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Upcoming Events

March 9-10

[Northern Great Plains Regional Meeting](#)

Red Lodge, MT
Phone: 406-587-6947

March 7-8, Repeated March 10

Pesticide Training
Lewistown, MT
Phone: 406-538-9022

March 13-15

[MAGIP Annual Meeting](#)
Miles City, MT

March 22-23

[Governor's Food and Agriculture Summit](#)
Helena, MT
Phone: 406-442-4141

April 23-24

[Montana Envirothon](#)
Lewistown, MT



President's Message

Ann Fischer, Montana SWCS Chapter President

First, I'd like to say I'm honored to serve as president of the Montana Chapter of SWCS. This chapter has had some very dynamic leaders and consequently has been fairly active.

Some of the recent activities include our annual technical conference held in Bozeman just a few weeks ago, "Effective Communications: Connecting to the Conservation Audience."

We are also hosting the Northern Plains Regional Conference in Red Lodge March 8-10. You, as a member of Montana SWCS, are invited to attend the regional meeting. It's an excellent networking opportunity, has some great technical offerings and happens to be located in a beautiful location.

Some of the other projects that have been going on in the state are work in progress to develop a soil painting kit. This project originated in South Dakota as an educational project and Montana SWCS is now working to manipulate the materials to fit this state. The earth bracelets continue to be a popular educational project and we developed the Digital Record Book for farmers and ranchers last year.

We've also helped sponsor several technical workshops in the past couple years and just recently established a long term endowment. We've given out scholarships and have been working on Chapter membership development.

Change seems to be the one constant! Because of budget and time constraints placed on everyone, we are looking at some new options for our Annual Technical Conferences. Input for new options, changes, and ideas are very welcome. And, it goes without saying, if you have ideas for other projects; please let one of the board members know.

I look forward to serving as president these next two years and I hope I will hear input and suggestions from lots of members. As I look down through the membership list, I see a tremendous amount of technical knowledge and skill. I am humbled by who I serve.

Wishing you a great spring and, of course, Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Past-President's Message

Tom Pick, Montana SWCS Chapter Past President



In using this space for the last time, I want to thank all of you who have helped to make my time as President of the Montana Chapter a positive experience. It really is hard to believe that two years has passed by so quickly. In those two years I've gotten to know your Board of Directors better and can honestly say that they are very motivated and giving individuals. They have given greatly of their time and expertise and helped me immensely. Without their advice, assistance, and willingness to take on extra, voluntary tasks, our Chapter couldn't have succeeded as it has.

I also have to say that the experience has transformed me greatly, as well. I've had to become more efficient at planning and scheduling my time, and at thinking through the various outcomes of alternate policies. Our monthly conference calls always seemed to come rolling in like ocean waves: as one broke and ended, the next began to build on the horizon like clockwork. And with a lot of activities, that planning horizon necessarily became further and further offshore.

Multi-tasking, always a useful skill, became very much the order of the day. Such transferred by osmosis-like skills are, I guess, one of the benefits of taking on a volunteered position and working with motivated individuals. If at sometimes, 'stuff happens'; in my case, stuff rubbed off and I am the better person for it. Thanks again to all of my fellow Montana Chapter members for your support during my term as President of the Montana

Chapter. Thanks especially to those who stepped up when asked to provide assistance to carry out one of our many initiatives.

I hope that you will lend our new President, Ann Fisher, the same level of assistance in carrying out the mission and goals of the Montana Chapter SWCS. I also want to welcome back Kit Sutherland as President-Elect. We're very lucky to have these two individuals to pair with the Directors in carrying out the Chapter's work for the next two years. I do plan to stay involved in a couple of key Chapter activity areas that I'd like to see through. I'll be in touch with you about those as we go forward. In the mean time, all the best in your work and play in 2007.

