

# Montana Leading the Way!

## The 54<sup>th</sup> MWCA Annual Conference January 12 & 13, 2011

### MWCA Block at Great Falls Heritage Inn (406) 761 - 1900

The conference is approved for six (6) re-certification credits for Dealer, Demonstration & Research, Agricultural Plant Pest Control, Aquatic Pest Control, Right of Way Pest Control, Regulatory Weed Pest Control. It is approved for three (3) private applicator credits.

<u>Registration Fees:</u> \$175 for members and \$225 non-members. Vendor/booth fees \$375 for members (includes one registration and booth fee), \$425 for non-members, and nonprofit & educational booths will be \$225 (includes one registration and booth) for members and \$275 for non-members. This year a single day fee for attendance on Wednesday of \$100 will be offered. Conference registration forms are available at www.mtweed.org. Early registration deadline is January 5<sup>th</sup>. After January 5<sup>th</sup> all registration fees go up \$25.

#### **MONDAY, JAN 10**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. MDA Trust Fund Council Meeting, Canadian Room

Contact chearden @mt.gov or 444 - 7880 for more info.

2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. MWCA Board of Directors Meeting, *Britain Room* 

Contact becky.kington@mtweed.org or 684 – 5590 for more info.

**TUESDAY, JAN 11** 

10:00 a.m. – 12 noon Biocontrol Meeting, American Room

Contact Tonda Moon at tmoon @mt.gov or 444 – 7819

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Registration begins** - *Russell Room* 

**Vendor check in** – Convention Area

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. County Weed Coordinator Meeting, American Room

Contact Amy Adler 346 - 7608 -

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Area meetings** (public is welcome):

Western Area, Britain Room South West Area, Canadian Room

Triangle Area, Montana Room South Central Area, Lewis & Clark Room

Central Area, Room 108 South East Area, Missouri Room

North East Area, Room 201

4:00 p.m. – 5:30p.m **Policy Forum Meeting** (area reps, resolution & executive committees) *Canadian* 

Room

5:30 p.m. **HAPPY HOUR** begins (no host bar) – *Convention Area* 

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN 12

7:00 a.m. **Registration open** – *Russell Room* 

**50/50 drawing begins** (South Central & Central Areas)

8:00 a.m. Welcome – Great Falls Mayor, Michael J Winters – Convention Area

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. We are Leaders Summaries

Center For Invasive Plant Management – Liz Galli-Noble,

➤ Montana Department of Ag – Dave Burch

Statewide Noxious Weed Awareness & Education Campaign – Carla Hoopes

MSU Extension/Research- Jane Mangold

Montana Weed Prevention Program- Kim Goodwin

Montana Weed Control Association – Becky Kington

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break & Networking – Convention Area

10:00 a.m. Silent auction set up – Montana & Alberta Room

10 a.m. – 12 noon **Workshop: Natives and plant ID** –Marilyn Marler, Missouri *Room*Learn to recognize weed look-alikes. We'll show you how to avoid spraying native plants that are often confused for noxious weeds. Bring a sketch pad, notebook and digital camera if you like, or just go home with the fabulous handouts provided. Speakers include **Course is limited to 30 per work shop** 

### **Vendor Strands** – (Jim Gordon) **Lewis & Clark Room**

10:00 -	10:15 –	10:30 –	10:45 –	11:00 -	11:15 –	11:30 -	11:45 –	12:00-
10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45	12 noon	12:15
CPS – Jim Gordon	DuPont- Mel Shumway	DuPont – Mel Shumway	Dow Agro Sciences- Steve Saunders	Dow Agro Sciences – Steve Saunders	Jackson Beighle Electronic Data Solutions	Jackson Beighle Electronic Data Solutions	Alligare, LLC – Tony Marlow	Alligare, LLC – Tony Marlow

#### **Conference Strands**

TIME	Building Bridges Between Researchers & Weed Managers – a Focus on Prevention Moderator Jane Mangold American Room	Weed Funding & Grant Opportunities Moderator Liz Galli-Noble Britain Room	Education Ideas & Projects Moderator Melissa Maggio Canadian Room
10:00 – 10:40 a.m.	Seed movement by vehicles: how many, how far, and under what conditions? Lisa Rew	Creative ways to fund weed projects at the county level Scott Bockness	Developing volunteer based EDRR Tania Siemens
10:45 – 11:25 a.m.	Invasive plant monitoring using detection dogs Kim Goodwin	Funding weed projects through Montana watershed groups Nicole McClain	War on Weeds: A service learning experience Alana Jensen
11:30 – 12:15 a.m.	Prioritizing weed control: Why and how to create predictive maps Patrick Lawrence	Weed project funding and NGOs & unique weed projects funded by MT NWTF Jeremy Seidlitz & Kim Johnson	Dealing with pesticides issues and the public—and surviving!  Terry Witt

