

*Welcome to the
Montana
Watershed
Coordination
Council (MWCC)
Quarterly Meeting*

Come and help us honor and celebrate the accomplishments of the Big Springs Creek Watershed Partnership/ Fergus County Conservation District, Upper Shields Watershed Association and Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited/ Blackfoot Challenge as these groups are presented with the third annual MWCC Watershed Stewardship Awards. Learn how these groups faced challenges and overcame obstacles to develop successful watershed programs.

Agenda

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| 9:00 | Introductions & Announcements
Room 111 Department of Environmental Quality 1520 East Sixth Ave | 12:30 | Reports on Two National Watershed Conferences (River Network Rally and National Watershed Forum)
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| 9:15 | Presentations by recipients of the 2001 Montana Watershed Stewardship Award | 1:00 | Bridging the Headgates: Work Group Proposal |
| 9:20 | Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited/Blackfoot Challenge | 1:20 | Work Group Reports: Taking Stock of Our Watershed Efforts |
| 9:50 | Upper Shields Watershed Association | | Water Activities Work Group |
| 10:20 | Big Springs Creek Watershed Partnership/ Fergus County Conservation District | | Watershed Coordinator's Retreat Work Group |
| 11:00 | Award Ceremony with Governor Judy Martz
North steps, state capitol building | | Funding Work Group |
| 11:30 | Picnic Lunch on the Capitol Lawn
(if you plan on attending the lunch please RSVP—see below) | | Wetlands Council |
| | | 2:20 | Adjourn |
| | | 2:30 | Technical workshop: How to Use the Latest Interactive Mapping – Velda Welch, NRIS |

Luncheon RSVP: Please contact Tom Pick at tpick@state.mt.us or call 406-444-4765 by Friday, July 6. Lunch cost is \$7 and you may pay at the door.

Montana State Library Computer Lab
1515 East Sixth Ave

About the Watershed Stewardship Award

The Montana Watershed Coordination Council is pleased to present its third annual *Montana Watershed Stewardship Award*. The award recognizes innovative, locally-led approaches to restoring and enhancing Montana's watersheds. While it should be stressed that there is no "right" way to accomplish these objectives, the award criteria include these indicators of watershed stewardship:

- Diverse local involvement and effective collaboration.
- Demonstration of measured results.
- Community outreach and education.
- Provision of a comprehensive approach to watershed health.

The Council's Recognition Work Group reviewed nominations and the entire council selected the recipients at the April meeting. The award is an attractive framed artwork signed by the Governor and MWCC Chair. Members of the recipient groups will receive unframed copies of the award.

Montana's award recipients have been nominated for the 2001 National Watershed Awards sponsored by The Conservation Fund, a national nonprofit organization seeking innovative long-term measures to conserve land and water.

What is the MWCC?

The Montana Watershed Coordination Council is a statewide information and support network created to advance voluntary local watershed work. The coordination council serves as a forum for and link between local watershed groups that need assistance in enhancing, conserving and protecting natural resources and sustaining the high quality of life in Montana for present and future generations. It also serves as a statewide network coordinating Montana's natural resource agencies and private organizations in order to share resources, identify and capitalize on opportunities for collaboration, and avoid duplication of efforts. The council encourages local people to take a proactive, collaborative approach to address natural resource issues and concerns. For more information visit our website:

<http://water.montana.edu/watersheds/default.htm>



Powell and Chief Tau-gu

The illustrations in this brochure are from John Wesley Powell's *Canyons of the Colorado* (1875). Powell was an early advocate of using a watershed approach to manage renewable resources.

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