

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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*"Our dreams are big, our hopes high.
 Our goals long-term and the path is
 difficult. But the only failure is not
 to try." ~ Jimmy Carter*

SVWC From the Beginning, Chairman's Perspective

TEN YEARS AGO Tom Kircher, Noel Keogh and I had an idea to begin a noxious weed management effort beginning at the Sioux Charley campground on the Upper Stillwater River. As our efforts grew, so did the cooperation from many individuals, including the Stillwater Mine and county, state and federal agencies. Over the past ten years, we have watched this program grow through educational programs for the public, continuing our fight against noxious weeds, enhanced water and water quality efforts and improving our forests. All that has been accomplished during this time has been very important, but what will sustain us is the vision for the future.

Today as members of the Stillwater Watershed, we share a common vision to protect the Stillwater Valley and its watershed for future generations to enjoy. As a step towards insuring a continued future and building on a legacy, SVWC is reaching out to the youth of our communities to share in the vision and mission of our organization. Contact has been made with local FFA and 4-H youth to become involved and share their ideas and interest for the watershed. Special time at each meeting will be set aside for their participation and input. We encourage any youth with an interest to become a part of the SVWC organization to help continue a just cause and build for the future!

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SAVE THE DATES!

JUNE 14 - SVWC Meeting: West Fork Avulsion Tour 5:00 pm, Regular Meeting 7:00 pm, Nye Fire Hall

JUNE 19-21 - Montana Range Days, Red Lodge

JULY 1 - Deadline to sign up for Small Acreage Cooperative Weed Control Program

JULY 6th - Pasture Management & Biocontrol Workshop, Fishtail Community Center & Field Tours

MID-JULY - Cooperative Weed Control Program begins

AUGUST 12 - 9th Annual BBQ & Auction Fundraiser, Branger Ranch, Roscoe

AUGUST 14 - Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull, Nye

MID-AUGUST - Lower Yellowstone River Assessment begins



LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Message from the Chairman, Tim Schaff, continued

Spring brings a renewed freshness to Stillwater Valley. It is a time of the year for branding and getting the livestock out to green grass, finding a stream and or river that will allow for some quality fishing, and the campers and hikers enjoying the beauty of our area.

Mother Nature has truly blessed us with our spring moisture. Well over 5" of rain has helped the grass and of course the weeds get a good jump start. The snow pack looks equally good with the hopes it doesn't warm up too fast. Although the heat is coming, the early cool temperatures have allowed for the grass to grow and a reduced quick run-off. Enjoy the spring time in your work and or play!

SVWC is once again planning for a full schedule of events for 2017. Be sure to mark your calendar of the events! A reminder to those that want to get involved with the small and large tract spraying program, an application is attached to the newsletter. Be sure and get yours in early as funding is limited.

All that has been accomplished during this time has been very important, but what will sustain us is the vision for the future.

— Tim Schaff, SVWC Chairman

SVWC will once again help sponsor a pasture management and noxious weed and biocontrol field day scheduled for July 6th with events beginning at the Fishtail Community Center at 8:30 am

The Yanzick and Brey-Riddle irrigation efficiency improvement project will begin soon. Earlier this year the Stillwater Conservation District and SVWC successfully secured \$125,000 in funding from the Renewable

Resource Grant & Loan program to assist landowners on these ditches complete major renovations to vastly improve the infrastructure and irrigation efficiency.

The last leg of the SVWC river assessments will be completed late summer from the Johnson Bridge to the confluence of the Stillwater and Yellowstone Rivers at Columbus. Warren Kellogg will be walking the riverbanks to once again survey the river as part of the hydrologic/geomorphic assessment. Previous assessments for the Upper Stillwater, East/West Rosebud, Fishtail Creek and Upper Stillwater have been completed and can be viewed on our website.

