2018 Forest Stewardship Program

The Purpose of Swan Valley Connections **Forest Stewardship Program is to:**

- Help landowners understand their forest's current condition and the natural and biological processes.
- Assist with the development and implementation of short and long-term forest management plans and activities.
- Secure financial assistance for landowners to complete on the ground forest management plans and activities.



Swan Valley Connections Accomplishments Since 2004

- Provided more than \$1,246,000 in cost-share assistance to landowners for forest management.
- Provided technical assistance to 1,317 landowners.
- Treated 2,306 acres to improve forest health and reduce wildfire hazardous fuel loads.
- Completed or certified long term forest stewardship plans on over 3,500 acres of private land.
- Provided work for 24 local contractors.
- Produced 34,806 tons (≈ 1,243 truck loads) of wood fiber for local mills.

Contact for Technical Assistance

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Funding Available to Cover 50-75% of Project Costs!

Reduce Wildfire Risk to Your Home, Property, and Neighbors

Improve Fire Fighter Safety and Effectiveness



Wildfire Happens - Be Prepared

Useful Internet Links:

Swan Valley Connections:

http://www.swanvalleyconnections.org/

Forest Stewardship:

http://www.msuextension.org/forestry/principles.htm

http://www.msuextension.org/forestry/downloads.htm#mfsp

http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/management/index.shtml

http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/Assistance/default.asp

http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/Nursery/

http://www.firewise.org/

http://www.firesafemt.org/

Insects and Diseases of Forests:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r1-r4/spf/fhp/field_guide/

http://www.forestpests.org/

http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/Assistance/Pests/default.asp

http://beetleblock.com/html/prevention_stragies.html

http://www.invasive.org/

Weeds:

http://www.mtweed.org/weed-identification/

http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/publications/TIPS%20for%20weeds.pdf

http://www.invasive.org/

http://www.ipm.montana.edu/CropWeeds/index.htm

 $\underline{http://www.msuextension.org/invasiveplantsMangold/noxioussub.html}$

Recreation:

http://fwp.mt.gov/recreation/

Water Ouality:

http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/Assistance/Practices/fpractices.asp

Wildlife:

http://fwp.mt.gov/wildthings/

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