

2012 Rural Community Conference Agenda

TUESDAY, MAY 15

9 am - 12 pm	Registration/Share Fair/Artist Showcase					
12 pm - 1pm	Lunch & Welcome: <i>Dr. Doug Steele, MSU Extension</i> (Ballroom A)					
1 pm - 2 pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>Don Macke, Rural Policy Research Institute Center for Rural Entrepreneurship</i> (Ballroom A)					
2 pm - 2:15 pm	Break/Share Fair/Artist Showcase					
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Workshop Session #1					
	A Windshield Tour of Community Change During a Boom: <i>Brent Moore, CTA</i> (Ballroom C)	One Montana: <i>Lisa Titus, One Montana</i> (Rm 235)	Healthcare in Frontier Communities: <i>Natalie Claiborne, Lisa Benzel, Lawrence White, Jr. & Mary Helgeson</i> (Rm 233)	Ready Community – Building Disaster-Resilient Places: <i>Barb Andreozzi, FEMA Facilitator of Deer Lodge pilot project</i> (Rm 168)	Entrepreneurship Panel (Procrastinator Theater)	
				<i>Cindy Kittredge, Montana Arts Council</i>	<i>Sarah Calhoun, Red Ants Pants</i>	<i>Jan Tusick, Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center</i>
3:45 pm - 4 pm	Break/Share Fair/Artist Showcase					
4 pm - 5:30 pm	Workshop Session #2					
	Complete Streets for All Montanans - A Toolkit & Success Stories: <i>Cathy Costakis, Montana Nutrition and Physical Activity Program & Joe Gilpin, Alta Planning + Design</i> (Ballroom C)	Integrating Policy & Program into Organizational Strategic Planning: <i>Tom Jacobson, Rural Dynamics Inc.</i> (Rm 235)	Coming Together to Expand MT's Tourism Story: <i>Victor Bjornberg & Pam Gosink, MT Office of Tourism & Maclaren Latta, MercuryCSC</i> (Rm 233)	Utilizing E-Commerce in Rural Communities: <i>Janelle Booth & Joel Schumacher, MSU Extension & Anne Booth, Triangle Communications</i> (Rm 168)	Putting Transfer of Wealth Into Practice: <i>Don Macke, Rural Policy Research Institute Center for Rural Entrepreneurship</i> (Procrastinator Theater)	
5:30 pm - 6 pm	Mixer/Artist Showcase					
6 p m	Dinner and KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>Bruce Nelson, Farm Service Agency Administrator</i> (Ballroom A)					

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast (Ballroom A)			
8:30 - 10 am	Rural Panel – Q&A Session (Ballroom A)			
	USDA Rural Development – <i>Matt Jones, State Director</i>	American Farm Bureau – Sabrina Matteson, Director of Rural Affairs	Montana Economic Developers Association – Jim Smitham, Executive Director of Butte Local Development Corporation	Dept of Commerce: Energy Promotion & Development Division – Tom Kaiserski, Program Manager
10 am - 10:15 am	Break/Share Fair/Artist Showcase			
10:15 am - 12 pm	Rural Panel – Workshop Session #3			
	USDA Rural Development and American Farm Bureau – Sabrina Matteson (American Farm Bureau), Matt Jones (USDA), & Tom Gurr, Pacific Technology Alliance (Procrastinator Theater)	Montana Economic Developers Association – Business Expansion & Retention Program: Jim O'Rourke, Gloria O'Rourke, Michael Jackson, & Dave Morey (Rm 233)	Department of Commerce – Tom Kaiserski, Nick Rich, Alyssa Townsend-Hudders, Jennifer Olson, Mark Dixon, Maureen Martin, Hal Fossum, Chris Dorrington, & Karyl Tobel (Ballroom C)	
12 pm - 2 pm	Lunch and CAPNOTE ADDRESS (Ballroom A) John Robert Smith, President and CEO of Reconnecting America			