

Gardiner Basin Restoration Workshop

April 19–21, 2005

Comfort Inn, Gardiner, MT

Purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to develop a recommended long-term restoration/management plan for approximately 1200 acres of publicly-owned abandoned agricultural lands in the Gardiner Basin.

Expected Product

Written restoration recommendations, including feasibility, methodologies, timeframes and costs, which Yellowstone National Park and Gallatin National Forest staff can advance to their agencies as recommended restoration plans.

Agenda

April 19, 2005

9:05 AM-4:30 PM (morning and afternoon breaks will be included)

- Welcoming remarks
- Make introductions
- Establish purpose of the workshop and review the agenda
- Establish ground rules for the workshop
- Present the overall situation and reasons for the restoration project
- Overview of the landscape setting, soils, and surficial features
- Site visits (with box lunch “at a scenic site”)
- Develop site description regarding restoration, including obstacles, opportunities and driving forces
- Recap and adjourn

6:00-7:30 PM

- Dinner

7:30-8:30 PM

- Informal discussion: lessons learned from similar restoration efforts

April 20, 2005

9:05 AM-4:30 PM (morning and afternoon breaks will be included)

- Review the day's agenda, recap previous day's work
- List and describe values to be achieved through restoration and desired vegetation condition necessary to realize those values
- Lunch (catered)
- Reiterate guiding principles for restoration activities
- Create restoration strategies to achieve the desired vegetation condition and other values (possibly working with more than one scenario)
- Assess the feasibility, cost and timing necessary to implement the strategies
- Recap and adjourn

Evening

- Informal gathering as participants desire

April 21, 2005

9:05 AM-3:00 PM (lunch, morning and afternoon breaks will be included)

- Review the day's agenda, recap previous day's work
- Create a slate of success indicators to guide restoration activities
- Develop monitoring recommendations: what, when and how
- List next steps and action items
- Deliver final comments and adjourn