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MATE Show will heat up Billings the third week in February

BILLINGS, MONT.-The 33rd annual Montana Agri-Trade Exposition (MATE Show), Billings Home & Garden Show and Health & Fitness Expo is scheduled for February 19-21 at the MetraPark in Billings. Thursday and Friday visitors can attend the show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday doors open at 10 a.m. with the event ending at 5 p.m. Free tickets are available in advance at all MATE Show exhibitors and at First Interstate Banks. Admission at the door is \$7.

“We hope that everyone will come explore the MATE. Our exhibitors have something for everyone,” explains Justin Mills, NILE General Manager. “In addition, we are very excited to have the MATE Show under our ownership this year and look forward to growing the show.”

Two grand prizes will be given away during the show. A 2009 FourTrax Rancher ATV, sponsored by Tractor and Equipment Company, and a set of Audibel hearing aids, sponsored by Rocky Mountain Hearing Aid, will be drawn on Saturday, February 21. Attendees can register for the prizes at the sponsor’s booths.

Attendees are also encouraged to participate in the MATE Theater where seminars will occur throughout the day. Seminar topics will include Trimble GPS and Your Farm, Power by Mother Nature, Growing Camelina in Montana, Lubrication Trainer, and Developing Rangeland Management Plans for Carbon Credits.

Enjoy the Northern Rodeo Association Finals each evening after the show in the Rimrock Auto Arena. Cowboys and cowgirls from around the state will entertain crowds as they battle for championship titles. As a bonus, all tickets holders have the opportunity to stay after the rodeo performance for a free concert. This year’s performers are Trailer Choir on Thursday, Friday night brings Sawyer Brown and Saturday night will be Josh Gracin. Tickets are now on sale and start at \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the MetraPark box office or by calling 406 256-2422 or toll free 800 366-8538.

For more information about the MATE, Billings Home & Garden Show and Health & Fitness Expo visit www.themateshow.com or call 406-651-0440.

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The Montana Agri-Trade Exposition (MATE Show), Health & Fitness Expo/Billings Home & Garden Show are owned by the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE). The MATE is held the third week of February and has a three day attendance of over 12,000 people. The NILE is a non-profit organization established in 1967 that is dedicated to the promotion of livestock, agriculture education, and respect of the western tradition. For more information contact the NILE office at 406-256-2495 or visit www.thenile.org.