



2009 WSWS Noxious Weed Management Short Course

General Course Information and Registration Instructions

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!

Topics Covered

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

Continuing Education Credits

The course has been approved for pesticide applicator recertification credits in most states. The number of credits earned varies and must be pre-arranged with course coordinators and state pesticide program coordinators.

Location/Accommodations

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

A federal room rate of \$70.00 per night or standard rack rate if less than federal rate 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.**

The **five-star dining room requires reservations**; however, the Pool Side Grill provides a more casual dining option.

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

If you require a room with a private bathroom, make your reservations early as there are a limited number of rooms with full amenities.

The nearest major airport is located 60 miles away in Bozeman, MT.

Registration

Course Tuition \$500
(includes all course materials, and four meals. Lodging and other meals are not included in the fee.)

Registration Fee \$50
(nonrefundable)

TOTAL COURSE FEE **\$550**

General registration opens the first week of October. The course usually fills to the 40-participant capacity within 30 days. Therefore, the course roster is filled following a strict **first-paid, first-served** policy. Early registration and payment is strongly encouraged.

Follow the instructions on the next page to complete registration.

2009 REGISTRATION FORM | WSWs Noxious Weed Management Short Course

Instructions / Checklist

- Contact the registration coordinator to **make a reservation** and **receive registration confirmation** for online credit card payment.
- Return your completed registration form with check or credit card payment receipt to the registration coordinator.
- Reserve your room at Chico Hot Springs. Say you are with the weed short course.
- Request program topics and species (form will be provided in January).
- Request airport shuttle from registration coordinator if traveling by airline (March).

Important Dates

- 2/10/09** Registration cancellation deadline for \$500 refund. **\$50 registration fee is nonrefundable.**
- 3/07/09** Deadline for requesting credits for Pesticide Applicator License.
- 3/14/09** Registration cancellation deadline for \$250 (50%) refund. **No refund after this date. \$50 registration fee is nonrefundable.**
- 3/27/09** Chico Hot Springs room reservation deadline.
- 4/27/09** Check-in to Chico Hot Springs, and attend registration. **Travel day.**
- 4/28/09** Course instruction
- 4/29/09** Course instruction
- 4/30/09** Last day of course instruction
- 5/01/09** **Travel day**

Contacts

Registration Coordinator
Melissa Brown
406/495 2309 (tel/fax)
mb@melissabrownconsulting.com

Program Coordinator
Celestine Duncan
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weeds1@ixi.net

Accommodations
Chico Hot Springs
406/333 4933 (tel)
1800/468 9232 (outside MT)
www.chicohotsprings.com
chico@chicohotsprings.com

Credit Card Payment
You must have registration confirmation from the Registration Coordinator prior to making a credit card payment.

If you have problems with your online credit card transaction, please contact:
webmaster@wsweedscience.org

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2009 WSWs Noxious Weed Short Course Registration Form

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Organization Name _____ Job Title _____

Address: _____
Mailing Address Unit #

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Pesticide Applicators License – Application for Recertification Credits

The course has been approved for pesticide applicator recertification credits in most states. The number of credits earned varies and **MUST BE PRE-ARRANGED** with course coordinators and state pesticide program coordinators. Please complete the form below if you wish to earn credits.

1. Will you hold a current pesticide applicator's license when you attend the course? (yes or no)
2. **If yes**, would you like to earn continuing education credits towards your license? (yes or no)
3. **If yes**, please enter your license information below. You must pre-register to receive credits.

Issuing State _____ Expiration Date _____ License No. _____

Payment Information - \$550 per person (\$500+\$50 nonrefundable registration fee)– Prepayment Required

- CHECK ENCLOSED** (Remit check payable to *Western Society of Weed Science* to WSWs NWSC, PO Box 1385, Helena, MT 59624) [WSWS Tax ID number: 87-612-9835]
- PAY WITH A CREDIT CARD** (Contact Registration Coordinator, mb@melissabrownconsulting.com, 406 495 2309)
- SCHEDULE A PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY** CHECK / CREDIT CARD / OTHER (circle one) ON _____ (date).

****IMPORTANT: Enrollment is confirmed upon RECEIPT of payment****