**E<sup>3</sup>A:** Exploring Energy Efficiency & Alternatives



# **4<sup>th</sup> Friday Webinar Series** Episode 1: The State of E<sup>3</sup>A



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E<sup>3</sup>A: Exploring Energy Efficiency & Alternatives

Partnership initiative of *Montana State University Extension* and *University of Wyoming Extension* since 2010

## Purpose of E<sup>3</sup>A

#### **Enhance Extension energy capacity** to provide outreach & education to nations consumers, dealing with energy conservation, efficiency and small renewable energy systems for your farm, ranch or home.

# Complement and promote existing Extension Energy initiatives:

- States with Energy Programs
- eXtension CoPs
  - Home Energy
  - Farm Energy
- Extension Energy Summit



# Engaging Faculty in Energy

#### Using E3A, educators can:

- Assess Objectives and Risk
- Educate
  - Strategies for energy behavior change
  - Specific education on renewable topics
- Chose Their Own Adventure
  - Use stand-alone materials for low intensity
  - Moderate intensity 15-30 minute programming
  - Expert-level content









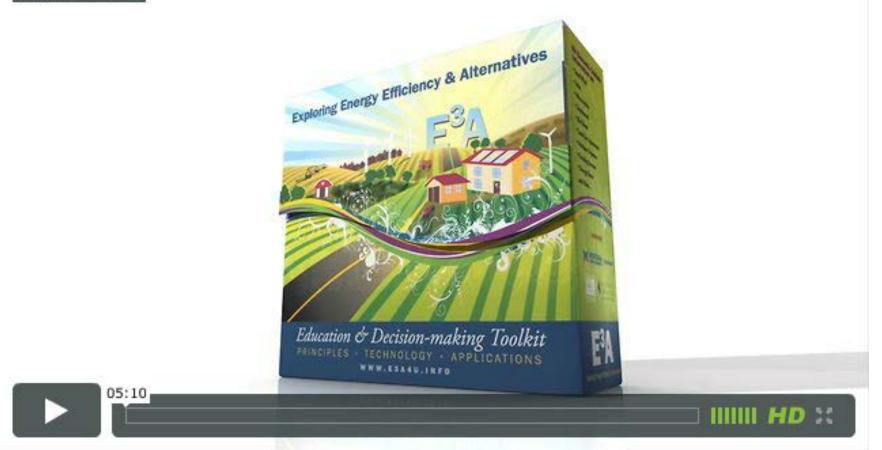
- Self-guided and self-contained planning/implementation toolkit.
- Teaching curriculum with evaluations.
- Dozens of downloadable consumer fact sheets.
- Links to expertise.
- Communication network
  - website
  - listserv
  - webinars





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> Let's Take a Closer Look at E3A.



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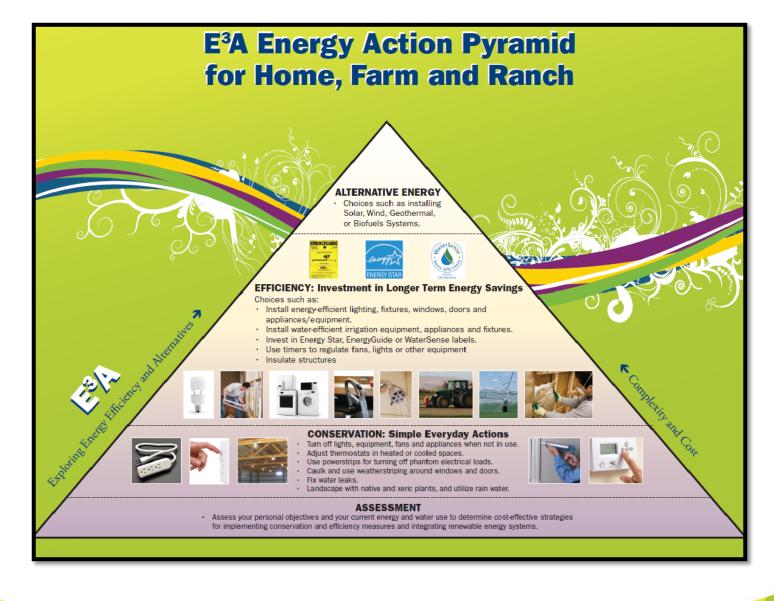
## Self-Contained Toolkit Contents

