

The World Was All Before Them

WRAAA Pre-Conference Tour

April 21, 2010

No tour cost - you buy your own lunch
RSVP on WRAAAE registration required

See the actual view of this famous Charles M. Russell painting

Explore the historic town of Belt, MT

Visit agricultural entrepreneurs and the bankers on whom they rely

Tour the Harvest Moon Brewery

Eat lunch (no-host lunch) in the famous Belt Creek Brew Pub



Option 1

8:15 a.m. meet in the Holiday Inn Hotel lobby

8:30 a.m. depart Holiday Inn Hotel - There will be several vehicles from Montana State University available as well as Jack Elliot will have a van. We will have maps, directions, and walkie talkies for others who volunteer to drive.

9:00 a.m. arrive at the Sweeney ranch (Maureen Elliot's brother's ranch and where Jack and Maureen ranched for 7 years and custom harvested for 19 years): visit the headquarters, tour key parts of the ranch including a neighbor who builds custom sprayers, photo opportunities at the "view"

11:30 a.m. depart the Sweeney ranch

Option 2: for those participants who arrive later, meet us at the Belt Creek Brew Pub for lunch

11:45 a.m. arrive at the Belt Brew Pub where a no-host lunch will be available and a talk by the owner on operating a small business

1:15 p.m. depart the Belt Creek Brew Pub for the Brewery and/or Bank tours (note: if the group is too large we will split the group and each tour will be given twice)

1:30 p.m. visit with Belt Valley Bank officials - discussion on agricultural finances (strategies on how a small local bank can survive)

2:15 p.m. tour the Harvest Moon Brewery - a local user of agricultural products (the owner will visit with us on why he came back home to start this very thriving business)

3:00 p.m. depart Belt and arrive at Holiday Inn by 3:30 p.m.