To round out our busy summer schedule, SVWC is making plans for the annual barbecue held at the Clint Branger Ranch this year. It promises to be a time to share stories of the summer activities, enjoy good company, food, and the opportunity to participate in the annual fundraiser. Silent auction and live auction items

are always of great interest to the bidders. Auction item donations are welcome at any time, if you would like to provide a unique item for the auction contact our coordinator. Plan to attend; it is always a great evening to relax, this year along the East Rosebud River.

Enjoy the summer with your family and friends. Stillwater Valley is a beautiful place to live and enjoy. Together as a member, participant, donor and voice we can help insure a bright future for our Stillwater Watershed.

9th Annual BBQ @ Auction Fundraiser and Stillwater River Float and Weed Pull!

Celebrate stewardship and enrichment in the Stillwater Valley with your neighbors and area residents. Enjoy dinner, socializing, and an auction event to help support the enhancement of the entire watershed for generations to come!

➤ **Saturday, August 12th ~ BBQ & Auction at the Branger Ranch, Roscoe**
5:00 pm Social Hour, Dinner and Live & Silent Auction to follow

***Quality donations are welcome for the auction. Please contact Lindsey in advance for more information*

➤ **Sunday, August 13th ~ Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull**
9:30 am Meet at the Nye fire hall

***There will again be a monetary incentive for youth organization participation—contact Lindsey for info!*

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

New Weed Coordinator Hired in Stillwater County



Let me introduce myself, my name is Dana Weatherford and I am the new Stillwater County Weed Coordinator as of mid-May. I am excited to be an advocate for noxious weed management in Stillwater County.

I grew up in Joliet, MT and graduated from Joliet High School in 2012. Active in 4-H, FFA, and the Montana Junior Red Angus Association, I held officer positions, participated in judging and agronomy events and showed livestock at the county and state fairs. I have a love for showing and fitting cattle that is instilled in me today. I am proud of my farm and ranch background where I am currently raising Registered Red Angus and commercial cattle at the family ranch in Joliet. My passion for cows is correlated directly to land management which includes nutrition, stocking rates, and weed management.

A proud alumni member from North Dakota State University, I graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science. During college, in the summer

months, I would return home to the ranch and took the opportunity to spray weeds for both Carbon and Yellowstone County Weed Districts. Weed management is important in all facets of life, whether it be farming, ranching, gardening, outdoor sporting events, or other recreational activities.

I hope to educate the public about noxious weeds and provide options to control the invaders that reside in our county. Stay tuned from week-to-week for my column, Weed of the Week in the Stillwater County News.

Furthermore, if you have questions about weed/grass identification and control methods, please call the Stillwater County Weed District's office at 322-1106.

Additionally, we will continue the herbicide sprayer loan program at our shop in Columbus. Our Tordon 22K sales program is continuing again this year and can be purchased at Farmers Union Trading in Columbus.



Pasture Management and Bio-Control Workshop Slated for July 6th in Fishtail

On July 6th the SVWC, MT Biocontrol Coordination Project and MSU Extension will be hosting a leafy spurge biocontrol and pasture management workshop in Fishtail.

The workshop registration will begin at the Fishtail Community Center at 8:30 am followed by presentations on leafy spurge biocontrol from Melissa Maggio-Kassner. Following Melissa, Emily Glunk, MSU Extension Forage Specialist and Meghan Van Emon, MSU Extension Livestock Specialist, will talk about pasture management and animal nutrition as it pertains to grazing.

After the short classroom presentations, we will caravan to a couple local ranches for hands on opportunities to learn about pasture management. Participants will then have the opportunity to collect bugs for leafy spurge biocontrol. The workshop is expected to

end around 3:00 pm.

If you are planning to collect biocontrol insects, please bring a cooler with ice (to safely take home your insects). Other important necessities for the day are: sunscreen, good shoes, a hat, extra water, and anything else that you might need on a summer day in MT!

This workshop is open to all ages! If you are interested in attending or have any questions contact Lindsey at svwc2010@hotmail.com or 780.1249. **MSU Extension is sponsoring the lunch so please RSVP by July 3rd.**

Private application credits may be available, contact Lee Schmelzer at 322.8035 for more info.





NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS

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. The SVWC is offering you an 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

THIS SUMMER, THE SVWC WILL CONTINUE the "top-to-bottom" approach at weed management, expanding the program's reach downriver and to tributaries that flow into the Stillwater River.

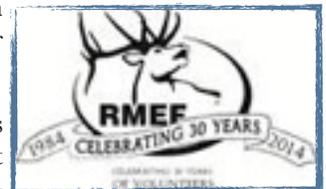
With your membership of \$35 to the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, and pre-payment of \$75, we are offering you the following cost-share opportunities:

- ◆ **Perform work using an integrated pest management approach, i.e. chemical application and biological control through bug releases where deemed necessary;**
- ◆ **Provide on-site weed control consultation and GPS mapping, when requested;**
- ◆ **Establish photo monitoring sites to track progress from year to year;**
- ◆ **Provide an educational campaign, teaching management tools necessary to successfully maintain a weed-free area.**

In 2016, the average cost savings to participants was nearly \$100! Landowners will be accepted for this program on a first come, first served basis with an application deadline of July 1st. If interested in taking advantage of the cost-share opportunity, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to us by July 1st with appropriate payment. A fill-in application can also be completed on SVWC's website at www.StillwaterValleyWatershed.com under the section "About the SVWC" then "Weed Control".

SVWC Receives \$20,000 Grant to Aid Large Acreage Noxious Weed Control

In early 2017 the SVWC received another grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 to continue the cost-share program to control noxious weeds for large tract landowners.



Who is eligible? Large tract landowners (greater than 40 acres) with weed infestations located on, or adjacent to, elk habitat. Cost-share for this program is prioritized by earliest request date (complete form on page 9). For landowners/managers having 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." However, **funding is not guaranteed and is based on a first come-first serve according to earliest application submittal date.**

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" and mail it to PO Box 112, Absarokee, MT 59019. The SVWC Board of Directors need to approve your application and WMP prior to receipt of cost-share so the sooner your application is submitted, the better!

Where can the funds be used? If you are within the Stillwater Valley Watershed's hydrologic boundaries and have greater than 40 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 \$1,000. This reimbursement will occur in the fall, once an application records, expense receipts and maps of the application area(s) are received. Don't forget, this cost-share opportunity is on a first come-first serve basis until funding is exhausted. **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO SIGN UP!**

SVWC's SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES—Water Quality



\$125,000 Grant Received for Yanzick/Brey-Riddle Ditch Implementation

THE YANZICK AND BREY-RIDDLE IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RECENTLY RECEIVED A \$125,000 GRANT from the Montana Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) Renewable Resource Grant/Loan (RRGL) program. This project, the first ever for the SVWC who teamed with the Stillwater Conservation District (SCD) and landowners and water users on the two ditches, hopes to improve the water use and overall functionality of the structures.

Backstory: In 2014, the SVWC sponsored Upper Stillwater Assessment report was released which ranked the Yanzick Ditch and Brey-Riddle Ditch individually as high and medium priorities for the watershed, respectively. Because these projects also ranked high on the SVWC and SCD's priority list with close proximity of the two headgates and the interaction between the diversions (which cumulatively irrigate 750+ acres) it was a clear decision by both boards to address this as one project.

Working with Chad Raisland of Pioneer Technical Services, Inc, a preliminary engineering report (PER) funded by a grant received by the SVWC and SCD, was completed in spring 2016. The completed PER has allowed all stakeholders involved to consider recommendations generated by Pioneer Technical and proceed with a preferred alternative that will improve the management of natural resources on the Stillwater River while ensuring continued water delivery to the existing Yanzick and Brey-Riddle irrigation systems. A DNRC RRGL grant application was submitted in June, 2016 for \$125,000 and subsequently ranked 10th in the state out of over 90 total applications. Representatives from SCD, SVWC, Pioneer Technical and a landowner from the Yanzick Ditch presented the project at the Legislative session in Helena in January and were just recently notified of the fully funded award.

