

**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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# Stillwater Valley Watershed Council



**Message from the Chairman, Mike Lorash**

What an amazing year 2014 is shaping up to be. We haven't had this much spring moisture in many years. As a result, springs are running at all time highs and the grass is growing well, and so are our less desirable weeds! It's not too late to start planning your weed control program for the year. We have many spray programs to get involved in and if you are in a grant program, here is your opportunity to control your weeds.

We would like to welcome our new board member and treasurer, Fay Espeland. Congratulations Fay and welcome to the board. A big thank you to outgoing board member, Greg Frokjer, for your many years of service on the SVWC board.

For those who attended the recent water seminar held on May 22nd, it was one of the most informative forums we

have put on to date. Thanks to Tim, Ole, Tom and Lindsey for gathering up such a great line-up of speakers and organizing a very worthwhile afternoon. I hope all of you can attend this great event in the future, as each program gets better and better.

The upper Stillwater River Assessment is finalized and available, contact Lindsey for information on how to get a copy. The reports are also available via pdf on our website ([www.stillwatervalleywatershed.com](http://www.stillwatervalleywatershed.com)). This is the first step for the watershed in gathering information for future projects on the Stillwater River and upper Stillwater tributaries and will help in procuring funding for chosen projects. If you are interested in a restoration or improvement project, contact the SVWC for more information. Assistance may be available.

The Garrigus ditch project, completed in the spring of 2013, was an enormous success. It was encouraging to see neighbors joining together to reach the common goal of creating a more efficient ditch system.

Our annual BBQ is August 9 at the Fishtail Basin Ranch. We've already gotten a wonderful line-up of food, drink and music. The conversation and great selection of items for the auction are unbeatable! Please, come join us for an evening of fun and entertainment.

Have a great summer and come join the SVWC in one of our many summer activities.

**Mike**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- June 9th-13th – Stillwater County Noxious Weed Awareness Week*
- June 10th – Stewardship Seminar & Rangeland Tour, 9:30 am, Roscoe School*
- June 11th – SVWC meeting, 7:00 pm, Roscoe School*
- July 21st – Small Acreage Weed Control Program begins*
- Mid-July – Two Rivers Cooperative Weed Management Area Projects begin*
- August 9th – 6th Annual SVWC BBQ & Fundraising Auction, Fishtail Basin Ranch*
- August 10th – Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull, Nye*

## NOXIOUS WEED COST SHARE GRANTS IN FULL SWING

### FOUR NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND GRANTS ARE IN PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE WATERSHED

Two current weed management areas (WMA), Fishtail Basin and Beaver Creek, will be continuing cost-share programs again in 2014. Nearly forty landowners are participating in the third year of this program which provides 50% cost-share for treating noxious weed infestations. Originally established in 2012, both WMA's have received \$60,000 (\$120,000 cumulatively) to help offset costs associated with controlling the spread of weeds such as leafy spurge, sulfur cinquefoil and spotted knapweed.

Additionally, another grant in the amount of \$7500 was awarded to a new WMA. The Fishtail WMA, located between Absarokee and Fishtail, includes 15 landowner participants and encompasses 7000 acres.

Following the success of the Two Rivers Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) project last year, over \$33,000 was received for follow-up treatment in 2014. The Stillwater County Weed District received \$40,000 in 2014 to treat saltcedar along the Yellowstone River and noxious weeds such as spotted knapweed and leafy spurge 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 rivers. This project will begin this summer, when flood waters recede.



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*



**“Mom, if those yellow flowers are mustard, are the red flowers ketchup?”**

Lainey Clark, 3 1/2 years old

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

### ***SVWC'S 6TH ANNUAL BBQ, FUNDRAISING AUCTION AND FLOAT & PULL***

**WHEN:** AUGUST 9TH (BBQ) & AUGUST 10TH (FLOAT)

**WHERE:** BBQ @ FISHTAIL BASIN RANCH, DEAN

FLOAT & PULL, PARTICIPANTS MEET AT NYE FIRE HALL

**MORE INFO AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW....**

**DONATIONS WILL AGAIN BE ACCEPTED FOR OUR LIVE & SILENT AUCTION**

## SMALL ACREAGE WEED CONTROL PROGRAM TAKING PLACE THE WEEK OF JULY 21

### SMALL ACREAGE LANDOWNER WEED CONTROL PROGRAM:

This year, the SVWC will again be offering small acreage landowners (less than 20 acres) 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. The 2014 Small Acreage Landowner Weed Control Program has been scheduled for the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>.