New Faces for the Board of Directors

Heidi Brewer, Montana SWCS Member

We would like to thank those who ran for offices and all those that voted in the election. A few new faces will join the Montana SWCS board of directors. Officers taking over their new positions at the close of the annual meeting on February 1, 2007, include:

- Ann Fischer – President
- Kit Sutherland – President-elect
- Secretary – Stacy Eneboe
- Treasurer – Ed Musser
- Eastern Director – Dick Scheetz
- Southwestern Director – Carla Lawrence

Matt Crampton was appointed to fill the position of Northern Director vacated by Stacy Eneboe to accept the secretary position.

Other members of the board include:

- Brad Trosper – Northwest Director
- John Rouane – Southern Director

Congratulations to the 2007 Montana SWCS Scholarship Winners

Justin Meissner, Montana SWCS Scholarship Committee Chair

Shawna Raden of Plains is the \$500 scholarship winner for 2007. Shawna graduated from Plains High School in 2004. She is majoring in Land Rehabilitation and plans to graduate from Montana State University in the spring of 2008. Shawna was born and raised in northwest Montana where the outdoors are a huge part of her life. The past two summers she has worked for the Forest Service where she was involved with the trail crew in Plains and the soils crew on the Lewis & Clark National Forest.

Shaylene Piedalue of Arlee is the 2007 - \$250 scholarship winner. Shaylene graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 2004. She is majoring in Environmental Science Fisheries Wildlife and currently maintains a 4.0 GPA. Shaylene plans to graduate from the Salish Kootenai College in 2010 and pursue employment with the Department of Natural Resources.

Scholarship Fundraising

Dick Scheetz, Montana SWCS Eastern Region Director

Participants at the annual Montana SWCS conference really opened their wallets to help raise funds for the chapter scholarships. Over 25 silent auction items were brought in by members attending and the bidding was fierce. When the last call for bids sounded at 7:30 p.m., \$300 had been offered up for items that ranged from clothing with the SWCS logo to a lug of Flathead cherries to be delivered this summer. Members of the Board of Directors provided items to fill a refreshment basket that was raffled off, raising \$200 toward the scholarships. Life member, Dan McLean was the lucky winner, and was gracious enough to share some of his bounty.

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who brought an item and/or bid, as we raised enough to fund one of the two scholarships. Depending on the future plans for an annual conference, a new fund raising event may need to be started next year. If you have any ideas, especially ideas that involve more of the membership, please contact Dick Scheetz at 406-635-5381 ext 107.

Montana SWCS Chapter 2007 Award Recipients

Dick Scheetz, Montana SWCS Eastern Region Director

The Montana Soil and Water Conservation Society presented several awards to deserving individuals throughout the State. Each year nominations are received for a Professional of the Year and Land Steward of the Year. In addition the President of the Chapter recognizes an individual who has performed extra effort in serving the Chapter. This year's recipients are Professional of the Year, Brian Kahn; Land Steward of the Year Dale Marxer; and Presidents award Emily Guldborg.

Professional of the Year

Brian Kahn, who gave an inspiring presentation at the annual conference, is recognized for his long and thoughtful contribution to the art of improving communication on natural resource issues in the Western US region. Mr. Kahn is currently the host of Home Ground: Changes and Choices in the American West, a radio show produced by Artemis Common Ground. Mr. Kahn is Artemis president and executive director. The show airs weekly on 43 National Public Radio stations in the West. Home Ground's mission is to stimulate dialogue about the changes and choices affecting Montana's future, and the pursuit of that goal through substantive and

thought-provoking discussion of western economic, religious, cultural, social and environmental issues as well as our place in the larger world.

While examining areas of conflict, the show emphasizes shared values – the often-overlooked “common ground” of diverse community interests. Always respectful of the views and opinions of his guests’, Brian’s goal is for listeners to develop appreciation of differing viewpoints and to encourage them to fulfill their responsibility as informed citizens in a democracy. Home Ground presents issues in ways that are interesting and meaningful to a broad audience.

Artemis, through its Common Ground Project, initiates and facilitates community-based conservation efforts which demonstrate the interdependence of human, cultural and ecological needs. Common Ground works directly with resource-dependent people and communities to implement economic strategies compatible with ecological and cultural integrity.



