

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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“Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others; it is the only means.”

- Albert Einstein

OUR STORY

SVWC REACHES SOARING HEIGHTS

OFFICIALLY FORMED IN 2010 BY LOCAL GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEERS with a passion for ensuring the Stillwater Valley remain a pristine watershed, the SVWC aims to maintain the rural quality of life for those who have discovered its beauty and benefits to the soul.

The SVWC emphasizes the importance of utilizing the land properly to enhance natural resources so that future opportunities may exist. Recent efforts have included:

“It’s important to realize we don’t have second chances when our environment is concerned, we can’t fight this fight alone,” states Bill Mytton, longtime SVWC supporter. “We need you to be a part of this first chance to address natural resource concerns now.”

- * Enrolling **125,000 acres** in noxious weed control programs;
- * Funding two separate river assessment projects (**97+ river miles**) in the past three years, with another on the horizon;
- * Sponsoring two **major ditch renovation** projects;
- * Releasing numerous short **outreach videos** promoting the importance of natural resource management;
- * Funding two **preliminary engineering reports** for local watershed irrigation infrastructure and stream bank stabilization improvement opportunities.

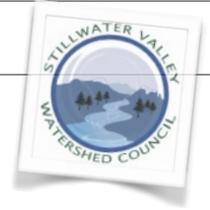
The SVWC shows no sign of slowing. The steadfast SVWC board envisions ongoing community education and outreach regarding land stewardship, water rights, forest health and rural living. We will continually endeavor to bring together public, private, and government resources, funding and grants to achieve community goals.

The Stillwater Valley is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family, the SVWC hopes our programs will enhance the quality of your life just as they have for so many area resident and visitors. Because, **we all must realize that our impacts go beyond TODAY.**

*WE TRULY THANK YOU
for investing in the future of YOUR watershed!*

A LOOK AHEAD AT 2017

Message from the Chairman, Cindy Green



Greetings to all our friends and neighbors in the Stillwater valley watershed!

Hope your holidays were cheery and bright, that you stayed warm and your problems were few.

Looking back at 2016 the SVWC can be proud of our efforts and accomplishments. Our Cooperative Weed Control Program, geared for small acreage landowners, continues to be a success. The large acreage cost-share program has seen record enrollment and all weed programs have expanded to the East and West Rosebud Rivers and down to Columbus which is exciting. The SVWC has now released two river assessment reports and just received funding for a third assessment on the Lower Stillwater River from Johnson Bridge to the Yellowstone River! These assessments and reports will be essential for future projects involving bank stabilization, irrigation infrastructure, weed control and overall river health.

The annual SVWC BBQ and auction, held this past August, was well attended again this year. With the help of many members, volunteers and auction donors, our fundraiser was a success. Thanks to J.O. and Erika Hash for hosting again this year. We look forward to 2017's event, held again in the Roscoe area at the Lazy EL Ranch. The Stillwater River float & weed pull saw record turnout and was joined by a few enthusiastic 4-H families!

With the wonderful amount of fall moisture and snow thus far, spring 2017 looks to be a good one. But, first we will have to see what this winter holds in store—so far frigid is a good way to describe it! I look forward to another year packed with new projects, seeing new faces join our organization and continuing our commitment to better our watershed.

Cindy

2017 Upcoming Events

JANUARY 21 - Beartooth Stock Association's Annual Meeting, 1:30 pm

Dinner to follow, Anipro Event Center

JANUARY 24 - NRCS Livestock Workshop, 1-4 pm

Columbus Fire Hall (more details on page 6)

JANUARY 28 - SVWC Annual Meeting & Potluck Supper, 3 pm

Fishtail Community Center (more details on page 6 & 7)

