82ND ANNUAL WYOMING WEED AND PEST FALL CONFERENCE AND BUSINESS MEETINGS



November 3rd-5th

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CONFERENCE BREAKS PROVIDED BY AREA 6

Albany County Weed and Pest Control District
Goshen County Weed and Pest Control District
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WEED AND PEST COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	**Garret Falkenburg- Converse Co. Weed and Pest**
Vice President	**W. Bert Macy- Laramie Co. Weed and Pest**
Treasurer	**Bob Baumgartner- Goshen Co. Weed and Pest**
Secretary	**Jess Butler- Converse Co. Weed and Pest**

Area Directors

Area 1	**Jarrod Glanz- Washakie Co. Weed and Pest**
Area 2	**Rachel Mealor- Sheridan Co. Weed and Pest**
Area 3	**Dana Erdman- Natrona Co. Weed and Pest**
Area 4	**Suzy Michnevich- Sublette Co. Weed and Pest**
Area 5	**Reese Irvine- Carbon Co. Weed and Pest**
Area 6	**W. Bert Macy- Laramie Co. Weed and Pest**

University of Wyoming ExOfficio- Kelsey Brock
Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture ExOfficio- Doug Miyamoto
Industry ExOfficio- Richard Lake, Van Diest Supply Company

CONFERENCE AGENDA OVERVIEW

Tuesday Nov. 3rd — Committee Meetings *(refer to page 5)*

8:00 AM	Biocontrol Steering
8:00 AM	Finance & Budget
9:00 AM	Resolutions & By-laws
9:00 AM	Legislative
9:30 AM	Nominations
10:00 AM	Strategic Planning
11:30 AM	Executive Board
5:00 PM	Pesticide Container

General Session

1:00 PM	Welcome and Keynote
2:00 PM	Wyoming State Parks
3:00 PM	Business Meeting #1

Wednesday Nov. 4th

6:30 AM	Board Tour
7:00 AM	Sponsor Breakfast
8:00 AM	Area 5 Projects
9:00 AM	TNC Cheatgrass
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Vendor Introductions
10:30 AM	Partner Agency Panel
12:00 PM	Lunch- Employee Association Meeting
1:00 PM	Breakout Sessions *(refer to page 9)*
3:00 PM	Break
3:15 PM	Vendor Introductions
3:30 PM	IAG Herbicide Roundtable
4:00 PM	Roundtable
5:00 PM	Resolutions Meeting #2

Thursday Nov. 5th

8:00 AM	Business Meeting #2
1:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday November 3rd			
	Ballroom	Patio Room	Pilot Butte Room
8:00	Biocontrol	Finance & Budget	
8:30			
9:00		Resolutions	Legislative
9:30		Nominations	
10:00	Strategic Planning		
10:30			
11:00			
11:30		Executive Board	
12:00			
12:30			
5:00		Pesticide Container	
Wednesday November 4th			
5:00		Resolutions	

TUESDAY NOV. 3RD--MORNING

Wyoming Weed and Pest Executive Committee Meeting #1
Nov. 3rd, 2026 11:30 AM
Patio Room
Meeting Called to Order- President Garret Falkenburg
Roll Call- Jess Butler
Minutes- Jess Butler
Treasurer's Report- Bob Baumgartner
Conference Committee Report- Lindsey Woodward/ Dan Madsen
Audit Report- Bob Shellard
Presentation of 2026 Budget- Chris Aimone
Nominations Committee Report- Jess Butler
Presentation of Resolutions- Walker Billings
Other Business

TUESDAY NOV. 3RD AFTERNOON

	WWPC Business Meeting #1	
	Nov. 3rd, 2026	
	Ballroom	
3:00	**Call to Order**- Garret Falkenburg	
	Roll Call- Jess Butler	
3:10		**Minutes-** Jess Butler
3:15	**Treasurer's Report-** Bob Baumgartner	
3:20	**Area Reports (3 min. each)**	
3:40	**Business Committee Reports**	
		Audit- Bob Shellard
		Nominations- Jess Butler
		Resolutions and By-laws- Walker Billings
		Finance & Budget- Chris Aimone
3:50	**UW Weed Science Programmatic Update-** Kelsey Brock	
4:20	**APHIS Update-** Kathleen King	
4:40	**UW Biocontrol Programmatic Update-** Tim Collier	
5:00	**Adjourn**	
5:00	**Pesticide Container Committee**	

TUESDAY NOV. 3RD EVENING

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BUS ROUTE

Holiday Inn to Eve's
5:15
5:30

Eve's to Holiday Inn
9:15
9:45

WEDNESDAY NOV. 4TH

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Board tour bus loads at 6:30, departs at 6:45
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8:00 Area 5 Projects

9:00 The Nature Conservancy Projects
Corinna Riginos, Courtney Larson

10:00 Break- sponsored by Helena Chemical

10:30 Agency Panel

12:00 Employees' Assoc. Meeting
Lunch- sponsored by

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Ballroom

1:00 Application Notice
Dalton Banks

1:30 Mine Reclamation
Jim Mines

2:00 Sage Reseeding
Zach Byram

2:30 Native Seed Strategy
Michaela Owens

Patio Room

1:00 ESA Labels
Jeremiah Vardiman

1:30 BLM Agreements
Melissa Gribble

2:00 New World Screwworm
Amber Young

2:30 NRCS Update
John Hartung

3:00 Break- sponsored by LiphaTech Inc.