Land Steward of the Year

Dale Marxer is recognized for his enduring record of soil and water conservation leadership at the on-farm level where he has personally implemented numerous sustainable conservation practices, as well as at the policy and leadership level which is also critical to making a difference in the conservation community of Montana.

Dale, and his wife of 60 years Shirley, operates a small grain farm in the Eden area which is located south of Great Falls. He has been well known as a progressive conservationist and innovator for many years. Recently, he began applying high technology, Precision Ag practices on his cropland to protect the ground and surface water from contamination. Due to the tremendous housing growth in this area, for the past several years the Marxer’s have been searching for a mechanism to ensure that their land remains as agricultural land, and that the conservation ethics they have used will continue into the future.

Looking beyond the interests of his own farm, Mr. Marxer has long been an active advocate of watershed collaboration to solve resource issues on an area wide basis. He has participated in numerous watershed efforts in west central Montana, such as the nationally recognized Sun River and Muddy Creek Watersheds, the Missouri River Conservation District Council, Little Belt Watershed, Smith River Watershed, and Hound Creek efforts. Dale has worked as an advocate for funding and application of Best Management Practices to protect and restore ground and surface water quality, range health, and soil quality.

Mr. Marxer has served as a member of the Cascade County Conservation District Board for 46 years, he served 3 years as an Associate Supervisor before first being elected in 1964. Dale served as Chair of the District Board for 26 years, as President of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts for 3 years, and as Treasurer of MACD for 14 years.

President’s Award

Emily Guldborg has served on the Montana SWCS Board of Directors as Secretary for the past three years. She joined the Society in 2002 as a Student Member, at the University of Montana where she received a Master’s degree in Resource Conservation. Emily recently accepted a position as a loan officer at the McCone County Credit Union, after serving NRCS as a Soil Conservation Technician in Jordan and Winnett for 3 years. She and her husband Kevin, operate a farm and ranch operation near Brockway, Montana.

Emily organized, and led the effort to develop and distribute a Digital Record Book on CD-ROM for landowners and agricultural producers in Montana. Narrative explanations, and record forms for dry and irrigated cropland, nutrient and pest management, rangeland/pasture management, and farmstead areas are provided on the CD. The Digital Record Book has been distributed to over 150 producers in Montana since becoming available in late October, 2006.

Emily’s initiative, skill, and interest in addressing the needs of Montana’s natural resources is much appreciated and is recognized through the President’s award.



SWCS Informational Questionnaire Summary

Matt Crampton, Montana SWCS Chapter Northern Region Director

In an effort to improve the services the Montana Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) can provide to its members, a survey was issued in 2006. The results of the survey are summarized below.

1. What is the best way for you to receive information regarding the activities of the Montana Chapter of SWCS?
81% of respondents chose email
2. What are your interests and what would you like to see the Society address in future training opportunities? Answers fell under the following topics.
Watershed health/water quality and quantity – 9
New Age of Agriculture – 6
Educational/informational seminars/workshops – 13
3. What type of sessions are the most conducive to presenting the subject matter to the members?
90.5% of respondents chose one- or two-day workshops
4. Are you aware that the yearly membership fee for college students is \$25.00?
81% of respondents answered "Yes"
5. Would you support reduced membership fees to college students?
70% of respondents answered "Yes"
6. Would you support giving a number of free memberships to college students who would agree to write a technical article for the newsletter and attend the annual conference?
90.5% of respondents answered "Yes"
7. What other types of services could SWCS provide to its members? Answers fell under the following topics.
Political arena – 3
Conduit for Information, internal as well as external – 16
Information and financial assistance for younger individuals in the natural resource fields - 2
8. Do you support an expansion of the annual scholarship program (two awarded each year) to include a graduate student category?
70% of respondents answered "Yes"
9. If answered yes to question 8, what is a suggested amount?
Five out of nine answers indicated \$500.00
10. Are you willing to serve on Chapter committees or help with special events like the annual technical conference or tours?
75% of respondents answered "Yes"

Effective Communications: Connecting to the Conservation Audience

Tasha Gibby, Montana SWCS Chapter Newsletter Editor

Words associated with this year's technical conference are hidden in the puzzle below. See page 7 for the solution. Words may be found both forward and backward.

