

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 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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Spring 2013

Message from the Chairman, Mike Lorash

Thankfully, this newsletter comes with much needed moisture in our Stillwater Valley. The rains bring renewed hope of a fruitful year for area farmers, ranchers, guides, fishermen, hikers, and recreationalists and visitors alike.

The SVWC has a packed schedule planned for the summer. Following the success of the Water Policy Seminar and Forum held on May 23rd we have quite a few events in the line up for the summer. First, however a big thank you must go out to Tim Schaff and Ole Sherwood for putting together a great forum. There was an extraordinary lineup of speakers that made the event very worthwhile for those in attendance. We will be offering the forum on DVD so please contact Lindsey if you are interested in a copy.

Before going into the summer plan, I also want to thank Stillwater Mining Company and the US Forest Service for all their efforts in the Old Nye Fishing Access renovation. It is a sight to be seen!

To help kickoff the summer and highlight Weed Awareness Week, the SVWC has teamed up with the Stillwater County Weed District and MSU Extension to offer a Stewardship Series & Rangeland Tour on June 14th (more details on page 6). There will be a lot of great information presented in addition to a tour of a local buffalo jump.

The Small Landowner Weed Control Program will again take place in July so sign up now so you don't miss out!

Our annual BBQ and auction fundraiser has moved up a couple weeks this year and is scheduled for August 10th (BBQ) & 11th (float). This year, the Abbott Family has graciously offered to host it at their Fishtail Basin Ranch in Dean. Thanks so much!

Then, to round out the summers events, Warren Kellogg will be in the area in August to assess Limestone Creek, lower West Fork, and the upper Stillwater River. We will report on his findings at the end of the year.

Thank you to all who have participated in one of our many events or who simply support our endeavors!

Mike

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 10th-16th – Stillwater County Noxious Weed Awareness Week*
- June 14th – Stillwater County Stewardship Series & Rangeland Tour followed by SVWC Board Meeting, both at the Nye Fire Hall*
- June 29th–Friends of East Rosebud Film Festival, Branger Ranch, Roscoe*
Go to www.SaveEastRosebud.org for more information
- Mid-July – Small Acreage Landowner Weed Control Program*
- Mid-July – Two Rivers Cooperative Weed Management Area Projects begin*
- August 10th – 5th Annual SVWC BBQ & Fundraising Auction, Fishtail Basin Ranch, Dean*
- August 11th – Stillwater River Weed Float & Pull, Nye*
- Late Summer – Detailed stream assessment of Limestone Creek, the lower West Fork, and upper Stillwater River*

Think Weed Control!



THREE NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND GRANTS AWARDED

Two current weed management areas (WMA), Fishtail Basin and Beaver Creek, were recently awarded renewed \$30,000 grants for 2013. The 50% cost-share program will aid the nearly 40 landowners participating in this program in treating their noxious weed infestations. Last year, these WMAs also received \$30,000 for cost-share on noxious weed control. Another Trust Fund grant is currently underway in the Midnight Canyon-Trout Creek drainage as well.

The third grant awarded this spring is within the Two Rivers Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA). This is a new grant in which the Stillwater County Weed District received \$40,000 to treat saltcedar along the Yellowstone River and spotted knapweed along the Stillwater River. This grant will target infestations located below the high water mark as well as on islands throughout these two main Stillwater County tributaries.

Between July and September, contractors will be on the rivers spraying noxious weeds on islands and riverbanks below the high water mark. Call the Stillwater County Weed District at 406-322-1106 with questions or concerns about this project.



Saltcedar, *Tamarix spp*

Found along the Yellowstone River from Reed Point to Billings, mature saltcedar plants can produce 600,000 seeds every year. These seeds travel easily by wind and water.

Infestations of spotted knapweed exist along the Stillwater River, especially in areas that are difficult and dangerous to access. An average of 1,000 seeds per plant are produced annually with the potential to produce up to 18,000 seeds a year.

Spotted Knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe*



SVWC's Weed Control Cost-Share Opportunities

RMEF COST-SHARE

The SVWC still has grant funds, originally awarded in 2012 from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, for use to cost-share the control of noxious weeds. A portion of these funds have been allocated by the SVWC's board to retreat the 2006 Derby Fire's fire line which was originally treated in 2011. 2013 is the deadline for these funds to be utilized so sign up now!