Strategy and Timeline: The alternative agreed upon by water users of both ditches was to combine the two headgates into one and replace the current Yanzick Ditch diversion and headgate 450 feet upstream from the existing headgate to manage diversion flows into the Yanzick Ditch. Additionally, reshaping the current Yanzick Ditch will be necessary to fulfill the water rights for both the Yanzick and Brey-Riddle Ditches. The cost of this project is estimated to be \$155,000. Ditch users will provide in-kind and cash matches for the balance of the project costs. The tentative timeline is: design and permitting completed by April 2018; construction completed by November 2018; and grant closeout and project total completion by December 2018.

Third SVWC Sponsored River Assessment Taking Place this Summer

FUNDING SECURED TO PURSUE ASSESSMENT OF LOWER STILLWATER RIVER—The SVWC, working in partnership with the Stillwater Conservation District, recently secured funding from a DNRC 223 Grant for nearly \$15,000 to pursue a professional comprehensive stream corridor assessment of approximately **14 miles of the Lower Stillwater River**, from Johnson Bridge to the confluence of the Stillwater and Yellowstone Rivers at Columbus. The goals of the hydrologic/geomorphic assessment, planned for late summer 2017, are to:

- 1) Provide a baseline for future stream migration, producing options for mitigation projects with the overall goal of protecting private property and agricultural lands while improving fish habitat.
- 2) Provide solutions for irrigators by eliminating costly diversion repairs and/or relocations that would possibly disrupt fisheries, produce unnecessary in-stream excavation, and create unstable erodible stream bank areas.
- 3) Provide conceptual alternatives for long-term improvement of the tributaries for the 125+ landowners adjacent to the targeted tributary which includes 3000+ irrigable acres (approx. nine head gate structures).

The professional stream assessment will begin in mid-August, during low water flows. Permission from landowners along the 14 mile stretch would be greatly appreciated as Warren Kellogg, stream assessor hired by the SVWC, continues his assessment of the Lower Stillwater. If there is an issue with him briefly surveying the banks of your property, please let us know. We truly appreciate your cooperation! ***A SVWC or SCD representative with contact adjacent landowners for further discussion.***





SVWC SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES—Water Quality

SVWC Board Revisits Potential West Fork Channel Stabilization Project

AN ERODING BEND IN THE WEST FORK OF THE STILLWATER RIVER POSES A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY AROUND NYE

if continued erosion diverts the river into a former channel that hasn't flowed in more than a century, a watershed expert warns.

Backstory: The 2014 Upper Stillwater River Assessment report identified the potential avulsion on the West Fork of the Stillwater River as a potential threat to the Nye community. Although the risk of avulsion at the site has increased with the recent side channel enlargement, the overall risk of a wholesale avulsion at the site remains low. Warren Kellogg of Clancy-based Stream and Watershed Consulting stated in his assessment that “it is not likely that the river will revert to its old channel.”

The problem site is about two miles up Limestone Road from Stillwater River Road, where the West Fork naturally divides into two channels. A side channel carries much less streamflow and is partially blocked off from the main channel by a natural log jam that mostly occurred during the June 2011 flood. Several hundred feet downstream from the log jam is an eroding bend in the secondary channel, and several hundred feet away, is the head of the old river channel. Water flowing from Horseman Creek weakens the stream bank at the bend, making it easier for the bank to erode. The concern is that continued erosion and big flows during a flood event could cause the West Fork to return to its old channel.

Future Implications: Although all of the characteristics of the project site indicate that the likelihood of the West Fork avulsing into the historic channel is low, it is important to recognize that one component of risk assessment is considering the consequences of an event. Even if the likelihood of occurrence is low, it may be appropriate to implement measures to further avoid the event (in this case channel avulsion) if the consequences are high. Since the community of Nye is located on the historic channel and prone to major damages in the event of an avulsion, consideration of mitigation measures is appropriate. A PER, found on SVWC's website, completed in 2016 provided multiple conceptual alternatives to permanently remedy the issue.