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 and a noticeable decrease in infested acres treated (12.9% in 2011 compared to 3.5% in 2013). Last year, participants received an average cost-share of approximately \$68.00 per participant. The program's educational and weed control achievements are due in large part to the many local volunteers and passionate weed fighters who have come together to assist with the 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). With grant monies the SVWC has again secured, the cost to the landowner will be \$50 per hour. A **prepayment of \$50.00** will be collected prior to

"Spray Week," which will begin July 21<sup>st</sup> this year. If any additional control measures are required over one hour of application time, the cost will 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 an application **deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

We must all take responsibility for managing our property to keep the Stillwater Valley from being infested with noxious weeds. According to the Montana Local

County Weed Act (7-22-2116), it is unlawful for any person to permit noxious weeds to propagate or go to seed on their land. Additionally, 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 unsure if noxious weeds are present on your property, please contact Lindsey and arrangements can be made to assess your property prior to making any weed control commitments.

**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!**

*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.



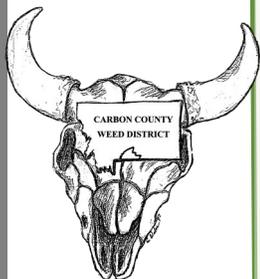
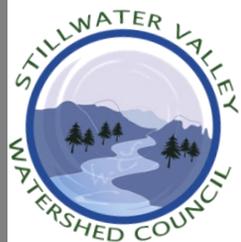
## 2nd ANNUAL STILLWATER COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED AWARENESS

JUNE 9-13, 2014

The 2nd Annual Stillwater County Noxious Weed Awareness Week will take place June 9-13! This campaign will focus on issues related to invasive and noxious weed species in order to compel the public to get involved to stop their spread.

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.

This program is brought to you by:



## Stewardship Seminar & Rangeland Tour hosted by the Carbon and Stillwater County Weed Districts

WHEN: Tuesday, June 10th, 2014

WHERE: Roscoe School & Lazy EL Ranch

TIME: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, lunch provided

### AGENDA

- 9:30-9:40 am ◇ Welcome & Introductions
- 9:40-10:30 am ◇ Noxious Weed Identification  
Nikki Bailey, MSU Extension & Brian Ostwald, CC Weed District
- 10:30-11:30 am ◇ Concepts & Principles of Targeted Grazing for Weed Control  
Jeff Mosely, Extension Rangeland Specialist, MSU
- 11:30 -Noon ◇ Lunch, Sponsored by MSU Extension, MWCA South Central Area & the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council
- 11:30 -Noon ◇ Rangeland Herbicide Update  
Jim Gordon, Crop Production Services
- Noon-12:30 pm ◇ Target Grazing using Goats  
Ivan Thrane, Healthy Meadows LLC
- 12:30-1:30 pm ◇ Montana Grasses, Knowing the Good from the Bad  
Jane Mangold, Extension Weed and IPM Specialist, MSU
- 1:30-3:00 pm ◇ Grazing Management & Techniques of Range Monitoring,  
Lazy EL Ranch, Roscoe  
Todd & Tanya Daniels, Ranchwise

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

Please, RSVP to the Stillwater County Weed District at 322.1106

**BECAUSE OF THESE SPONSORS: MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION, MSU EXTENSION & THE SVWC, THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!!**

# WANTED FOR INVADING STILLWATER COUNTY

YELLOW STARTHISTLE



YELLOW FLAG IRIS



DYER'S WOOD



KNOTWEED COMPLEX



## ***\$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!



REWARDS ARE SPONSORED BY MONDA AG SALES,  
JOLIET AND HELENA CHEMICAL, LAUREL.

