

After the Fire Small Acreage "Hands-On" Workshop

Saturday,
March 10, 2007
9:00am—3:00pm

AGENDA

8:15-8:45 Registration

9:00-9:15 Introduction

- *Tom Heald, Area Educator—UW Cooperative Extension Service*

9:15-9:45 State of the State

- *Dan Perko, Deputy State Forester—Wyoming State Forestry Division*
- We'll take a look back at the 2006 wildfire season; the fires, acres burned and suppression costs. And explore the 2007 wildfire season, what are the factors that are evaluated and used as indicators in predicting the next fire season.

9:45-10:15 Forest Health & Management

- *Bryan Anderson, Assistant District Forester—Wyoming State Forestry Division*
- Learn the basics of Forest Management as it pertains to maintaining forest health and reducing wildfire susceptibility. This includes forest pest and disease control strategies and techniques, along with available landowner cost share incentives programs. Learn the process of how to implement a commercial forest products, or salvage, sale on your property for some possible financial return.

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 Fire & Weeds

- *Brian Connely, Education Coordinator—Natrona County Weed & Pest District*
- Wildfire has the potential to release noxious weed populations that were in existence before the fire. The firefighting process can also import weeds to a fire site. This presentation will give the landowner a good plan for surveying for a potential weed problem, basic weed ID, and what to do to control weed problems that may arise. Brian will be available throughout the day for specific questions and consultation.

11:00-11:30 Reseeding After a Fire

- *Russ Holzhäuser, Wind River Seed Company*
- Though very beautiful, the Wyoming landscape is a stark and sometimes unforgiving environment. Unlike some other parts of the country, our soil crusts are frequently thin and fragile. We can't afford to just wait for something to grow back after a disturbance such as caused by construction or fire. Reseeding damaged land is an important part of our stewardship.

11:30-12:00 Land Management's Role

- *Everet Bainter, State Rangeland Management Specialist—Natural Resources Conservation Service*
- Land management before a fire has a significant influence on post burn recovery. Participants will work through a pastureland trend worksheet in small groups and be able to independently evaluate pastureland health on their own land.

12:00-12:30 Lunch Buffet

12:30-1:00 A Fireman's View

- *Chris Arthur & Mellody Icenogle, Casper Mountain Fire District*
- Chris and Mellody will talk about how they became involved with Casper Mountain Fire. They will also touch on how we can restore some of the ecological balance where we've messed up the fire cycle. Lastly they will discuss how you can become involved and why Firewise ways are so important.

1:00-1:30 Firewise & Defensible Space

- *Sam Weaver, Wyoming State Forestry Division*
- Sam will talk about how you can make your home less fire prone through defensible space and Firewise techniques.

1:30-2:00 Fire Safety & Evacuation

- *John Farrell, Casper Mountain Fire District*
- John will focus on what a firefighter will look for when assigned structure protection during a wildland fire and what precautions the landowner can take to protect their property. He will also talk about evacuation of landowners and what the firefighters does when all goes wrong.

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