

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS WORKSHOP – Final Agenda

Date: June 23, 2015

Location: Calvert Hotel, Lewistown

GOAL: To provide current information to NRCS, FWP, FWS, and NGO field staff on the suite of programs available for conservation work on private and public lands

Facilitators: Abby Dresser (DU) and Catherine Wightman (FWP)

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

9:15 USDA Programs

NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) – Abby Dresser

NRCS Environmental Quality Initiative Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) – Jeanne LaSorte

NRCS Special Initiatives:

PPWGRP – Josh Schrecengost

Sage-grouse Initiative

10:30 Break (Sponsored by DU)

11:00 USDA Programs continued

FSA Conservation Reserve Program - Heidi Brewer

General

Continuous

SAFE, duck nesting, pollinators, etc.

12:00 LUNCH (Sponsored by FWP)

1:00 USFWS Programs

Wetland Easement Program & Grassland Easement Program – David Allen

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program – Randy Gazda, Loren Ruport

North American Wetland Conservation Act funding – Randy Gazda

Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances – Jodi Bush, Greg Neudecker

2:00 State Programs

Habitat Montana – Rick Northrup

Upland Game Bird Habitat Enhancement Program – Debbie Hohler

Migratory Bird Wetland Program – Catherine Wightman

Grassland and sagebrush conservation lease option

2:45 BREAK (Sponsored by DU)

3:15 Non-governmental Organization Programs

Ducks Unlimited Revolving Lands – Abby Dresser, Bob Sanders

The Nature Conservancy Easement Program – Brian Martin

Pheasants Forever – Dan Bailey

4:30 Wrap up

4:45 Adjourn