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

## UPPER STILLWATER RIVER ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE

Recently the Upper Stillwater River Assessment report, prepared for the SVWC and Stillwater Conservation District and paid for through a DNRC 223 grant, was released. Warren Kellogg, Stream & Watershed Consultant, completed the assessment and report with the following objectives in mind:

- 1) Compile and summarize all pertinent resource data and information that will complement and direct the field assessment.
- 2) Collect and summarize resource information with special attention given to irrigation infrastructure, riparian area restoration, and to note noxious weed infestations.
- 3) Provide conceptual recommendations and prioritization of restoration opportunities. The recommendations are the precursor to a detailed alternative analysis and cost estimate for individual projects.

The full river assessment report can be found at [www.stillwatervalleywatershed.com](http://www.stillwatervalleywatershed.com). Hard copies can also be purchased for \$55 by contacting Lindsey at 780.1249.

The SVWC board of directors will be organizing public meetings later this summer to determine priority projects. We encourage you get involved if there is a project you would like the SVWC to prioritize.



## CHANGING CORRALS, CORRALING CHANGE UPDATE

The recent Stillwater River assessment was very positive in showcasing the progress that has been made in reducing effluent from livestock confinement areas into our area waterways. The SVWC has been working cooperatively with the Beartooth Stock Association to encourage livestock producers within the watershed to modify their operations so that runoff from confinement areas would not reach adjacent streams. During the homestead era it was common practice in Stillwater County to build the barn and corrals along the stream so livestock water did not have to be hauled from the creek in a bucket! The SVWC river assessment documented only one operation that has not taken steps to modify their confinement areas to comply with Department of Environmental Quality standards in all of the Stillwater drainage, which includes land from the National Forest boundary to the Johnson Bridge West of Absarokee.

Because of this collaborative effort to educate and assist local livestock producers, Stillwater County was listed as a special initiative area for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRCS has allocated more funds to be available for cost sharing projects for producers to help with the financial burden associated with moving their barn and corrals away from tributaries.

We should all be proud that landowners/managers in our watershed are taking a progressive approach to improve the water quality of this magnificent resource and that once again the agricultural folks are on the ground doing the right things for our environment, because the environment is their livelihood.



## YELLOWSTONE BASIN ADVISORY COUNCIL'S WATER SUPPLY INITIATIVE

The Yellowstone River Basin Advisory Council has nearly completed their work of providing policy changes and recommendations to the Montana Legislature for the State's Water Plan.

The purposes of the Montana Water Supply Initiative (MWSI) are to: 1) provide up-to-date water resource information essential for planning and estimating future water demand, and 2) actively engage citizens in developing an adaptive State Water Plan that identifies options to meet future needs, satisfy existing beneficial uses, and protect the state's water resources.

Details of the process and activities of the YBAC can be found on DNRC's website: [www.dnrc.mt.gov](http://www.dnrc.mt.gov)

Click on the "State Water Plan" icon at the bottom of the page and follow the prompts to access the YBAC documents and recommendations.

The YBAC just finished the process of gathering public comment regarding their draft document and finalized their policy

recommendations on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Following this meeting the document will be submitted to Montana DNRC officials who will then convene meetings of the four basin advisory councils in Helena. Two representatives from each advisory council will be tasked with compiling an overall document that covers recommendations from each council into one state-wide policy recommendations document.

That document will eventually be presented to the Montana Legislature's Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) for hearings before it is submitted to the 2015 Montana Legislature for any legislative action. Stillwater Valley irrigators and water users should continue to participate in this process by keeping informed and consider attending the WPIC hearings.

If you belong to organizations such as Montana Farm Bureau, Montana Stockgrowers or other statewide groups, ask them to keep you informed of the water supply policy process.

### STILLWATER BEDROCK AQUIFER PROJECT

The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology started a three year study of the bedrock aquifers of Stillwater County this March, 2014. The study will focus on the bedrock aquifers that surround the major stream valley alluvial systems. The bedrock aquifers are primarily found in layers of sandstone, fractured shale, coal, or fractured volcanic deposits of Tertiary and Upper Cretaceous age. These aquifers are often separated by impermeable layers of shale and siltstone, and geologically isolated due to uplifting and erosion. The bedrock aquifers supply valuable stock water, are used for domestic wells, and feed the springs in the hills around the Stillwater and Yellowstone Rivers. These aquifers frequently discharge water to the rivers, supplying much needed flow in the late summer months.