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch sponsored by DuPont Lunch (Herb-baked chicken & roasted pork loin buffet)

Lunch speaker: Mel Shumway with DuPont & introduce MWCA board candidates

Convention Area

1:15 p.m. **Voting begins** at MWCA table, *Convention Area* 

(ballots will be available at table once you sign in as a member)

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Vendor & Conference Strands** 

Vendor Strands - (Jim Gordon) Lewis & Clark Room

1:30 <b>–</b> 1:45	1:45 – 2:00	2:00 <b>–</b> 2:15	2:15 – 2:30	2:30 – 2:45	2:45 – 3:00	3:00 - 3:15
PFM Manufacturing – Patrick Miller	Van Diest Supply Company – Richard Lake	Clean Lakes, Inc. – Thomas Moorhouse	AgTerra Technologies. – James Leslie			
3:15 <b>–</b> 3:30	3:30 - 3:45	3:45 – 4:00	4:00 <b>–</b> 4:15	4:15 – 4:30		

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TIME	Building Bridges Between Researchers & Weed Managers – a Focus on Prevention Moderator Jane Mangold American Room	Recreation & Weeds Moderator Joe Weigand Britain Room	Vegetation Management in Wetlands  Moderator Karen Laitala  Canadian Room
1:30 – 2:10 p.m.	Slowing the spread of rush skeletonweed Daniel Bertram & Mike Atchison	Yellowstone River Volunteer Angler Mapping and Bio- Releases, MT Center for ANS Matt Wilhelm	Wetlands vegetation management Scott Mincemoyer
2:15 – 2:55 p.m.	Weed prevention in Phillips County: Short and long term commitments Mark Manoukian	A Piece of the Recreation Pie: Weed Control Chris Dantic	Distribution & Management of Invasive Aquatic Plants in Montana Celestine Duncan
3:00 – 3:40 p.m.	EDRR Success, the Montana Dyer's Woad Cooperative Project Amber Burch	Back Country Horsemen and weed efforts Mark Himmel	Survey and manual control of EWM  Doug Freeland
3:45 – 4:25 p.m.	Panel Discussion (all presenters participate)	State Park Recreation & Weed Management Amy Grout	Precision Application Technologies for Aquatic Pesticides Tom McNabb & Thomas Moorhouse

5:00 p.m.	Voting Closes
4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Break & Networking, Convention Area
5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Happy Hour (no host bar), Convention Area  Keynote Speaker – Dave Schulz, Convention Area  Montana county weed act revisions & legislative action
6:30 p.m.	Banquet Dinner (Certified Angus Beef Prime Rib Buffet), Convention Area
7:00 p.m.	Silent auction closes
7:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony, Convention Area
8:00 p.m.	<b>Weed Fighter Olympiad</b> – (Combined American/British/Canadian Rooms) Teams of 6 will compete in 8 games of dexterity and skill for awards, medals, and cash. There is a limit of 10 teams, for more information on games please visit mtweed.org or call Carol Bearden at 444 – 7880.

## THURSDAY, JAN 13

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (Traditional country fresh buffet), Convention Area

8:00 a.m. **MWCA Business Meeting**, silent auction results & new elected board members

Introduced, financials presented, Convention Area

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **John Cantlon and Healthy Habitats Coalition**- update on the federal funding

process, Convention Area

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Break and networking, Convention Area

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Workshops

- > Natives and Weed ID Marilyn Marler, Missouri Room
- > Re-vegetation and Reclamation on O'Dell Creek- Jeff Lazlo & Ray Shaw, Britain Room
- ➤ **Utilizing EDDmapS a new and simple tool for mapping new invaders in** MT Karan Rawlins, American Room
- > The Nature Conservancy Mapping Model Dave Hanna & Nathan Korb. Canadian Room
- > NPDES Workshop- the new permitting process explained by DEQ & EPA Christine Weaver, Lewis & Clark Room
- > Aquatics & county weed programs Celestine Duncan & Jane Mangold, Alberta Room

11:30 a.m. **Credits sign up** – no early sign ups allowed (barring weather conditions as directed by MDA), Convention Area

11:30 a.m. Vendor booth "take down."

12 noon MWCA Board of Directors' Meeting Resumes, Lewis & Clark Room

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