

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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*"The past is where you learned.
The future is where you applied the
lessons. Don't give up in the
middle."*

~Dr Karen Redd

SVWC Chairman's Report

GREETINGS FROM THE SVWC'S board of directors! What a beginning to the growing season. In almost all areas of the Stillwater Watershed the moisture level is 5" above normal and that's before this last little shot of rain! This, combined with above average snowpack in the Beartooths should provide plenty of irrigation water as summer progresses. What an opportunity for our agricultural community to take advantage of Mother Nature's always welcomed gift.

The moisture conditions have also been very favorable to the opportunistic weed population. I'm sure weed control efforts are on most everyone's agenda whether it is the lawn/garden, hay meadows or rangeland. I encourage everyone interested to take advantage of SVWC's weed control assistance programs. More details are inside!

Last year brought areas of Montana hard hit with damaging wildfires. The question is, "When it will once again hit our area?" Memories of the Derby Fire are still fresh in the minds of many whom were affected 10+ years ago. In an effort to be pro-active against the damage wildfires may cause, the SVWC is introducing a new fuels program that will provide residents along the Beartooth Front access to a cost-share program to help improve forest health all while minimizing potential damage to property. *More information can be found on page 6.*

SAVE THE DATES!

JULY 2 - Biocontrol Workshop, Fishtail Community Center & field collection opportunity

JULY 6 - Deadline to sign up for Small Acreage Cooperative Weed Control Program

MID-JULY - Cooperative Weed Control Program begins, Nye

AUGUST 11 - 10th Annual BBQ & Auction Fundraiser, Branger Ranch, Roscoe

AUGUST 12 - Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull, Nye

NEW & ON-GOING - Forest health improvement projects along the Beartooth Front—SIGN UP NOW!





LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Message from the Chairman, Tim Schaff, continued

The completed Stillwater watershed river and stream assessments are now available on SVWC's website. If you live or have property along any of the major waterways south of the Yellowstone River, don't hesitate to take advantage of these assessments to view any possible identified concerns. Again, the SVWC can provide you with the opportunity for assistance remediating issues that could have a lasting impact on your property.

Two years ago SVWC encouraged area youth organizations to be part of the Council's projects and programs. This effort would enable up-and-coming generations to get involved and take advantage of SVWC activities, as well as provide a voice during discussions and decision making processes.

For the past two years, Absarokee High Schooler, Chase Ostrum, has been very active in board meetings and planning and helping with various summer events. Because of his outstanding service and dedication, the

SVWC recently awarded Chase a \$500 college scholarship. A big thank you goes out to Chase for his efforts to the SVWC!

The SVWC strives to continue providing opportunities for area residents. Whether it be with financial assistance for controlling noxious weeds and forest health/fuel reduction programs, aiding in water and/or water quality issues, or involving area youth in all of these processes we hope to stay at the forefront of watershed current issues.

As a united board of director's, we hope that the programs and circumstances can make a positive difference for the future of our pristine Stillwater Valley Watershed.

We invite you to help support these efforts and encourage you to come enjoy the scenery, good food, camaraderie as well as the live and silent auction at the Branger Ranch in Roscoe on August 11th at SVWC annual fundraiser. What an opportunity for an evening of great enjoyment!!!

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

➤ **Saturday, August 11th ~ 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 12th ~ 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

Annual Bio-Control Workshop Slated for July 2nd in Fishtail



On Monday, July 2nd the SVWC and MT Biocontrol Coordination Project will be hosting the annual Leafy Spurge Biocontrol Workshop and flea beetle collection opportunity in Fishtail.

The program will begin at the Fishtail Community Center at 10 am where participants will learn about biocontrol agents and specifically flea beetles function in leafy spurge control.

After the short classroom presentation, we will caravan to the collection site and work together to sweep net flea beetles from a leafy spurge infestation. Participants will be able to take home insects to release in their own leafy spurge infestations.

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: lunch, 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! No RSVP necessary.