What do I need to do? If you would like to participate and take advantage of this opportunity, please fill out the form on the page 11 of this newsletter. Mail it to PO Box 112, Absarokee, MT 59019. The SVWC Board of Directors will approve your application prior to receipt of cost-share.

Where can I use the funds? If you are within the Stillwater Valley Watershed's boundaries and have greater than 20 acres of land on, or adjacent to, elk habitat, you are eligible. The SVWC will reimburse landowners up to 50% of chemical or contractor services, not to exceed \$1000. This reimbursement will occur once

an expense receipt and map of the application area are received. This cost-share opportunity is on a first come-first serve basis until funding is exhausted. SIGN UP NOW!

Will a helicopter be in the area? YES! If you have a large area of land infested with noxious weeds and it is difficult to reach by ground application, the Weed District will coordinate a helicopter contractor to be in the area around mid-June. Please call Lindsey to schedule.

What about biological control? The Weed District is keeping track of landowners interested in ordering biological control agents for use on leafy spurge or spotted knapweed infestations. If you have, or know of, a location where bugs have been continually released in the past this may be a candidate for a collection site. Please contact Lindsey if you would like to volunteer to help collect insects this summer, need to order insects, or have a potential collection site in mind!

SVWC's Weed Control Cost-Share Opportunities

SMALL ACREAGE LANDOWNER WEED CONTROL PROGRAM:

This year, the SVWC will again be offering small acreage landowners a unique opportunity to join neighbors, both public and private, in an on-going effort to control noxious weeds and protect the natural ecosystem along the Stillwater River corridor. This summer the SVWC will continue the "top-to-bottom" approach at weed management, starting at the Woodbine Trailhead and moving downriver, as far as funding allows.

The SVWC Board of Directors, the Weed Control Program's planning committee, and past participants believe the results of past years' efforts have been a very effective noxious weed control program. Success has been demonstrated with the two-fold increase in landowner participation (102 signups in 2012, an increase from 42 in 2011), which has accounted for 64 treated acres and over 740 surveyed acres. Last year, participants received an average cost-share of approximately \$105.00 per treated acre. However, the program's achievements, both educationally as well as decreased infestations, are due in large part to the many local volunteers and passionate weed fighters who have come together to assist with planning and implementation of this program year after year.

The estimated cost of this project is \$135.00 per hour (approximately one hour of application will treat one acre of land). However, with grant monies the SVWC has secured, the cost to the landowner will only be \$50 per hour. A **pre-payment of \$50.00** will be collected prior to "Spray Week," which usually takes

place in mid-July. If any additional control measures are required over one hour of application time, that cost will also be billed to the landowner at a rate of \$50.00 per hour. The maximum annual cost-share per landowner is \$255.00 (three hours of application time at the \$85.00 per hour commercial applicator's rate). Landowners will be accepted for this program on a first come, first served basis with a deadline of July 1st.

By initiating landowners to cooperate simultaneously, a more effective control program will be achieved.

With your membership of \$25.00 to the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, and pre-payment of \$50.00, we are offering landowners the following cost-share opportunities:

- 1) Provide on-site weed control consultation and GPS mapping, when requested.
- 2) Establish photo monitoring sites to track progress from year to year.
- 3) Perform work using an integrated pest management approach, i.e. chemical application, biological control through bug releases, and hand pulling/chopping.
- 4) Provide an educational campaign, providing management tools necessary to successfully maintain a weed-free area.

We must all take responsibility for managing our property to keep the Stillwater Valley from being infested with noxious weeds. The 2013 season will again present a challenge, as did last the two seasons, when unusually high precipitation from the spring of 2011 led to water levels that exceeded the capacity of river and streams' banks resulting in deposited weed seeds from offsite areas that usually don't affect the tributaries. Then, the drought of 2012 stressed native vegetation enabling the noxious weeds to continue to gain a foothold. The longer aggressive control measures are postponed, the more these control measures will cost; resulting in increased environmental problems and devaluation of property. We are offering you an opportunity to join with your neighbors in an effort to protect the natural ecosystem of the Stillwater River.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this cost share opportunity, please fill out the Landowner Cost-Share form on page 11 and return it to the SVWC.

**THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS
JULY 1st!**



Restricted-Use Pesticide Record-Keeping App

FREE FOR SVWC MEMBERS: “*RUP Record* is an Android smartphone app that helps private pesticide applicators comply with the record-keeping requirements of the USDA regulations* on restricted-use pesticides (RUP).

Developer Anne Gunn of the Sheridan Programmers Guild (and, with husband, Mark Rapf, a member of the SVWC) would like to offer this utility free of cost to members of the SVWC.

Using the app is easy. Your phone provides the date, time, and location of collected information. The *RUP Record* app remembers your name and applicator ID. All that's required in the field is to fill in a simple form on the phone with the application-specific data. The resulting record, which meets USDA requirements, is then emailed to you. Print it out, drop it into a file folder, and you've complied with the regulation that the information be on file within 14 days and be kept for at least two years.

Use *RUP Record* for keeping track of both spot treatment and area applications. It remembers the names and IDs of the restricted-use pesticides you've applied, making it easy to record additional applications of the same pesticide.

If you don't have cell phone service out in the field, that's not a problem. The app stores the email in its own outbox, waits until you get in range of a cell phone tower, and then automatically sends the record to you.

Screenshots of the app can be viewed at: www.ruprecord.com or in the Google Play marketplace ~ just search for “RUP Record”.

Please email Anne (ag@sherprog.com) directly if you would like to receive a free copy. Make your weed control a little bit easier this season, compliments of the Sheridan Programmers Guild. An Android smartphone is required for use.

*Please note that documentation produced by *RUP Record* is intended for private applicators only, and does not comply, as-is, with commercial regulations, the regulations of certain states, or federal worker protection standards.



Tips for Monitoring Bio-control of Leafy Spurge



People often wonder if the bio-control agents released in their infestations are still present and if they are actually working. First, it is helpful to take photos of the same area each summer to monitor how the infestation changes overtime. Record the date and time of the photo, how many bugs were released that season, and mark the site to show where the bugs were released. One tell-tale sign that your bugs are working for you is if you see the “bombshell effect”. With this, you will see a circular area within the infestation where the spurge has been suppressed.



Another method of monitoring is to walk into the infestation with a net, start sweeping to see if you have beetles in the net. In early July, if bugs are present and depending upon weather, the inside of the net should be fairly covered in beetles. If it is not, it might be a good idea to release more bugs. There are other ways to increase the intensity of your bio-control efforts. For example, bugs can be moved around or more bugs can be released. When monitoring for biocontrol, the beetles can be checked in the middle of the summer and stem borers can be checked from mid-spring to mid-summer. Evidence of larvae can be seen in the roots in early spring. Please call the Stillwater County Weed District for more information on how we can help you to optimally manage your bugs. Nets are also available for sweeping!

WANTED

FOR INVADING STILLWATER COUNTY

YELLOW STARTHISTLE



JAPANESE KNOTWEED



DYER'S WOOD



\$50 REWARD

REWARD FOR THE FIRST SIX PEOPLE THAT FIND
NEW INFESTATIONS OF THESE NOXIOUS WEEDS!

LET'S CATCH'EM EARLY AND GET RID OF THEM BEFORE THEY SPREAD!



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CALL STILLWATER COUNTY WEED DISTRICT AT
406-322-1106 TO CLAIM YOUR REWARD.

Stillwater County Noxious Weed Awareness Week

JUNE 10-16, 2013

The 1st Annual Stillwater County Noxious Weed Awareness Week will take place June 10 - 16 and will highlight the issues related to invasive and noxious species and compels the public to get involved to stop their spread.

Kickoff Noxious Weed Awareness Week with a BBQ! Drop in and discuss invasive species issues with members of the Stillwater County Weed District, Weed Board, and County Commissioners on the Stillwater County Courthouse lawn on Monday, June 10th, from 11:00-1:00. Lunch will be provided by Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks.

These programs are brought to you by:



Invasive species negatively impact land values, tourism, recreation, fishing, wildlife, and agriculture; all integral parts of Stillwater County's economy. Few people realize that our precious resources are vulnerable to invasion by a number of aggressive, non-native species.

Stillwater County Weed District, MSU Extension, and Stillwater Valley Watershed Council will be reaching out with different events during this week to raise awareness of the importance of this issue.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

June 10th - Courthouse BBQ—11:00 am-1:00 pm

June 12th/13th - Youth Library Program - sign up on the 12th at 1:30 pm. Program on the 13th at 10:00 am.

