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# UPPER YELLOWSTONE WATERSHED BASIN

## PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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*General Membership Meeting  
March 2, 2006 at 7:00 PM  
St. Johns Church, Emigrant*

**-AGENDA-**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS.**

- ◆ Chauntelle Rock, FS
- ◆ Charlie Orchard, Land EKG
- ◆ Jim Robinson, DNRC
- ◆ Peter Kolb, MSU Extension Forester
- ◆ Warren Kellogg, NRCS

**3. APPROVAL OF January 2006 MINUTES**

**4. UPDATES**

- **Coordinator's Report:**
  - ◆ Field units for UYWB & Weeds (see mock-up)
  - ◆ DRAFT weed brochure.
  - ◆ MACD – LEP funding. Letter of support to congressional delegation.
  - ◆ MWCC Quarterly Meeting, 1/24/06 in Helena - update.
  - ◆ Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant hearing on March 16 @ 4:30 PM in Lewistown.
  - ◆ Mountain Sky Guest Ranch fund.
  - ◆ UYWB funding review & update.
- **Chairman's Report:**
  - ◆ Conservation Trail Ride.
  - ◆ ATTRA workshop for Irrigation Efficiency Project (AM400 - Soil Moisture Data Logger) on Tuesday, March 7 from 10:30 – 2:30 at St. John's church. Please note: free units are still available.
  - ◆ Input from the group re: future meeting topics (Forest Service update, HB22, Water Rights Adjudication, FWP – Mill Creek/water leasing.
  - ◆ Montana Watercourse – Know Your Watershed workshop.
  - ◆ Irrigation projects & possible UYWB sponsorship thru HB223 grant.
  - ◆ UYWB leadership elections for 2006/2007 next month.
- **Vice Chairman's Report:**
  - ◆ Results of December interest poll.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- **Endangered Species/Wildlife Committee**
  - ◆ Update by Bert Otis
- **Irrigation Committee**
  - ◆ Update by Jerry O'Hair
- **Range Committee**
  - ◆ Update by Alvin Pierce
- **Stream Stabilization Committee**
  - ◆ Update by Roger Nelson
- **Weed Committee Update**
  - ◆ Update by Eleanor Bossert (Weed Fair 2006)

**AGENCY UPDATES**

- **Gallatin National Forest, Chauntelle Rock**
  - ◆ Food Storage Order

**5. OPEN ITEMS**

**6. PROJECT IDEAS**

- Input from the group on resource needs.

**7. PRESENTATION**

- ◆ Dr. Peter Kolb, Montana State University Extension Forestry Specialist. **"Active forest management and its role in conserving ecosystem function"**

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Background info: **Peter F. Kolb** is the Montana State University Extension Forestry Specialist and an Adjunct Forest Ecology Professor at the University of Montana. He earned his PhD from the University of Idaho in forest and range ecophysiology, his M.S. from Idaho in silviculture, and his B.S. in Forestry from Michigan State University. He has authored refereed papers on both plant physiology and landscape ecology. He has conducted research on the effects of heat and water stress on conifer seedling establishment, the role of forest pests, pathogens, and wildfire on forest dynamics on the Boise National Forest, the impacts of forest thinning on root diseases on the Clearwater National Forest. He currently has research projects on forest and range restoration practices on dry eastside forests, cultural practices to enhance woody debris decomposition, and plant community recovery following wildfires and salvage logging. He also works extensively with county extension agents and private forest landowners across the state on a variety of topics including windbreak and shelterbelt establishment and rejuvenation, backyard tree care and maintenance, and forest management planning and alternative forest harvesting practices for family owned forests.

### 8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

### 9. ADJOURN

*Thank you for coming!*  
*Next Meeting: April 6th, 2006*

### NOTES:

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### Key to Commonly Used Acronyms:

DEQ – Department of Environmental Quality	MBMG – Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology
DNRC – Department of Natural Resources & Conservation	NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Services
FWP – Fish Wildlife & Parks	Park CD – Park Conservation District
LEP – Local Empowerment Program (MACD)	TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load (DEQ)
MACD – Montana Association of Conservation Districts	UYWB – Upper Yellowstone Watershed Basin
MWCC – Montana Watershed Coordination Council	WPA – Watershed Planning & Assistance Grant (DNRC)

### Equipment List: (Available to members on loan)

- ◆ Trailer mounted weed sprayer (2)
- ◆ ElectroNet fencing – (9) 35" x 164'
- ◆ 10 Watt Solar Panel
- ◆ IntelliShock 42B battery energizer & 12v 44 amp battery