

STILLWATER VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL



Making a Difference in the Stillwater Valley, MT

Our Mission

We will provide an open forum in which all interested parties may work in a collaborative effort to sustain our rural quality of life and protect and enhance our natural resources. We are committed to research and educating our Stillwater Valley residents and the public about our watershed and the steps we can take to preserve and maintain the integrity of the river, the land and the beauty of our valley. We will endeavor to bring together public, private and government resources, funding and grants to achieve our goals.

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*"What you do today can
improve your tomorrows."*

~Ralph Marston

BOARD PERSPECTIVE, by Butch Behrent

"Leave It Better Than When You Came"

The SVWC is a grass roots group made up of nearly 300 members, including twelve board of directors. Watershed board members vary in age and experiences but all share a common goal—leaving the watershed a better place. Some members have lived their entire lives within the watershed and have been active since inception, while others are relative newcomers to the Stillwater Valley. Still, the diversity of the SVWC board of directors is widespread and includes occupations related to agriculture, mining, and self-employed business owners, while others commute to town for employment.

The bottom line is that no matter how, what, where, or when the current board came together, we all want to leave it better than when we arrived. Our board is not just a bunch of old fuddy duddies wanting to keep it the way it's always been, but we are indeed made up of twenty-somethings and golden year adults alike. This board diversity ensures that the SVWC will remain conducive to change while keeping in mind what is best for the Stillwater Valley, its residents and visitors—now and into the future.

This group of volunteers and staunch SVWC supporters is lead by an energetic, dedicated coordinator who has been with the SVWC since the beginning. Knowing the evolution of the board and watershed, our coordinator keeps the goals and objectives of this organization within the scope of the watershed and board's priorities.

The SVWC is by no means a watch-dog group with an ax to grind or agenda to fill, but simply dedicated constituents with an open mind and vision to protect and improve the Stillwater Valley. With increasing participation and support from members, volunteers and cooperating agencies, the watershed will continue to thrive. Together, we will all be leaving the Stillwater Valley better than when we came.

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SAVE THE DATES!

JULY 20 - Deadline to sign up for Small Acreage Cooperative Weed Control Program (CWCP)

JULY 26-27 - CWCP Spray Days, Nye

AUGUST 12 - Annual BBQ & Auction Fundraiser, Anipro Event Center, Absarokee

AUGUST 15 - Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull, Nye



NOW ACCEPTING EVENT SPONSORSHIPS...CONTACT LINDSEY FOR INFO!

Stillwater Valley Watershed Council



Annual BBQ & Auction Fundraiser

August 12, 2021

We Invite You!

Help support SVWC's ongoing stewardship efforts to keep the Stillwater Valley beautiful for this and future generations!

~Enjoy camaraderie, dinner, and auction events with entertainment by Wylie & the Wild West~

Details

- Thursday, August 12th, Anipro Event Center
- 5 pm social hour with dinner, entertainment & auction fun to follow
- Tickets: \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door, kids 12 and under free
- Tickets can be purchased at:
 - ◆ www.stillwatervalleywatershed.com
 - ◆ SVWC board members
 - ◆ The Fishtail Store
 - ◆ First Interstate Banks in Absarokee & Columbus



Contact Lindsey with questions at 406.780.1249

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SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL | COST-SHARE INCENTIVES AVAILABLE

WE MUST ALL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING OUR PROPERTY to keep the Stillwater Valley from being infested with noxious weeds. According to the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Act (7-22-2116), it is unlawful for any person to permit noxious weeds to propagate or go to seed on their land.

The SVWC is again offering Stillwater Valley landowners the opportunity to join with your neighbors in an effort to protect the natural ecosystem of the Stillwater Valley’s watershed.

Cooperative Weed Control Program Continues for Small Acreage Owners

With your membership of \$35 to the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, and pre-payment of \$85, we are offering you the following opportunities:

- ◆ **Coordinate commercial applicators (at a reduced rate) to perform chemical applications for noxious weed control;**
- ◆ **Cost-share chemical expenses for first year program enrollees;**
- ◆ **Provide on-site weed control consultation, when requested;**
- ◆ **Provide an educational campaign, offering management tools necessary to successfully maintain a weed-free area.**

This summer, the SVWC will continue the "top-to-bottom" approach at weed management, expanding the programs reach downriver and to tributaries that flow into the Stillwater River. If interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please complete the form on page 9 and return it by July 20 with appropriate payment. *Commercial applicators will be in the Nye area on July 26-27, drought conditions permitting. Lindsey will reach out to participants with more info soon.*

Funds Available for Large Acreage Noxious Weed Control Cost-Share

The SVWC recently received another grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to continue the cost-share program to control noxious weeds for large tract landowners. In total, over the past 10 years, the RMEF has contributed \$90,000 to aid in the control of noxious weeds within the Stillwater watershed. Cost-share for this program is available on a first come, first serve basis!