Leafy Spurge Biocontrol Workshop

July 2nd (10am–2pm)
Fishtail Community Center, Fishtail, MT






- 10-10:45—**Misconceptions of Biocontrol**—
Melissa Maggio, MT Biocontrol Program Coordinator
- 10:45-11:15—**Biocontrol Agent Research Update**—
Melissa Maggio, MT Biocontrol Program Coordinator
- 11:15-12—**Lunch/drive to collection site** (bring your own lunch)
- 12-2—**Leafy Spurge Biocontrol Agents, Collecting, Releasing, and Monitoring**—Melissa Maggio, MT Biocontrol Program Coordinator

SWVC ENLISTS LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS FOR 'FLOAT AND PULL DAY'

FROM ITS RUSHING WATERS AT THE FOOT OF THE BEARTOOTH MOUNTAINS, to its confluence with the Yellowstone River, the Stillwater River stitches our communities together. And the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, a grassroots group of volunteers, works quietly but persistently to preserve the pristine watershed that gives our county its name.

The group formed in 2010 in an effort focused on sustaining the area's rural quality of life through protection and enhancement of the natural resources along the length of the Stillwater River.

Much of the group's effort has been directed at weed control, starting at the foot of the Beartooths. In its first few years, the council made a significant dent in the weed infestation, particularly spotted knapweed, in the higher reaches of the river. More recently, with help from Columbus Community Foundation grants, the council has continued its work all the way to where the river flows into the Yellowstone.

While much of the council's weed control efforts rely on licensed weed sprayers – landowners in the Stillwater River Watershed have enrolled 125,000 acres in weed control programs, thanks to combined private and government funding – the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council makes sure to emphasize *enjoyment* of the Stillwater.

"The weed pull is fun because you get to go swimming after it's over and when you pull the weeds you are making sure the bad plants are not left for animals to eat and continue spreading the seeds along the river banks."
Wade Kramer, 7 yrs old

And *that's* when the fun begins! Every year the council organizes the Stillwater River Float and Weed Pull when groups float the river in rafts and pull weeds along the way. This summer, the event is set for August 12 in Nye. Anyone is invited and the SWVC offers extra motivation for youth groups that want to help out. Each participating youth organization is awarded \$100 for the group's work (four youth per organization must attend.) Not only does the event award funding to these groups, but it offers these youth a chance to give back to their communities.

ARTICLE COURTESY OF LINDA HALSTEAD-ACHARYA, FOR THE COLUMBUS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S "BRIGHT SPOT"



SVWC SPECIAL PROJECTS—NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

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 again offering Stillwater Valley landowner the opportunity to join with your neighbors in an effort to protect the natural ecosystem of the Stillwater Valley's watershed.

Cooperative Weed Control Program Continues for Small Acreage Owners

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.

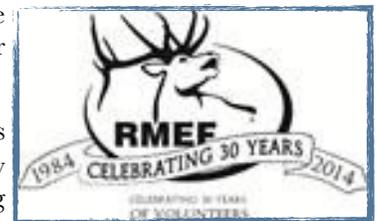
With your **membership of \$35** to the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council, and **pre-payment of \$85**, we are offering you the following cost-share opportunities:

- ◆ 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.

Historically the CWCP has saved participants over \$100 annually on their noxious weed control costs. Landowners will be accepted on a first come, first served basis with an application deadline of July 6. If interested in taking advantage of the cost-share opportunity, please complete the form on page 9 and return it to us by July 6 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 Continues to Grant Cost-Share for Large Acreage Noxious Weed Control

In 2017 the SVWC received a 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. Currently, **over \$10,000 is remaining for use in 2018!**



Who is eligible? Landowners owning greater than 20 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. 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 Watershed's hydrologic 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 and/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 SPECIAL PROJECTS—Water Quality

Consultant Issues Final Report on Lower Stillwater River Assessment



LANDOWNERS ALONG THE LOWER STILLWATER RIVER DRAINAGE heard generally good news from watershed consultant Warren Kellogg in mid-April.

Kellogg presented findings from his 2017 assessment of the Lower Stillwater River, which began at the Albert Johnson Bridge and ended nearly 14 miles downstream at the Stillwater River/Yellowstone River confluence, during an April community meeting held at Fireman’s Point in Columbus.

