

2021 Mini College Session Descriptions and Schedule

Note: Individuals will received email confirmation of registered sessions with link.

Week 1 (March 8-11) 6:00pm – 7:30pm

March 8th

Planting Trees, Small and Large. Tips to be successful!

Peter Kolb (PhD), MSU Extension Forestry Specialist

Peter Kolb will be discussing on how to plant tree small and large, as well as how to be successful.

March 9th

Montana Forest Insect and Disease Overview

Amy Gannon, Forest Pest Management Program Manager, Missoula DNRC

The Montana DNRC monitors and manages forest insects and diseases across the state. Amy will provide an overview of the most common forest insects and diseases in Montana including current trends, identification, and management strategies.

March 10th

Controlling Pocket Gophers

Stephen M. Vantassel, Vertebrate Pest Specialist - Montana Department of Agriculture

Vantassel will be discussing on how to control pocket gopher on your property.

March 11th

Managing Weeds after Fire

Jane Mangold, MSU Rangeland Weed Specialist

If you had a wildfire on your property recently, you may be wondering if the vegetation will recover and what to do about any weeds that may show up. This presentation will help you determine how big of a threat weeds will be after the fire based on how severely your property burned and other factors, how to monitor for weeds and the plants you want, and explain different management strategies you can use to control weeds if they are present on your land.

Week 2 (March 15-17) 6:00pm – 7:30pm

March 15th

Thinning Guidelines Based on Species and Site Productivity

Dr. Mark Kimsey, Intermountain Forestry Cooperative

Density management is a key tool in our management toolbox for creating healthy and productive forests. Overstocked stands are less resilient against wild swings in climatic conditions, enduring droughty conditions and bug infestations. But, how can we best define an overstocked stand relative to site characteristics and species composition? What could be considered overstocked on one site, might be fully or understocked on another. This presentation will address the role of site and species composition in defining a site's maximum carrying capacity and appropriate stocking targets using SDI and MaxSDI.

March 16th

Bed Bugs – a Montana Epidemic?

Laurie Kerzicnik, MSU Insect and Arachnid Specialist

Not the usual topic for forest landowners, but if you travel you will want to know all about the bed bug epidemic across the United States and what you can do to avoid getting bitten, or worse, bring these nasty's back to your house. Something everyone should know about!

March 17th

Estate Planning: Protecting You Legacy

Joel Schumacher, MSU Economics Associate Specialist

Joel is the leading expert for Montana estate planning and will give you an overview on property titles, beneficiaries, and wills by discussing how individuals can protect & direct their assets and minimize family disputes after their passing.