

Tribal Lands Department Tribal Council Briefing Paper

ISSUE:

Sponsorship request for the Flathead Reservation Extension Office (FREO) Pesticide Applicator Training

BACKGROUND:

FREO is conducting a Pesticide Applicator Training workshop on April 20 & 21 at the KwaTaqNuk Resort. Several Tribal employees from the Natural Resources Department, Tribal Land Department, Forestry, and National Bison Range are attending the workshop along with Tribal producers and lessees. Approximately 40 individuals are expected to attend.

The expected benefits to CSKT are:

- Licensed and trained applicators to conduct safe pesticide treatments on Tribal Kerr, ARCO properties, Tribal and individually owned lands, and on lands managed by the National Bison Range
- Increased awareness in reading pesticide labels, pesticide application, and posting signage to inform the general public
- Education on application and handling requirements that safeguard human health and the environment.

Workshop instruction will be provide by pesticide educators in Montana and Washington. These individuals include John Halpop, Sanders County MSU Extension Agent, Sarah Holden, Montana Department of Agriculture, Joel Fields from Wilber-Ellis, Lee Ohlinger from DOW Elanco, Jack Stivers, Lake County MSU Extension Agent, Rene Kittle, Flathead Reservation MSU Extension Agent, and Rose Leach from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) office.

To complement these contributions, the Flathead Extension Office asks the Tribal Council to consider sponsoring a workshop break or luncheon. The projected costs are:

Morning or Afternoon Snack for 40 people: \$270.00

Lunch for 40 people: \$400.00

DECISION REQUESTED:

Action to fund a luncheon or break during the FREO Pesticide Applicators Training at the Kwataqnuk Resort on April 20 and 21.

Date Presented: _____

Presenter: _____