The Next Step: The estimated cost of the solutions are quite high. The SVWC board and interested landowners are looking into the possibility of applying for a DNRC Renewable Resource Grant (the same funding source of the Yanzick & Brey Riddle headgate project). Anyone interested in visiting the site is welcome to join the SVWC board on June 14th for further discussions. We will meet at the Nye Fire Hall at 5:00 pm and caravan to the West Fork location. An open-to-the-public Board of Director meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.

NRCS Update—Garrett Larson, Columbus District Resource Conservationist

It's hard to believe that June is already here! January through June are usually the busiest for NRCS field offices, and for the Columbus office, this year has certainly not been an exception. During this time we organize applications and supporting documentation in preparation for potential funding for our two main programs, Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

For those who attended the SVWC Annual Meeting in January, I mentioned the complete revamp of the CSP program and the process for application. It has been a tough learning curve for the NRCS staff this year. The amount of paperwork on the part of the producer, has decreased substantially. The old Conservation Measurement Tool, has been replaced with an interview during which the NRCS will fill out the questions on the computer. While the process is still time consuming, there is less room for error and confusion in the process, also giving the staff the chance to become better acquainted with producers and their operations prior to entering into a potential contract.

This summer we will be conducting several rangeland inventories for the development of prescribed grazing systems in conjunction with stockwater system development. We will also be looking at several potential irrigation projects. The NRCS takes applications for both CSP and EQIP year round. If you have a project that you would like to discuss, a rangeland or agronomy related question, or would like more details on either the CSP or EQIP programs, please contact the Columbus NRCS office at 406-322-5359.

Also, mark your calendars for Montana Range Days taking place in Red Lodge June 19th- 21st. This event, open to folks of all ages, will cover a variety of topics such as soils, plant identification, computing stocking rates, and plant anatomy. Visit www.MontanaRangeDays.org for more information.

SVWC SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES—Forest Health



Grant Application Ranks Nationally for Wildland Urban Interface Funding

SEVERAL LARGE WILDFIRES, MOST SIGNIFICANTLY THE DERBY FIRE OF 2006, HAVE THREATENED PRIVATE LANDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA IN RECENT YEARS. The Stillwater Valley, comprised of dry ponderosa pine forests and open rangelands, is being encroached by juniper and Douglas-fir, as well as higher elevation mixed conifer forests. Vegetative fuel conditions are dangerous because of low precipitation, overstocked forests, and blowdown-aftermath. Slope steepness, windy conditions and lack of access roads make firefighting in many areas particularly difficult/dangerous.

The intent of the proposed Upper Stillwater Watershed Hazardous Fuels Mitigation Project is to reduce hazardous fuel conditions around the communities in the Stillwater River watershed. Areas in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) around the communities of Absarokee, Fishtail, Dean, Nye and Roscoe will be targeted.

If funded, the WUI's specific focus will be aforementioned areas characterized by extreme wind-driven fire behavior, rural residential development with poor access, and limited fire response capacity. Communities in the area are also popular seasonal recreation destinations intermixed with working farms and ranches. The project provides homeowners with cost-share assistance for fuels reduction projects, prevention and mitigation materials, and continuing education regarding wildland fire.

This project will complement adjacent fuel treatments on federal and private lands to establish stand-replacing fire resistant landscapes and maximize the scale of treatments for community-wide protection. The cooperation of this type of cross-boundary fuel mitigation directly reduces the fire risk on individual properties, in addition to properties and communities adjacent to treated areas. Furthermore, past experience on adjacent projects indicates efforts to reduce fire risk and restore fire adapted landscapes on private lands is a driving force that strengthens planning processes for future fuel reduction and restoration projects on adjacent public land. **The SVWC should be notified soon if funding has been secured—stay tuned!**

SVWC OFFERS NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Absarokee FFA and SVWC Teaming to Provide Opportunities to Engage Area Youth

Chase Ostrum, Stillwater Valley FFA member and SVWC Youth Representative

THE ABSAROCKE FFA CHAPTER AND SVWC ARE TEAMING UP TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE THE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. This can be anywhere from internships, educational presentations, or the annual weed float & pull. It is a great way to learn more about noxious weeds, river assessments, or insect control of noxious weeds. We are hoping to give area youth an idea on what types of jobs there are out there, and to possibly spark potential career options. We hope to start some educational opportunities and presentations soon. If you are a youth in Stillwater County, contact your teacher or group leader so they can find out how to get involved!!