Hired by the SVWC to follow up on his 2013 and 2015 assessments of the Upper Stillwater Valley and East & West Rosebud tributaries, respectively, Kellogg personally walked miles of stream banks. He marked sites by GPS and took notes and photographs of irrigation infrastructure, riparian corridor conditions and noxious weed infestations. Kellogg’s report contains numerous recommendations and conceptual alternatives, which are prioritized for follow-up improvement projects.

Land use along the creeks is primarily hay production and livestock grazing, with increasing small tracts and residential subdivisions farther downstream. Kellogg noted that “Some tract owners have cleared the riparian forest and built homes near the stream’s edge,” he said. “These developments often include bank stabilization (rock rip-rap, jetties, dikes, etc.), in-stream pumps for landscape watering, septic systems, riparian clearing and noxious weed infestations.

In general, Kellogg was impressed by the good condition of riparian areas. While he supports the idea of riparian pastureland, with short grazing duration and livestock fenced away from stream banks, he also sees benefits in sometimes just leaving nature alone.

“Many landowners instinctually want to pull logs out of streams, and sometimes that can cost a lot,” Kellogg said. “But logs and woody debris can provide channel stability

and promote fish habitat. Unless they actually pose a threat to ice dams or flooding, I’d leave them in the stream.”

That also applies to rip-rap, which is mostly found near bridge abutments and can run the gamut from rock, concrete and logs to old car bodies.

“Eroding channel banks are a natural function of streams and don’t always need to be ‘repaired,’” Kellogg said. “In fact, bank armor that locks the channel in place will often restrict riparian forest regeneration, trigger channel downcutting, degrade fish habitat and intensify downstream flood damage.”

Individual small tract impacts to streams may be minimal, but cumulatively they pose a growing threat to the long-term health of the Lower Stillwater River drainage.”
Warren Kellogg

In most cases, healthy riparian areas with deep roots work better than rip-rap in protecting stream banks but landowners need to promote age diversity to ensure saplings are growing to replace mature trees over time –

in other words, not mowing down riparian areas to promote views.

Kellogg reported finding a variety of noxious weeds along the corridor. “Noxious weeds found along the lower Stillwater River corridor pose a significant economic and ecological impact to the riparian and wetland plant communities.”

Kellogg also looked at numerous headgate structures and discovered several systems that are over 120 years old. The infrastructure (i.e. headgates, diversions, siphons, conveyance ditches, ditch turnouts, etc.) associated with these systems vary in age and condition. A comprehensive evaluation of the larger irrigation systems is recommended.

Kellogg’s report can be found on the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council’s website. Hardcopies of the 80 page compilation, complete with aerial photo maps, can be purchased for \$45 from the SVWC or are available from the Columbus public library.



The Stillwater Conservation District & 310 Permits

ARE YOU PLANNING WORK IN, OR NEAR, A STREAMBED? YOU'LL NEED A 310 PERMIT....

Montana's Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act, also known as the 310 Law, is a state law requiring any person planning to work in, or near, a perennial stream or river (on private or public land) to first obtain a 310 Permit from the local conservation district.

The 310 Law insures projects on perennial streams be carried out in ways that are not damaging to the stream, its banks, or to adjoining landowners.

PERMIT PROCESS:

1. *Complete and submit the Joint Application Form.* Forms can be obtained at the local Stillwater Conservation District (SCD) office in Columbus. Once completed, submit applications to SCD Administrator, Sharon Flemetis. Applications are then reviewed at SCD Advisory Board meetings which are open to the public (applicants are strongly encouraged to attend).

2. *Site Inspection.* An on-site inspection date is set upon receipt of the 310 application. The team consists of an SCD rep., the area MT FWP fisheries biologist and the landowner/landowner representative. The team will discuss the project on site.