- User Guide & Programming Materials
  - Map and General Energy Info.
  - Programming Resources
  - Online Resources (PPT, Links, etc.)
- Six Technology Folders
  - Micro-hydro
  - Small wind
  - Solar Electric (PV)
  - Solar Hot Water
  - Biodiesel
  - Anaerobic Digesters
- Two Energy Efficiency Folders
  - Home Energy
  - Farm Energy



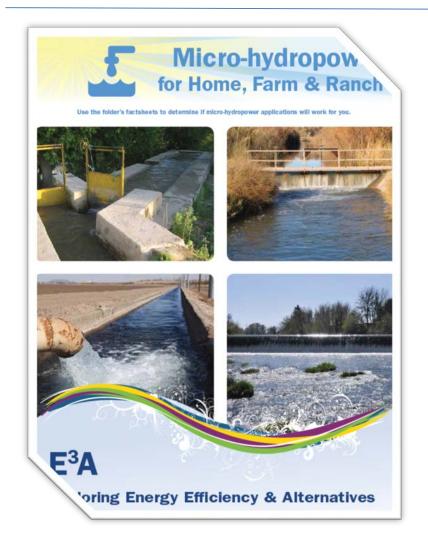
#### E3A – Nine folders, over 80 fact sheets, and lesson plans

#### "Building-Block" Resources – basic to advanced ...



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## Programming Folders



- Easy to reference specific topics
- Self-guided folders
- Step-by-step process for increasing understanding
- Consistent format and content structure

## E<sup>3</sup>A Fact Sheets

#### Material Design

- Suitability Checklists
- Step-by-Step Process for Understanding Key Considerations
- Detailed Fact Sheets
  - Quick overviews
  - Sufficient detail to enable informed decision making



#### Grab and Go Lesson Plans

$E^3A$	Exploratory	Program
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Segment	Est. Time	Activity	Materials				
Introduction (Don't forget to pass around sign-in sheet!)	4 Minutes	<ul> <li>Ask –"Have you ever wondered if a small wind system would work for you?"</li> <li>Discuss E3A Energy Pyramid</li> </ul>	E3A-UG.1 Fact Shee				
Understanding Key Factors in Small Wind	8 Minutes	Review Small Wind     Checklist	E3A-SW.0 Fact Shee				
Review and Evaluation	3 Minutes	<ul> <li>Participants share thoughts or ask guestions</li> </ul>	E3A Evaluation Form				

#### **30-Minute Variations**

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You can expand this program. Some variations might include:

- Make it local Invite an installer or system owner. Use the Guest Speaker Confirmation Forms E3A-UGS-1.1.1 and E3A-UGS-1.1.2 to structure content.
- · Add a webinar component with an Extension Energy Specialist
- Add a small group or facilitated discussion Do participants have home energy concerns? What are they? What might be logical action steps given their concerns?

#### Sample of 30-Minute Variation

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Guest Speaker	15 Minutes	Guest Speaker	<ul> <li>Guest Speaker Confirmation Form</li> </ul>
Review and Evaluation	3 Minutes	<ul> <li>Participants share thoughts or ask questions</li> </ul>	E3A Evaluation Form

For more programming options, find PowerPoint presentations and supplemental references online at <u>www.E3A4U.info</u>.





### Mail it out to confirm speaker

Ensure speaker understands expectations

Structures content in advance

#### E<sup>3</sup>A Exploratory Program

1.2.1 Guest Speaker Confirmation Form: Micro-hydropower Installer

#### Speaker:

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Today's Date:

Thank you for agreeing to share your story about installing a micro-hydropower system with us. The following information may help you in preparing information to share with our group.

Date of Presentation:

Time:

Location: Directions to Location:

Presentation Time (Length): Question and Answer Time (Length): # of Participants Expected in the Group

Background: In this session, participants are exploring the basic concepts of how microhydropower works. They are interested in knowing more about key considerations concerning site selection, installing, and maintaining the system. Please do not specifically promote your business in this workshop, but you are encouraged to share your expertise and experience.

