

WETLAND WORKSHOP AGENDA

Wetland Program Capacity Building Workshop - Bozeman, MT - September 21-24, 2010

Tuesday, 9/21

FIELD TRIPS

	Time	Leads	Topic / Titles
	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Cat McIntyre - Montana Natural Heritage Program & Joanna Lemly - Colorado Natural Heritage Program	Field Methods for Monitoring and Assessment - O'Dell Spring Creek Wetlands
	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Tom Hinz - Montana Wetlands Legacy Partnership	Wetland Restoration & Mitigation Projects: Madison River Conservation Focus Area - O'Dell Spring Creek wetlands & Jack Creek mitigation site

Wednesday, 9/22

	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	PLENARY	
Moderator: Lynda Saul, Montana DEQ			
	Time	Presenters	Topic / Titles
MORNING	8:10 - 8:20	Mark Bostrom - MT DEQ Water Quality Planning Bureau Chief	Welcome
	8:20 - 8:45	Lynda Saul - Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality	Workshop Goals, Burning Questions & Wetland Program Building in Montana
	8:45 - 9:45	Dave Evans - US EPA Headquarters Karen Reed - US EPA Region 8	National Perspective on Wetland Issues Collaboration with State & Tribal Wetland Programs
	9:45 - 10:15	Break	
	10:15 - 11:15	Meg Gaffney-Smith - US ACE Regulatory Headquarters	Corps' Regulatory Program: Challenges, Hot Topics, and Partnership Opportunities
	11:15 - 12:00	Jeanne Christie - Association of State Wetland Managers	Sharing Experiences and Insights from Wetland Programs Across the Nation: Resources for State and Tribal Wetlands Programs
	12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
	AFTERNOON	1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	SESSION 1: Wetland and Watershed Restoration Plans
Moderator: Dick Clark , EPA Region 8			
1:00 - 1:15		Dick Clark - EPA Region 8	Demonstrating Use of the Watershed Approach for Wetland Compensatory Mitigation in Colorado
1:15 - 1:45		Maryann McGraw - New Mexico Environment Department	The Galisteo Watershed Wetlands Action Plan: Strategic Partnerships and the Watershed Approach
1:45 - 2:15		Brad Johnson - Department of Biology, Colorado State University	Learning to Waltz Between Wetlands and Watersheds: Developing a Multi-Scaled Approach to Wetland Regulation Under the New Federal Mitigation Rule
2:15 - 2:35		Eric McCulley - SWCA Environmental Consultants	Establishing the Legacy Nature Preserve Through Collaborative Planning and Adaptive Management
2:35 - 2:55		Break	
2:55 - 3:35		Steve Tessmann - Wyoming Game and Fish	Wyoming Wetlands Conservation Strategy: Version 1.0
3:35 - 3:55		Denise Culver - Colorado Natural Heritage Program	Documenting Colorado's Wetland Biodiversity
3:55 - 4:30		Dick Clark - EPA Region 8	Facilitated Discussion
EVE	5:00 - 7:30	Social and Poster Session - Including interactive sections such as: EPA wetlands grant database & MT NHP mapping program	

Thursday, 9/23

	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	SESSION 2: Monitoring and Assessment for Decision Making	
Moderator: Jill Minter, EPA Region 8			
	Time	Presenters	Topic / Titles
MORNING	8:00 - 8:15	Lynda Saul - Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality	Recap and Overview
	8:15 - 9:00	Jill Minter - EPA Region 8	EPA Monitoring and Assessment Program; 2011 National Wetland Condition Assessment
	9:00 - 9:25	Meghan Burns & Linda Vance - Montana Natural Heritage Program	Creating Digital Wetland Maps/GIS Tools in Wetland Programs

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MORNING	9:25 - 9:45	Holly Copeland - The Nature Conservancy, Wyoming	A Geospatial Assessment on the Distribution, Condition, and Vulnerability of Wyoming's Wetlands
	9:45 - 10:05	Break	
	10:05 - 10:30	Christina Hargiss - North Dakota State, School of Natural Resource Sciences	Wetland Assessment in the Prairie Pothole Region Using Three Tiered Assessment Methods and a Probabilistic Design
	10:30 - 10:55	Karen Newlon - Montana Natural Heritage Program	Development of a Statewide Network of Reference Wetlands for Montana
	10:55 - 11:15	Joanna Lemly - Colorado Natural Heritage Program	Statewide Strategies for Colorado Wetlands
	11:15 - 11:35	Jodi Gardberg - Utah Division of Water Quality	A Multimetric Index for Impounded Wetlands of the Great Salt Lake, Utah
	11:35 - 12:00	Jill Minter - EPA Region 8	Facilitated Discussion
	12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
	1:00 PM-5:00 PM	SESSION 3: Water Quality Standards for Wetlands & Other Wetland Regulations/Ordinances	
		Moderator: Toney Ott, EPA Region 8	
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	1:00 - 1:15	Toney Ott - EPA Region 8	Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification
	1:15 - 1:35	John Hranac - CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment	What Does it Take to Develop an <i>Effective</i> §401 Water Quality Certification?
	1:35 - 1:55	Jeff Ryan - MT Dept. Environmental Quality	An Effective 401 Certification Program - Without 401 Certifications
	1:55 - 2: 15	Randy Apfelbeck - MT Dept. of Environmental Quality	Proposed Strategies for Developing Water Quality Standards for Montana's Wetlands
	2:15 - 2:55	Invited Tribal Panel: Blackfoot, Chippeawa Cree, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes, Ft. Peck, Northern Cheyenne, Rocky Boys	Tribal Aquatic and Wetland Programs Protecting Resources
	2:55 - 3:15	Break	
	3:15 - 3:35	Todd Tillinger - US Army Corps of Engineers	Montana Stream Mitigation Procedure and Wetland Compensatory Mitigation Ratios
	3:35 - 3:55	Richard McElDowney - PBS&J (Consulting)	GIS Based Wetland Functional Assessment and Natural Resource Mitigation Strategies for the US Highway 50 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement in Colorado
	3:55 - 4:15	Larry Urban - Montana Dept. of Transportation	Monitoring with Purpose for Compensatory Mitigation
	4:15 - 4:45	Toney Ott - EPA Region 8	Facilitated Discussion
	4:45 - 5:00	Lynda Saul - Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality	Closing Remarks
EVE	TBD	Linda Vance - Montana Natural Heritage Program	Invasive Species Meeting / Discussion: mapping, monitoring & management of invasives in wetlands and riparian areas
Friday, 9/24		SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOPS	
	Time	Presenters	Topic / Titles
	8:00 AM-3:30 PM	Glenn Barnes - Environmental Finance Center, Univ of NC at Chapel Hill	Sustainable Financing Workshop for State and Tribal Wetland Programs
	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Linda Vance - Montana Natural Heritage Program	Ground Water Dependent Ecosystems: Identification, Assessment, Management and Restoration (The goal of the workshop is to launch a regional GDE Working Group)