After an inspection is conducted, team members make recommendations to the SCD at a regular meeting

3. *Decision.* During the next 310-meeting, applications are approved, modified, or

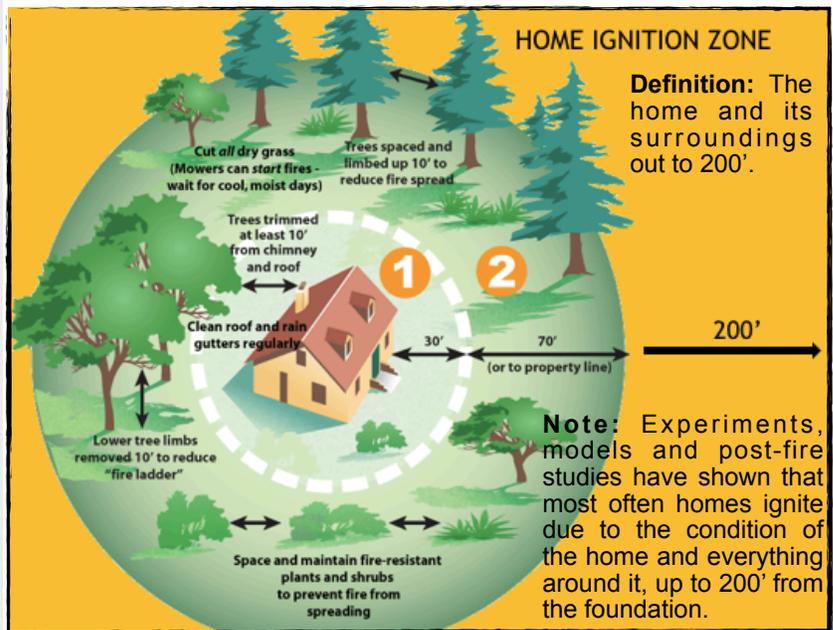


SVWC SPECIAL PROJECTS—FOREST HEALTH

Caring for your forest land—FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HELP

NO MATTER WHY YOU OWN YOUR LAND, you'll likely agree that with ownership comes responsibility to care for it. As many of the residents of our valley have witnessed, wildland fire has become an annual threat to homes, properties, and the forest we cherish so much in our watershed community.

The SVWC has a new project in the works that will enable SVWC personnel to work with landowners, like yourselves, in providing technical assistance and cost-share monies to assist you in protecting your home and property from this threat. For a limited time, the SVWC is offering a ***FREE site visit from our contracted forester*** to help you prepare and adapt to potential fire impacts.



Who qualifies? For the outlying areas of Absarokee, Nye, Fishtail, Dean and Roscoe, the SVWC is providing a pre-disaster planning and fuels reduction program for communities and forested rangeland areas along the Beartooth Front.

What will this program do? 1) Provide technical assistance to reduce the fire risk; 2) Provide funds to help with thinning and cleaning up flammable forest vegetation on your property, while improving forest health; 3) Reduce your home's ignitability to protect it from the threat of wildland fire.

How do you participate? Simply fill out the sign-up form on page 9, specifying this fuels reduction project, and return it to the SVWC. Once we receive your application, you will be contacted and an appointment scheduled with our forester.

The SVWC is looking forward to working with you to protect your property's legacy from a wildland fire, making it a better place for generations to come!

SVWC AWARDS FIRST EVER SCHOLARSHIP TO ABSAROKEE HS GRAD!

Chase Ostrum, Stillwater Valley FFA member & SVWC Youth Rep. Earns Award

Two years ago the SVWC board encouraged youth participation in SVWC community activities. Chase Ostrum, recent AHS graduate, volunteered his time for this role, going above and beyond by attending and participating in monthly meetings, organizing other youth to help during the annual biocontrol collection day, river float & weed pull event, in addition to SVWC's BBQ & auction fundraiser. Chase was also instrumental in organizing educational talks with other youth to help promote community involvement/awareness in current SVWC projects.



Recently, Chase was recognized for his service to the community with the inaugural SVWC scholarship in the amount of \$500. In addition, a plaque engraved with his name will be placed in Absarokee High School to recognize Chase, as well as any other future student volunteer that go above and beyond for the SVWC.

