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Upcoming Events

May 23

MWCC Watershed Stewardship Awards & Wetland Council Ceremony
Capital, Helena, MT
Phone: 406-994-1684

May 30

Judith Basin Range School
Stanford, MT
Phone: 406-2311 x 107

June 2-10

[National River Cleanup Week](#)

June 8-9

[Montana Stockgrowers Mid-Year Meeting](#)
Lewistown, MT
Phone: 406-442-3420

June 8-10

[MACD Spring Board Meeting](#)
Bozeman, MT
Phone: 406-443-4711

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President's Message

Ann Fischer, Montana SWCS Chapter President

I set out to write this message several weeks ago with full intentions of completing the task early. It is now the 11th (or 12th) hour and I'm still searching madly for an epiphany!

It occurs to me that I'm getting it done now because it is absolutely due and that seems to be when several other projects have been completed. It's either my personality or life has become extremely frantic, or both! I have long ago stopped saying "I didn't have time to do it" as my husband's immediate response to that is... "we all have the same amount of time, it's just how you chose to use it." It's kind of hard to argue with that one. We are constantly making choices about priorities, either consciously or unconsciously.

With that in mind, I consider my involvement in several activities. Family and my job are non-negotiable. One "extra-curricular" activity is, of course, my involvement with SWCS. How negotiable is it? Why did I become involved? I reflect back to how and why I did get involved. I think it was the annual meeting in Lewistown several years ago. I wasn't a member, but was very interested in some of the sessions, so decided to attend. I was very impressed with the focus of the organization as well as the educational opportunities it afforded me. Since then, I have attended conferences, workshops and tours locally and nationally that have been resplendent with technical information that I can use in my work. Sometimes it's just an awareness, sometimes just little things I can tweak to make work in my area, and sometimes a whole new thought process. I guess the point is, it's about learning and I will admit, I'm kind of a learning "geek." That's what life's about for me and makes my work all that more interesting.

This position of president is providing quite a large learning curve for me. I am fortunate to have the support that I have in our Board of Directors and other associated helpful people. In Tom Pick's last message, he stated that he "learned to become more efficient at planning and scheduling my[his] time." I can only hope that is something I learn sooner rather than later!

I wish you all a wonderful summer full of learning!

Northern Plains Region Technical Meeting Held in Big Sky Country

By Carla M. Lawrence, Southwest Director

The Montana Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) hosted the 2007 Northern Plains (NP) Region 6 Technical Meeting, which was held on March 9 and 10, 2007, at The Pollard in Red Lodge, Montana. The meeting welcomed about 40 participants with representation from all six states in the region; Montana, Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Theo Dillaha, SWCS President, and Ron Follett, NP Regional Director, were distinguished guests at the meeting.



Meeting participants from the Northern Plains Region during the first session of the meeting.

The event kick-off was on Thursday night with an informal gathering and a presentation on the history of the Red Lodge area by Mitzi Vorachek of the Carbon County Historical Society. The meeting began on Friday morning, with a welcome from Tom Pick, Montana Chapter Past-President, and a blessing ceremony by Henry Old Horn of the Crow Tribe. Technical presentations were held throughout the morning sessions. Noel Keogh spoke about the Beartooth Stock Association's project, Corraling Change Changing Corrals, Managing the Difference. Dr. Jim Bauder, Montana State University, provided an update on Coal Bed Methane. Will Alexander, rancher from Roberts and a member of the Yellowstone River Conservation District Council, and Warren Kellogg, NRCS watershed specialist, addressed the Yellowstone River Cumulative Effects Study. Ron Follett stepped up to pinch hit on the topic of carbon sequestration.

The group moved from technical presentations at The Pollard indoors to the great outdoors, by grabbing a box lunch and boarding a bus to embark on a field trip to the Plant Materials Center (PMC) at Bridger, Mont. Upon arrival at the PMC, participants broke into four groups and rotated around the center to look at a tree project and tour the greenhouse; to tour the seed cleaning and storage facilities; and to view a presentation about the PMC.