June 14th - Stillwater County Stewardship Series and Rangeland Tour, Nye Fire Hall (below)

For more info about this and other programs, visit their website at: www.StillwaterCountyWeedDistrict.com



STILLWATER COUNTY WEED DISTRICT

Stillwater County Stewardship Series & Rangeland Tour



WHEN: Friday, June 14th, 2013

WHERE: Nye Fire Hall & Key O Ranch

TIME: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, lunch and dinner provided

AGENDA

- 10:00-10:10 am ◇ Welcome & Introductions, Nye Fire Hall
- 10:10-11:00 am ◇ Noxious Weed Identification
Hilary Parkinson, Extension Weed and IPM Specialist, MSU
- 11:00-11:30 am ◇ Rangeland Herbicide Update
Steve Saunders, Dow AgroSciences
- 11:30 am-Noon ◇ Lunch, Sponsored by Dow AgroSciences & Crop Production Services
- Noon ◇ Noxious Weed ID Game & Biocontrol Update
Stephanie Naftal, Education Coordinator, Stillwater Co. Weed District
- 12:30-3:30 pm ◇ Range Management & Buffalo Jump Tour, Key O Ranch, Nye
Matt Ricketts, Range Specialist, NRCS
Noel Keogh, Key O Ranch
- 4:00-5:00 pm ◇ Protecting Your Resources on Small Acreages
Jen Mohler, Gallatin/Big Sky Noxious Weed Committee
- 5:00-6:00 pm ◇ Summer Kickoff BBQ, Sponsored by SMC and the SVWC

****PESTICIDE APPLICATOR CREDITS AVAILABLE****

Please, RSVP by JUNE 10th to the Stillwater County Weed District at 322.1106.

BECAUSE OF OUR SPONSORS, THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!!

Think Water Quality and Quantity!

GARRIGUS DITCH USERS RECEIVE DNRC 223 GRANT TO ASSIST IN IMPROVING IRRIGATION CONVEYANCE EFFICIENCY: The Garrigus Ditch has historically had a maximum capacity of 50 cubic feet per second (cfs) diverted from the Stillwater River. Irrigation water is diverted approximately 5 ¼ miles, on the north side of the Stillwater River, and supplies irrigation water to eight landowners. According to the Montana Water Court's historical water rights records, in 1944 there were 1,134 acres irrigated under the Garrigus Ditch, with maximum irrigable acres of 1,232.

In the past several years, the structure of the ditch has deteriorated causing astronomical water losses in an identified one mile contiguous expanse. The infiltration of water into adjacent fields has inundated approximately 360 acres of pasture and cropland (hay), causing excess ponding and flooding, while preventing the end ditch users from receiving the allowable water right for nearly 400 acres. The mounting structural concerns of the Garrigus Ditch have significantly decreased the water carrying capacity. The issues, emphasized during the drought of 2012, have enhanced the need for the eight water right owners to gather together to find a permanent solution.

With technical information gathered from the NRCS and Garrigus Ditch users, the SVWC applied for and received a DNRC 223 grant for \$2772.00. These funds will offset costs for surveying & ditch repairs which are currently underway.

ATTENTION LANDOWNERS-River Assessment to Take Place this Summer

The Stillwater Valley Watershed Council was granted a DNRC 223 grant in December 2012 and are currently organizing a detailed stream assessment of Limestone Creek, the lower West Fork and the upper Stillwater River from Woodbine Campground to the confluence of the Rosebud River. This assessment is being organized to provide information on the health of the stream and to identify potential restoration projects. The stream assessment is scheduled for later this summer, after high water has receded. Warren Kellogg, Stream and Watershed Consultant from Clancy, MT, will be walking the rivers as part of the assessment procedure. Warren will be interested in talking with you about your thoughts and experiences on Limestone Creek, the West Fork and the upper Stillwater River.

The Stillwater Valley Watershed Council will be in contact with landowners adjacent to these tributaries to provide additional details and schedule. Please get in contact with the SVWC with questions or concerns.

Yellowstone Basin Advisory Council's Water Supply Initiative

The Yellowstone River Basin project is part of a statewide water-planning effort called the 2015 Montana Water Supply Initiative to update the Montana State Water Plan. The plan identifies options to meet future needs while protecting existing uses and the state's water resources.