The SVWC board wholeheartedly wishes Chase the best of luck in his future endeavors!

Opportunities with SVWC Await Stillwater County Youth

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. The SVWC board envisions being able to offer volunteer opportunities with the SVWC, which could lead to a scholarship such as the one Chase recently received. Incentives are currently offered to youth of all ages 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
- Fisheries Biology
- Engineering of Irrigation Projects
- GPS Mapping
- Noxious Weed Identification and Control
- Social Media Promotions
- Grant Writing/Technical Writing Skills

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



2018 will mark the 8th 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!

~2018 SVWC Memberships to Date~

Anderson Family Trust~Corey & Kodi Arnold~Arnold Green Meadow Ranch~Earl & Diana Atwood~Carol Bass~Doug & Jeri Banning~Deb DePietro & Jim Bates~Linda Bay~Beartooth Ranch~John & Laurie Beers~Ron & Kay Berklund~Eugene & Holly Berquam~Susan Beug~Billings Police Protective Assoc.~Don & Patricia Black~Jim & Lauvaun Black~Brian Blaha & Toni Hoffman~Henry & Laura Blond~Sara Bollman~John & Judy Bostedt~Lynne Boylston-Davis~Andrea Brainard~Clint Branger~Barb Bryant & Scott Mitchell~Brad Braunberger~Bruce & Pamela Bricco~Pam Briggs~Ken & Jan Britton~David & Jinx Brown~Broken Horn Ranch~Mike & Debra Buckley~Dan & Theresa Burkhardt~Pat & Lois Butler~Mary Byron~Mike Campbell~Mike & Jeannie Cantrell~Veronica Carter~Kevin & Katrin Chandler~Bud & Becky Chenault~Julia Childs~Sharon Christensen & Doug Ezell~R & L Clark~Jim & Bev Coverley~Millard & Mina Cox~Jerry & Sandi Crawford~Richard & Virginia Cross~Pat & Linda Cunningham~Don & Nancy Dallas~John Davis~Pieter & Michele DeGroat~Bob Delk~Julie Dickinson~Kyle & Anna Donohoe~Jess & Cindy Donohoe~Paul & Cathy Donohoe~Torian Donohoe~Deborah Drain~Scott & Barb Edmundson~Clark & Sharon Elliott~Energy Equity Corp~William Enright~Nate & Fay Espeland~Brian & Cynthia Favero-Heikes~Ron & Peggy Ferster~Fishtail Basin Ranch~Bill Flanagan~Francie Fontaine~Riemann~Ty & Jennifer France~Catherine Frazer~Eileen Gabel~Bob Gahagan~Mick & Lynette Gainan~Pete Gaustad~Darrell & Sue Gillespie~Cindy Green~Jim & Anita Green~Anne Gunn & Mark Rapf~Beverly Hall~Ardelle & Anne Halvorson~Mark & Patty Hamilton~Hammond Ranch~Bill Hand~Steve & Cheryl Harris~Bill & Betty Hart~Jon & Kathryn Hartley~J.O. & Erica Hash~Dick & Patricia Heard~Jodi Heard~Ken & Dorothy Hegg~Dick Henry~Bob Herronen~Hertzler & Ranch Operations~Gerald & Jeanette Heuer~Alex & Andrea Heyneman~Bryann Hill~John & Donna Hjelvik~Paul & D'Anne Holley~Eileen Howard~Nicholas & Kaite Howes~Blaine Jensen~Nik & Connie Job~Ken & Peg Joki~Tom & Maryann Jones~Pat & Charlotte Karnos~Mike & Lainey Keene~Howard Kehlenbeck~Keller Ranch~Cody & Cameo Keller~Joyce Kelley & Tim Russell~Joel & Maryann Kemp~Noel & Penny Keogh~Bob & Kathy Kirch~Paul & Mareen Klaboe~Lawrence & Karen Klee~Michele Koch~Jim & Marilyn Kohles~Mark & Karen Korsmo~Frank Lamm~Bert Lane~ Betty Lannen~Nels & Gail Larsen~Lazy Y Diamond Bar Ranch~Tim & Pati Lechner~David Leuthold~Raymond & Marge Lien~Hank & Barb Lischer~Mike & Bobbi Lorash~Michael & Joanne Louis~Darrel & Karen Luera~Robert & Virginia Lutz~Hugh & Cedar Magone~Webb & June Mandeville~Robert & Shantell Martin~Keith & Kathryn Martin~John Matovich~Paul & Donna