Who is eligible? Landowners owning greater than 20 acres with weed infestations located on, or adjacent to elk habitat can apply. Cost-share for this program is prioritized by earliest request date. The SVWC board will place a higher priority on those landowners that have developed a Weed Management Plan (WMP). A template WMP from the Stillwater Weed District can be found on SVWC’s website.

What can you do? If you would like to participate and take advantage of this opportunity, please complete the “Large Acreage Cost-Share Request” form on page 9 or go to our website under “Newsletters and Forms”. The SVWC Board of Directors will approve your application and WMP prior to receipt of cost-share. The sooner your application is submitted, the better!



NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR WEED CONTROL EFFORTS GO FURTHER!



SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE



NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL | PROJECT CONTINUES ON USFS

THE SECOND YEAR OF ATTACKING NOXIOUS WEEDS

throughout five major drainages of the Custer-Gallatin National Forest continues following a successful year of tackling infestations on USFS grazing allotments in 2020. This 5-year project, funded by Fish Wildlife & Parks' Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP), culminates in 2024. By enhancing collaboration and cooperative efforts with the USFS and adjacent small and large tract landowners a common weed control mission may be realized.

Backstory: Spotted knapweed, brought into the area on equipment when the Anaconda Copper Company first began mining exploration in the Nye area in the 1950's, has subsequently required decades of attempted remediation.

Once introduced, knapweed quickly spread throughout mine property onto adjacent USFS land and downstream along the Upper Stillwater River, further infesting private property in multiple drainages. Increased wildlife, recreational and hunting traffic has aided the spread of spotted knapweed and other noxious weeds to epidemic proportions. Local landowners, having realized the enormous negative impacts weeds have on rangeland, wildlife and native vegetation, began combating the monumental task decades ago.

Coordinated Weed Management: Originally formed as a weed management organization, it is only fitting that the SVWC goes beyond the boundaries to aid in the mitigation of weed control efforts on federal land. Preventing further spread throughout the Stillwater watershed emphasizes a cooperative and integrated approach to invasive weed management, no matter the jurisdictional boundary—public or private.

Opportunities for you!

1) USFS grazing allotment lessees can utilize WHIP funds to hire a commercial applicator service to treat weeds on federal allotments in the following drainages: Stillwater, West Fork, Meyers Creek, Castle Creek, West Rosebud and East Rosebud.

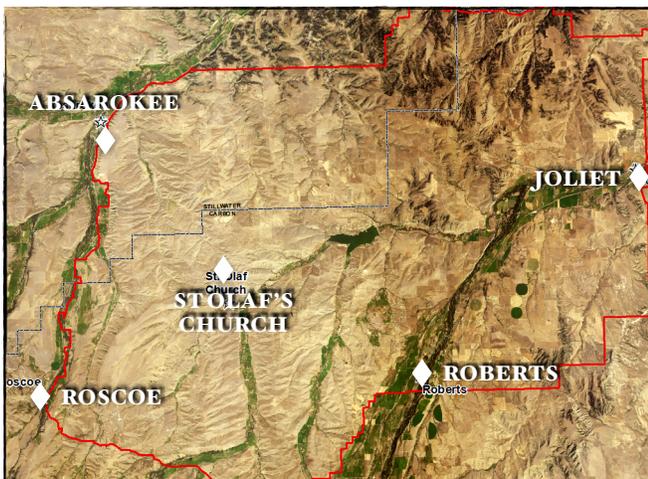
2) Are you a landowner, hunter, backcountry enthusiast, weed scout, or all of the above? The SVWC is offering a reward to help find new noxious weed infestations. A monetary rewards will be offered to the person/persons finding the most and largest unknown patch of weeds. In order to claim your weed patch, you must GPS map the location and take photo points with a prominent landmark in the background. **Contact Lindsey for more details!**

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL | NRCS VENTENATA PROGRAM UPDATE

THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) VENTENATA CONTROL COST-SHARE PROGRAM

is in full swing in Carbon and Stillwater Counties. This cost-share program, funded through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), targets areas in Stillwater and Carbon Counties where ventenata is most widespread (see map below).