3:30 IAG Herbicide Roundtable
Brian Mealor

4:00 Roundtable

6:00 Social Mixer

6:30 Awards Banquet

AWARDS

EVERETT JOHNSON AWARD
1921 - 2011

This award was initiated by the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council in 1995 in honor of Everett Johnson, an Albany County Rancher and long-time Weed and Pest District board member, who has made significant contributions to Wyoming's Weed and Pest Problem. This award is given in honor of Mr. Johnson to recognize the service of a district employee who has demonstrated outstanding weed and pest management practices in a Wyoming Weed and Pest Control District.

1995 Archie Lauer	2011 Jerrod Glanz
1996 Linda Uttenhove	2012 Gail Mahnke
1997 Allen Mooney	2013 Tom Massey
1998 Earl Lukkes	2014 Doug Olson
1999 Bob Shoemaker	2015 Steve McNamee
2000 Richard Johnson	2016 Cheryl Schwartzkopf
2001 Steve Brill	2017 Nancy Pieropan
2002 Adrianne Peterson	2018 Gordon Stover
2003 Lori Hartl	2019 Julie Kraft
2004 Gale Lamb	2020 Chris Aimone
2005 Stanley "Skip" Lewis	2021 J Sheehan
2006 Rod Litzel	2022 Lindsay Wheat
2007 Bob Benjamin	2023 – Brian Connely
2008 Marvin Andreen	2024 – Quade Schmelzle
2009 Kim Johnson	2025 - Aaron Foster
2010 Bob Jenn	

GUY HAGGARD AWARD
1926 – 2019

This award was initiated by the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council in 2007 in honor of Guy Haggard, a long-time loyal friend of this organization. Guy Haggard made noteworthy contributions to the Weed and Pest Program in his early years. Even after retirement Guy still came to the meeting on his own merit. This award is given in honor of an individual who has provided motivation, friendship, loyalty, camaraderie, and support of the people and this organization.

2007 Guy Haggard	2017 Rich Bayers
2008 Sharon Johnson	2018 Senator John Barrasso
2009 Barry & Sandy Wingfield	2019 Richard Lake
2010 Governor Dave Freudenthal	2020 Bobbie Frank
2011 Senator Gerald Geis	2021 Timm Johannesen
2012 Representative Pete Illoway	2022 Claire Volk
2013 Tom Muhlbach	2023 -Doug Miyamoto
2014 Representative Mark Semlek	2024 -Gov. Mark Gordon
2015 Bob Sundeen	2025- Bob Budd
2016 Sen. Dave Kinskey & Rep. Dan Laursen	

ARCHIE LAUER AWARD
1921 - 2002

This award was initiated by the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council in 2003 in honor of Archie Lauer, a Weed and Pest Supervisor for Niobrara County from 1977 until 2002. Mr. Lauer cared for the Weed and Pest programs and all the people who worked hard to reach the Weed and Pest program goals. This award is given each year in honor of Mr. Lauer to recognize an outstanding individual who has been on the Wyoming Weed and Pest Board and has made a significant contribution to the board and its success.

2004 Rob Orchard – Washakie	2015 Michael Schwope – Big Horn
2005 Jim Wasserburger - Niobrara	2016 Monte Skinner - Sublette
2006 Mike Forman - Park	2017 Wes Waters - Natrona
2007 Gary Dickau - Converse	2018 Arnold Pennoyer - Hot Springs
2008 Erik West - Platte	2019 Donley Darnell - Weston
2009 Doug Vickrey - Sublette	2020 Neil Earhart - Park
2010 Dennis Thaler - Goshen	2021 Rachel Mealor - Sheridan
2011 John Watson - Platte	2022 Dennis Hanson - Laramie
2012 Allen Hansen - Uinta	2023 – Larry Smith
2013 Tom Lacy – Laramie	2024 – Darrel Repshire
2014 Harley Bower - Washakie	2025 - Garret Falkenburg

HAROLD P. ALLEY AWARD
1924 - 1995

This award was initiated by the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council in 1984 in honor of Dr. Harold P. Alley, Weed Scientist, University of Wyoming, 1955-1984. This award is given in honor of this great scientist to an individual who has provided support, leadership, motivation and education toward the advancement of weed and pest control programs in Wyoming. Dr. Alley went above and beyond these qualifications

