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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"What you do today can improve your tomorrows."
~Ralph Marston

COORDINATOR REPORT

TEN YEARS, WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE? A decade ago, believe it or not, a fledgling organization known as the Stillwater River Weed Management Area, led by passionate landowners and Stillwater Mine personnel, looked to hire a recent Montana State University graduate, newlywed, ranch wife and green as a gord in the natural resource/grant writing world to be the "fearless leader" of the freshly formed and eventually named Stillwater Valley Watershed Council (SVWC). Wow, that was a mouthful!

In those ten years, who would have thought the SVWC could have, would have, accomplished all that we have? The SVWC continues to progress as an organization expanding weed control, water quality/quantity, forest health and soil enhancement programs all while collaborating with numerous local, state and federal organizations. Additionally, fundraising efforts and the support of our dedicated board and membership has culminated the success of the SVWC—thank you to those who have supported this organization since inception as well as newer members who have more recently joined the ride. Last year, SVWC membership tipped the charts at over 280 and over $245,000 in direct community giving. Without each of you, we would not have been able to attain our many goals.

Participation in our weed control programs continue to expand—steadily shrinking the weed population! We cannot thank the numerous granting organizations enough for their continued belief in the mission of this and other programs. The SVWC has consistently received financial backing from the Absarokee and Nye Community Foundations as well as the US Forest Service's (USFS) Resource Advisory Committee, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Sidney E. Frank Foundation. The SVWC hopes to expand weed control efforts in the future as well with the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) grant providing the opportunity to partner with the Forest Service to expand their noxious weed control efforts.

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SAVE THE DATES!

JULY 15 - Deadline to sign up for Small Acreage Cooperative Weed Control Program (CWCP)

JULY 27-28 - CWCP Spray Days, Nye

AUGUST 6 - Annual BBQ & Auction Fundraiser, Anipro Event Center, Absarokee

AUGUST 9 - Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull, Nye

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

COORDINATOR REPORT CONT.

Water quality remains a top priority and I'm excited to announce the completion of the first major headgate project for the SVWC and Stillwater Conservation District (SCD). Although the project had its hiccups (more details on page 5), I hope water users agree the overall project was a success.

The inaugural years of SVWC's fuels mitigation program have surpassed expectations. To date, this program has treated nearly 220 acres and completed fuels assessments on close to 50 properties within the Stillwater Watershed. If you are interested in a complimentary fuels assessment and would like to learn more about this outreach and cost-share opportunity, please don't hesitate to get ahold of me!

In a decade since inception over $1.3 million in grant funds has been secured by the SVWC and the SCD for on-the-ground natural resource projects within your Stillwater Watershed. This green as a gord "fearless leader" now seasoned at the natural resource gig and grant writing aficionado, has learned to juggle three rambunctious kiddos, cows, husband/ranch to-do lists, SVWC board expectations as well as the ever-expanding watershed programs and projects. And, I wouldn't have it any other way!

