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## **Objectives of the leafy spurge symposium**

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Welcome to Bozeman. You have come from 9 states and 2 provinces for this symposium at great expense. In order to make your participation worthwhile we are going to work tonight as well as tomorrow. We have scheduled several discussion sections in addition to the formal presentations in an attempt to integrate our efforts.

The major objective of this years' symposium is INTEGRATION. No one discipline (chemical or biological) can bring spurge under control. I hope we can initiate a meaning-ful dialogue between the biological control researchers and those testing chemicals.

Our spurge program profited greatly from our symposium last year in Fargo and I hope we can integrate your ideas into our forthcoming work. If there is anything any of us from M.S.U. can do to make your stay in Montana more enjoyable and constructive let me know.