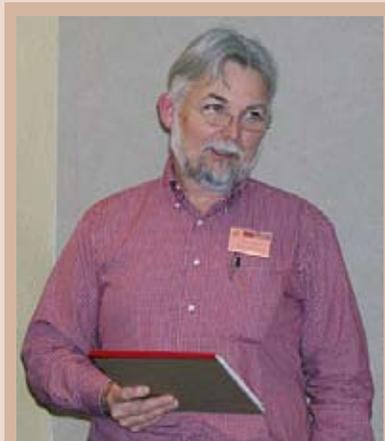
Arriving back in Red Lodge by 5:00 p.m., participants had time to freshen up before the evening meal at Bridge Creek Backcountry Kitchen and Wine Bar in historic, downtown Red Lodge.

During the evening events, Carla Lawrence presented "Path to Eden", a 26-minute video produced by Shelley Chauvet Von Stein, of the Rural Landscape Institute. The video was designed as an informational DVD for newcomers into the state. The video will serve as a community implementation template for locals on how to reach out to new neighbors and how newcomers arriving in Montana can become land stewards and good neighbors.



Meeting participants at the Bridger Plant Materials Center.

After the video, the group was enlightened with an update on International/Ankeny perspectives from Ron Follett and Theo Dillaha and following their comments, representatives from the Northern Plains provided team reports.



Theo Dillaha, SWCS President.

The meeting resumed on Saturday morning with a working breakfast and chapter reports were shared by representatives from each state. The 2007 Northern Plains business meeting followed chapter reports. Brad Webb, Institute for Conservation Leadership, led an interactive session that provided tools and skills to expand on-the-ground leadership in the states. After the break, Tom Pick, Heidi Brewer, and Tasha Gibby presented, "Hitting the Bulls Eye-Targeting the Right Audience to Promote Real Change." This topic was addressed by Jack Wilbur, Utah Department of Food and Agriculture in February during the Montana Chapter of the SWCS annual meeting in Bozeman. The two-day meeting wrapped up with a roundtable discussion and closing comments from Montana Chapter Past President, Tom Pick. By noon, the participants scattered to the winds to enjoy skiing or shopping in historic Red Lodge or to travel home.

The Montana Chapter of the SWCS would like to thank all the folks who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the Northern Plains Region 6 meeting in Red Lodge. The chapter enjoyed hosting this event and we hope to see all of you again down the trail.

Montana SWCS Endowment Update

Tom Pick, Past President and Montana SWCS Endowment Committee Member

The Montana Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society Endowment (The Endowment) has received two contributions since we announced the matching gift program in the last newsletter. Basically, the Chapter will match gifts to The Endowment dollar for dollar; up to a maximum of \$9,000 over the next two years. A \$25,000 principal balance is our goal. This amount will allow us to institute funding for educational endeavors in Montana to include youth events and post-secondary and graduate level scholarships.

The principal in the Endowment can never be withdrawn or disbursed. These monies will continue to grow to assist the Chapter with education on soil, water, and related conservation science in Montana. Only funds from the dividends earned will be allocated every two years, as appropriate. A portion of the earnings will be retained to offset inflation. Scholarships will be solicited and disbursed to worthy applicants through the existing Scholarship Committee to complement our two existing annual undergraduate scholarships.

The specified Endowment funded activities authorized by the Board of Directors are:

- Youth achievement awards and education about soil, water and other natural resource fields of study and careers;

- Scholarships for pursuit of natural resource oriented, post-secondary and advanced degrees to fund answers to vitally important questions to help sustain soil and water resources on Montana's farms and ranches; and
- Sponsor public seminars and workshops on Montana's most pressing natural resource technology concerns and issues of our time and those foreseen on the horizon.

The Chapter's Board of Directors has approved a Plan of Operations to specify the purpose and operational requirements of The Endowment. To see the Plan of Operations, visit the Chapter's website at: <http://www.mtswcs.org>. To learn more about The Endowment and to offer to serve on this Committee, please contact one of the Endowment Committee members: Larry Robertson (Chair) in Ronan, (676-2841), Brad Trosper in Polson (675-2700 x 1251), Ed Musser in Bozeman (587-4421), or Tom Pick in Bozeman (600-3167). The Committee is currently developing a brochure to inform potential contributors about The Endowment itself and the Montana tax benefits of a contribution.

