Procrastinator’s Clinic works for professional and private applicators

AT A GLANCE
Restricted-use pesticide applicators keep up with the latest information about pollinator protection, invasive weed control, and applicator’s safety at recent clinic.

The Situation
Idaho restricted-use pesticide applicators must obtain sufficient recertification credits to maintain legal licenses. Recertification credits are awarded to a limited range of related topics and can be difficult for applicators to maintain.

Our Response
University of Idaho Extension annually hosts a series of statewide clinics where applicator’s can obtain a significant portion of their recertification credit requirement. In northern Idaho, at UI Extension’s “Procrastinator’s Clinic,” applicators stay up to date on current pesticide related topics. This year’s program included hour-long educational modules provided by UI and Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture presenters. Topics included; new Ventenata grass research and management information, pollinator protection recommendations and imminent regulation changes, and a pesticide handler/safety demonstration and spill mitigation discussion.

Sixty people participated and thirty-five provided evaluations of the program.

Program Outcomes
• 74% reported the clinic “Moderate to High” value and 100% of attendees reported some value in the information presented.

Specialist Ronda Hirnyck helps clinic attendees demonstrate safe and unsafe pesticide handling and transferring techniques.

• Over 89% of attendees will use information gained at this clinic in their business or occupation.

• “Three very pertinent topics. Well presented, well received.” - Attendee Evaluation Comment

• “Good Program!” - Attendee Evaluation Comment

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