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Communication	Message
Conservation	Presentations
Culture	Problem
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Enthusiasm	Scholarships
Exchanging	Socializing
Ideas	Solving
Interaction	Speaking
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Ann Fischer presents Tom with a gift for his years of service as the Montana SWCS Chapter president.



Jack Wilbur of the Utah Department of Food and Ag presents, "Getting Your Feet Wet with Social Marketing."

Jocko Watershed Restoration at the Flathead Reservation

Brad Trosper, Northwest Area Director

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT or Tribes) of the Flathead Reservation are undertaking restoration of the Jocko River watershed. This article explains how this came about and briefly describes how it's being done. The information is from the Tribes' Final Wetland/Riparian Habitat and Bull Trout Restoration Plan of August, 2000 (Plan).

Until the late 19th century, the United States conducted its official relations with sovereign Indian nations in its territories by negotiated treaties. These treaties were and are not a grant of rights to the Indians, but rather a grant of rights from them, and a reservation of rights not granted. The CSKT entered into two such treaties, the Hellgate Treaty on July 16, 1855, and the Upper Missouri and Yellowstone Treaty in October that same year. By the terms of the Hellgate Treaty, the Tribes agreed to cede huge areas of their aboriginal territory to the United States. The territory covered a vast geographical region, extending northward to approximately Calgary, Alberta, westward through Idaho, Oregon and Washington, southward nearly to Utah, and eastward past Billings. By the terms of the Hellgate Treaty, the United States promised to provide specific goods and services, and guaranteed that the Tribes could continue their traditional way of life. The Tribes retained their current homeland, the Flathead Reservation, and expressly reserved the right to hunt, fish, gather and graze in the ceded lands. Included in the ceded aboriginal area is the Upper Clark Fork River Basin (UCFRB). The express reservation of rights in the Hellgate Treaty provides the legal basis for compensation to the Tribes by the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO).

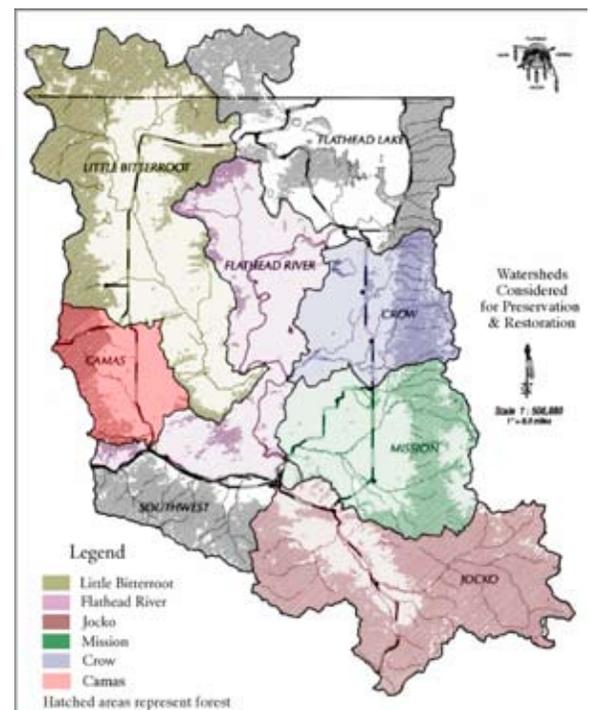
Since 1876, ARCO or its predecessors have released hazardous materials into the UCFRB due to mining activities in the Butte/Anaconda area. These materials caused, and continue to cause, injury to the natural resources of the basin. In the early 1980s, the Tribes undertook enforcement of their Hellgate Treaty rights against ARCO for injured natural resources of the UCFRB so that remedies provided by Congress through the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act could be implemented. In 1998, the Tribes and ARCO reached a settlement in which ARCO agreed to pay the CSKT \$18.3 million to restore, replace, and/or acquire the equivalent of Tribal treaty-protected resources of the UCFRB that were injured.

