



2008 EcoStar Pollution Prevention award winners recognized by Governor Schweitzer, November 17, 2008 in the Capitol Rotunda

Summary: EcoStar winners recognized by Governor Schweitzer at the Capitol on November 17, 2008. MSU Extension's EcoStar program honored deserving businesses and organizations for their environmental and resource conservation efforts.

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HELENA — In an increasingly challenging economic and environmental time, the importance of creating sustainable communities is more pressing than ever. At the November 17th ceremony honoring the 2008 EcoStar award winners Governor Schweitzer thanked the recipients for their efforts and commented on the important role they hold in their respective communities. *“Montana’s first people lived to conserve and sustain their lands for seven generations beyond their own. We are a middle generation faced with an unsustainable energy system and an unsustainable food system. Each and every one of you EcoStar recipients are working to challenge and change those systems. Let’s join together to conserve and sustain for generations to come.”*

The EcoStar awards program, now in its ninth year, recognizes Montanan businesses and organizations that are helping create more environmentally and economically sustainable communities by surpassing state and federal requirements to reduce solid and hazardous waste generation, conserving valuable resources such as water, energy and clean air, and serving as role models for the state with their pollution prevention efforts.

EcoStar designations are awarded based on the applicant's commitment to waste reduction, environmental benefits they have achieved, amount of waste they prevented and the innovation shown in their waste-reduction activities. The 2008 EcoStar award winners represent a dozen different communities across Montana including Belgrade, Billings, Boulder, Bozeman, Choteau, Columbia Falls, Ennis, Harrison, Kalispell, Livingston, Missoula and Red Lodge. The twenty-five winners are comprised of a diverse group including everything from hospitals to farmers/ranchers, builders, a ski resort, a pet product company and a liquid herbicide formulator.

"This is an opportunity for us to come together and recognize one another's efforts and provide well-deserved gratitude to Montanans who are leading their communities and working to preserve and protect our environmental resources," said Jenny Grossenbacher, P2 & Sustainable Housing Coordinator for Extension at MSU.

To nominate one or more businesses, groups or individuals for the 2009 EcoStar program contact Jenny Grossenbacher at **406-994-4292** or e-mail jenniferg@montana.edu. More information, including past winners and applications, can be found online at: <http://www.mtp2.org/ecostar.html>.

Businesses recognized on November 17th, include:

BILLINGS/RED LODGE area

***CAFÉ REGIS – Red Lodge**

Contact: Gary Ferguson/Martha Young: ferguson@wildwords.net – 446-1947

GREEN DIRECTORY MONTANA - Billings

Contact: Serena Silvestrone - info@greendirectorymontana.com

SAGE SPA LIVING – Billings, Bozeman & Whitefish

Contact: Stephanie Bigart: stephanie@sagespaliving.com – 579-1286

ST. VINCENT HEALTHCARE - Billings

Contact: Kim Rees: kim.rees@svh-mt.org – 237-3575

TRANSBAS, INC - Billings

Contact: Diana Grassel: Diana.grassel@uap.com – 245-4171

WWW INDUSTRIES/MOUNTAIN STATES ENVIRONMENTAL – Billings & YNP

Contact: Brad Fimrite: mSES5@bresnan.net – 248-4777

BOZEMAN/BELGRADE/LIVINGSTON/HARRISON/ENNIS/BIG SKY area:

AMALTHEIA ORGANIC DAIRY, LLC - Belgrade

Contact: Sue Brown: mbamaltheia@aol.com; 388-0569

***BLANCHFORD LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS - Bozeman**

Contact: Andy Blanchford: andrew@blanchfordlandscapecontractors.com – 587-3057

***COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP - Bozeman**

Contact: Alison Grey: Alison@bozo.coop – 587-1919 x76

CONSTRUCTION SITE SERVICES –Bozeman & Missoula

Contact: Michelle Fisher: infor@constructionsiteservices.net – 543-1800

***DELAWARE NORTH CO. PARKS & RESORTS AT YELLOWSTONE-Bozeman & YNP**

Contact: Debbie Friedel: dholmstr@dncinc.com – 586-7593

ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, INC - Belgrade

Contact: Brian Bannister: bbannister@engsolutionsmt.com – 570-0039

GetN'Green, LLC - Bozeman

Contact: Alexa & Greg McMan: alexa@getngreen.com – 556-0120

MOONLIGHT BASIN, LP - Ennis

Lee Poole - jfanelli@moonlightbasin.com

***OASIS Environmental, Inc - Livingston**

Contact: Kristen Wester: k.wester@oasisenviro.com – 222-7600

PENNY LANE HOME BUILDERS, LLC - Bozeman

Contact: Penny Murray – pennymurray@msn.com – 581-1382

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOODRIGHT, INC - Bozeman

Contact: Mike Kelly – montanawood@msn.com – 579-0587

SABO FAMILY RANCH, LLC - Harrison

Contact: Jenny Sabo: saboranch@gmail.com – 685-3248

SAGE SPA LIVING – Bozeman, Whitefish & Billings

Contact: Stephanie Bigart: stephanie@sagespaliving.com – 579-1286

***V2 DESIGN - Bozeman**

Contact: Vanessa Van Beusekom – Vanessa@vtwodesign.com – 624-6627

WEST PAW DESIGN - Bozeman

Contact: Kathleen Johnson: Kathleen@westpawdesign.com – 585-0505

BUTTE/BOULDER area:

***BOULDER HOT SPRINGS - Boulder**

Contact: Kerri Kumasaka: bhs@boulderhotsprings.com – 225-4339

GREAT FALLS area:

MOUNTAIN FRONT MARKET, LLC - Choteau

Contact: Jill & Russell Owen – mfm@3rivers.net – 466-2684

KALISPELL/WHITEFISH area:

***MOSS MOUNTAIN INN – Columbia Falls**

Contact: Debi & Hunter Moss- mossmtn@montanasky.net – 387-4605

SAGE SPA LIVING –Whitefish, Bozeman & Billings

Contact: Stephanie Bigart: stephanie@sagespaliving.com – 579-1286

MISSOULA area:

CONSTRUCTION SITE SERVICES – Missoula & Bozeman

(A division of Drywall Recycling of Montana, Inc.)

Contact: Michelle Fisher: infor@constructionsiteservices.net – 543-1800

RIVERWORKS, INC - Missoula

Contact: John Freer: john@riverworksinc.com – 728-9065

ST. PATRICK HOSPITAL & HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - Missoula

Contact: Beth Schenk – bschenk@saintpatrick.org – 329-2730

***Group photo with the Governor available by contacting jenniferg@montana.edu.**