With the demands on Montana's natural resources growing stronger every year through development and rampant use by our growing and outdoor loving citizenry, we don't think the demand for effective natural resource educational is going to decline a bit. Rather, we think it will continue to grow. If anything, we can help ensure a legacy through The Endowment by anticipating future needs and doing what we can to set aside adequate funds for the future.

Please consider helping the Chapter and adding to your own legacy. If our motto is "To foster the art and science of soil, water,," then we need to help ensure that this need can be fulfilled now and into the future. At the recent Economic Summit held in Butte, one of the primary factors identified as critical for economic development in the future is education. As a Chapter, we need to make sure that we have the financial resources in hand to address the educational issues we believe to be important. Please send your contributions to Ed Musser, 512 N. 21st Street, Bozeman, MT 59715. All donors will be acknowledged annually, unless requested otherwise.

Dawson County Mulch Till Field Day

Rick Fasching, Montana SWCS Chapter Member, NRCS State Agronomist

The Dawson County Soil and Water Conservation District put on a Mulch Till Field Day April 11, 2007. The field day was held to enable producers to see first hand the benefits of utilizing reduced tillage tools in an effort to protect soil from wind and water erosion, improve soil health and soil tilth, while reducing the amounts of energy used to produce crops.

Several implements that specialize in effectively saving time and production costs while optimizing surface residues that protect against erosion were on hand for demonstration purposes. The field office in Glendive developed an EQIP special initiative that promotes the use of mulch till during the production of annually planted furrow-irrigated crops. The purpose of the special initiative was to improve soil health, reduce wind and water erosion, reduce the use of energy inputs, and increase net profits. The field office found that some crops were produced utilizing up to 11 tillage operations prior to seeding in the spring.

Excessive tillage overly stirs the soil reducing soil organic matter and degrading soil health and productivity while increasing the potential for soil erosion and digging into profits. The demonstration showed that there are implements available to furrow irrigation producers that effectively maintain crop residue on or near the soil surface that allow required irrigation while reducing the number of tillage passes by at least half. The reduction in tillage passes significantly reduces the amount of fuel and time required to produce crops while minimizing residue loss, increasing soil moisture, increasing organic matter, minimizing erosion losses, and improving profit margins.

Many were involved with the success of the tour including Schlagel Manufacturing, West Plains Implement, Kuehn Trenching, M & W Dyna-drive, Case IH, John Deere, Milne Implement Company, Summers Manufacturing Company, many individuals and partners including USDA-NRCS, USDA-ARS, and the Montana Soil and Water Conservation Society.



Tour participants inspect residue after a tillage pass by the implement in the background.



Participants discuss the Schlagel implement pictured.

International Conference to be Held in Tampa

Heidi Brewer, Montana SWCS Member

The International Meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Society will be held July 21-25, 2007, in Tampa, Florida, at the Saddlebrook Resort.

The theme for this year's conference is "Conservation Challenges in a Changing Landscape." The conference includes workshops, concurrent sessions, symposia, poster presentations, plenary sessions, and technical tours designed to expose participants to recent developments in the science and art of natural resource conservation and environmental management on working land.

Several special workshops scheduled this year are Soil Quality the Foundation for Natural Resource Quality; Facilitator's toolbox; Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan – The Smart & Efficient Way; Water Erosion Prediction Project Training; SWAPP Program Training; CECS Review Workshop; Involving the Private Sector as Part of Your Conservation Team/ and Wetlands – An Overview of Federal Identification Methods and Policy. These workshops are in addition to the Plenary Sessions and the Breakout Sessions. The final day of the conference offers a wide array of technical tours ranging from A Unique Agricultural Production Systems Tour to a cow-calf operation.

To receive more information regarding the conference, log on to the Montana SWCS website at <http://www.mtswcs.org> and click on the National SWCS website on the right hand side of the page.

The SWCS annual conference brings together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers at all levels of government, business, and nongovernmental organizations to explore current issues in conservation and environmental management science, technology, practice, programs, and policy.