#### Your Topic:

Please share information on the following in your presentation:

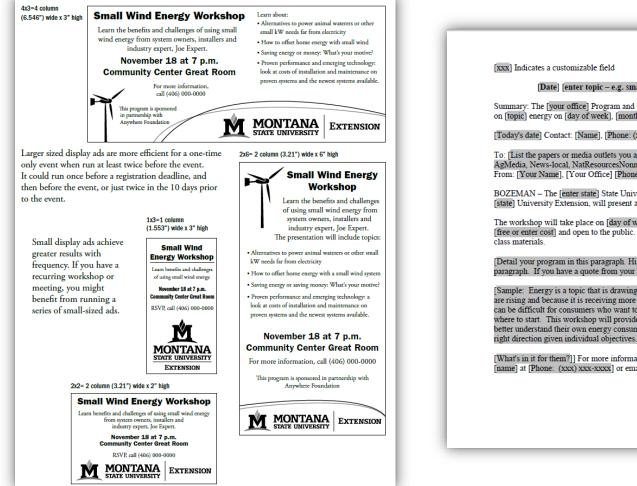
- How many systems have you installed?
- What certifications should a micro-hydro system installer have?
- When you first talk with a potential customer, what do you want to know about them or their site?
- What types of things do you look at when visiting a site?
- What do you feel people should expect with regard to operation and maintenance?
- □ What challenges have you encountered during your work with hydropower?
- □ Could you describe your experience with permitting/licensing micro-hydro systems?
- What do you most enjoy about working in hydropower?
- What advice would you give to those who are interested in buying a micro-hydro system?

Please let the local Extension office know of any audiovisual equipment or other needs you might have at least two business days prior to the presentation.

Contact the local Extension Office at:\_



### Press and Promotion Tools



#### [Date] [enter topic - e.g. small wind] Energy workshop at [location]

Summary: The [your office] Program and [State] University Extension will present a workshop on [topic] energy on [day of week], [month] [day] at the [location].

[Today's date] Contact: [Name], [Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx] or [e-mail]

To: List the papers or media outlets you are sending this to in this space: News-dailies. AgMedia, News-local, NatResourcesNonmedia, Producers, Web.] From: [Your Name], [Your Office] [Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx] or [e-mail].

BOZEMAN - The [enter state] State University [your office] Program, in conjunction with [state] University Extension, will present a workshop on [topic] energy.

The workshop will take place on [day of week], [month] [day] at the [location]. The event is [free or enter cost] and open to the public. Registration is suggested to guarantee copies of the

Detail your program in this paragraph. Highlight a guest speaker near the beginning of the paragraph. If you have a quote from your guest speaker, use a new paragraph when you enter it.]

Sample: Energy is a topic that is drawing increased attention - both because some energy costs are rising and because it is receiving more attention in public policy and the media. However, it can be difficult for consumers who want to make changes to their energy consumption to know where to start. This workshop will provide basic information that consumers can use to both better understand their own energy consumption and to identify action steps that take them in the right direction given individual objectives.

[What's in it for them?]] For more information on the workshop and to RSVP, please contact [name] at [Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx] or email to [email].

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### E3A Evaluation

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- Can be used with all programs
- Excel spreadsheet for tabulation available online at <u>www.e3a4u.info</u>
  - Tools for Teachers User
     Guide



