Pre-registration cost is $50.00

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A block of rooms have been reserved at the following motels in Dillon. Participants are to identify themselves as part of the Women’s Agriculture Group.

- Best Western Paradise Inn 406/683-4214 $55+tax
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The purpose of the symposium is to provide an avenue for women involved in the promotion of Montana’s agriculture to learn of issues affecting Montana’s rural agricultural communities, promote leadership development and further support women’s leadership roles within Montana’s agricultural communities.

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Tuesday, October 2, 2007

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  Registration
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.  Welcome from Ag Organizations
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.  Concerns to Montana Agriculture
Water Rights Issues Across the State - Krista Lee Evans, Montana Legislative Services

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.  BREAK
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Concerns to Montana Agriculture
Montana Challenge - Suzanne Miller
Biosecurity at the Ranch - Clint Peck

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Barbecue LUNCH by Jeff Welborn-
Keynote Speaker Dan Pence, area historian

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  Program Update from USDA - Lillian Ostendorf, Montana Farm Bureau, moderator
Farm Service Agency (FSA) - Randy Johnson, State Executive Director
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - Carrie Mosley
Rural Development (RD) - Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) - Lori Witham, Smuggling Intervention & Trade Compliance Officer
NASS - MT Field Office - Risk Management Agency (RMA) -

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.  BREAK
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  New Innovations in Agriculture Technology
Raising & Marketing Natural Beef - LaCense Natural Beef
What is Carbon Sequestration? - Ted Dodge

5:00 p.m.  Social/Wine & Cheese sponsored by WIFE - Keynote Speaker, Dr. Ronald Hanson

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast (provided)
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.  "Fence Posts Talking To Each Other" - Dr. Ronald Hanson, University of Nebraska

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.  BREAK
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  Dr. Hanson (cont.)

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Protecting Yourself in Rural Areas - Trent Brooks
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.  LUNCH - Stories of Successful Women Owned Businesses Within the Dillon Area
Ann Dooling - Value Added products for Montana
Sheila Kirkpatrick - Madhatters

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.  Renewable Fuels - What does the Future Hold? - Lillian Ostendorf, Montana Farm Bureau - moderator
Montana State University - Alice Pilgeram

2:15 - 2:45 p.m.  Department of Revenue Appraisal Update - Sam Kitzenberg
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.  Adjournment