

**Montana Chapter SWCS 2006 Annual Work Plan
(January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006)**

**Note: Text items in blue have been completed
Nearly completed and ongoing items in green**

1. **Conduct Annual Chapter Technical Conference: Amber Waves of Change – Tips and Tools to Grow with the Changing Agricultural Landscape in Billings, Feb. 1 and 2, 2006. Ann Fischer and Conference Committee. Completed ☺**
2. **Attend Northern Plains Regional Workshop in Cody, Wyoming March 23-25, 2006. Completed ☺**
3. **Conduct a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) certification training session (nutrient management and land treatment components) open to members and the general public in association with MSU and MT/WY Certified Crop Advisors Board on April 26, 27, and 28, 2006 in Billings, MT. Targeted to Technical Service Providers – *Completed* ☺**
4. **Develop and publish an agricultural recordkeeping booklet (range – agronomy, nutrients, pesticides, farmstead – etc.) for use by Conservation Security Program (CSP) participants and other agricultural producers in Montana – *Emily Guldborg*. ☺**
5. **Make-up and provide 500 Earthwise Bracelet kits to educators, conservation districts, etc. around the State – *Completed*. ☺**
6. **Conduct an aggressive program to nominate candidates for recognition awards at the chapter and international level – *Dick Sheetz*. ☺**
7. **Continue to add enhancements to the Chapter's website in order to fully take advantage of this means of communication with members and the general public – *Heidi Brewer and Tom Pick*. ☺**
8. **Promote awareness of the Chapter and membership benefits by presenting the Chapter's standing display at prominent public functions and meetings around the State – *Carla Lawrence*. 4 functions to date (11-15-06) ☺**

9. **Contribute \$200 to the operation of the Montana Envirothon Statewide Competition in Lewistown. - Carla Lawrence ☺**
10. **Establish a conference planning committee to organize the 2007 Annual Conference – Ann Fischer *Completed.* ☺**
11. **Develop a marketing plan to increase the number of scholarship applications by 50% in the 2005-2006 application period – Justin Meissner. ☺**
12. **Develop a membership retention work plan and conduct a survey to determine priorities for soil and water resource issues of importance, membership services, and chapter activities desired for the Montana Chapter - Tom Pick & Matt Crampton, Membership Chair: *Draft Completed/Ongoing activity* ☺**
13. **Engage all Chapter members in the publication of a colorful, informative, and eye-catching Montana Chapter Newsletter in electronic format and post to the Chapter's website – Tasha Gibby. February 2006. ☺**
14. **Develop and carry out a Chapter photography contest as part of the annual conference activities – Tasha Gibby.**
15. **Develop a Montana soil painting kit for schools based on SD prototype – Brian Kloster underway; Committee formation; soils collected/documents in progress.**
16. **Assist the Colorado Chapter in funding development/sponsorship/and staff assistance for the 2006 International Conference in Keystone, Colorado. – Tom Pick *\$500 Chapter contribution committed* ☺**
17. **Develop slate of candidates and hold election for President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Southwest and East Director positions – Heidi Brewer.**
18. **Evaluate and prepare recommendations for a plan to guide management and utilization of the Montana Chapter SWCS Endowment Fund – Brad Trosper, Ed Musser, Larry Robertson and Tom Pick. ☺**