Ventenata was added to the Montana Noxious Weed list in 2019. An invasive annual grass similar to cheatgrass, ventenata has a high silica content causing it to be impalitable and not readily utilized by grazing animals. Although it has likely been here for a number of years, in 2019, the rapid growth and severity of ventenata infestations in this area got our attention. It is concerning how quickly this aggressive annual grass displaces native and desirable forage, leaving large areas completely avoided by grazing livestock and wildlife. Since ventenata completes its lifecycle and dries out faster than most grasses, fire danger increases dramatically.



For the 2021 funding cycle, the Columbus and Joliet NRCS field offices have contracted with 22 landowners to treat more than 3,600 acres of ventenata via herbicide application. This cost-share program is available to those within the designated boundary and will continue for the next several years. Regardless of your location in Stillwater or Carbon county, if you are unsure if you have ventenata, contact us to schedule a field visit. If NRCS is not able to assist financially, we will help you identify infestations and can provide technical assistance on control options. If you would like to learn more about the program, apply for 2022 cost-share, or learn more about ventenata, don't hesitate to reach out.

Cedar Magone | Soil Conservationist | Columbus NRCS Field Office | SVWC Secretary | 406-322-5359 x 102



SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE

WATER QUALITY

STILLWATER RIVER WATER MONITORING PROJECT ONGOING

Abbreviated article courtesy of Brett French, Billings Gazette Outdoor Editor, Published by Billings Gazette, July 8, 2021

THE STILLWATER RIVER NOURISHES RESIDENTS AND VISITORS, and now that water, essential to so many lives, is being regularly sampled to monitor its health.

“It is about raising awareness and making folks in this watershed realize that it will be up to residents to take ownership,” said retired hydrologist and Absarokee resident Tom Osborne.

Osborne pitched his services to the SVWC to lead the project, which also includes monitoring two main tributaries to the river, Rosebud and Butcher creeks.

“It fits neatly with their goals,” Osborne said, and “Monitoring ambient water quality is like doing a checkup of yourself,” which after two years of data will provide a baseline.

Such programs improve “the local ability to understand where and what activities could help restore or protect water quality in their area,” said Darrin Kron, Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Section supervisor for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

Locally

Osborne’s partners have a deep interest in water. The SVWC was formed in 2010, expanding a weed management organization in the upper watershed valley. Building on the success of that work, the council added water quality, forest health, soil enhancement and education efforts to its agenda.

Lindsey Clark, coordinator of the council, said some landowners were suspicious of Osborne’s intentions at first. “Water can be war,” she explained, especially in years of low flows like this one.

Clark is one of the volunteers helping Osborne collect water samples. She has enjoyed seeing the streamflow changes from month to month and learning more about what the sampling will reveal. *Continued to page 7*



Tom Osborne & Lindsey Clark measuring stream flows.

Stillwater Conservation District & 310 Permits

The Stillwater Conservation District (SCD) is encouraging residents and contractors living on or near a river or stream to familiarize themselves with the stream-permitting process, including the types of permits needed before starting an in-stream project.

A 310 permit is required for any non-emergency streambed or streambank modification project within Stillwater County. Permits can be downloaded from SCD’s website, www.stillwatercd.org/forms. All 38 applicable streams in Stillwater County are listed here as well.

This list is not exclusive since all natural perennial flowing streams within the district are included within these rules. The District may from time to time add to or change this list, either upon its own motion or upon petition of any interested parties.

Please know it is a misdemeanor to initiate a project without a permit to conduct activities outside the scope of the permit, to violate emergency procedures or to use prohibited material in a project.

Because the 310 Joint Application can take up to 60 days to complete; landowners planning a project should contact the SCD well in advance of the planned starting date. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and landowner’s permission before beginning work.

If you would like information on current permits, please contact our office. For routine projects undertaken every year, such as cleaning out an irrigation diversion, landowners can apply for a Maintenance Permit through the Conservation District. These permits are good for up to ten years.

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SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE

FOREST HEALTH — ARE YOU AT RISK?



TO PRESERVE WHAT YOU HAVE, YOU HAVE TO ACTIVELY MANAGE YOUR LAND..