Note From SVWC Coordinator, Lindsey Clark

The SVWC has long wanted to get Stillwater area youth involved in watershed projects because of the potential future career opportunities offered in their own back yards. Not knowing where or how to start, the SVWC board approached the Stillwater FFA this spring with the goal of simply informing the group of learning opportunities they can participate in. The SVWC board envisions being able to eventually offer a scholarship in exchange for and internship with the SVWC. In the meantime, incentives are offered for help with events such as the Annual Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull (see page 2 for more details). Current SVWC projects and/or opportunities include:

- Bio-Control and Range Management Workshop
- Job Shadowing for the Lower Stillwater River Assessment
- Learning about Engineering of Irrigation Projects
- GPS Mapping
- Noxious Weed Identification and Control
- Fisheries Biology
- Grant Writing/Technical Writing Skills
- Social Media Promotions

If you are interested learning more about what SVWC has to offer contact me!

2017 will mark the 7th year since SVWC's inception! WE TRULY APPRECIATE the support garnered by constituents over the years as we have grown and developed as an organization. It is our hope that our programs and opportunities offered to you will continue to grow and enhance your watershed!

~2017 SVWC Memberships to Date~

Terry & Charlene Adams~Donna Allison~Mary Jane Alstad~Jim Bill & Debbie Anderson~Anderson Family Trust~Corey & Kodi Arnold~Arnold Green Meadow Ranch~David & Kayce Arthun~Earl & Diana Atwood~Doug & Jeri Banning~Deb DePietro & Jim Bates~Beartooth Ranch~John & Laurie Beers~Billings Police Protective Assoc.~Don & Patricia Black~John & Judy Bostedt~Arlene Boyd & Frank Willett~Andrea Brainard~Bruce Bricco~Pam Briggs~Julie Britton~Ken & Jan Britton~Broken Horn Ranch~Barb Bryant & Scott Mitchell~Mike & Debra Buckley~Dan & Theresa Burkhardt~Pat & Lois Butler~Mary Byron~Mike Campbell~Mike & Jeannie Cantrell~Veronica Carter~Bud & Becky Chenault~Sharon Christensen & Doug Ezell~Chris Clark~Jim & Bev Coverley~Jerry & Sandi Crawford~Richard & Virginia Cross ~Pat & Linda Cunningham~Don & Nancy Dallas~Todd & Tanya Daniels~Pieter & Michele DeGroat~Bob Delk~Julie Dickinson~Kyle & Anna Donohoe~Jess & Cindy Donohoe~Paul & Cathy Donohoe~Torian Edmundson~Terry & Shari Ekwortzel~Clarke & Susan Fagg~Brian & Cythia Favero~Heikes~Ron Fontaine~Riemann~Catherine Frazer~James Gainan~Karl Gaustad~Pete Gaustad~Darrell & Green~Buck & Deb Griffin~Anne Gunn & Hall~Mark & Patty Hamilton~Steve & Cheryl Hartley~JO & Erica Hash~Judy Haynes & Herronen~Hertzler Ranch Operations~Gerald & Andrea Heyneman~Bryann Hill~John & Donna Howard~Kathleen Howard~Nicholas & Kaite Howes~Don & Carolyn Hutson~Tim & Gail Janiak~Wanda Jenkins~Blaine Jensen~Nik & Connie Job~Scott & Diane Johnson~Ken & Peg Joki~Tom & Maryann Jones~Pat & Charlotte Karnos~Keller Ranch~Cody & Cameo Keller~Joel & Maryann