



Landowners:

Landowners within the boundaries of Township 21 North, Range 21 West (the areas approximately outlined by Round Butte Road to the south, Back Road to the east, Eli Gap Road to the north and the Flathead River to the west) are being contacted for input necessary to determine the feasibility of drafting a special control district.

Due to the historical economic damage caused by grasshoppers and the potential for continuous grasshopper damage, MSU/Lake County Extension has been asked to draft a special control district proposal for the area described above.

A special control district would allow landowners to protect rangeland and crops from grasshoppers in large blocks of adjoining properties through a cooperative effort. Similar districts that have been established are managed by a board of directors who live within the district and are elected by the district members. Programs are usually administered through county services who manage the account, collect the assessed operating dollars and redistribute funds. After a district is approved by the majority of landowners in an area, the operations are maintained by approved working guidelines. This will involve an assessment of funds or tax from all landowners in the district according to acreage ownership.

To move forward with a special control district for grasshopper abatement, it must be approved by the landowners in that proposed district. The following are items to identify at the April 9th meeting.

- 1) Choose five landowners to be a project advisory committee.
- 2) Explain the process that needs to be taken to implement a grasshopper control district.

GRASSHOPPER FORECAST CLINIC

6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 9
Round Butte Women's Clubhouse



Nymph



Adult

- Identification
- Early Detection
- Treatment
- Control District Options

MEETING SCHEDULED

6:00 p.m., Thursday,
April 9

Round Butte Women's
Clubhouse, Ronan

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Protection & Quarantine;
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