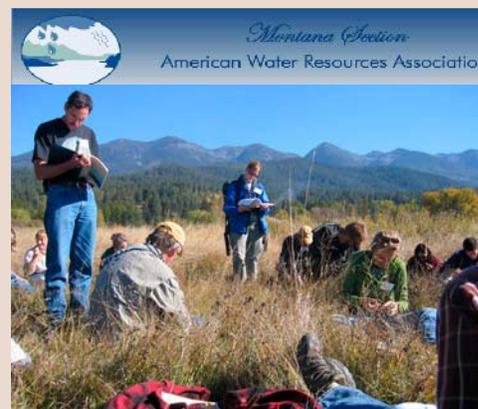
Submit Abstracts for the 24th Annual Montana Section AWRA Conference

Tom Pick, Montana SWCS Past President

Friends, this year's Montana Section of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) Conference will be held in Lewistown, Montana, October 11th and 12th at the Yogo Inn. We welcome your submission of abstracts by July 11th, 2007. Click http://water.montana.edu/awra/docs/2007_CallAbstracts.pdf for our Call for Abstracts information sheet. To submit your abstract, click here. <http://watermontana.edu/awra/abstracts/default.asp>

As always, we strongly encourage students to attend and participate. This year's first place oral presenter in the student competition will be awarded an expense-paid trip to the annual National AWRA meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on November 12-15, 2007. The student will also give the winning presentation to the Albuquerque audience!

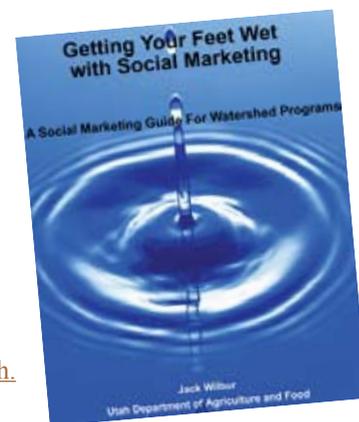
For additional conference information, go directly to the Montana Section of the AWRA Conference website at <http://awra.org/state/montana/events/conference.htm> You will find conference and preconference info. The Preconference, in Lewistown on October 10th, is titled *Understanding Irrigation Effects on Surface and Groundwater*.



Social Marketing Webcast

Tom Pick, Montana SWCS Past President

A recent EPA sponsored Social Marketing Webcast featured Jack Wilbur and Nancy Lee, two of the most respected parishioners of this topic in the country. Participants in this year's SWCS workshop and conference will remember Jack's effective presentations on this topic. The Webcast featured 12 social marketing principles and many great examples of putting them to actual use around the country. While stormwater education and outreach was the focal point, the strategy applies to all nonpoint source issues as well. If you missed the conference this year or simply want to learn more about the social marketing concept as a tool to help encourage behavior change in your natural resource/conservation work, you can view the webcast online. The archived webcast should be posted to the following website in the next few weeks: http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/outreach.cfm?program_id=0&otype=1. To view a draft of Jack's new guidebook "Getting Your Feet Wet with Social Marketing," see <http://www.ag.utah.gov/conservation/GettingYourFeetWet1.pdf>.



EPA Releases Nonpoint Source Outreach Toolbox

Tom Pick, Montana SWCS Past President

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released the Nonpoint Source Outreach Toolbox, a comprehensive set of Web-based resources designed to assist communities across the U.S. conduct locally effective watershed education and outreach activities. The Toolbox, online at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/toolbox/>, includes a searchable catalog of nearly 800 print, radio, and TV ads and outreach materials in the following categories: lawn and garden care, motor vehicle care, pet care, septic system care, household chemicals and waste, and general stormwater and storm drain awareness. This repository of contemporary, audience-tested materials is designed to meet the needs of stormwater professionals who might be strapped for ideas, money, time or staff to develop messages and products for their own communities.

The Toolbox also provides EPA's publication "Getting in Step - A Guide to Conducting Watershed Outreach Campaigns", as well as a comprehensive collection of surveys and evaluations of outreach programs from around the country and a collection of logos, slogans, and mascots to help unify a community's campaign.



