
UPPER YELLOWSTONE WATERSHED BASIN

PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

*General Membership Meeting
October 5, 2006 at 7:00 PM
St. John's Hall, Emigrant, Montana*

-AGENDA-

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman, Mark Rose.

2. **VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS.**

- ◆ Karen Neff, Confluence Consulting
- ◆ Duane Griffith, Montana State University

3. **APPROVAL OF September 2006 MINUTES.**

4. **UPDATES**

• **Coordinator's Report:**

Announcements:

- ◆ Landowner Wind Energy Summit and Tour, Tuesday, Oct. 24 – Oct. 25

Old Business

- ◆ Capacity Building Grant – approximately 75 hours remain, will be used to update & revamp the Park CD website by 10/31/06.
- ◆ Cottonwood Reestablishment Project – task order.
- ◆ Mountain Sky Guest Ranch fund award.
- ◆ MWCC Fall Training Conference – September 11, 12, 13th @ the B-Bar Ranch.
- ◆ Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant. Funds are still available for fall spraying. Exit survey request for information. Volunteers are needed to go to Helena for MWCA annual meeting in January.
- ◆ Stewardship Trail Ride, postponed until 2007.

New Business

- ◆ EPA Targeted Watershed Grants program.
- ◆ UYWB Mentoring Project
- ◆ Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee

• **Chairman's Report:**

- ◆ Mark Rose. Some folks are working to put together a pool of hay to donate to Big Timber country, and line up transportation (Derby Fire).

• **Vice Chairman's Report:**

- ◆ Bert Otis

COMMITTEE UPDATES

• **Endangered Species/Wildlife Committee**

- ◆ Bert Otis.

• **Irrigation Committee**

- ◆ Jerry O'Hair.

• **Range Committee**

- ◆ Alvin Pierce.

• **Stream Stabilization Committee**

- ◆ Roger Nelson.

• **Weed Committee Update**

- ◆ Eleanor Bossert. Folks should still be spraying their weeds thru fall season.

AGENCY UPDATES

- Corps of Engineers. Per phone conversation between the Coordinator and Allan Steinle on 10/4, the Special Area Management Plan is currently in Omaha awaiting approval, and the Cumulative Effects Assessment should follow. Allan is wondering if the UYWB is interested in hosting a public meeting regarding this topic in the near future.

5. **OPEN ITEMS**

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6. PROJECT IDEAS

- Input from the group on resource needs and future meeting topics.

7. Program: Can I Survive In Agriculture? Duane Griffith, Montana State University, Extension Farm Management Specialist

This month we welcome Mr. Duane Griffith. The presentation will cover the current beef industry outlook and the economic implications of the predicted down turn in the cattle cycle on individual ranches. Size of operation, family circumstances, and sensitivity to changes in revenue and costs will be explored for a typical ranch operation. Possible strategies for coping with the downward portion of the cattle cycle will be discussed and a list of tools available for individual ranch analysis will be provided. Following the program there will be a question & answer period.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

9. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 2nd @ 7:00 PM. St. John's Hall – Emigrant

Thank you for coming!

NOTES:

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