

UPPER YELLOWSTONE WATERSHED BASIN

PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

*General Membership Meeting
July 6, 2006 at 7:00 PM
St. Johns Church, Emigrant*

-AGENDA-

1. CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chairman, Bert Otis

2. VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS.

- ◆ Allison Levy, ADC/Oasis Environmental
- ◆ Leanne Roulson, Garcia & Associates
- ◆ Ron Archuleta, Livingston District Ranger
- ◆ Sunni Knapton, Confluence Consulting

3. APPROVAL OF May 2006 MINUTES

4. UPDATES

• **Coordinator's Report:**

- ◆ Executive Committee Meeting – June 9th.
 - Hard copy minutes available upon request or to those present at the meeting due to the growing number of folks on the hard copy mailing list (100+)
 - Cottonwood Reestablishment Project. Working on DNRC Task Order, selected Confluence Consulting to assist with the project.
- ◆ Sustainability Fair – Saturday, July 8th. Park Conservation District and the UYWB will be at the Sustainability Fair this Saturday with the DNRC Rolling River's Stream Trailer. Rotary Park, Livingston. 9 AM – 4 PM.
- ◆ Park County Fair – August 9 - 12. Park Conservation District and the UYWB will be at the fair with the DNRC Rolling River's Stream Trailer.
- ◆ MACD – CD Academy: July 17 & 18th. Amy and Nicole will attend this training in Helena sponsored by the Montana Association of Conservation Districts.
- ◆ Capacity Building Grant – approximately 120 hours left of work for NRCS & the Park Conservation District. To be completed by the end of September.
- ◆ Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant. Funds are still available.

• **Vice Chairman's Report:**

- ◆ A warm welcome to Bert Otis, and big thanks to outgoing Vice Chair Marty Malone!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

• **Endangered Species/Wildlife Committee**

- ◆ Bert Otis. Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, Bison Quarantine Feasibility Study Phase II/III.

• **Irrigation Committee**

- ◆ Update by Jerry O'Hair. HB-223: Irrigation Efficiency project.

• **Range Committee**

- ◆ Update by Alvin Pierce

• **Stream Stabilization Committee**

- ◆ Update by Roger Nelson

• **Weed Committee Update**

- ◆ Update by Eleanor Bossert. Recap of Weed Fair 2006/Montana Watercourse – Know Your Watershed tour held on Saturday, June 3rd

AGENCY UPDATES

- ◆ Scott Opitz, Fish Wildlife & Parks re: Locke Creek Fish Passage: currently working on design plan, Debris Removal on Yellowstone River -- \$1,000: still looking for ideas/suggestions.

PROJECT UPDATES

- ◆ A brief PowerPoint by Sunni Knapton, Confluence Consulting regarding the UYWB 2006 Yellowstone River Cottonwood Restoration project.

5. OPEN ITEMS

6. PROJECT IDEAS

- Input from the group on resource needs.

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7. Program: Mr. Ron Archuleta, Livingston District Ranger, Gallatin National Forest

Tonight we welcome Mr. Ron Archuleta, Livingston District Ranger. For those who don't already know Ron, he earned a degree in wildlife biology from Colorado State University, worked as a wildlife biologist on national forests and grasslands in Colorado, South Dakota, and Oregon, and served as Acting District Ranger in Utah before coming to Livingston in May of 2003. Ron will be providing us with updates on the following activities of the Livingston Ranger District:

- Gallatin National Forest Expanded Food Storage Order
- Fire Suppression Preparedness for this summer
- Grizzly Bear Delisting
- Travel Plan
- Secure Rural Schools Proposal
- Livingston Ranger District Program of Work for this summer/fall, including weeds program.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

9. ADJOURN

*Thank you for coming!
See you in August at the Park County Fair!
Next Meeting: September 7, 2006*

NOTES:

Key to Commonly Used Acronyms:

DEQ – Department of Environmental Quality	MBMG – Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology
DNRC – Department of Natural Resources & Conservation	NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Services
FWP – Fish Wildlife & Parks	Park CD – Park Conservation District
LEP – Local Empowerment Program (MACD)	TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load (DEQ)
MACD – Montana Association of Conservation Districts	UYWB – Upper Yellowstone Watershed Basin
MWCC – Montana Watershed Coordination Council	WPA – Watershed Planning & Assistance Grant (DNRC)

Equipment List: (Available to members on loan)

- ◆ Trailer mounted weed sprayer (2)
- ◆ ElectroNet fencing – (9) 35" x 164'
- ◆ 10 Watt Solar Panel
- ◆ IntelliShock 42B battery energizer & 12v 44 amp battery