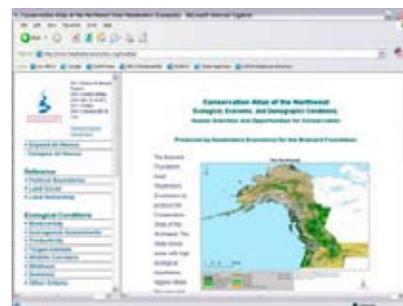
Conservation Atlas of the Northwest

Tasha Gibby, Montana SWCS Newsletter Editor

Recently, Headwaters Economics developed and made available to the public a comprehensive tool for viewing ecological, social, economic, and political variables in map form. Headwaters Economics originally produced the Conservation Atlas of the Northwest for the Brainerd Foundation to use as a reference in making decisions about conservation investments. Much of the information is now available on the Headwaters Economics website. View the Atlas at <http://www.headwaterseconomics.org/nwatlas/>.

According to Headwaters Economics, "The Atlas shows areas with high ecological importance, regions where the pace and scale of human activities put pressure on natural resources, and places where there are encouraging opportunities to conserve important natural resources."

In addition to the Atlas, Headwaters Economics has also developed socio-economic profiles of every county in the Northwest. To view the profiles developed for Montana, go to <http://www.headwaterseconomics.org/profiles/montana.html>.



Condolences to Larry Robertson and Family

Ann Fischer, Montana SWCS Chapter President

Jean Robertson, the wife of Chapter member Larry Robertson, passed away on April 19, 2007, after a long illness. They reside in Polson where Larry is a Soil Conservationist with the NRCS at the Ronan Field Office. She leaves behind two children (Jesse and Allie). Condolences can be sent to Larry Robertson, 26 Fiorentino Lane, Polson, MT 59860.

Sprawl Doesn't Pay

Excerpted from American Farmland Trust E-News May 10, 2007

Farmland loss is bemoaned by many but is rarely addressed in local regulations or incentives. Studies have begun to show that loss of farmland represents more than simply the loss of open space and local sources of food. A clear connection between sprawl, the loss of farmland, and increases in state spending was revealed in the recent Capital Spending Analysis Report completed for the state of Delaware by AFT and the Delaware Department of Agriculture. Before 1984, the average new house in Delaware was built on less than half an acre of land. But as of 2002, the average new house consumed 1.23 acres—nearly three times as much land! AFT's report found that trends in state spending mirror the increases in land consumption, with the state's capital budget as well as school transportation spending both tripling. "This report now documents that Delaware's serious problems with infrastructure funding directly parallel the rapid land consumption marking the last twenty years of growth in our state," said Governor Minner. What does this all mean? Sprawl doesn't pay.

Farm Bill Update

Tom Pick, Montana SWCS Past President

A farm bill proposal now under discussion offers substantial changes for how national farm policy addresses our national natural resource and conservation priorities. For more information on the proposed Farm, Nutrition and Community Investment Act (Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD), see the American Farmland Trust website at <http://www.farmland.org/programs/campaign/bills.asp>. To check out SWCS's testimony on priorities for the new farm bill see http://www.swcs.org/documents/Testimony_01172007.pdf.

"Path to Eden" Video Available On-Line

Carla M. Lawrence, Southwest Director, and Shelley Chauvet Von Stein, Rural Landscape Institute

The Path to Eden is a welcoming tool designed to assist new landowners in their understanding of the opportunities, challenges, and responsibilities that accompany landownership. This project evolved after seeing the positive response that was generated from an earlier film *Owning Eden*. *Owning Eden*, created by Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks and supported by the Montana Stockgrowers Association, is a 12-minute film designed to address changing landownership in Montana. It was a wonderful start and made all involved realize the need for much more. The Rural Landscape Institute, formerly The Cook Center, offered to take the concept to a new level. With the support of seventeen Montana organizations including Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Undaunted Stewardship, NRCS, and the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, Path to Eden was created.

With the ever changing face of landownership in Montana, and with absentee and non-traditional landowners coming into the state and buying up huge ranches, and with the realization that the train has left the station, Path to Eden seeks to be proactive in its encouragement of landowners to be good neighbors and active community members.