The Yellowstone River Basin is one of four basins in the initiative. The other three are the Clark Fork, the upper Missouri and the lower Missouri basins. Jim Robinson, a planner with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservations' (DNRC) Water Resources Division, said the department is conducting the water plan update as directed by the 2009 Legislature.

The initiative's goal is to provide the 2015 Legislature with recommendations on how the state can meet future water needs. Decisions by the Legislature on what policies and programs to pursue will guide the DNRC in coordinating development and use of the state's waters. The process will document beneficial uses and demand for water in the basins, forecast increases in water demand over the next 20 years, and identify water sources to meet those needs while protecting existing uses. The plan will look at in-stream and out-of-stream water use as well as the public water supply, industrial water supply, power generation, as well as other water uses.

The DNRC will compile information gathered at regional meetings held earlier this spring, perform technical studies and develop alternatives. The advisory council, working with the DNRC, then will

develop recommendations and draft plan that will be available for public comment. A final plan will be presented to the 2015 Legislature.

The state last updated its water plan in the 1990s. This time, the Legislature requested the creation of basin advisory councils (BAC) to be involved in the process. Robinson said, "It's up to the BAC to identify the issues and come up with recommendations, with our support and technical resources, for the 2015 Legislature." The Yellowstone BAC members represent a variety of water uses and include conservation districts and agricultural, environmental, industrial, municipal and tribal interests. The Yellowstone basin is arid and gets its water from snow packs, Robinson said. "Every year, it's always different."

What may come from the council are steps the state can take to help water users deal with the variation in water supply. Some of those steps may be the creation of wetlands, flood plain management, aquifer recharge and different types of irrigation methods. One of the recommendations in a 1970s planning effort for the Yellowstone River Basin was to expedite the adjudication of water rights, which the state did.

For more information contact the Yellowstone Basin's Planning Team of Jim Robinson, Planner (444.4247; jrobinson@mt.gov) or Chuck Dalby, Hydrologist (444.6644; cdalby@mt.gov).

Think Forest Health!

HORSEMAN FLATS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT: The Beartooth Ranger District held public meetings earlier this winter to discuss its proposal to log 635 acres to reduce fire danger along Horseman Flats, located between the Stillwater River and West Fork of the Stillwater Creek drainages. "Several large wildfires have threatened private lands and developments in the Stillwater area in recent memory including Derby, Cathedral, Initial Creek, Sauderbaum, Tumble Creek and Storm Creek," said Jeff Stockwell, Beartooth fire management officer. "The district has been working with the Nye Volunteer Fire Department and the Stillwater Mining Co. to address concerns and seek input to the proposed project."

The Forest Service anticipates starting the work in 2014. The project aims to reduce hazardous fuel conditions along the 8 1/2-mile long West Fork

of the Stillwater Creek Road. Densely forested stands along the road will be targeted by hand and machine thinning work done by Forest Service crews and a contract logger.

The Forest Service is concerned that the Main and West Fork of the Stillwater drainages are capable of supporting another large fire that could move quickly through forest lands and threaten public and private property.

Slash generated by the project would be piled and burned, larger materials would provide public and/or commercial firewood harvesting.

Maps and scoping document can be found at www.stillwatervalleywatershed.com. Please direct questions to Jeff Stockwell, District Fire Management Officer, at 446-4538 or Drew Grimes, Fuels, Fire Management Specialist, at 446-4528.

BEARTOOTH RC&D OFFERING COST SHARE FOR FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS: The Beartooth RC&D is providing technical assistance and a limited 50/50 cost share to property owners that would like to protect their homes from a wild land fire. The technical assistance gives the landowner, the knowledge of what work needs to be done to improve the defensibility of the site.

In all cases, landowners are encouraged to use their own resources to do the work. Dick Rath, Beartooth RC&D Forester, has a list of contractors that can be employed by the landowner, if that is the chosen route for the job.

Please direct all questions to Dick Rath at 406-930-0884 or dickrath@hotmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SVWC'S 5TH ANNUAL BBQ, AUCTION & FLOAT & PULL

*****COMING SOON*****

WHEN: AUGUST 10TH (BBQ) & AUGUST 11TH (FLOAT)

WHERE: BBQ @ FISHTAIL BASIN RANCH, DEAN

FLOAT & PULL TAKES OFF @ THE NEWLY RENOVATED OLD NYE FISHING ACCESS SITE

MORE INFO AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW....



