

# MDA 2025 Fall Recertification Training

**Location:** Hampton Inn (1140 2nd St W), Kalispell, MT

**Date:** Wednesday, October 22, 2025



<u>TIME</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>
8:00 – 8:20	Check – In	MDA Staff
8:20 – 8:30	Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping	Beth Thomas MDA
8:30 – 9:20	<b>Data Base and Certification &amp; Training Plan updates</b> <i>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.</i>	Matt Deaton, MDA
9:20 – 10:10	<b>Soil Health</b> <i>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.</i>	Keela Deaton, NRCS
10:10 – 10:25	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:25 – 11:15	<b>Weed Look A-likes</b> <i>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.</i>	Lori Leaf, MDA
11:15 – 12:05	<b>Biocontrol in Montana</b> <i>Melissa Maggio, the Montana Biocontrol Program Coordinator, will discuss the common and effective biocontrol systems in Montana. She will describe the pros and cons of use, pesticide use when using biocontrol, timing of each system, and expected outcomes</i>	Melissa Maggio, Montana Biocontrol Project
12:05 – 1:05	<b>LUNCH</b> (on your own)	
1:05 – 1:55	<b>Montana Noxious Weed Update</b> <i>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.</i>	Josh Wagoner, EDDR Coordinator
1:55 – 2:45	<b>Incident and Spill Response Planning</b> <i>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.</i>	Beth Thomas
2:45 – 3:00	<b>Wrap-Up, Evaluation, and Closing Remarks</b>	

## AVAILABLE CREDITS PER PESTICIDE CATEGORY:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Credits</u>
10 – Dealer	6
21 – Aerial	2
30 – Agricultural Plant Pest Control	3
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	4
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	6
61 – Private Aquatic Pest Control	2
62 – Private Livestock Protection Collar	2
63 – Private Sodium cyanide (M-44)	2