Registration Information

Pre-registration cost is $50.00

Name _____

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Please submit pre-registration information by September 20, 2007 to:

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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
Comfort Inn (15 rooms)	406/683-6831	$65+tax
Guest House Inn (25 rooms)	406/683-3636	$69+tax
Sundowner Motel (10 rooms)	406/683-2375	$48+tax
Super 8 Motel (10 rooms)	406/683-4288	$50+tax

If you are interested in having a display the cost is $100. Please contact Heidi Brewer at 406/587-6905

Door Prizes will be given away. If you are interested in contributing a door prize, please contact Heidi Brewer at 406/587-6905.

"Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this symposium should contact Heidi Brewer at 406/587-6905, or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, and heidi.brewer@mt.usda.gov by September 15, 2007."

Women Stepping Forward For Agriculture Symposium

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October 2 & 3, 2007

Beaverhead Golf Course
1200 Highway 41 North
Dillon, MT
406/683-9933

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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Montana Agri-Women
Montana Cattlewomen
Montana Farm Bureau Women
WIFE

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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*