McClure~Tom & Margaret McGillvray~Barbara McKay~Saralee Melnick & Tom Astle~Mike Michunovich~J.O. Miller & Diana Scollard~Tom & Barbara Milligan~Doug & Sheryl Moffett~Jon & Nancy Molin~Dave & Marge Molin~Moses Family~Dave & Gail Movius~Jack & Ann Mowell~Bill Muldoon~Bill & Janice Mytton~H. Peter Norstrand~Bob & Melinda Northcott~Nye Community Church~Peter & Lynette Nygaard~Ruben & Pam Oliver~Tom & Angie Osborne~Lee & Mary Park~Charley & Jane Parker~Don & Tommye Parker~Bill & Janet Pascoe~Craig & Deborah Patrick~Sandra Peck~Stan & Cheryl Pelton~Dirk & Rachelle Pelton~John Pidgeon~Rick & Joann Powell~Lowell & Ruth Quenemoen~Judith Raines & David O. Kem~Kathleen Ralph & David Rimland~Howard & Lynette Randall~Marvin & Dorothy Ratcliff~Alan Reeder~Mike & Rozie Reynolds~Greg & Sandi Rice~Ritter Properties~Andy & Reg Rockefeller~Jean Rollwitz~Jim & Lin Roscoe~Marge Rossetter~Bill & Terri Routen~David & Kelley Russell~Dave Sample~Charles & Lana Sangmeister~Olivia Sartori~Ralph & Marlene Saunders~Betsy Scanlin~Tim & Deb Schaff~John & Shirley Schatz~Kurt & Kathy Schibler~Werner & Debbie Siebert~Beverly Shaffer~John Sheehy~Jack & Paula Shemer~Stuart & Katharine Sherburne~Dick Sholley & Cathy Tobin~John & Marilyn Simmons~Pam Snowden~John & Rita Somers-Flanagan~Scott & Nancy Spiker~Terry & Carla Sprenger~Jim & Andrea Stampfel~Lee & Betsy Steffanich~Marv & Lisa Sticka~Richard Stockton~Amy Stover~Jay & Virginia Sulser~Kathy Sulser~Dave & Jeanne Sutton~Clint & Mary Teegardin~Paul & Sandra Thomae~Tim Thompson~JV Thompson~Lynn Toribara~Dean Treptow~Hank & Linda Tuell~Randy & JayeCee Turpin~Ron & Fay Tvetene~Upper Keyser Creek Ranch~Christine Vandernick~Alfred & Sandra Verschoot~Galen & Jeanine Walter~Colleen Weast~Jim & Laurie Wertman~Harold & Linda Wham~David Whisenhunt~Pat White~Lee Wilder~John & Jeanie Wilkinson~Clyde & Sonja Windecker~Debra Winge & Mike Wilson~Ronda Winge~Teddi Winge~Tom & Barbara Winkle~Tom & Kelley Wolfe~Van & Kitzy Wood~Ben & Cristi Wynthein~Bruce & Theo Yanzick~Vincent & Leslie Ziegler



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Absarokee Community Foundation~Columbus Community Foundation~Nate & Fay Espeland~Nye Community Foundation~Stillwater Mining Company~Raymond & Marge Lien

Stillwater Valley Watershed Council

Program Enrollment & Membership Form



Landowner Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Local Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

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

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

Please check all that apply, sign and return.

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

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

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

Enclosed is my current WMP.

Please assist me in developing a WMP

I'd rather not complete a WMP.

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

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

I am already a member of the SVWC.

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

Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN TO: PO BOX 112, ABSAROCKE MT 59001

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

- Henry Ford

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

STILLWATER VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL



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