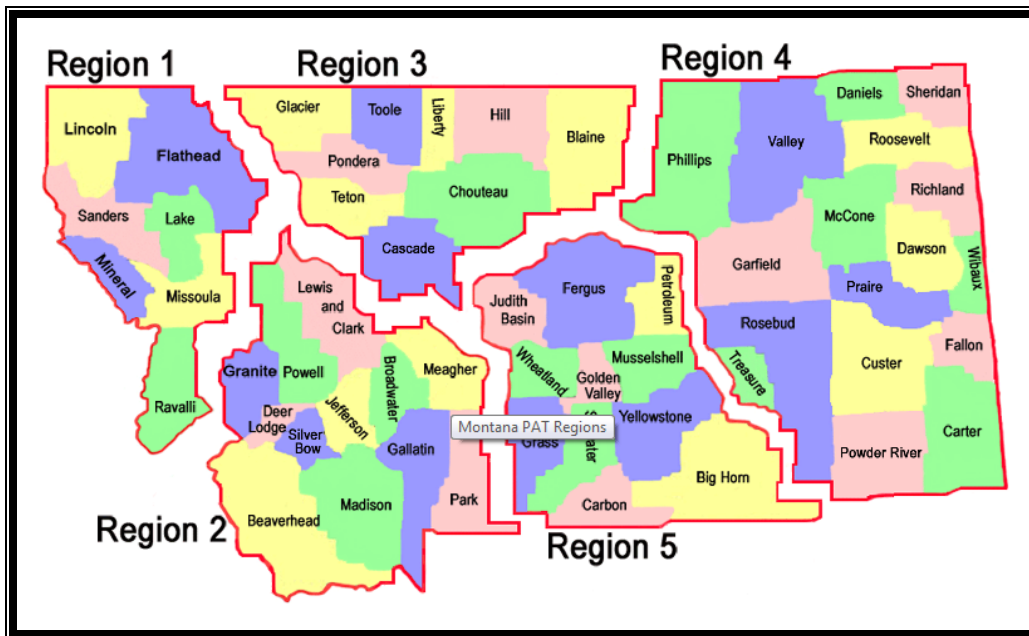


2014 Pest Management Tour offers Credit Opportunities for Private, Commercial and Government Applicators across South-Western Montana.

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The Montana State University Pesticide Education and Integrated Pest Management Programs are offering multiple 6 credit program opportunities for private applicators across south-western Montana (Private Applicator Region 2) from October 6th – 10th.



Map of Montana private pesticide applicator training regions.

Private applicators may opt to attend only a morning or afternoon session for 3 private applicator credits; or both for 6 credits. The 2014 Pest Management Tour (PMT) is designed to target regions in Montana that are in the final year of the private applicator recertification cycle. Private applicator licenses in region 2 will expire on January 1st, 2015. Private applicators within this region must attain 6 private applicator recertification credits to re-qualify into the next certification cycle. Region 2 PMT participants include Beaverhead, Powell, Madison, Park, Meagher, Broadwater, Silver Bow, Gallatin, and Granite counties. Credits accumulated by pesticide applicators can be viewed online at <https://app.mt.gov/pest/index>.

Commercial / Government applicators may also attend. The Pest Management Tour will be offering 5 government / commercial recertification credits in the categories of Dealer, Demonstration & Research and Agricultural Plant Pest Control for attending both the morning and afternoon sessions. This program will cover many subject areas of local interest including crop insect management, cropland weed management, rangeland weeds, pesticide performance, calibration, forage pest management, and storage and security of pesticides. MSU representatives speaking at the tour include Dr. Fabian Menalled (MSU Cropland Weed Specialist), Dr. Jane Mangold (MSU Rangeland Weed

Specialist), Dr. Emily Glunk (MSU Forage Specialist), Dr. Kevin Wanner (MSU Crop Insect Specialist) and Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist).

The tour will cover 9 locations over 5 days:

October 6th

Philipsburg, MT: Granite County Museum, Contact Granite County Extension, Dan Lucas at (406)859-3304.

Helmville, MT: Helmville Community Center, Contact Powell County Extension, Jodi Pauley at (406)849-9791. Please pre-register. No fee. Free Lunch!

October 7th

Butte, MT: Silver Bow Public Library, 226 West Broadway St., Contact Silver Bow County Extension, Kellee Anderson at (406)723-0217. Please pre-register. \$10 fee at door. Free Lunch!

Dillon, MT: 4-H Building, Contact Beaverhead County Extension, JP Tanner at (406)683-3785.

October 8th

Whitehall, MT: Whitehall Community Center, 10 N Division Street, Contact Pesticide Education Office, Cecil Tharp at (406)994-5067.

Townsend, MT: 4-H Building, Fairgrounds. Contact Broadwater County Extension, Virginia Knerr at (406)266-9242. Please pre-register. \$15 fee at door. Free Lunch!

October 9th

Belgrade, MT: Belgrade City Hall, Court Rm., 91 East Central. Contact Gallatin County Extension. Emily Lockard at (406)388-3213. Please pre-register. Free Lunch!

Livingston, MT: Elks Lodge, Basement, 130 S. 2nd Street. Contact Park County Extension. Tracey Mosley at (406)222-4156.

October 10th

White Sulphur Springs, MT: Fire Training Center. Contact Meagher County Extension. Nico Cantalupo at (406)547-3042. Please pre-register. \$10 fee at door. Free Lunch!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: See the detailed program agenda online at www.pesticides.montana.edu and select '2014 Pest Management Tour'. Contact your local Extension agent for more information regarding location, catering and pre-registration. For any other questions contact Cecil Tharp, Pesticide Education Specialist, at the MSU Pesticide Education Program office (406)-994-5067, ctharp@montana.edu.