Shelley Chauvet Von Stein, at the Rural Landscape Institute, produced and developed this informational DVD for newcomers along with a community implementation template for local landowners on how best to reach out to their new neighbors.

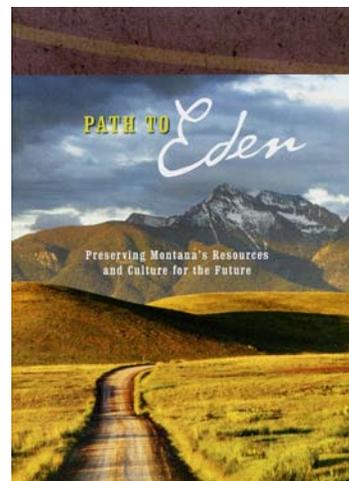
This video is 26 minutes in length and serves as a multi-media tool for new landowners that encourages good neighboring within Montana communities and empowers these communities to offer their new neighbors a friendly orientation with regard to such "neighboring" topics as the nature of the community, rural values, land stewardship, water rights, noxious weeds, wildlife management, ranch manager selection for absentee landowners, and range stewardship. Particular emphasis is being placed on implementation strategies in Montana and beyond.

Tom Brokaw, retired anchor for the CBS news, not only agreed to participate but he did so for free. He has been in Montana for many years and speaks from experience about all the issues to consider. His talent for narration and the fact that he is a Montana landowner brings credibility to the video. Several other Montana ranchers are featured throughout the video including Roger Lang, Chase Hibbard, Bob Sitz, Allan Hamilton, George Trischman, Harold Peterson, and others.

This video is hot off the press, and soon to be presented on DVD to sponsoring organizations. You can request a copy of Path to Eden by visiting www.pathtoeden.org or contacting The Rural Landscape Institute at 406-522-7654.

Shelley will continue to work on distribution, funding, and outreach to realtors, banks, land trusts, conservation groups such as extension and conservation districts, chamber of commerce groups, county planners etc. She has spent considerable time and energy on this project and has every right to be proud of the project, as it is a quality product with potential to reach a wide audience.

This video was featured at the evening festivities during the Northern Plains Region 6 Technical meeting in Red Lodge, on March 9th.



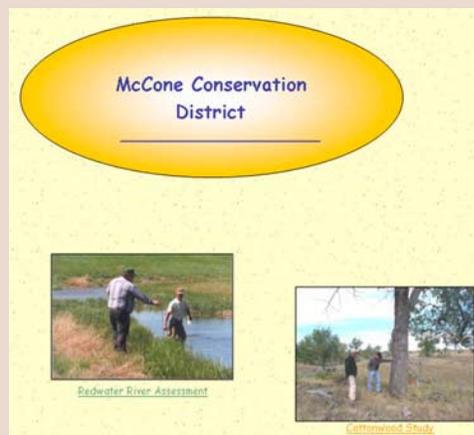
Redwater River Cottonwood Study On the Web

Tom Pick, Montana SWCS Past President

Eastern Montana residents have watched the shelter and shade giving cottonwood trees on many of their favorite prairie streams gradually decline over the years. Fire, beavers, drought, and disease have combined to gradually reduce the remaining old growth stands to scattered and scarred sentinels with scant sign of new replacements.

Residents along the Redwater River in McCone County were curious enough about the decline to ask for assistance in finding out why from the McCone Conservation District. NRCS staff and other technical specialists helped the District to conduct an assessment to evaluate several watershed issues to include the cottonwood regeneration question. The assessment was completed in 2000. The assessment evaluation pointed to a number of contributing factors to be responsible for the decline of cottonwoods, but no one factor seemed to be primarily responsible for the very limited cottonwood regeneration so further study was recommended.

Dr. Mike Merigliano, an experienced cottonwood researcher from the University of Montana, was recruited by the District to look into the issue. Over several years, Dr. Merigliano used a diagnostic process to evaluate a number of potential cottonwood regeneration limiting factors. Some of these factors are found throughout the Northern Great Plains where plains cottonwood (*Populus deltoides* ssp. *molinifera*), in particular, is in decline. Streamflow stage, hydrology, past and present climatic conditions, floodplain elevations and age, cottonwood



population extent and dynamics, water impoundments, salt concentrations, ice scour, and a number of other contributing factors were evaluated. Some plains cottonwoods dating to 1750 were cored (254 years old) indicating tree survival to be much longer than originally thought for this species in the northern plains environment. The most recent stands dated to the 1880's, clearly calculating what everyone had been seeing.

