



## Tuesday 9/16

- 11:00 **Registration**
- 12:00 *Lunch & MWCC Welcome*
- 1:00 **Peer Power Up** Networking Opportunity
- Frankly- with Bill Milton (Watershed Group Leaders)
  - Watershed Group Staff
  - Young Professionals/BSWC Members
  - Industry Professionals

- 3:00 *Break*
- 3:30 **Keynote- Recipes for Success Panel** with Moderator Sarah Church, *Director, MSU Institute on Ecosystems*
- Big Hole Watershed Committee
  - Winnett ACES
  - Blackfoot Challenge
  - Northern Cheyenne Tribal Environmental Dept.
  - Petroleum County Conservation District
- 5:30 *Evening Social in the Ponderosa Room*

## Wednesday 9/17

- 8:00 *Breakfast*
- 9:00 **Introductions and Announcements**
- 9:10 **Partner Updates** Lightning Talk
- 10:00 **Keynote: Dr. Rachel Frost, Dan Scott Ranch Management Program Lead at Montana State University**
- "Finding Leverage on the Landscape"- How conservation fits in the bigger picture of community, economics, opportunity, and resiliency.
- 11:00 *Break*
- 11:30 **Session 1**
- **Impacts that Matter**- A conversation among attendees and facilitated by Dr. Rachel Frost
  - **Developing Watershed Restoration Plans with an Existing TMDL** - Montana Department of Environmental Quality
  - **Group Storytelling Workshop**- Lara Tomov
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 1:30 **Session 2**
- **Implementation and Adaptive Management of Current Watershed Restoration Plans** - Montana Department of Environmental Quality
  - **Impacts that Matter**- A conversation among attendees and facilitated by Dr. Rachel Frost

- **Group Storytelling Workshop**- Lara Tomov
- 2:30 **Session 3**
- **Co-Developing Social Metrics for Grassland Conservation** - World Wildlife Fund
  - **Conflict Resolution and Project Expectation Management**- Montana Beaver Working Group
  - **Group Storytelling**- Lara Tomov
- 3:30 **Session 4**
- **Sharing Metrics** - World Wildlife Fund
  - **Developing Watershed Restoration Plans without an Existing TMDL**- Northern Cheyenne Tribal Environmental Dept., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - **Introduction to DIY Media Production & Conflict Resolution and Project Expectation Management**- Lara Tomov & Pheasants Forever
- 4:30 *Break*
- 4:45 Partner Updates
- 5:45 **Conference Takeaways**
- 6:00 *Dinner on the town*

## Thursday 9/18

- 8:30 *Caravan leaves Billings*
- 9:30 **Roundup Tour Stop**
- Welcome from Bill Milton & Lower Musselshell Conservation District
  - Tour flood resiliency projects
- 10:45 *Caravan leaves Roundup*
- 11:45 *Arrive at Petroleum County Community Center and Break*
- 12:00 **ACES Welcome & Introduction to the Winnett ACES Soil Health Program**  
 Winnett ACES will share about the land, people, and projects that make the Central Montana rural community special. ACES will introduce you to its Soil Health Program, which provides hands-on technical assistance to local ranchers as they implement practices that improve soil resilience, water retention, and long-term productivity. This program was made possible thanks to seed funding from the Montana Watershed Coordination Council.
- 1:00 *Lunch*
- 1:45 **Project Tours (Choose 1)**
- Wet meadow restoration
  - Stream restoration and native reseeding
  - Wildlife-friendly fencing
  - Native reseeding and water/grazing infrastructure
- 4:00 *Arrive back in town and Break*
- 4:15 **Town Projects Tour**
- 5:30 *Drinks at the Winnett Bar*
- 6:00 *Dinner*

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**Connecting with Landowners**

Central Montana landowners share the stories of their families and operations as they join us for dinner and conversation.

7:00

*Head Home*