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Pesticide applicator training scheduled in April

PABLO – People who work with pesticides can get their private applicator training in Polson this April. The two-day training, April 20 and 21 at Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort and Casino, is available to government employees, and private applicators who want to be trained and tested for pesticide applicator license and certification. With a passing score, the certification allows individuals to legally purchase, apply, and supervise application of restricted-use pesticides.

Rene Kittle, MSU Extension Agent, Flathead Reservation with the assistance of Sarah Holden, Agriculture Specialist for the Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA), will conduct the two-day training at the KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson. Topics include recordkeeping, reading labels, laws, health and safety, personal protective equipment, worker protection, calibration and mixing, protecting the environment, and other related topics. Kittle and Holden will administer the private applicator and initial government tests (basic and category) following the training on April 21.

Government employees must take the basic and category tests to become licensed. Please order your books as soon as possible so that you can study ahead of time. You may order your books by linking to the MDA order form on the webpage below.

Speakers 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.

For information on fees, schedule, registration, or books needed, please call MSU Extension, Flathead Reservation office at 675-2700 Extension 1247 or 1246. Agenda and registration forms are also available online: <http://scarab.msu.montana.edu/PAT/PATR/PATR.htm> Please register by April 13, 2006.