Water-level and quality measurements will be made on as many wells and springs as possible. Some wells will be selected for installation of water-level data loggers that will record hourly water levels. These records will be used to evaluate the aquifers' responses to climatic conditions and the potential for water development. This is a great opportunity for land owners to get a no cost assessment of their bedrock water resources including full chemical analyses. Funding for the project comes from a DNRC RRG grant sponsored by Stillwater Conservation District. For information on the project please contact Kevin Chandler at Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology ([kchandler@mtech.edu](mailto:kchandler@mtech.edu)) or (406) 321-3617, evenings (406) 328-4253

### FWP PROPOSES PROJECTS AT STILLWATER RIVER FISHING ACCESS SITES



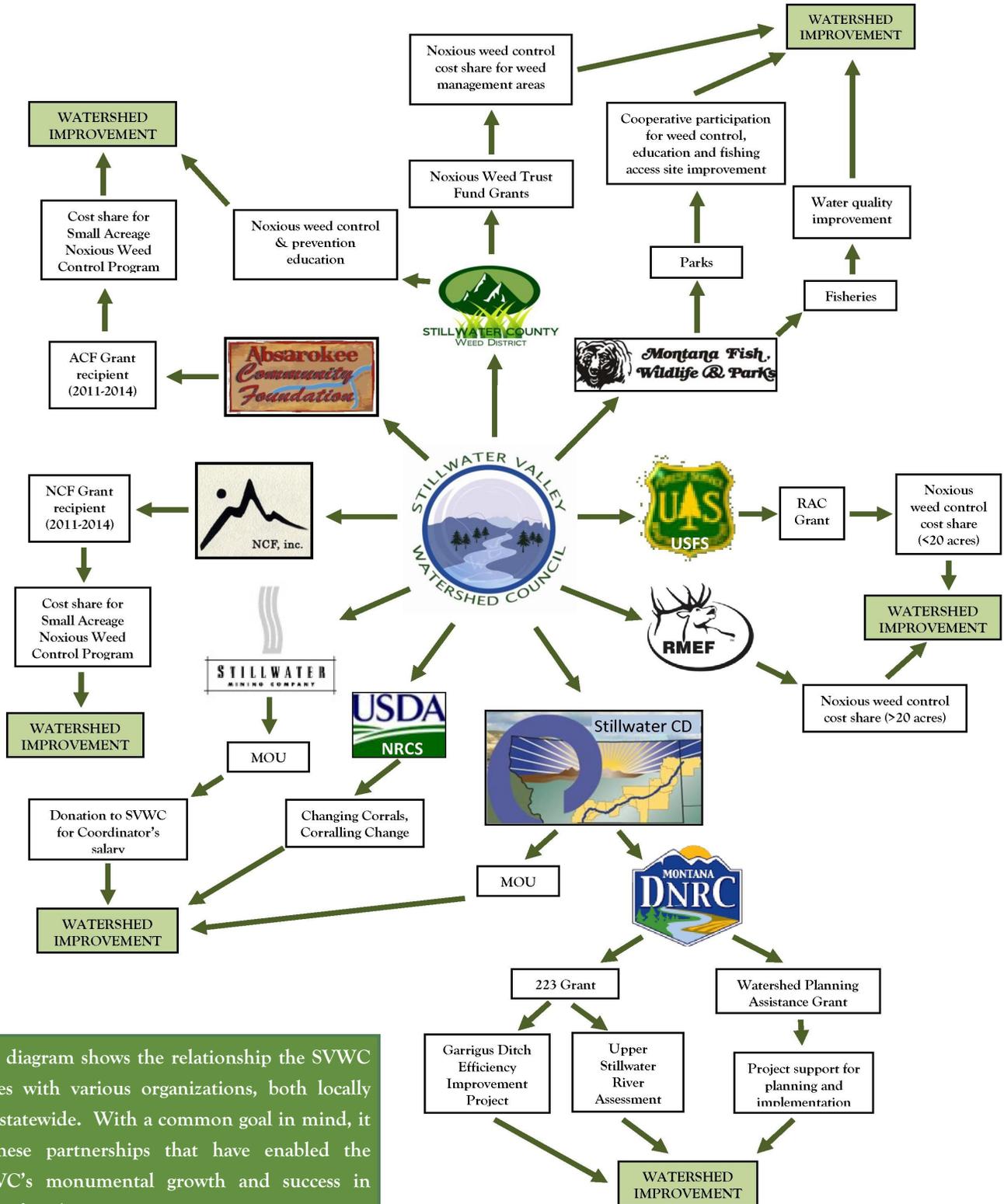
**Montana Fish,  
Wildlife & Parks**

In October 2013, the design and construction folks from FWP, Helena, made a trip through Region 5, scoping out capital projects and updating the current list of capital projects. Cleve Schuster, Region 5 fishing access site manager, requested the following projects be added to the list in Stillwater County:

- ◆ Cliff Swallow: Reconstruction of boat ramp and parking area which is proposed to begin in fall, 2014.
- ◆ Moriane: Rebuild the road to the Stillwater River, add a parking area and a gravel ramp. This project will be completed in house with the FWP.
- ◆ Buffalo Jump: Revamp design and construction of the parking area and boat launch area. This will include surveying the site and modifying it with current user needs in mind.

Contact Cleve Schuster at 670-5172 for more information on the details and progress of these projects.

## COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIPS-A SHARED GOAL



This diagram shows the relationship the SVWC shares with various organizations, both locally and statewide. With a common goal in mind, it is these partnerships that have enabled the SVWC's monumental growth and success in only a few short years.