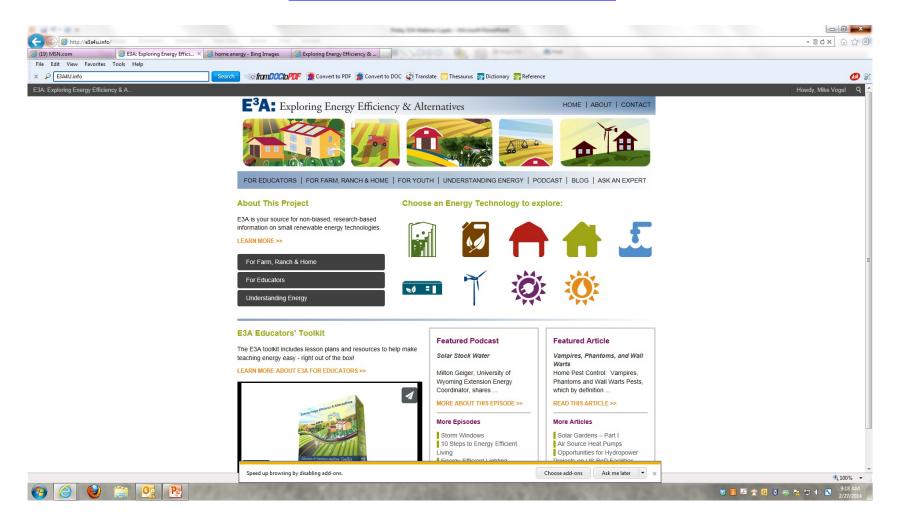
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#### E3A State License Agreements\* with MSU & WY:

- Minnesota
- Tennessee
- Florida
- New Mexico
- Missouri
- North Carolina
- \* right to modify & amend electronic files

#### **E3A Website**

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ordering a toolkit – \$98.00 via. E3A website ... ... MSU online store



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Contact Torie Haraldson ... for a User Name and Password

### E<sup>3</sup>A Part II: What's New...





#### Professional Development Program (PDP)





# With funding comes...deliverables

- By August 2015...
  - New folders
  - Media resources
  - Support
  - Website enhancements
  - Webinars
  - Trainings





## **New Folders**

- Direct use geothermal
- Ground-source heat pumps
- Irrigation efficiency
- Solar for Youth
- Solar-powered livestock watering
- Wood Heat



Coming by Fall 2014...many will be sooner!

### **New Folders**









# Support: Skype<sup>®</sup>-an-Expert

- Protocol and equipment for having a specialist "attend" programming from afar
  - Provide expertise,
     especially in Q&A or
     other technical
     questions...or just sit
     there quietly!







## Media Resources

- Videos to support existing folders
  - Fall 2014
- Website redesign
  - Simplify:
     <u>www.e3a4u.info</u> will be designed for educators, not the public
  - Underway!







## Webinars: Two per month

#### **Technical Shorts Webinars**

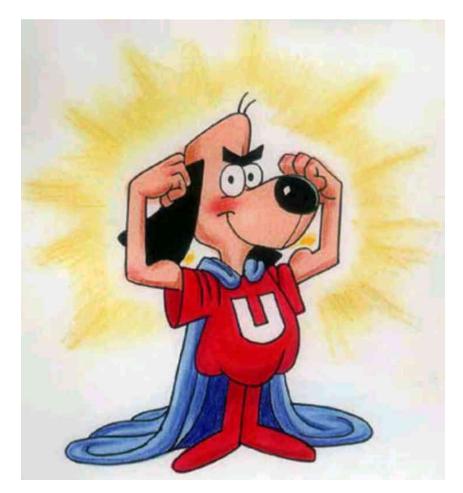
- second Tuesday of every month 1:00-1:30 Mountain Time
- March 11 Changes to Federal Small Hydropower Regulation
- April 8 USDA Incentives for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
- May 13 Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs)
- June 10 TBD

#### **Program Resource Sharing Webinars**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month 1:00-2:00 Mountain Time
- March 28 Feature of State Extension Energy Programs
- April 25 Agricultural Energy Audits
- May 23 Overview of new E3A Curriculum
- June 27 Agency Partnership Opportunities

# Trainings

- Resources available for in-state trainings
  - Alaska in April 2014
  - More to follow if WSARE states want them
- UW & MSU will come to you...







## Collaboration

- Reach out to NESARE project on Farm Energy
- Create effective platform for other states using E3A to share improvements
- www.eXtension.org
  - Integreate information into the Farm Energy CoP



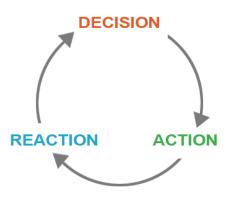
Sometimes your best option is to say: "This is all her fault."





## Feedback

- Need to know what works and what doesn't for field educators, Conservation Districts, and others!
  - We'll work to make improvements to allow you to better your clients.





## **Contact Information**

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## Thank You for Attending



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