1984 Harold P. Alley	1998 George H. Hittle	2012 Sollie Cadman
1985 Darrel Drake	1999 Arlowe Hulett	2013 Bob Lee
1986 Stan McNamee	2000 Don Christensen	2014 Boone Herring
1987 Tom McNamee	2001 Tom Lacy	2015 Brian Mealor
1988 Lynn Smith	2002 Gary Stone	2016 Slade Franklin
1989 M.F. Gowin	2003 Steve Miller	2017 Gustavo Sbatella
1990 Edgar Symons	2004 Bob Parsons	2018 Ken Henke
1991 Roy Reichenbach	2005 Bob Spellman	2019 Cindy Fulton
1992 John McGee	2006 Adrianne Peterson	2020 No Award
1993 Tom Whitson	2007 Steve Brill	2021 Joe Budd
1994 Robert Lavigne	2008 Josh Shorb	2022 Dan Tekiela
1995 Frank Pexton	2009 Erika Edmiston	2023 – Andrew Kniss
1996 Lars Baker	2010 Scott Schell	2024 – Derek Sebastian
1997 Larry Justesen	2011 Bruce Shambaugh	2025 - Tim Collier

Certified Supervisors

Michele Bohlander- Converse Co.
Pake Haun- Carbon Co.
Michelle Hymas- Sublette Co.
Kylee Kovachevich- Carbon Co.
Elizabeth Rhodes- Converse Co.
Jane Sylvestre- Sheridan Co.

15 Years

Stephanie Irvine- Carbon Co.
Jess Dickau- Converse Co.
Elden Baldwin- Goshen Co.
Guy Landers- Laramie Co.
W. Bert Macy- Laramie Co.
Lee Hales- Niobrara Co.
Bill Criss- Platte Co.
Travis Baker- Sweetwater Co.
Gail Johnson- Sweetwater Co.

5 Years

Jim Garson- Albany Co.
Jenna Larson- Carbon Co.
Liz Rhodes- Converse Co.
Rio Stafford- Fremont Co.
Randy Hepp- Johnson Co.
Bridger Berry- Natrona Co.
Scott Fischer- Natrona Co.
Ainsley Adams- Platte Co.
Josh Graves- Platte Co.
Ron Lockhart- Platte Co.
Breanna Miller- Platte Co.
JD Hill- Sheridan Co.
Nate Kane- Sheridan Co.
Jeremy Zumberge- Sheridan Co.
Taylor Tavegia- Weston Co.

20 Years

Norm Soden- Laramie Co.
Alan Vickrey- Lincoln Co.
Mary McKinney- Park Co.
Julie Kraft- Sublette Co.
Andy Currah- Sublette Co.

25 Years

Aaron Foster- Fremont Co.
Scott Rogers- Johnson Co.
Darrel Repshire- Laramie Co.
Wes Waters- Natrona Co.

10 Years

Larry Smith- Campbell Co.
Gregg Werger- Natrona Co.
Kendrick Benander- Park Co.
Trisha McCarty- Platte Co.
Caitlin Harris- Platte Co.
Meta Dittmer- Teton Co.
Troy Lynch- Weston Co.

30 Years

Wayne Christensen- Weston Co.

45 Years

Larry Reed- Converse Co.

THURSDAY NOV. 5TH

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	WWPC Business Meeting #2 Nov. 5th, 2026 Ballroom
8:00 AM	**Call to Order**- Garret Falkenburg **Roll Call**- Jess Butler
8:05 AM	**Committee Reports (2 min. each)**
	Awards * Biocontrol Steering Black Footed Ferret Recovery Board of Certification Supervisors Board of Certification Pesticides Corridors * EDRR * Education Employees Assoc. * GIS * Legislative NRCS State Technical Team Pesticide Container Recycling Sage Grouse Implementation Team Salary and Benefits Scholarship Small Acreage Team * SAC State Groundwater * Weed Free Products Wyo. Assoc. of Special Districts Wyo. Weed Management Assoc. other updates
9:00	**Chapter 1 Rules Approval**- Lindsey Woodward
9:05	**Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture Update**- Slade Franklin
9:25	**Illoway Consulting Update**- Pete Illoway
9:40	**Strategic Planning**- Reese Irvine
10:15	**BREAK**
10:45	**Resolutions**- Walker Billings
11:15	**IAG Committee- Walker Billings**
12:00	**Council Budget**- Chris Aimone
1:00	**Elections**- Jess Butler

Wyoming Weed and Pest Executive Committee Meeting #2
Nov. 5th, 2026 Upon Adjournment
Patio Room
Meeting Called to Order- President Garret Falkenburg
Roll Call- Jess Butler
Elections of Officers- President
Vice President (elected)-
Treasurer (elected)-
Secretary (appointed)-
University of Wyoming (appointed)-
Industry (appointed)-
Presentation/Approval of 2027 Conference- Area 6
2026 Conference Closing- Lindsey Woodward
Employees' Association Report- Jake Jarrett
Committee Assignments & By-law Approval- Lindsey Woodward
Schedule Quarterly Executive Meetings- President
Other Business

HOLIDAY INN ROCK SPRINGS