MAY - SVWC Spring Seminar, TBT

JUNE 19-21 - Montana Range Days, Red Lodge

AUGUST 12 - SVWC Annual BBQ & Auction Fundraiser, Lazy EL Ranch, Roscoe

AUGUST 13 - Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull, Nye

LATE SUMMER - Lower Stillwater River Assessment begins





SVWC CELEBRATES SUCCESS IN 2016

JULY, 2016 ~ SVWC HOSTS INAUGURAL BIOCONTROL WORKSHOP



Workshop Highlights:

- ❖ 28 participants—including youth, adults, agency personnel, private landowners
- ❖ 76,500 leafy spurge biocontrol agents collected and distributed
- ❖ Estimated value of collections: \$5,000

AUGUST, 2016 ~ 8TH ANNUAL BBQ & AUCTION FUNDRAISER RAISED OVER \$9,000!



The SVWC sincerely thanks all who have supported SVWC's endeavors to continue conservation stewardship education and cost-share programs!

Event Highlights:

- ❖ Hosted at J.O. and Erica Hash's ranch in Roscoe
- ❖ 177 supporters attended
- ❖ High seller: Harvey Ratty bronze donated by Dave & Kelly Russell, purchased by Sandra Peck for \$1400!

AUGUST, 2016 RIVER FLOAT & WEED PULL EVENT HAD RECORD TURNOUT

Float Highlights:

- ❖ 30+ people floated, including 7 local 4-Hers and their families
- ❖ 10 boats/kayaks
- ❖ 32 large trash bags of spotted knapweed collected between Stillwater Mine and Moraine Fishing access!



NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL EFFORTS CONTINUE TO EXPAND

COOPERATIVE WEED CONTROL PROGRAM ENROLLS 1700+ ACRES



2016 MARKED THE 6TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR of the SVWC's Cooperative Weed Control Program (CWCP). This program, intended for landowners with 20 acres or less, targeted noxious weeds such as spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, houndstongue and Canada thistle.

Without steadfast support from area community foundations (Absarokee, Columbus, Nye and Red Lodge) as well as the USFS's Resource Advisory Committee and the Sidney E. Frank Foundation, this cost-share program would not be possible. These organizations provided grant funds for cost-share to landowners throughout the Stillwater River's corridor to financially assist the treatment of noxious weeds.

In 2016, landowners from throughout the Stillwater watershed, which encompasses Nye to Roscoe across the Beartooth Front and from Dean to Columbus down the Stillwater drainage, participated in the weed control program. The target area began at the Forest Service boundary on the upper Stillwater River and continued to subdivisions outside of Nye, Fishtail, Roscoe, Absarokee, and Columbus, including properties in between.

Collaborative weed control efforts result in a positive conservation initiative, enhancing natural resources and future stewardship efforts which vastly improve the recreational experience and agricultural bottom line.

Final tallies for 2016 CWCP::

- ❖ **140 participating landowners**
- ❖ **1707 acres enrolled**
- ❖ **193 acres treated**
- ❖ **395 commercial applicator hours**
- ❖ **40+ volunteer hours**
- ❖ **\$100 ave. cost savings per landowner (40% savings)**

Interested in the Cooperative Weed Control Program in 2017? Please contact SVWC Coordinator, Lindsey Clark, at 406-780-1249 for more information.

Inquiries can also be emailed to SVWC2010@hotmail.com.

RMEF GRANT AIDS WEED TREATMENT THROUGHOUT 50,000 ACRES

SINCE THE DERBY FIRE OF 2006, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) has long been a supporter of enhancing the valley's natural resources to improve area elk habitat.

SVWC's noxious weed control cost-share programs, geared toward landowners with more than 20 acres, would not be possible without the continued support of the RMEF. In 2015, a \$20,000 grant was awarded to the SVWC for the use of controlling weeds on, or adjacent to, elk habitat.