Kemp~Noel & Penny Keogh~Gary Kipp~Bob & Kathy Kirch~Paul & Mareen Klaboe~Lawrence & Karen Klee~Chris Koch~Jim & Marilyn Kohles~Frank Lamm~Bert Lane Betty Lannen~Lazy Y Diamond Bar Ranch~Tim & Pati Lechner~Raymond & Marge Lien~Hank & Barb Lischer~Darrel & Karen Luera~Alice Madison~Hugh & Cedar Magone~Webb & June Mandeville~Ted Martin~Paul & Donna McClure~Tom & Margaret McGillvray~Barbara McKay~Saralee Melnich & Tom Astle~Bob Mendenhall~Mike Michunovich~Tom & Barbara Milligan~Doug & Sheryl Moffett~Jon & Nancy Molin~Dave & Margaret Molin~Mark & Teresa Morse~Dave & Gail Movius~Jack & Ann Mowell~Bill Muldoon~Bill & Janice Mytton~H. Peter Norstrand~Nye Community Church~Peter & Lynette Nygaard~Tom & Angie Osborne~Lee & Mary Park~Charlie & Jane Parker~Don & Tommye Parker~John & Roberta Parrott~Bill & Janet Pascoe~Mike Pasecznyk~Craig & Deborah Patrick~Sandra Peck~Stan & Cheryl Pelton~Garth & Beth Pelton~Gerald & Colleen Perdue~John Pidgeon~Rick & Joann Powell~Lowell & Ruth Quenemoen~Judith Raines & David O. Kem~Bob & Betty Rains~Kathleen Ralph & David Rimland~Howard & Lynette Randall~Marvin & Dorothy Ratcliff~Riddles Cliff Assoc.~Alan Reeder~Mike & Rozie Reynolds~Mike & Lainey Reynolds~Stephanie Reynolds & Tom Park~Jean Rollwitz~Jim & Lin Roscoe~Rosebud Angus Ranch~Marge Rossetter~Bill & Terri Routen~Janet Sanchez~Charles & Lana Sangmeister~Olivia Sartori~Ralph & Marlene Saunders~Tim & Deb Schaff~John & Shirley Schatz~Kurt & Kathy Schibler~Werner & Debbie Siebert~Olaf & Helen Sherwood~John & Marilyn Simmons~Pat & Carmel Sipes~Pam Snowden~Scott & Nancy Spiker~Terry & Carla Sprenger~Lee & Betsy Steffanich~Marv & Lisa Sticka~Richard Stockton~Amy Stover~Jay & Virginia Sulser~Kathy Sulser~Paul & Sandra Thomae~Lynn Toribara~Hank & Linda Tuell~Randy & JayeCee Turpin~Ron & Fay Tvetene~Upper Keyser Creek Ranch Co~Alfred & Sandra Verschoot~Kurt & Donna VonNieda~Galen & Jeanine Walter~Colleen West~Kyle Weldon~Jim & Laurie Wertman~Harold & Linda Wham~John & Jeanie Wilkinson~Johnna Lee Williams~Tom & Max Williams~Clyde & Sonja Windecker~Debra Winge & Mike Wilson~Teddi Winge~Carl Wolf~Van & Kitzzy Wood~Ben & Crisi Wynthein~Bruce & Theo Yanzick



~Donations~

Beartooth Ranch-Andrea Brainard-Barb Bryant & Scott Mitchell-Julie Dickinson-Torian Donohoe (in memory of Clay & Mary Donohoe)-Buck & Deb Griffin-Beverly Hall-Robert Herronen-Alex & Andrea Heyneman-Tom & Karen Heyneman-Bob & Kathy Kirch-Jim & Marilyn Kohles-Bert Lane-Mark & Theresa Morse-Scott & Nancy Spiker-Lynn Toribara-Ron & Fay Tvetene-Kurt & Donna VonNieda-Galen & Jeanine Walter

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Stillwater Valley Watershed Council

Landowner Cost-Share Request & 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 & approximate # of acres infested with noxious weeds:

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

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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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