

Meeting/Project Name:		Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council Meeting	
Date of Meeting:	January 9, 2012	Time:	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Minutes Prepared By:	Carol Bearden	Location:	Heritage Inn, Great Falls
1. Meeting Objective			
Business Meeting			
2. Attendees			
Council Members: Jim Gordon, Jennifer Anderson Vermillion, Margie Edsall, Dan Jackson, Nico Cantalupo, Todd Wagner, Jack Eddie, Dick Zoanni, Jim Olivarez			
Agency Representatives: Joe Weigand, Jim Jacobs (conference call), Larry Beneker, John Gaskin, Steve Shelly, Peter Stevenson, Mike Miller, Steve Siegelin, Tracy Sterling (conference call), John Simons, Dan Dobler, Gary Adams			
Guests: Taelor Anderson, Joe Merenz, Celestine Duncan			
Montana Dept. of Agriculture (MDA) Staff: Greg Ames, Donna Rise, Dave Burch, Kim Johnson, Carol Bearden, Jeremy Seidlitz, Craig McLane			
3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
Welcome New Council Members	Greg Ames opened the meeting and welcomed new council members, Jim Olivarez, Dick Zoanni, and Jack Eddie. Introductions were made.		
Review June 22, 2011 Minutes	The minutes from the June 22, 2011 council meeting were reviewed. Margie Edsall moved to accept the minutes as written. Todd Wagner seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.		
Review November 21, 2011 Minutes	The minutes from the November 21, 2011 council meeting were reviewed. Margie Edsall moved to accept the minutes as written. Nico Cantalupo seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.		
Noxious Weed Trust Fund Budget Report	<p>Greg Ames provided information on the funding estimated to be available for the 2012 Noxious Weed Trust Fund (NWTF) grant hearings. Greg stated that the NWTF grant budget for fiscal year 2012 included \$1,250,000 in Initial State Special Revenue Funding, \$101,159 in General Fund dollars, and \$665,000 from the United States Forest Service (USFS) Cooperative Forestry Assistance/Forest Health Program.</p> <p>Greg advised the council that the Missouri River Watershed Coalition Project (\$40,000) and the Weed Free Borders Project (\$40,000), both specifically designated for funding by the Forest Service, had already been awarded. Greg said that \$18,150 of the USFS funding had been committed for a summer intern cost share, and \$18,840 (three percent of grant funding) was allocated for operating expenses within the MDA Central Services Division.</p> <p>Greg reported that other budgeted expenditures for the year included \$450,000 that has been awarded for the FY12 Special County/Reservation Grants, (\$7,500 per grant), and \$100,000 of Department of Transportation funding that is passed through the Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) to the counties.</p>		