**STILLWATER MINING COMPANY MAKES A GENEROUS DONATION**

April 8, 2014

Mr. Mike Lorash, Chairman  
Stillwater Valley Watershed Council  
PO Box 112  
Absarokee, Montana 59001



**Re: Donation – Coordinators Salary**

Dear Mike,

On behalf of Stillwater Mining Company, I am honored to provide the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council with a donation of \$15,000 to fund a portion of the Council’s coordinator salary during 2014. We have and remain impressed with the work and efforts of the Council and hope these dollars will assist in the continuation of those activities. As a partner in the Stillwater Valley, we look forward to continuing to work with the Council in achieving our mutual goal of protecting the watershed while advancing responsible natural resource development.

All the Best,

Randy Weimer  
Corporate Manager – Environmental & Governmental Affairs  
Stillwater Mining Company

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*"It is partnerships such as this, as well as those highlighted in the diagram on the previous page, that have been instrumental in the growth and success of the SVWC. A sincere thank you goes out to the SME!"*  
  
*Lindsey Clark  
SVWC Coordinator*



**JOIN TODAY! New members receive a complimentary window decal!**

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**

Larry & Vicki Arnold  
Nancy Arthun  
Don & Patricia Black  
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Veronica Carter  
Millard & Mina Cox  
Richard & Virginia Cross  
Harry & Judith Cuff  
Lisa Fields  
Tom Fries  
Robert Gahagan  
Todd & Gina Gahagan  
Pete Gaustad  
Darrell & Linda Holmquist  
Kent/Michael Ann Johnson  
Patrick King  
Fenna Klingberg  
Mendenhall Ditch Co.  
Craig & Deborah Patrick  
Michael/Rosemary Reynolds  
Clint & Mary Teegardin  
Tim Thompson  
Jim & Laurie Wertman  
Vincent & Leslie Ziegler

