

Webinars coming to you this month!

This month we'll be kicking off a *Barnyards & Backyards* Webinar series with two very timely topics – **Mountain Pine Beetle** and **Grasshoppers!** Join us via your computer over the lunch hour to gain some practical information about both of these topics which will be of major importance to our state this year.

What do you need to join? A computer with an internet connection and speakers (or headphones). We will be hosting the sessions utilizing the web program Elluminate. Visit <http://www.illuminate.com/Support/?id=62> well before the webinar to make sure your computer is ready to join the meeting.

How can I ask a question? Send your question to jsjones@uwyo.edu either before (preferably) or during the webinar – questions will be sorted out, common ones will be combined and then they will be submitted to the presenters during the webinar.

Where do I go to find the link to the meeting? Visit barnyardsandbackyards.com and you will find the link to the webinar on the front page and on the "Events" page at <http://www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/info.asp?p=10031>

What if I can't make the meeting on that day? Our intention (barring technical difficulties) is to record the webinars and post them shortly after the meeting. Visit the "Events" page <http://www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/info.asp?p=10031> a day or so after the meeting to view the recorded webinar.

May 17, 2011

Start time: noon Mountain Standard Time

Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) – Folks from the WY State Forestry Division will be chatting with us about MPB

- Brief comments on the epidemic
- The MPB lifecycle
- How to identify if your tree is infested
- What trees to treat, when and control options
- Options for replacement trees

May 23, 2011

Start time: noon Mountain Standard Time

Grasshoppers! – Entomologists from the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service will be discussing the upcoming grasshopper season

- How bad is it likely to be?
- The grasshopper lifecycle
- How to look for the first signs of grasshoppers at your place
- Treatment options