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To: All Interested Parties

From: Ben Thomas, Director

Re: Montana Department of Agriculture Advisory Councils

The Montana Department of Agriculture administers advisory councils that are appointed by the Department Director to provide advice to the Department concerning administration of Noxious Weed Programs. The Department is currently recruiting for open positions on the Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council.

Members of the Council provide guidance to the Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant program, which assists counties, local communities, tribes, researchers and educators in efforts to combat noxious weed problems in Montana. Council members dedicate many hours to reviewing Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant applications and attending the five day grant hearings held annually in March. At the conclusion of the hearings, funding recommendations are made by the Council and presented to the Director for approval. The Council also meets for one day in January and June of each year.

The following council terms expire June 30, 2018:

- Recreationist/Wildlife Representative
- Consumer Group Representative
- Montana Weed Control Association Representative
- Eastern County Weed District Representative
- At-Large Representative

If you are interested in serving on the Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council, or would like to nominate a Montanan to serve on the Council, please submit an application and letter of interest to the Montana Department of Agriculture by April 16, 2018. Applications can be found at <http://agr.mt.gov/Noxious-Weed-Trust-Fund-Grants>. If you are making a nomination, please be sure that your nominee is interested in serving on the Council. Nominations may be made by members of the group that will be represented. For additional information please contact Jasmine Reimer at jreimer@mt.gov, 444-7882 or Dave Burch at dburch@mt.gov, 444-3140.