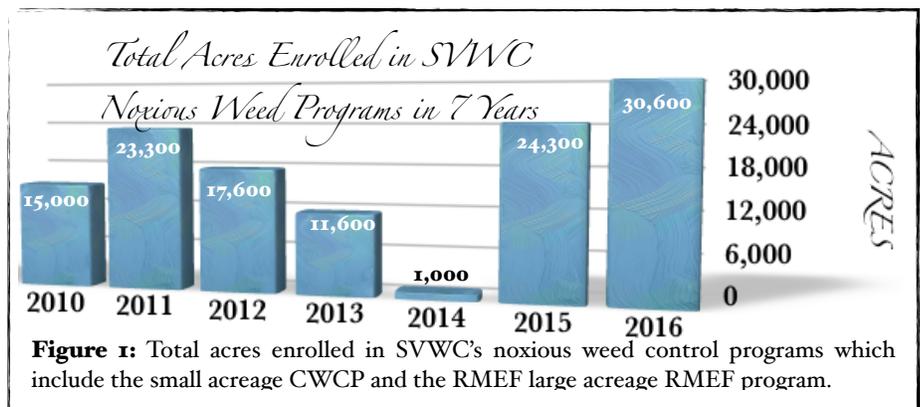
In the past two years, 1500 acres of prime elk habitat has been treated for noxious weeds (spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, houndstongue, toadflax, sulfur

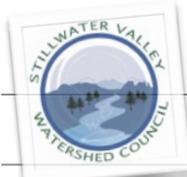
cinquefoil, Canada thistle) within the Stillwater Valley's watershed.

Additionally, the financial burden of weed control was eased for the 18 landowners that cumulatively enrolled nearly 50,000 acres in this program throughout 2015-2016.

Another RMEF grant has been

submitted by the SVWC to help fund this program in 2017-2018. Please stay tuned for future cost-share opportunities!





SVWC's SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

STILLWATER RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT RANKS 10TH FOR \$125,000 GRANT

THE YANZICK AND BREY-RIDDLE IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RECENTLY RANKED 10TH on the Montana Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) list for funding through the Renewable Resource Grant/Loan (RRGL) program. This project is the first ever for the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council who has teamed with the Stillwater Conservation District (SCD) and landowners and water users on the two ditches 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.

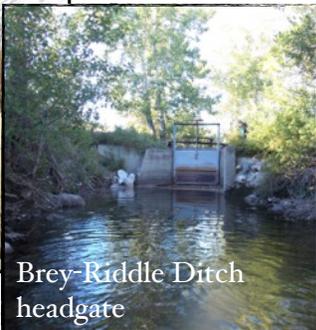
“Working with the SVWC, SCD and Pioneer Technical has been a great experience and we are excited to see this project finally happen.”

Theo Yanzick, majority water rights holder on Yanzick Ditch

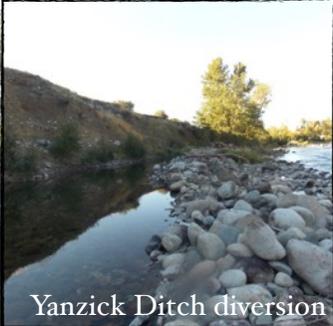
Working with Chad Raisland of Pioneer Technical Services, Inc, a professional engineering firm based out of Butte, a preliminary engineering report (PER) funded by a grant received by the SVWC, was completed in spring 2016. The completed PER has allowed all stakeholders involved to consider recommendations 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.

Grant Funding Sought to Combine the Ditches: 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.

