



# 106<sup>th</sup> Western Plant Board Annual Conference

May 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Location:** Best Western Sheridan Inn  
612 North Main  
Sheridan, WY 82801

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	Monday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Presenter	Location
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration		Hotel Foyer
5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Welcome Reception (2 Drink tickets Provided)		Bar/Conference Room
	Dinner on Your Own		
7:00 PM	Hospitality Room		

	Tuesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Presenter	Location
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet		
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open		Hotel Foyer
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Welcome from WDA	Director Miyamoto, WDA	Conference Room
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM	Welcome to Sheridan, WY	TBD	Conference Room
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	State Plant Regulatory Official Roll Call	Wondirad Gebru (CO) WPB Vice-President	Conference Room
8:35 AM – 9:00 AM	Western Plant Board President Opening Remarks	Chris Benemann (OR) WPB President	Conference Room
9:00 AM – 9:20 AM	National Plant Board President Opening Remarks	Mia Kirk (AK) NPB President	Conference Room
9:20 AM – 10:00 AM	USDA- APHIS- PPQ Update	Calvin Shuler, PPQ	Conference Room
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Customs and Border Protection Update	TBD	Conference Room
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	USDA National Honey Bee Pests and Disease Survey Update	Josie Ryan, PPQ	Conference Room
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	SPRO Updates: (5 mins each) AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT	WPB members	Conference Room
12:00 AM – 1:00 AM	Lunch Buffet		
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Johnson County War	Sylvia Bruner	Conference Room
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	NPDN Update	Tania Bredes-Arguedas, NPDN/UC Davis	Conference Room
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Wyoming Weed and Pest	Lindsey Woodward, WDA	Conference Room

	Program		
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Break		
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Wyoming Bio-control Consortium	Aaron Foster WYWeed and Pest Council	Conference Room
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Grasshopper IPM	Scott Schell	Conference Room
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	PPA 7721 Update: Western Outlook	Chelsea Carey, PPQ	Conference Room
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	SPRO Updates: (5 mins each) NM, OR, UT, WA, WY, GU, HI	WPB members	
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Weed and Pest Council Hosted Event – Blacktooth Brewery (lite bites provided) Dinner on Your Own		
7:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open		

Wednesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025			
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7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open		Hotel Foyer
6:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet		
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Break-out Sessions		
	Break-out #1 State Plant Regulatory Officials Room:	Break-out #2 Customs and Border Protection Room:	Break-out #3 USDA- APHIS- PPQ Room:
			Break-out #4 CAPS/SSC/PSS Room:
9:30 AM	Load Tour Buses		
10:00 AM	UW Sheridan Research Farm Ventenata/Medusa-head Management	Brian Mealor, University of Wyoming Walker Billings, Sheridan County Weed and Pest District	
12:00 PM	Box Lunch		
12:30 PM	Load Tour Buses		
	Spring Creek Coal Mine Tour		
5:30 PM	Return to Hotel		
6:00 PM	Reception/Awards Banquet		Historic Sheridan Inn (Walking Distance/Rides if Needed)
7:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open		

Thursday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025		Presenter	Room
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6:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet		
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	National Grasshopper Outlook	Ryan Vazquez, PPQ	Conference Room
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM	Rangeland Grasshopper Outbreaks and Management	Dave Branson, USDA ARS	Conference Room
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Egg Beds, Warming Events, and Mormon Cricket Outbreaks	Bob Srygley, USDA ARS	Conference Room
8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	<i>Phytophthora austrocedri</i> : Lessons Learned	Chris Benemann, ODA	Conference Room
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Aquatic Nuisance/Mussel Panel	PPQ/USFWS/ California/Idaho	Conference Room
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break		

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Wyoming Leaf-cutter Bee Lab	Cort Jones, WDA	Conference Room
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Organizing a County Landscape Scale Grasshopper Management Program	Quade Schmelze, Campbell County Weed and Pest District	Conference Room
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	WWCC - Western Weed Action Plan Update	TBD	Conference Room
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Buffet		
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	WPB, PPQ, CBP, CAPS: Re-cap & Joint Discussion. Break-out Sessions	Chris Benemann, ODA	Conference Room
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Break		
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Break-out Session #1</b> Western Plant Board Business Meeting  Room:	<b>Break-out Session #2</b> USDA/PPQ Meeting ( <i>Optional</i> )  Room:	<b>Break-out Session #3</b> CBP Meeting ( <i>Optional</i> )  Room:
	Dinner on Your Own		
7:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open		

Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Travel Day