Through proactive management, the SVWC can help through an ongoing project dedicated to connecting forest landowners, like many of you within this watershed, with resources to help manage your land for your priorities.

A forester can answer a variety of questions including:

- ◆ How do I protect my forest and home from wildfire, insects and disease?
- ◆ How can I attract more wildlife to my property?
- ◆ How can I leave my land better than when I got it?

Who qualifies? Landowners in the Stillwater watershed, located in the outlying areas of Columbus, Absarokee, Nye, Fishtail, Dean and Roscoe, with small tract forests or forested rangeland areas along the Beartooth Front qualify for this program provided to help improve your Home Ignition Zone in the wildland urban interface.

How do you participate?

Contact Lindsey to schedule your FREE site visit from a regional DNRC forester. The SVWC can help you formulate a plan for you, making it feasible to improve the safety of your home and property in the face of a wildfire.

The SVWC would like to acknowledge the DNRC and Montana Watershed Coordination Council for their support of this project.

Simply fill out the form on page 9 of this newsletter and mail it to SVWC at PO Box 112, Absarokee, MT 59001.

"The Fuels Reduction program is a wonderful opportunity for landowners. From the initial contact to the intense survey of the area, I was impressed with the professionalism and knowledge of the forester.

The results are amazing! My new view is much improved and I feel better about protecting my home in the case of fire."

Shirley Howard, Nye

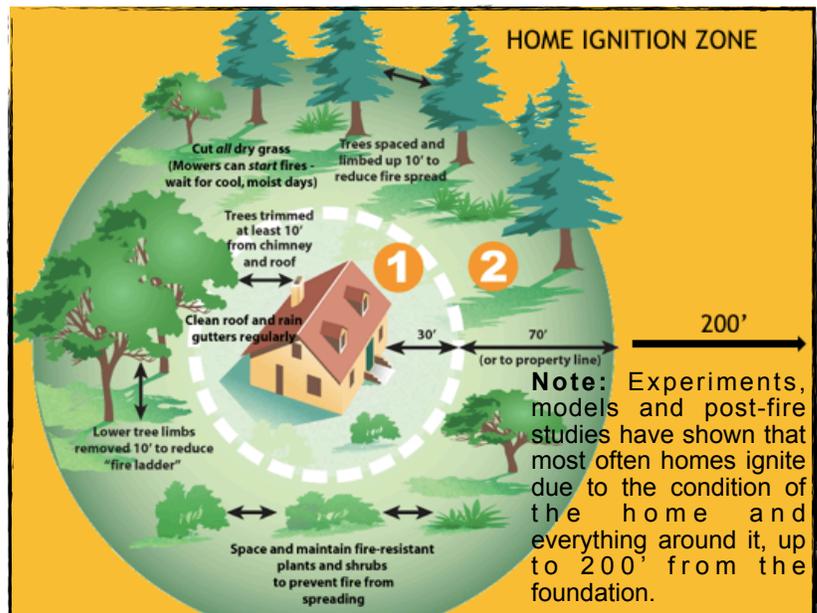
WHAT IS A HOME IGNITION ZONE?

THE MAJORITY OF HOMES LOST TO WILDFIRE ARE FIRST IGNITED BY EMBERS from fires that are oftentimes miles away. By reducing the susceptibility of the area immediately around the home and the home itself, the chances of a home surviving an ember storm or small spot fire are greatly increased. Work in the Home Ignition Zone is also called creating defensible space.

The Home Ignition Zone is an area 100-200 feet from the foundation and includes vegetation, the home itself, and other structures or attachments like decks, furniture, fences, and outbuildings.

The Home Ignition Zone has three subzones:

- ◆ *The Immediate Zone* (0-5 feet from home, including the home). This is the zone most vulnerable to embers. Install hard surfaces, use noncombustible landscaping, and don't store materials under decks.
- ◆ *The Intermediate Zone* (5-30 feet from the home). Use careful landscaping to reduce the continuity of fuels and help slow fire.
- ◆ *The Extended Zone* (30-100+ feet from the home). Space and prune trees and vegetation to keep flames smaller, lower to the ground, and to interrupt fire's path.



Courtesy of www.wildfirerisk.org

CALL TO ACTION



THE FUTURE CAN BE AN EXCITING OR DAUNTING CONCEPT, but hard

work and determination can prove to be an exciting step. The SVWC currently has countless hard working and determined members to help preserve our beautiful valley for this and future generations. That being said, now more than ever, we need our community's youth and future generation to get involved!

