



11th Annual Montana Forest Landowner Conference Agenda



“Becoming the Best Forest Steward Possible”

Delta Hotels Helena Colonial, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT

Friday, May 1, 2020

- 8:00 - 8:30 AM **Registration**
- 8:30 - 8:45 AM **Welcoming Remarks:**
Ed Levert, Montana Forest Stewardship Foundation
Gary Ellingson, Northwest Management, Inc.
- 8:45 - 9:45 AM **Opening Session:**

Fire and the Forests that Grew Without Us
Ron Wakimoto, UM Professor Emeritus Forest Fire Science
- 9:45 - 10:00 AM **Break with Refreshments** (Visit Silent Auction)
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM **Round 1 - Morning Breakout Sessions** (Choose one)
- Session A:** Valuing Forest Land for Property Taxation Purposes
Bonnie Hamilton, MT Department of Revenue Forest Management Analyst
- Session B:** Rehabilitation after the Wildfire: What’s the Hurry?
Dr. Peter Kolb, MSU Extension Forestry Specialist
- 11:00 – 12:00PM **Round 2 - Morning Breakout Sessions** (Choose one)
- Session A:** Cost Share Programs for Forest Landowners
Kelley Barkell, NRCS, EQIP Program Specialist
Ashley Juran, MT DNRC Stewardship Program
- Session B:** Developing the Recreational Potential and Aesthetic Value of Forest Property
Greg Gunderson & Andrew Beltz – Owners, Forestoration, Inc. and the Center for Native Plants
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm **Luncheon**
- 1:30 PM *Close Silent Auction*

1:45 - 2:45 PM **Round 3 - Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Choose one)**

Session A: Montana's Forest Practice Regulations & Forestry Best Management Practices
Roger Ziesak, MT DNRC Forest Practices Program Coordinator

Session B: Basics of Chainsaw Maintenance and Sharpening
Eric Hoberg & Scott Kuehn, Professional Lumberjacks

2:45 - 3:45 PM **Round 4 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Choose one)**

Session A: Living with Bats on your Forest Property
Matt Bell, Bat Enthusiast

Session B: Montana Logging Systems and Equipment
Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

3:45 - 4:00 PM **Closing Session:**
Announce Silent Auction Winners - Closing Comments