

***Representing the Interests of the Montana Outfitting Industry Since 1949***

**44th MOGA WINTER CONVENTION**

**Conservation Tourism Service**

**Best Western Gran Tree Inn**

**Bozeman, Montana**

**January 10 – 12, 2018**

**Convention Agenda**

**Thursday January 10th**

1:00 – 4:00 pm **MOGA Board of Directors Meeting** **MADISON**

3:00 –6:00 pm **Registration Desk Open** **FOYER**

4:00 –6:00 pm **Tradeshow Setup** **ATRIUM/FOYER**

**Friday January 11th**

7:30 am **Registration Desk Open FOYER**

7:15 – 8:00 am **Tradeshow Open – Coffee** **ATRIUM/FOYER**

8:00 – 8:30 am **General Membership Meeting** **TAMARACK/ASPEN** *President’s Welcome – Wagner Harmon*

8:30 – 9:30 am **AIS in Montana and the strategy to address it** **TAMARACK/ASPEN**

 *Thomas Woolf, AIS Bureau Chief*

9:30 – 10:00 am  **Break/Tradeshow** **ATRIUM/FOYER**

*Coffee*

10:00 – 10:45 **Understanding Montana Stream TAMARACK/ASPEN**

**Access Laws**

 *Bill Schenk, FWP Legal Council*

10:45 – 11:30 am **Successful Outfitter Strategies** **TAMARAC/ASPEN**

* *Managing Client License Applications to Maximize Draw Success Karla Smith (20 min)*
* *New Licensee Lookup System*

11:30 – 12:00 noon **Break/Tradeshow** **ATRIUM/FOYER**

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch and Guest Speaker** **HALITE/CLARK/LEWIS**

  *Martha Williams – FWP Director*

1:15 – 2:00 pm **Bear Safety in Bear Country** **TAMARACK/ASPEN**

*Gary Moses, Counter Assault*

2:00 – 2:45 pm **MOGA on the MOVE** **TAMARACK/ASPEN**

 *Wagner Harmon, President*

 *Mac Minard, Executive Director*

2:45 – 3:15 pm **Break/Tradeshow- Coffee and Cookies ATRIUM/FOYER**

3:15 – 4:15 pm **Board of Outfitters Updates/FAQ** **TAMARACK/ASPEN**

 *Rob Arnaud, Todd Earp, Steve Gallus, John Way, Pat Tabor*

* + - *5 TOP MBO violations and steps necessary to avoid them*
		- *OA Dos and Don’ts*
		- *MBO Year-end reporting*

4:30 – 5:30 pm **Millennials in the Workplace and as Clients TAMARACK/ASPEN**

 *Mark Willmarth*

5:30 – 6:30 pm **Happy Hour in Tradeshow Venue** **ATRIUM/FOYER**

 *Sponsored by SITKA*

6:30 pm **MOGA Awards Dinner** **BALLROOM**

*Jean Johnson, Guest of Honor*

**Saturday January 12th**

7:00 - 8:00 am **Prayer Breakfast MADISON**

 *Pastor Brett LaShell will lead a session of fellowship and thanksgiving*

8:00 am **Registration Desk Open FOYER**

8:30 – 10:30 am **MOGA Members Meeting/Breakouts TAMARACK/ASPEN**

Breakout Topics:

* Legislation. General discussion on legislative priorities and review of critical races.
* HADF and Your MOGA Membership
* Issues Important to Association Members

10:30 – 11:30 pm **Spreading the News to Non-Hunters** **TAMARACK/ASPEN**

 *Diana Rupp*

12:00 – 1:30 pm **Lunch HALITE/CLARK/LEWIS**

  *Michael Sabbath - Defending and Advancing Hunting in a*

*Post-Modern World and the Rural – Urban Divide*

1:45 – 3:45 pm **Concurrent Conservation Sessions**

* **Madison River Fisheries Management TAMARACK/ASPEN**

*This will be a facilitated discussion open to Convention Registrants (MOGA members or not). Bring in the experts in the field from Montana and other states. Explain the Negotiated Rule Making process, identify and examine problem statements and issues and catalog Outfitter opinions. It is hoped that this session result will inform the Outfitter position on management options considered during the Madison River Negotiated Rule Making Process.*

* **Mountain Lion Monitoring and Management Strategy MADISON**

*This session is open to Convention Registrants and will divided into two discussions:*

1. *Mountain Lion Monitoring and Management Strategy proposal review – Jay Kolby, FWP*
2. *Management strategies, legislation and allocative recommendations – Facilitated Outfitter discussion*

4:00 - 4:15 pm **Meeting Close** **TAMARACK/ASPEN**

 *Wagner Harmon - MOGA President*

4:30 - 6:00 pm **Big Hearts under the Big Sky**  **ATRIUM**

 *Meet and Greet Check In, Silent Auction, Happy Hour*

6:00 – 10:00 pm **Big Hearts under the Big Sky** **BALLROOM**

*Banquet and Auction*