Stillwater Valley Big Horn Sheep

Article courtesy of Tom Kircher, SMC: The Bighorn sheep herd in the upper Stillwater Valley has long been a part of the area. Many people enjoy watching and photographing the sheep, especially in the fall and winter months present in the area. Although lized, they have varied over 1970, there were approxi- the area. Then, by the early be found around the Stillwa- Stillwater River. By the late 1990's, herd numbers began significant decline was due to worms. During this time, Still- (SMC) began medicated salt lung worm infestations. This practice saw great success and today the sheep numbers have again reached around 60 head with the cessation of the salt.



when the larger rams are populations have stabi- the past 40 years. In early mately 35 head roaming 1980's 55-60 head could ter Mine on the upper 1980's through the to decline. Part of this an infestation of lung water Mining Company placement to control the

Working cooperatively, the US Forest Service, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), local land- owners and the SMC have implemented a plan that has enabled the Stillwater big horn sheep herd to grow from a low of 20 head to the current herd count of approximately 60 animals today.

The rebound of the Stillwater bighorn sheep herd is a real success story; illustrating the influence of responsible environmental management, coupled with the partnering of regulatory agencies, the pub- lic and the natural resources development can make a positive difference in managing wildlife popu- lations.

Restoring this bighorn sheep herd continues to be a principle component of Stillwater Mining Com- pany's Environmental Management Plan. This plan includes:

- 1) Concurrent reclamation activities designed to improve quality and quantity of forage on the winter range,
- 2) Routine monitoring and observations,
- 3) SMC sponsored education programs to inform employees and the public on big horn sheep activities within the winter range,
- 4) Aggressive management plan and operating philosophy designed to minimize human/ bighorn interaction within the permit area.

Although the sheep are generally located in the upper Stillwater drainage within the mine area, there have been sheep sightings reported as far away as Park City. The problems arise when domestic sheep pass disease to the wild bighorn herd, as has happened in other areas of the state, which can be de- vastating to a herd of healthy wild sheep. If big horn sheep are sighted in an area of a domestic herd the policy of the FWP is to dispose of the big horn sheep that was sighted, be- fore it can return to and infect the native herd. If a big horn sheep is spotted in an area where it could come in contact with domestic sheep, please notify the FWP or your local game warden.

Although big horn sheep are generally not bothered by traffic or visitors photo- graphing them, below are suggestions if you do come into the area to view the sheep.

- ** Don't stop on the highway or block the road.
- ** Don't walk up to the sheep (these are wild animals).
- ** Be cautious of animals crossing the road as they can move onto the road very quickly.





JOIN TODAY! New members receive a complimentary window decal!

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

- Beartooth Ranch
- Cleaver Family
- John Dayton
- Nate & Fay Espeland
- Joe & Dora Flanagan
- Chris Fleck
- Karl Gaustad
- Ray Guthrie
- Joel Kemp
- Jack Krueger
- Betty Lannen
- Lazy EL Ranch
- Mendenhall Trust
- Scott Mitchell & Barb Bryant
- Moses Family
- Merrill & Kathleen Ostrum
- Stan Pelton
- River Run Ranch
- Bill & Terri Routen
- Carolyn Shortridge
- Jim & Andrea Stampfel
- Tippet Rise
- Wanda Wilcox
- Lee Wilder

