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Montana AIS 2021 Winter Partner Meeting

Best Western Great Northern Hotel, Helena

November 9th and 10th, 2021

Zoom option available

*Virtual participants: Provide questions / comments / feedback in the chat.

Meeting Objectives:

- Share and discuss 2021 season accomplishments and plans for 2022.
- Solicit feedback and ideas for program enhancement and improvement.
- Identify outreach, training and coordination opportunities for 2022.

Agenda Day 1: Tuesday November 9th

Noon: Lunch (provided)

12:45: Welcome (Eileen Ryce, FWP Fisheries Administrator)

1:00: Introductions

1:20: AIS Overview (Tom Woolf, FWP)

1:40: Regional & National AIS Update (Stephen Phillips, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission)

2:00: Watercraft Inspection Overview (Zach Crete, FWP)

2:45: Enforcement Update (Phil Kilbreath, FWP)

3:00: Break

3:15: Watercraft Inspection Partner Updates (10 min updates)

- Garfield Conservation District (Dusty Olsen)
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Katie Finley)
- Glacier National Park (Bryan McKeon) *Zoom
- Whitefish (TBA) *tentative*

4:00: Watercraft Inspection & Prevention Roundtable Discussion

5:00: Adjourn

5:30 to 7:00: 2022 AIS coordination session (Brewhouse basement, 939 Getchell)

Agenda Day 2: Wednesday November 10th

8:30: Welcome

8:40: AIS Early Detection and Treatment Projects (Craig McLane/ Stacy Schmidt, FWP)

9:20: AIS Management and Early Detection Partner Updates: (10 min updates)

- Western Turtle and Bullfrog Project: Torrey Riter (FWP)
- Missoula AIS District and fragrant waterlily projects: Bryce Christeians and Chris Mascari (Missoula County Weed District)
- Strategies to engage citizen scientists with AIS: Cynthia Ingelfinger (Whitefish Lake Institute)
- Flathead Lake Biological Station's AIS projects and plans for 2022: Phil Matson (FLBS)
- Central and Eastern Invasive Species Team (CEMIST) and AIS early detection efforts in Eastern Montana: Laura Nowlin (CEMIST / Musselshell Watershed Coalition)

10:30: Break

10:45: Early Detection Roundtable Discussion

11:20: AIS Outreach and Education (Liz Lodman, FWP)

11:40: Big Sky Watershed Corps AIS Project Summaries

- Brant Dupree (UC3/Missoula County)
- Collin Threlkeld (CEMIST)
- Jennifer Riddle (FWP)

12:15: Lunch (provided)

12:45: Outreach Partner Updates (10 minute updates):

- Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3): Kate Wilson
- Trout Unlimited: Bill Pfeiffer
- Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance: Jennifer Mohler *tentative
- Flathead Biological Station: Stephanie Hummel *tentative

1:15: Outreach Roundtable Discussion

1:50 Closing Remarks

2:00: Adjourn.