NWTF Grant Writing Workshop

Montana Department Of Agriculture
NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND

- Established in 1985
  - Facilitated by MDA Staff

- NWTF Funding
  - Vehicle Registration Fee
  - Interest on $10 Million Trust Fund
  - General Fund
  - Cooperative Forestry Funds
  - MDT Pass Through Funds
Funding Recipients:

- Community Groups
- Tribes
- Educators
- Researchers
- Counties
Collaborating Organizations:

- Weed District
- University
- County or Tribe
- Extension Office
- Conservation District
TYPES OF GRANTS:

- Emergency Grants
- Special County / Reservation Grants
- MDT Funding
- Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grants
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• **Development Grants:**
  - Develop new or enhance existing tool(s),
  - Skill(s), or
  - Technology for weed management
  Ex: biocontrol development, mapping/data management, etc

• **Education Grants:**
  - Build partnerships
  - Promote public awareness about noxious weed impacts
  - Provide opportunities for action
  Ex: youth programs, weed pulls, biocontrol collections, campaigns, and outreach

• **Research Grants:**
  Investigate new weed management techniques where research answers specific management questions; may include:
  - Chemical
  - Non-Chemical
  - Integrated Weed Management
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Local Cooperative Grants

- On the ground treatment in CWMA’s
- Mapping, Biological, Grazing, Revegetation
- 50% cost-share for herbicide, commercial applicator and seed
- EA’s required
  - for NEW projects
  - continuing projects want to add new herbicide(s) or extending the project boundaries, or inactive longer 5 years
Number of Awards

- 2017: 194
- 2018: 196
- 2019: 199
- 2020: 183
- 2021: 185

Amount Awarded

- 2017: $2,186,673
- 2018: $2,328,050
- 2019: $2,356,842
- 2020: $2,250,091
- 2021: $2,126,617
Application Process...

- Planning, Organization & Participants
- Landowner Meetings
- Mapping, Photos
- Treatment Options
- WebGrants Application Submittal
Planning

• Have a landowner meeting, send WMPs, get commitment
  • What weeds are present and need controlling; map/mark them
  • How many acres to spray
  • What products have they been using
  • What type of application do they want
  • How much are they willing to spend

• Define the boundary (Not too big, not too small, but just right!)
  • County lines, watershed, placement of public lands, etc.

• Explain Requirements & Define Objectives/Goals
  • Reimbursable, time sensitive objectives, keep and submit receipts, mapping & photos, site visit, education, grant hearings

• Get a history on the area and past management/ownership
  • Herbicide, targeted grazing, biocontrol, non-compliance, etc.
What can you be reimbursed for?

- Non-Herbicide Contractors
- Supplies and materials
- Travel (state rates)
- Grazing
- Seed
- Re-seeding costs
- Herbicide (State Bid Prices)
- Herbicide application costs

* Up to 3% (or $1,000) for Administrative Costs if eligible
GRANT HEARINGS

15 minutes for each application presentation & questions.

CONTRACTS

Grantees must follow project activities as approved in the application and contract. Reimbursable grant program.
- Complete Planned Activities
- Meet Project Objectives

- Record Keeping
- Site Visits
- Status Reports
- Claims
Start Off Right

• **Set the budget up correctly**
  ▪ Appropriate categories
  ▪ Correct amounts
    • 10% deviation allowed for budgeted categories

• **Communication between project coordinator and project participants**
  ▪ Allowable expenses
  ▪ Allowable herbicides
  ▪ Required receipt documentation

• **Maintain accurate and complete records**
Project Successes

A snippet of past projects that have used the NWTF and IWM with great success!
Research

**Plant/Chemical Research**

- Plant data
- Herbicide Trails
- Seeding Trails
- Test Plots
- Herbicide Timing

**Grazing / Revegetation**

- Grazing Capacity
- Altering Planting Dates
- Targeted Grazing Effects
- Secondary Infestations
- Patterns of Invasions
- Plant Community Responses

Collaborators: MSU, UMT, MWCA, County Weed Districts
Education / Development

Biocontrol Education

- Whitehall Insectary
- Ravalli County Bio-Kids
- Madison County Biocontrol
- Montana Biocontrol Coordination Project

Public Weed Education

- Ready-Set-Action – Weed Videos
- Youth Forest Monitoring Program
- Montana Noxious Weed Education Campaign

Weed Management Tools

- Weed Coordinator Training
- EDDMapS West
- Weed ID & IWM Strategies

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Development

Biocontrol

- Toadflax
- Hawkweeds
- Whitetop
- Russian Knapweed
- Russian Olive
- Common Tansy
- Oxeye Daisy
- Flowering Rush
- Rush Skeletonweed

New Tool or Skill

- Natural Heritage Program – Centralize Data...
- Monitoring Protocols

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## Local Cooperatives

### Central MT

- Goulding Creek, Musselshell Co.
- Chico CWMA, Park Co.
- Smith River Corridor CWMA, Smith River Habitat Project, Inc.
- Summit CWMA, Meagher Co.
- Eden Grant, Cascade Co.

### Western MT

- Big Hole/ Wise River, Beaverhead Co.
- Jack Creek, Madison Co.
- Wye to Marshall, Missoula Co.
Local Cooperatives

Eastern MT

• South End, Carter Co.

• Powder River LS Project, Custer Co.

• Valley County WMA, Valley Co.

New Invaders

• Rush Skeletonweed (Lincoln Co., Sanders Co., Ravalli Co.)

• Dyer’s Woad, Beaverhead Co.

• Tansy Ragwort, Lincoln Co.

• Blueweed, Ravalli Co.
Important Dates...

- Nov. 1st - Emergency Applications Due
- Nov. 30 & April 15th - Status Reports Due
- January 6th - NWTF Applications Due
- January 6th - Special Co/Reservation Applications Due
- March 7th - 11th Grant Hearings, Helena
- Contract Return Date, Start & End Dates
Questions?

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