

## Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals

### 2007 Annual Meeting Miles Community College Miles City, MT

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Full Day Workshops**

#### Miles City Motels

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- **Breakout Sessions**

- **Small government GIS**
      - Jim Larson, GIS Manager, Stillwater County
      - Bryant Ralston, ESRI
    - **Montana State Library GIS Data Clearinghouse**
      - Sibyl Govan, NRIS Projects Manager, Montana State Library
    - Space is available for other meetings

- ● **MAGIP Sponsored Banquet**

Miles City Town and Country Club/Louie's Restaurant  
Corner of 4th and Eagle

- 5:00 PM -- Cocktails
- 6:00 PM -- Dinner
- **Dinner Speaker -- Historian Amorette Allison**

- Becky Berger, Montana 911 Manager
- Jim Larson, GIS Manager, Stillwater County
- **GIS at the National Weather Service**
  - Tanja Fransen, Warning Coordination Meteorologist
  - Tom Frieders, Warning Coordination Meteorologist
- **The Montana Control Point Data**
  - Rj Zimmer, PLS, GIS Director, Engineering, Surveying, and Mapping
  - Stewart Kirkpatrick, GIS Coordinator, Montana Dept of Administration

- **12:00 - 1:00 PM**

- **Lunch**

- Miles Community College

- **1:00 - 3:00 PM**

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- **All Thing Cadastral**
      - Stewart Kirkpatrick, GIS Coordinator, Montana Department of Administration
    - **Farm Services Agency Common (CLU)**
      - Dane Schmidt, USDA Farm Service Agency
      - Lori Margheim, USDA Farm Service Agency
    - **Precision Agriculture**
      - Catherine Maynard, Ph.D., State Geospatial Analyst, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
      - Van Shelhamer, President, GeoEssentials, Inc.
      - **Height Modernization**
    - **3:00 - 3:15 PM**
    - **Break**
    - **3:15 - 4:15 PM**
    - **GIS and the Derby Fire**
      - Evacuations, Rescues, and Operations, Columbus Rural Fire Department
      - GIS information from the Eastern Montana Fire Complexes
    - **4:15 - 5:00 PM**
    - **Breakout Sessions**
      - **Building GIS partnerships in Eastern Montana and the West**
      - Space is available for other meetings

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## Miles City Community College

### Introduction to ArcGIS 9.2

- Presenter: Jim Larson, Stillwater County GIS
- Learn about ESRI's newest software version

### Using Remote Sensing for Land Management Decisions

- Presenter: Van Shelhamer, GeoEssentials, Inc.
- Ever wonder how remote sensed images, collected by satellites or airplanes, can be used for making land management decisions or determine vegetative conditions on large land areas? If so, this hands-on-work you. A brief explanation of the principles of remote sensing and how plants interact with the electromagnetic spectrum will be presented.

Participants will have hands-on experience in measuring light reflectance values of various plants to further understanding of the concepts of remote sensing. A producer will present how he uses images and geospatial technologies on his operation. Participants will be at the computer using MultiSpec software, provided free to participants, to examine images of Eastern Montana, determine visual differences in the images, experiment false coloring, and identify different vegetative areas. Vegetation classification of an image can be used for management decisions and has application in a number of agricultural situations. Participants will learn how to access LandSat satellite and other images for your area of interest from MontanaView.

### Spatial Data Modeling and Database Design with the GeoDatabase

- Presenter: Stuart Challender, Montana State University  
ESRI Staff
- This workshop will introduce data modeling concepts in the context of a database design process resulting in a logical database schema that can be implemented in the ESRI GeoDatabase.

Concepts are intended to build the knowledge base and skills necessary to develop spatial databases that adequately support the intended applications. This is important for people developing GIS applications the local issues as well as providing important background information for people interested in participating in the Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC) grant initiatives or statewide database development by providing standardized data to Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) framework efforts.

This workshop will benefit people new to data modeling as well as those who are looking to upgrade their data models to the GeoDatabase. Specific topics include:

- Spatial data models
- Relational database concepts
- Database design process
- Building a database schema (specifications for the database)
- Examples of data models
- Implementing the schema in the Geodatabase (hands on)
- Documentation / metadata

### Lodging

The conference committee have reserved a block of rooms at the War Bonnet Inn. Please tell the clerk you are with the MAGIP conference if you book a room there.

Best Western War Bonnet Inn  
1015 S Haynes  
I-94 Exit 138  
406-234-4560

Econo Lodge  
1209 S Haynes  
I-94 Exit 138  
406-232-8880

Motel 6  
1314 S Haynes  
I-94 Exit 138  
406-232-6941

Budget Inn  
1006 S Haynes  
I-94 Exit 138  
406-874-3550

Guest House Inn & Suites  
3111 Steel St  
I-94 Exit 138  
406-232-3661

Olive Hotel/Motel  
501 Main  
406-234-2450

1-800-525-6303

Comfort Inn  
1616 S Haynes  
I-94 Exit 138  
406-234-3141

1-800-21-GUEST

Holiday Inn Express  
1720 S Haynes  
I-94 Exit 138  
406-234-1000

Super 8 Motel  
I-94 Exit 138  
406-234-5261  
1-800-800-8000