The terms of the settlement required the Tribes to complete a wetland and riparian habitat restoration plan, and a bull trout restoration plan. Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) was listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act in June, 1998. It is sometimes referred to as "Dolly Varden trout" which confuses it with a similar species, *Salvelinus malma malma*, also called Dolly Varden in the United States and bull trout in Canada. Seeking a holistic resource management approach, the Tribes chose to combine the two plans into a single two-part plan. The overall plan provides long-term guidance for restoring resources injured by the release of hazardous materials from mining and ore processing. Some key requirements of the CSKT under the settlement are:

- Creation of up to 800 acres in the Clark Fork River Basin of any combination of new or restored wetlands, enhancement of existing wetland, and enhancement of riparian areas.
- The Tribes must assure that all wetlands and riparian areas created, restored, or enhanced will be protected in perpetuity.
- The Tribes must also restore bull trout populations or habitat in the Clark Fork River Basin.

To implement the settlement, the Tribes examined the physical landscape of the Clark Fork River Basin to determine which areas would be most appropriate for restoration and enhancement activities. They chose to focus activities on areas in which the CSKT have the greatest influence over the health of the watershed and in which acquisition and consolidation of lands would maximize the habitat value and management efficiency. It was therefore decided to focus the restoration work within the Flathead Reservation boundaries. Six watersheds that contain natural resources equivalent to those injured in the UCFRB were considered. This figure from the Plan shows the watersheds considered. All have been impacted by a variety of activities including grazing, irrigation, agriculture, logging, introduction of nonnative fish, invasive species, and so on. These watersheds are: Flathead River, Little Bitterroot, Crow, Mission, Camas, and Jocko. They have similar nonnative fish species, similar native fish species, similar watershed geography and hydrology, similar riparian and wetland vegetative types, and similar wetland types as the UCFRB.

Of the six watersheds, Jocko is the most similar in terms of size, streamflow and hydrology to Silver Bow Creek, the primary area of injury in the UCFRB. It is also most similar in terms of species composition and traditional cultural use. Additionally, it is the most valuable bull trout tributary habitat, called "Core Area", and has the greatest potential for wetland and riparian area restoration. The Jocko River Watershed was designated as the target.



The watershed restoration process the Tribes have chosen involves four steps:

- *Assessment* – identify areas with restoration potential and the activities that led to the degraded conditions.
- *Protection* – identify the best available remaining habitats and protect them.
- *Passive Restoration* – modify activities that are causing the degradation or that prevent recovery.
- *Active Restoration* – in some situations, the impacts have been so great that modifying or stopping the damaging activity is not enough and without some kind of active work the degradation will remain indefinitely.

The Jocko watershed restoration activities being implement are:

- Protection Measures
 - Acquisition of critical habitat areas and implementation of perpetual legal protection of the same
 - Rededication of land use to perpetually protected wetland/riparian habitat for critical lands currently owned by the Tribes
- Passive Restoration Measures
 - Site-specific habitat management plans
 - Riparian, wetland and sensitive area fencing
 - Short-term and long-term closures to protect habitat from human-cause degradation
 - Off-site livestock watering facilities
 - Transportation system improvements and road management which includes enhanced transportation planning, road best management practices, road spacing and density standards, and season of use restrictions
 - Controlling the spread of nonnative wetland, riparian and aquatic plant and animal species
 - Improved forestry practices to protect wetland and riparian habitat
 - Adjustment of fishing regulations
 - Improving streamflows
 - Improved irrigation and agricultural water management
 - Improved stormwater runoff management
 - Public education on land stewardship
- Active Restoration Measures
 - Fish passage structures and protection screens
 - Fish habitat improvement projects
 - Removal and suppression of introduced fish species
 - Reintroduction of bull trout
 - Stream channel restoration
 - Wetland and habitat restoration and enhancement
 - Creation wetland and riparian habitat

The basic goal of watershed restoration is to reestablish the natural processes that existed before the watershed was disturbed. The Tribes believe the broad, comprehensive approach that they are undertaking, which includes reestablishing the natural linkages between the terrestrial, riparian and aquatic parts of the ecosystem, has tremendous opportunity for success.