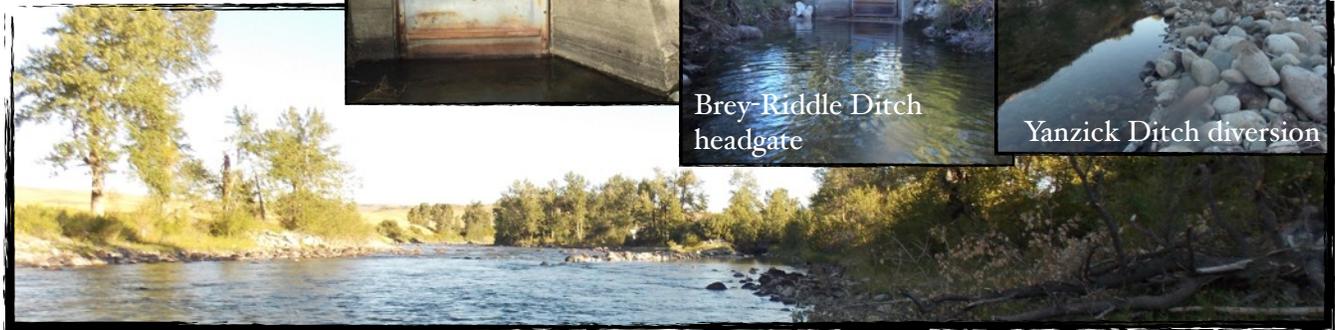
With the PER complete and alternative selected, more large scale funding has been sought to help bridge the funding gap for the water rights holders. A DNRC RRGL grant application was submitted in June, 2016 for \$125,000 and subsequently ranked 10th in the state out of over 90 total applications submitted. Ditch users will provide in-kind and cash matches for the balance of the project costs. RRGL grant hearings will be held in Helena during the Legislative session in late January. Notification of funding should be received shortly thereafter.



Brey-Riddle Ditch headgate



Yanzick Ditch diversion



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES-DON'T MISS OUT



LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP COMIN' UP ON JANUARY 24TH

Please join the Columbus NRCS and the Stillwater Conservation District as they host a **Livestock Workshop at the Columbus Fire Station January 24, 2017 from 1-4 pm**. This workshop will include Dr. Hayes Goosey, Entomologist from Montana State University; and Dr. Andy Roberts, research animal scientist at Fort Keogh in Miles City.

Dr. Goosey will discuss the value of dung beetles and why you want them working for you on your ranch. Dung beetles have the ability to process and move manure, which increases cycling, making nutrients available for plants and soil microorganisms. In addition, by processing patties, they increase available surface area for plants to grow. **Research has shown that dung beetles can decrease pest fly populations (horn flies, face flies) by 95%.** They do this by breaking down manure patties the flies rely on to breed and incubate eggs. Unfortunately, many popular parasite controls used on livestock can leave residue in the manure and can kill

off dung beetle populations. The use of parasite treatments, such as Ivermectin, the effects they have on dung beetles and other beneficial insects, and different management practices will be discussed.

Andy will talk about production efficiency in the cow herd and how to improve efficiency by developing methods that minimize animal inputs and enhance lifetime production. He will also discuss management strategies to improve production efficiency.



For more information or to RSVP for the workshop, please contact the Columbus NRCS office at (406)322-5359 x102, or via email: cedar.magone@mt.usda.gov.

Please RSVP by January 20th.



NEW CHEATGRASS SUPPRESSION METHOD USING SOIL-BORNE BACTERIA

Update on naturally occurring soil-borne bacteria Weed Suppressive Bacteria (WSB) for invasive annual grass management slated for January 28th in Fishtail.

What are WSB? WSB is a naturally occurring soil bacterium strain that inhibits cheatgrass, medusa head, and jointed goat grass, while not hurting native plants or crops. Best applied to the soil in the fall, the bacterium is alive in the soil below the surface only during cool temperatures in late winter to early spring.

How does WSB inhibit the weeds? WSB inhibits root growth; with root mass, the competitive ability of the annual grass weed is lessened and other plant species are then able to establish and grow.

Does WSB hurt crops, native plants, or other plants? No, host-range studies, investigating more than 200 select plant species showed only the three target grass species were inhibited.

Does WSB really work? In long-term field trials in the western US, applications of WSB resulted in almost complete suppression of the fall annual grass weeds

within seven years. Other plant species became more competitive with reduction of the annual grasses.