The conclusions indicated that the most plausible factor is climatic change. The likely culprit was identified as the scarcity of occasional heavy snowpacks to generate floods followed by timely and frequent summer rains to sustain the young seedlings on the newly flood deposited sediment. Such dynamics create the "boom and bust" conditions necessary for widely age-spaced stands of trees. This compared to the more frequent flood dynamics providing the many scrolled ages of cottonwoods along the Yellowstone or Powder Rivers. The study also recommended that the impact of ponds and other water impoundments on the hydrology of the Redwater be evaluated further. The final 2004 report is titled, "Senescent Cottonwoods along the Redwater River: possible causes that could guide remedies." The full report detailing methods and results is available on the McCone Conservation District's website at <http://mccone.mt.nacdn.net/org/Redwater%20River%20Watershed.htm>.

Meet Tera Ryan, A New SWCS Member

Tera Runa, Montana SWCS Chapter Member

New member section, huh? Let's see what I can come up with for that...

Well, here's a little bit about me: I have a piece of paper that says I survived 4 years in the Environmental Engineering program at Montana Tech in Butte. It doesn't mention surviving all those St. Patty's Day celebrations, but it should. I'm a wee bit Irish, and married into a huge Irish family, so there should be a certificate on the wall for that, too... entitled "Survival of the Irishest," perhaps? Let me know if you come across one of those ☺

As an employee of Montana Salinity Control Association, I'm one of the few non-NRCS members of SWCS. So why did I join? Well, to be completely honest, it was the luck of the draw. Literally. I won a year's membership in a drawing. And since the last time I won something was 10 years ago, I took it as a sign. As in: Hellooo Tera, this is a good thing (as Martha Stewart says – and that's the only Martha Stewarty trait you'll ever see from me, by the way. I am domestically challenged and proud). Especially since the last time my ticket was drawn it was for a coffee maker and it was at my high school graduation party where almost everybody else won something spectacular, like camping gear or a car. At first I wasn't excited about a silly little coffee maker, but eventually came to depend on that indestructible, indispensable caffeine machine. I still have it.

So that's my "why I joined SWCS" story. As for why I've kept on... well, it's a bit like the coffee maker; sometimes things just surprise you. Like how much I have enjoyed being a member of the organization. The meetings, tours, newsletters, and magazine are great conduits to the world beyond our little office here in Conrad. It can be easy to get engrossed in, and focused exclusively on, the details of the day and forget there's a world out there that deserves attention, too. For that slight, simple - yet profound - adjustment in focus and perspective, I am grateful.



Tera drilling a monitoring well in a saline seep.

Upcoming Events, cont'd

June 10-12

[NACD Northern Plains Regional Meeting](#)

Bozeman, MT
Phone: 406-443-4711

June 11-14

[Montana Farm Bureau Summer Meeting](#)

Red Lodge, MT
Phone: 406-587-3153

June 12-July 8

[AERO Farm Tours 2007](#)

Big Sandy, Power, Scobey, and Arlee
Phone: 406-443-7272

June 13

[Soil Summit](#)

Carrington, ND

June 18-20

[Montana Range Days](#)

Conrad, MT
Phone: 406-278-7611 x 101

June 23-27

[Montana Youth Range Camp](#)

Mussellshell School, Roundup, MT
Phone: 406-323-2103 x 101

July 21-25

[International SWCS Conference](#)

Tampa, FL

July 22-27

[Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp](#)

Lubrecht Experiment Station,
Missoula, MT
Phone: 406-243-2773

September 20-21

[Governor's Range Tour](#)

Big Timber, MT
Phone: 406-444-6619

September 25-27

Tribal Outreach Forum

Bozeman, MT
Phone: 406-587-6905

October 2-3

Women Stepping Forward for Ag
Dillon, MT
Phone: 406-587-6905