

INTRODUCTION

Noxious weeds are a major threat to wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and agricultural production in the western states. The ability of non-native plants to invade diverse ecological sites; their rapid spread on range, woodland, and pasture sites; and continuing advances in management techniques makes it important for land managers to understand and use the most current weed management options available.

The Noxious Weed Management Short course was developed for public and private land managers that want to gain a better understanding of noxious weed management. The course supports and teaches ecologically sound management practices for invasive plants.

Weed management professionals from throughout the West will conduct the training program designed to encourage interaction between instructors and participants. Lab and field exercises, in addition to classroom sessions, will be used as teaching methods. Past course participants have been enthusiastic about the format. **Plan on learning and having fun at the same time!!**

The course has been approved for pesticide applicator re-certification credit in most states.

Western Society of Weed Science
Noxious Weed Mgt. Short Course
P.O. Box 1385
Helena, MT 59624



WESTERN WEED COORDINATING COMMITTEE

NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSE

For Land Managers

April 24-27th, 2006

at Chico Hot Springs
in Pray, Montana



AGENDA

- **Weed Identification.** Hands-on identification of the most important noxious weeds in the western states.
- **Biological Management Methods.** Workshops and classroom discussion about current and future biological control agents on noxious weeds.
- **Herbicides in the Environment.** Visual displays and workshops on herbicide formulations, mode of action, efficacy, and movement in soil and water.
- **Weed Inventory and Planning.** Discussion of weed inventory strategies and methods including GPS and GIS.
- **Noxious Weed Management on Range and Pasture.** Information on integrated management techniques for many economically important noxious weeds of the western states.
- **Safe Use of Pesticides and Application Equipment.** Discussion of safe and proper handling of pesticides, and use of application equipment, including calibration.
- **Discussion Sessions.** Discussion sessions on noxious weed management plans and invasive plant problems specific to your district or forest.

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: The course fee is **\$450 per person** and includes all course materials and lunches on April 25, 26, and 27. Accommodations and other meals are NOT included in the fee.

Registration Deadline: Completed registration forms and full payment must be received no later than February 10, 2006. Class size is limited to 40 participants and will be **filled on a first-paid basis**. Early registration is **STRONGLY** recommended.

The course begins with registration the evening of April 24th and ends the afternoon of April 27, 2006.

For additional information, contact:

Melissa Brown or C. Duncan, Course Coordinators,
Helena, MT 406/558 4568 writemlb@yahoo.ca.

WSWS will accept credit card payments through Pay Pal online. Call Melissa Brown for more information on how to pay with a credit card.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The course will be held at Chico Hot Springs Resort, in Pray, MT. (www.chicohotsprings.com)

Lodging: Federal room rates will be given, but you must provide identification. A block of rooms has been reserved for the course, **but YOU are responsible for making your reservation.**

Meals: Lunch will be provided on April 25, 26, and 27. Participants will be responsible for all other meals. The **main dining room requires reservations**; however, the Chico Saloon, and Pool Side Grill provide more casual dining options.

Note: There are no other facilities near the resort, and no phones or television in rooms.

For more information or to make reservations contact Chico Hot Springs directly at 406/333-4933, 1-800/468-9232, chico@chicohotsprings.com.

REGISTRATION FORM

2006 WSWS NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSE

Complete and mail this form with your check to:
Western Society of Weed Science
Noxious Weed Short Course
P.O. Box 1385 - Helena, MT 59624

You are responsible for making your reservation at Chico Hot Spring, **please reserve your room early and say you are with the weed short course.** The number is 406-333-4933.

- Yes I have made my reservations at Chico Hot Springs.
- I hold a current pesticide applicators license, and am interested in earning recertification credits.

Print or Type

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Agency/Firm: _____

Street (or PO Box): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE PREPAID

Enrollment is based on receipt of payment.

Short Course Registration Fee = \$450

Make checks payable to Western Society of Weed Science
****Credit Card Payment will be available after October 10****

Registration and Payment Deadline:

February 10, 2006

50% Refund up to 3/10/06

NO REFUND AFTER 3/10/06