2013 MEMBERSHIPS TO DATE

Terry & Charlene Adams * Keith & Kelly Anderson * Anderson Family Trust * Charles Barker & Pam Young * Beartooth Ranch * John & Laurie Beers * James & Kathleen Bennett * Ron & Kay Berklund * Billings Police Protective Services * John & Judy Bostedt * Pamela Briggs * Broken Horn Ranch * Nancy Brown * Daniel & Theresa Burkhart * Don Butcher * Dick & Jeanne Campbell * Michael & Jeannie Cantrell * Chris Clark * Cleaver Family * Kathleen Cochrane * Jim & Bev Coverley * Jerry & Sandy Crawford * Pat & Linda Cunningham * John Dayton * Robert Delk * Jerry Dell * Julie Dickinson * Paul & Cathy Donohoe * Kyle & Anna Donohoe * Kevin Eberle * Scott & Barbara Edmundson * Jim & Sherry Edwards * Dennis Ekle * Nate & Fay Espeland * Ron & Peggy Ferster * Fishtail Basin Ranch * Bill Flanagan * Joe & Dora Flanagan * Chris Fleck * Maretta French * Karl Gaustad * Lyle & Janet Graff * Charlie & Cindy Green * Richard Griffith * Ray Guthrie * Beverly Hall * Steve & Cheryl Harris * JO & Erica Hash * Conrad Miller & Judy Haynes * Ken & Dorothy Hegg * Kenneth & Dorothy Hegg * Alex & Andrea Heyneman * John & Donna Hjelvik * Kathleen Howard * Nicholas & Kathleen Howes * Bruce & Patricia Johnson * David & Sandra Joys * Patrick & Charlotte Karnos * Keller Ranch LLC * David Kem & Judith Raines * Joel Kemp * Larry Koch * Harold & Patricia Korell * Jack Krueger * Afton Lamereaux * Lazy EL Ranch * Betty Lannen * Nels & Gail Larsen * Lazy Y Diamond Bar Ranch * Ray Lien * Hank & Barb Lischer * Webb & June Mandeville * Keith & Kathryn Martin * Bob McKinsey * Josephine L Mendenhall Trust * JO Miller & Diana Scollard * Scott Mitchell & Barb Bryant * Doug & Sheryl Moffett * David & Margaret Molin * William & Barbara Morse * Moses Family * Jack & Ann Mowell * Elizabeth Murcko * Bill & Janice Mytton * Tom & Angie Osborne * Merrill & Kathleen Ostrum * Thomas Park * Charley & Jane Parker * Sandra Peck * Stan & Sheryl Pelton * Gerald & Coleen Perdue * Robert & Sylvia Peterson * Mark Rapf & Anne Gunn * Howard & Lynette Randall * Marvin & Dorothy Ratcliff * River Run Ranch * Pat & Jean Rollwitz * Mike & Amy Roscoe * Rossetter LLP * Bill & Terri Routen * Charles & Lana Sangmeister * Tim & Deb Schaff * Roger & Cecilia Schwarz * Jack & Paula Shemer * Olaf & Helen Sherwood * Carolyn Shortridge * Pam Snowden * Bob & Shirley Stafford * Jim & Andrea Stampfel * Jerry Sternad * Marv & Lisa Sticka * Tippet Rise * Lori Wenckus * Harold & Linda Wham * Wanda Wilcox * Lee Wilder * Thomas & Maxine Williams * Clyde & Sonja Windecker * Mike Wilson & Debi Winge * Ronda Winge * Keith & Fay Wood * Larry & Edith Woods * Bruce & Theo Yanzick

DONATIONS

- Richard Griffith
- Beartooth Ranch
- Heliworks Flight Services
- Alex & Andrea Heyneman
- Thomas & Maxine Williams

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

- † *IN MEMORY OF CLAY DONOHOE* †
- Scott Mitchell & Barb Bryant

Stillwater County is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. We hope this program will help enhance the quality of your life. Respect your neighbors' livelihood and property, and be aware that your actions impact your neighbors, human and otherwise.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2013 DUES?

The Stillwater Valley Watershed Council relies on people like you to match project funds and provide essential operating support. In order for you to benefit from SVWC's programs you are encouraged to become a member. Annual dues are \$25.00.

Please consider donating to our non-profit, tax deductible organization.

Send membership or support to SVWC,
PO Box 112, Absarokee, MT 59001.

WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OR ARE CONSIDERING A GIFT!

Because of your support, the SVWC was able to double its membership in 2012 and have the same goal for 2013

Stillwater Valley Watershed Council
Landowner Cost-Share & Membership Form

Landowner Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Local Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Stillwater County Property Location: (section/township/range, subdivision)

Approximate # of acres in the project: _____

Please check all that apply, sign and return.

I am interested in participating SVWC's project.

The project I am interested in receiving assistance for is: corral relocation, weed spraying (identify targeted weed species), biological control, irrigation efficiency improvement, fuels reduction, etc:

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

Yes, I want to join the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council. Enclosed is my \$25.00 annual membership fee.

I am already a member of the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council.

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:

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