Montana SWCS Chapter Long-Term Endowment Strategy

Tom Pick, Montana SWCS Chapter Past-President

The Montana Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) established the Montana Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society Endowment (The Endowment) with the Montana Community Foundation (MCF) in 1992 with an initial donation of \$5,000. Today, the Endowment totals about \$7,200. The MCF collectively holds over \$35 million in endowments for individuals, nonprofits, and other groups. The purpose of the Endowment is to provide a perpetual source of funding to meet current and future educational needs of the Chapter. The Chapter will fulfill the educational needs by providing natural resource-oriented scholarships with secondary emphasis on public seminars, workshops, and youth achievement awards.

The Montana Chapter Board of Directors recently created a standing Endowment Committee with the goals of building the Endowment to \$25,000 in two years. This committee created a Plan of Operations for the Endowment which was subsequently approved by the Board of Directors. The plan calls for a 1:1 match for donors to the endowment utilizing a maximum of \$9,000 in Chapter funds. Disbursement will be made every other year once we reach the \$25,000 goal.

The Endowment Committee and the Board of Directors encourage members of the Montana Chapter to contribute to building the Endowment for the perpetual benefit of Montana's people and natural resources. We, SWCS members are a critical link in the success of this effort. We can speak to farmers, ranchers, business people, educators, and individuals about how they can FOREVER be a part of helping our youth and natural resource professionals:

- learn about natural resource fields;
- answer vitally important questions to help sustain soil and water resources on Montana's farms and ranches through post-graduate studies; and
- attend workshops on the most pressing resource concerns and technology issues of the day now and in the future.

Best of all, the endowment principal is never spent; only the interest earnings are used to fund applicants. This program will not duplicate our already successful undergraduate scholarships.

The Endowment Committee currently consists of Larry Robertson, Chair; Ed Musser, Brad Trosper, Tom Pick and Alison Levy. The first priority is a brochure outlining the Montana SWCS organization and the Endowment with a 1:1 match for donors. Fact sheets will cover current and past accomplishments in the scholarship program and seminars and workshops. Please contact any Committee member with ideas and offers of assistance. The sooner we can attain the \$25,000 threshold, the sooner we can begin to fund advanced scholarships and educational efforts in Montana. Contributions for the Montana Chapter SWCS Endowment should be sent to Ed Musser, SWCS Treasurer, 512 North 21st Street, Bozeman, MT 59718.

Bio for Kit Sutherland

Kit Sutherland, Montana SWCS Chapter President-Elect

I grew up on a family farm where I now live near Corvallis, Montana. I earned an undergraduate degree and a Master of Science degree in Forestry Economics from the University of Montana. After working summers at the MSU Agricultural Experiment Station and with the U.S. Forest Service as a Forester, I began work with the Soil Conservation Service in Billings in 1975. I worked as a Soil Conservationist and District Conservationist in six different locations in Montana with the NRCS and as the assistant Nonpoint Source Coordinator for the Montana Water Quality Bureau. I have been the Coordinator for the Bitter Root RC&D since 1991.

