BEAVERHEAD COUNTY WEED DISTRICT

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<u>Lima Applicator Training</u> Tuesday, April 30th, 2019 from 1:00-4:30pm Lima Fire Hall

Agenda

1:00pm: Vertebrate Pest Management– Ground Squirrels

Stephen M. Vantassel, CWCP, ACE-Vertebrate Pest Specialist, MT Dept. of Ag The biology, damage identification, and control methods (pesticide and non-pesticide) of Columbian Ground Squirrels.

2:00pm: How Water Quality Affects Herbicide Performance

Clint Saunders-Nutrien Sales Specialist

This presentation will cover how water quality, such as pH, hardness, and dissolved solids, affect herbicide performance. There will be discussion about what measures that can be taken to mitigate problems associated with water quality, including additives that are available and how they can be used in a tank mix.

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Snacks and beverages provided by the Centennial Valley Association!

3:30pm: The Value of Managing Invasive Winter Annual Grasses

Steve Saunders-Bridger AgVentures, LLC & Bayer Consultant

This presentation will discuss the impacts of invasive winter annual grasses and how they compete in native rangeland ecosystems. Esplanade, a new herbicide that is going through the registration process with EPA for a grazing label, can be used to manage these invasive winter annuals, giving multiple year control of cheatgrass, Japanese brome, ventenata, and medusahead. Discussion will also include forage responses from treated rangelands in Montana and convert the grass increases to dollars based on the going rate for leased private grazed rangelands.

Applicator Credits

Three (3) Credits In: Dealer, Demonstration & Research, and Private

Two (2) Credits In: Agricultural Plant, Right of Way, Special Utility, and Regulatory

One (1) Credit In: Agricultural Vertebrate and Rodent