by the MDA.

12:30 – 4 p.m. – Montana Noxious Weed Summit ([John Cantlon, DuPont - mod](#))

Please seriously consider attending this very important session!

This special session is for all interested conference attendees who wish to be involved in a brainstorming session to address the needs of Montana regarding noxious weed control, management and prevention. This is a hands –on, result-oriented session patterned after the Rocky Mountain Noxious Weed Summit. Montana’s strengths and weaknesses will be profiled and discussed to kick off the summit, then groups will brainstorm solutions and set viable objectives and goals for future weed management ideas in Montana. We will address our effectiveness around Awareness, Education and Solutions given the harm inflicted by invasive species. In breakout groups, we will refine these prioritized goals. As a group, we will prioritize what key actions we need to address or grow and what actions we do not continue as they do not work. Using our experiences, we will brainstorm and identify key ways to move forward.

As a group, we will raise a call to action to set forth activities and assign people to help the advancement focusing on improved structure, legislation and funding to benefit the state weed control effort.

Lunch will be provided.