**2014 MEMBERSHIPS TO DATE**

Terry & Jill Ackerman \* Terry & Charlene Adams \* Keith & Kelly Anderson \* Anderson Family Trust \* Larry & Vicki Arnold \* Nancy Arthun \* Charles Barker & Pam Young \* Jim Bates & Deb DePietro \* Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch \* Beartooth Ranch \* John & Laurie Beers \* James & Kathleen Bennett \* Ron & Kay Berklund \* Don & Patricia Black \* Billings Police Protective Services \* John & Judy Bostedt \* Lynne Boylston-Davis \* Clint & Amy Branger \* Broken Horn Ranch \* Michael & Debra Buckley \* Buffalo Jump Community Association \* Don Butcher \* Veronica Carter \* Bud & Becky Chenault \* Cleaver Family \* Bill & Sandra Coverley \* Jim & Bev Coverley \* Millard & Mina Cox \* Jerry & Sandi Crawford \* Richard & Virginia Cross \* Harry & Judith Cuff \* Pat & Linda Cunningham \* Don & Nancy Dallas \* Judy Degele \* Pieter & Michele DeGroat \* Robert Delk \* Jerry Dell \* Julie Dickinson \* Jess & Cindy Donohoe \* Paul & Cathy Donohoe \* Kevin Eberle \* Scott & Barbara Edmondson \* Jim & Sherry Edwards \* Nate & Fay Espeland \* Ron & Peggy Ferster \* Fishtail Basin Ranch \* Lisa Fields \* Bill Flanagan \* Maretta French \* Tom Fries \* Greg & Jan Frokjer \* Robert Gahagan \* Todd & Gina Gahagan \* Karl Gaustad \* Pete Gaustad \* Lyle & Janet Graff \* Charlie & Cindy Green \* Beverly Hall \* Steve & Cheryl Harris \* Bill & Betty Hart \* JO & Erica Hash \* Don Hauenstein \* Alex & Andrea Heyneman \* Darrell & Linda Holmquist \* Britt & Debbie Hougen \* Shirley Howard \* Eileen Howard \* Kent & Michal Ann Johnson \* Ken & Peg Joki \* David & Sandra Joys \* Pat & Charlotte Karnos \* Keller Ranch LLC \* David Kem & Judith Raines \* Joel & Maryann Kemp \* Patrick King \* Tom Kircher \* Lawrence & Karen Klee \* Fenna Klingberg \* Larry Koch \* Michelle Koch \* Harold & Patricia Korell \* Afton Lamoreaux \* Lazy EL Ranch \* Betty Lannen \* Nels & Gail Larsen \* Lazy Y Diamond Bar Ranch \* Tim & Pati Lechner \* Ray Lien \* Hank & Barb Lischer \* Mike & Bobbi Lorash \* Michael & Joanne Louis \* Webb & June Mandeville \* Keith & Kathryn Martin \* Paul & Donna McClure \* Barbara McKay \* Mendenhall Ditch Co. \* Mike Michunovich \* JO Miller & Diana Scollard \* Scott Mitchell & Barb Bryant \* David & Margaret Molin \* Jack & Ann Mowell \* Elizabeth Murcko \* Bill & Janice Mytton \* Hans & Lacey Norstrand \* H. Peter Norstrand \* Tom & Angie Osborne \* Thomas Park \* Charley & Jane Parker \* Craig & Deborah Patrick \* Sandra Peck \* Stan & Cheryl Pelton \* John Pidgeon \* Mark Rapf & Anne Gunn \* Marvin & Dorothy Ratcliff \* Michael & Rosemary Reynolds \* Riddles Cliff Association \* Doug & Anna Robinette \* Pat & Jean Rollwitz \* Mike & Amy Roscoe \* Rossetter LLP \* Bill & Terri Routen \* Tim & Deb Schaff \* Roger & Cecilia Schwarz \* Jack & Paula

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David & Sandra Joys  
Lee Wilder

\*\*Denotes donations greater than \$1000

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  
2014 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!

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:

Stillwater Valley Watershed Council  
PO Box 112  
Absarokee MT 59001  
406-780-1249  
www.stillwatervalleywatershd.com



STILLWATER VALLEY  
WATERSHED COUNCIL

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**Absarokee, MT 59001**

406.780.1249  
E-mail: SVWC2010@hotmail.com  
Website: www.StillwaterValleyWatershed.com



**We are a volunteer group of local residents and interested representatives who are 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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**ABSAROKEE**



**FISHTAIL**



**DEAN**



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