MDA 2025 Fall Recertification Training

Location: Montana Wild, 2668 Broadwater Avenue, Helena, MT
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00 – 8:20	**Check – In**	MDA Staff
8:20 – 8:30	**Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping**	Beth Thomas MDA
8:30 – 9:20	**Data Base and Certification & Training Plan updates** *You will learn about the features of the new database and how to navigate the system. In addition, Montana Certification and Training updates will be described.*	Matt Deaton, MDA
9:20 – 10:10	**Soil Health** *In this presentation, characteristics of healthy soils will be described as well as the effect of herbicides on soil health. In addition, strategies to reduce the need for herbicides will be explained.*	Keela Deaton, NRCS
10:10 – 10:25	**BREAK**	
10:25 – 11:15	**Incident and Spill Response Planning** *Proper training in handling pesticides is the best way to prevent spills. Key elements for spill prevention, contingency planning, and cleanup procedures will be described in this session.*	Beth Thomas
11:15 – 12:05	**Weed Look A-likes** *Native plants provide important ecosystem services like forage for livestock and wildlife and floral resources for pollinators. Some native plants can be mistaken for noxious weeds and inadvertently pulled or sprayed when managing noxious weeds. This presentation will cover why it is important to consider native plants when managing noxious weeds and then compare several noxious weeds to their native plant look a-likes.*	Jane Mangold, MSU
12:05 – 1:05	**LUNCH**	
1:05 – 1:55	**Roadside Treatment and Safety Concerns** Jason will describe how to effectively treat noxious weeds along roadways safely in an increasingly more dangerous environment. Best practices to create the safest possible work environment in the right of way will be identified and explained.	Jason Allen, MDT
1:55 – 2:45	**Montana Noxious Weed Update** *This presentation will provide an explanation of how pesticides are developed as well as the extensive regulatory requirements for registering and labeling pesticides. Suggestions for effectively communicating with the public about safety/risk factors, environmental benefits, and environmental fate of herbicides will also be described and shared.*	Josh Wagoner, EDDR Coordinator
2:45 – 3:00	**Wrap-Up, Evaluation, and Closing Remarks**	

AVAILABLE CREDITS PER PESTICIDE CATEGORY:

Category	Credits
10 – Dealer	6
21 – Aerial	2
30 – Agricultural Plant Pest Control	4
31 – Agricultural Animal Pest Control	2
32 – Agricultural Vertebrate Pest Control	2
33 – Forest Pest Control	6
34 – Ornamental and Turf Pest Control	2
35 – Seed Treatment	2
36 – Aquatic Pest Control	2
37 – Right of Way Pest Control	6
38 – Public Health Pest Control	2
39 – Demonstration & Research Pest Control	6
40 – Ind Inst Struct & Health Related	2
41 – Wood Treatment	2
42 – Livestock Protection Collar	2
43 – Sodium Cyanide (M-44)	2
44 – Special Utility	6
45 – School IPM	5
46 – Piscicide	2
50 – Mosquito Abatement	2
51 – Predator	2
54 – Rodent	2
55 – Regulatory Weed	6
56a – Sewer Treatment	2
56b – Animal Contraceptive Vac.	2
56c – Biocide Treatment	2
60 – Private Agricultural Pest Control	4
61 – Private Aquatic Pest Control	2
62 – Private Livestock Protection Collar	2
63 – Private Sodium cyanide (M-44)	2