Speaking from experience, my involvement with the SVWC has been invaluable! Having been raised locally on a farming and ranch operation, I saw early on the importance of properly managing natural resources and having the foresite to get involved in the community. I became active in the SVWC in high school as a youth representative where the board was very welcoming and open to my ideas and opinions. Through this involvement, I received a scholarship

from the SVWC that helped further my collegiate education which came full circle when I came back to the Absarokee community and was elected to the board of directors in 2020.

The SVWC is a great opportunity to introduce youth to plant identification, water quality sampling, irrigation infrastructure and forest fire mitigation, just to name a few. Local 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and young volunteers have been an instrumental part of our projects and programs, which brings a sense of "youthful-enjoyment" to our events.

The SVWC values our community's youth and what they can bring to our organization. That being said, we invite youth of any age and experience level to participate in the SVWC. Our youth are next-in-line Council members, and with their involvement, can help us preserve our watershed and pristine Stillwater Valley for generations to come.

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STILLWATER WATER QUALITY PROJECT, continued from page 5

Grants

The MT DNRC and DEQ are helping fund the monitoring, providing lab assistants and paying for testing costs, thus far. Those tests can be pricey, running about \$9,000 a year for samples taken from nine stations each month.

"This initiative really helps many water quality programs in the state do more with the funding we have collectively," Kron said. The Stillwater water quality program is not unique. Through partial funding from DEQ, eight other groups monitor water quality on streams across the state. On the Stillwater River, Stillwater Mining Co. also conducts monitoring for point source pollution.

Anglers

The Billings Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU), dubbed the Magic City Fly Fishers, and their state organization, Montana Trout Unlimited, also stepped up to help with funding the program and providing volunteers to help conduct sampling.

Lyle Courtnage, president of the Magic City Fly Fishers, has fished the Stillwater for at least 20 years. His group sees the water monitoring project as a way to not only give back to the resource, but also to build relationships with landowners and other river stakeholders. Courtnage said there tends to be a

lack of knowledge about trout streams west of the Continental Divide, the monitoring may help fill that void.

"As people really understand what's going on, it will be easier to mobilize support down the road," Courtnage added. "From a TU perspective, we want people to think about watersheds, and what's the overall health of a watershed."

Personal

The water quality monitoring is a way for Osborne to give back to a resource in which he's long been interested in, invested in and immersed. "For me it's a legacy thing," he said. "I'd love to leave the watershed better off." That's especially important to Osborne because his grandchildren now recreate on the river, propelling their stand-up paddle boards down the stream.



~2021 SVWC Memberships~

WE TRULY APPRECIATE the support of our dedicated membership as we have grown and developed as an organization. It is our hope that SVWC programs and opportunities offered to you will continue to grow and enhance your watershed and your lives!

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Stillwater Valley Watershed Council

Program Enrollment & Membership Form



Landowner Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Local Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Stillwater County Property Location: (physical address, subdivision, lot):

Approximate # of acres in the project (include acres infested with noxious weeds or acres enrolled in fuels reduction program):

Please check all that apply, sign and return.

I am interested in participating SVWC's programs: weed control**, water project, hazardous fuels reduction or:

***Cost-share for SVWC's large acreage weed control program is prioritized by earliest request date. For landowners/managers that have requested cost-share in the past, the SVWC Board of Directors will place a higher priority for cost-share on those that have developed a Weed Management Plan (WMP). A template WMP from the Stillwater Weed District can be found on SVWC's website at: www.StillwaterValleyWatershed.com under "Newsletters and Forms".*

I am interested in developing a WMP for the purpose of this project.

Enclosed is my current WMP.

Please assist me in developing a WMP

I'd rather not complete a WMP.

Yes, I want to join the SVWC. Enclosed is \$35 for annual membership.

I do not wish to participate in SVWC's weed control projects but in doing so, recognize that I am required to comply with the existing Montana Noxious Weed Law.

I am already a member of the SVWC.

Please indicate your contact information and property location even if you do not wish to participate in the program. This will let us know if we have made contact with all landowners.

Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN TO: PO BOX 112, ABSAROOKEE MT 59001

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"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

- Henry Ford

We are a volunteer group of local residents and interested representatives working together to enhance the quality of our rural Montana lifestyle by protecting, restoring and conserving our abundant natural resources through good stewardship and community involvement for this and future generations.

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