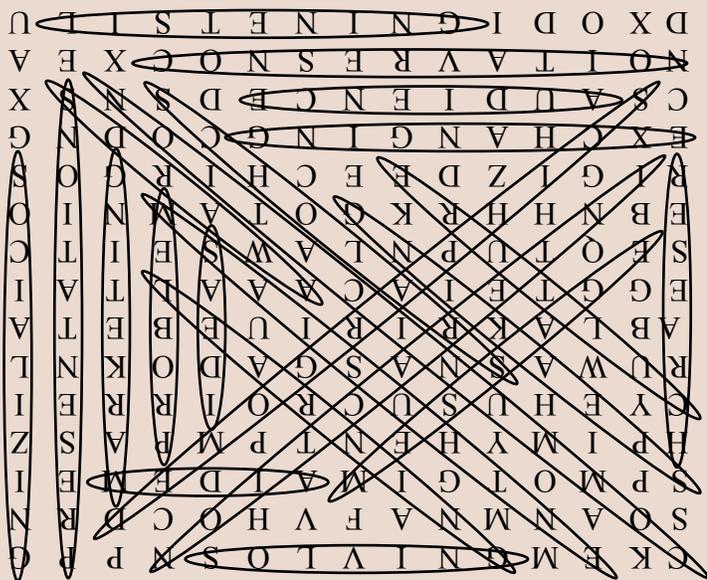
I am a career-long member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. SWCS has helped me improve and upgrade my professional skills and capability. I especially enjoyed the contacts with other conservationists across the country and when I attended national and regional meetings, my kids were introduced to others from all walks of life with a common interest in conservation that remains with them today. To the extent I have had any successes in my occupation as a Soil Conservationist, they can always be traced back to family, friends and to the people I work with. SWCS is a great way to surround ourselves with successful knowledgeable people.

Family - I am an empty nester with a daughter living in Pittsburgh and a son living in Seattle. On April 7, I will be in Hawaii getting married to Sue Wight, coordinator of the Northwest RC&D in Libby.

Professional activities - Working with the Bitter Root RC&D, we developed many projects involving people and natural resources in recent years that may be of interest to SWCS members and I would like to highlight three of them. We assisted people in recovery efforts in four counties after the fires of 2000. We worked with over 1,300 volunteers to help plant trees and grass and install mulch, straw bale, and wood diversion barriers and wattles. The RC&D utilized grants to hire an additional 230 employees over a three-year period to complete work that volunteers could not accomplish. The RC&D tackled hazardous fuel reduction work following the 2000 fire year and have implemented more than \$3 million-worth of thinning and pruning and slash disposal on privately owned lands. As part of that effort, the RC&D worked with the State and Private Forestry division in the Region 1 office and with State Foresters in six states to initiate a new program called Fuels for Schools to utilize woody biomass heating systems in schools to replace fossil fuel consumption. In Montana, there are four systems in operation and another three in the construction phase.



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Montana Chapter to Host SWCS Regional Technical Meeting in Red Lodge

Tom Pick, Montana SWCS Chapter Past President

SWCS representatives from six states making up Region VI – The Northern Great Plains (CO, NE, WY, SD, ND, and MT), will rendezvous at the historic Pollard Hotel in Red Lodge, Montana on March 9 and 10, 2007. On tap for the proceedings are speakers to discuss local history, agricultural carbon sequestration, animal feeding operations, coal-bed methane, and the Yellowstone River cumulative effects studies. Speakers will also cover organizational development and leadership principles, and social marketing (behavior change) concepts. An in depth field tour of the nearby Bridger Plant Material Center will take place Friday afternoon. SWCS President, Theo Dillaha, has confirmed his attendance as well as has Ron Follett, Northern Plains Director and Board Member.

A number of other informative discussions and technical features are planned. All Chapter members are invited to attend and take part in this unique multi-state gathering of ideas and information. Please see the agenda and registration form online at: <http://www.mtswcs.org> for details. Pre-registration (for meals) is requested. For registration or more information, please contact Tom Pick at 406-586-6947 (wk) or 406-600-3167 (cell); email: tpick@bresnan.net.

Opportunities for Chapter Involvement

Tasha Gibby, Montana SWCS Chapter Newsletter Editor

The Montana SWCS Chapter has many ongoing projects that are handled by committees. Involvement in these committees is a great way to have your voice heard and to help implement the objectives of the Chapter. A list of committees and contact information follows. If you would like to take part in one of the committees or have ideas for Chapter activities, contact the chairperson listed.

Annual Technical Meeting: Ann Fischer, 406-778-2238 x 109 or ann.fischer@mt.usda.gov

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