How is WSB applied? Ideally applied in the fall as a spray, WSB establishes in the soil microbial community as weather cools and best applied when rains are in the forecast. WSB can be tank mixed with most herbicides.

Why is this bacterial bioherbicide better than herbicides? The bacterium is naturally occurring, continuing to suppress root growth for up to three years (in optimal conditions), actively reducing the seed bank.

***Information based on research by Dr. Ann Kennedy, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, at Washington State University*

SVWC will have their annual meeting at 3 pm, January 28th in Fishtail. Biowest Ag Solutions will be talking about Dr. Ann Kennedy's research on successfully suppressing cheatgrass using a naturally occurring soil bacteria product. Contact Lindsey at 780-1249 with questions.

PROJECTS PRIORITIZED FROM ROSEBUDS ASSESSMENT

This past December, the SVWC Board of Directors and interested landowners met to discuss and rank projects prioritized by Warren Kellogg in the East Rosebud, West Rosebud and Fishtail Creek report. For reference, this report can be found on SVWC’s website.

The current identified projects are:

FC-31: Irrigation Headgate & Floodplain Dike - Funding by the SVWC is being sought to address the inefficiencies of the current structure.

WRC-39: Headgate-Side Channel near Fishtail - An issue brought to the attention of the SVWC in this report WRC 39, located south of the Rosebud Isle fishing access site, has long been a concern of local Fishtail residents. The current issue is severe ice jams and flooding potential that can (and has) occurred due to the inability of the headgate to fully shut off water flow in winter months. A community meeting will be scheduled at a later date to further evaluate this risk management situation.

RC-17: Absarokee Sewer District-Sewage Wastewater Treatment - A letter of support has been written to support the project during the Renewable Resource Grant/Loan hearing taking place later this month.

ERC-44 & 45: Stream Crossing Highway 78 Bridge - The SVWC would like to keep lines of communication open with MDOT to ensure proper bridge installation to allow future flood relief, in addition to access off Hwy 78 and easement through adjacent private property for users of the Eggen - Piper Ditch to access and control the head gate.

SVWC’s SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

3RD RIVER ASSESSMENT TO TAKE 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 in the amount of \$14,918 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 and produce options for mitigation projects with the overall goal of protecting private property and agricultural lands as well as improving fish habitat in order to ensure resource sustainability.
- 2) Provide solutions for irrigators by eliminating the need for costly diversion repairs and/or relocations that would possibly disrupt healthy fisheries, produce unnecessary in-stream excavation activities, 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 via at least nine headgate structures.

As with the aforementioned Upper Stillwater River Assessment (completed in 2013, report released in 2014), and the East & West Rosebud Creeks & Fishtail Creek Assessment (completed in 2015, report released in 2016) potential positive effects of this project will be widespread!

SVWC’s Annual Meeting & Potluck Supper

January 28th, 2017

WHEN: 3:00 pm

WHERE: Fishtail Community Center

3:00 pm ~ *Welcome*

3:15 pm ~ *New Cheatgrass Suppression Methods using Soil-Borne Bacteria*

4:30 pm ~ *NRCS Updates*

5:00 pm ~ *SVWC Board Elections & Misc. Business*

5:30 pm ~ *Socializing & Potluck Supper*

~2016 SVWC Members~

We **TRULY** appreciate **YOUR** support over the years
as we have grown and developed as an organization, celebrating 7 years in 2017!

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*Denotes 5+ year members

**Denotes donations greater than \$1000



SVWC Board of Director Position Openings

Due to term expirations, four positions are open for the SVWC's Board of Directors. If you are interested in applying for a three-year board member position, please return this form to the address on the application below by **January 25th**. The final vote on board appointments will take place at our annual meeting on **January 28, 2017**.

Board Member Application Form Stillwater Valley Watershed Council

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ State: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Business/Occupation: _____



Why do you wish to serve on this Board?

Signature _____

Date _____

Return application to: Stillwater Valley Watershed Council
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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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