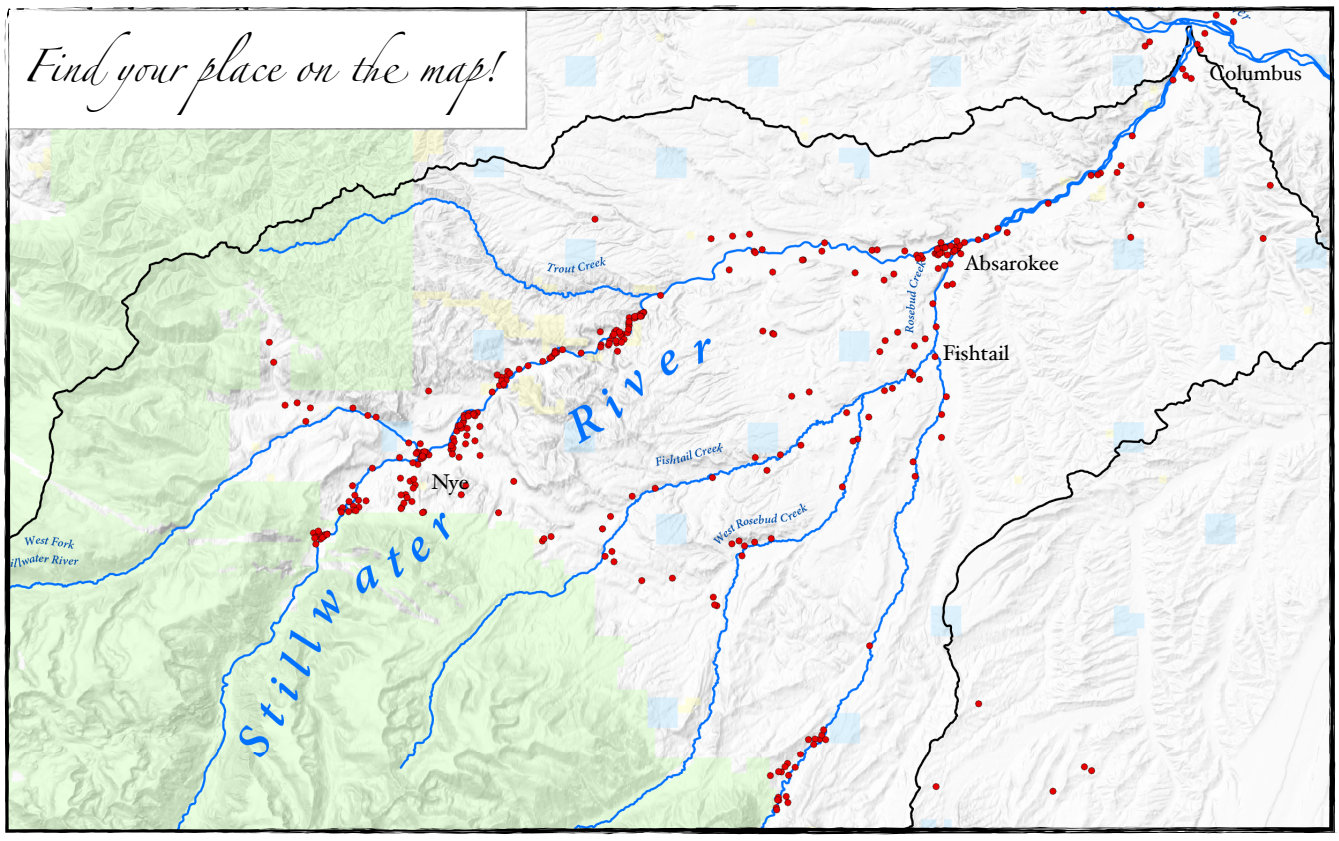
To date, SVWC grant tallies total over $1.3 million for natural resource improvement in the Stillwater watershed!

The long and short of it is to remember that these SVWC accomplishments would not have been possible without the continued support of so many who have shared in the SVWC's mission and goals. On behalf of our board of directors, I would like to sincerely THANK YOU and look forward to seeing you on August 6 where we will celebrate 10 years of success at our annual BBQ & Auction fundraiser!

Lindsey.

SVWC MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION

Can you find your place on the map? Last year, SVWC membership reached over 280 and we are on track to do the same in 2020! If you haven't sent in your membership it's not too late to become an integral spot on our map!



SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE

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 County Noxious Weed Control Act (7-22-2116), it is unlawful for any person to permit noxious weeds to propagate or go to seed on their land.

The SVWC is again offering Stillwater Valley landowners 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

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

- **Coordinate commercial applicators (at a reduced rate) to perform chemical applications for noxious weed control;**
- **Cost-share chemical expenses for first year program enrollees;**
- **Provide on-site weed control consultation, when requested;**
- **Provide an educational campaign, offering management tools necessary to successfully maintain a weed-free area.**

This summer, the SVWC will continue the "top-to-bottom" approach at weed management, expanding the programs reach downriver and to tributaries that flow into the Stillwater River. If interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please complete the form on page 9 and return it by July 15 with appropriate payment.

Funds Available for Large Acreage Noxious Weed Control Cost-Share

Last year the SVWC received a grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in the amount of $20,000 and recently received US Forest Service Resource Advisory Committee funds to continue the cost-share program to control noxious weeds for large tract landowners. Cost-share is still available on a first come, first serve basis!

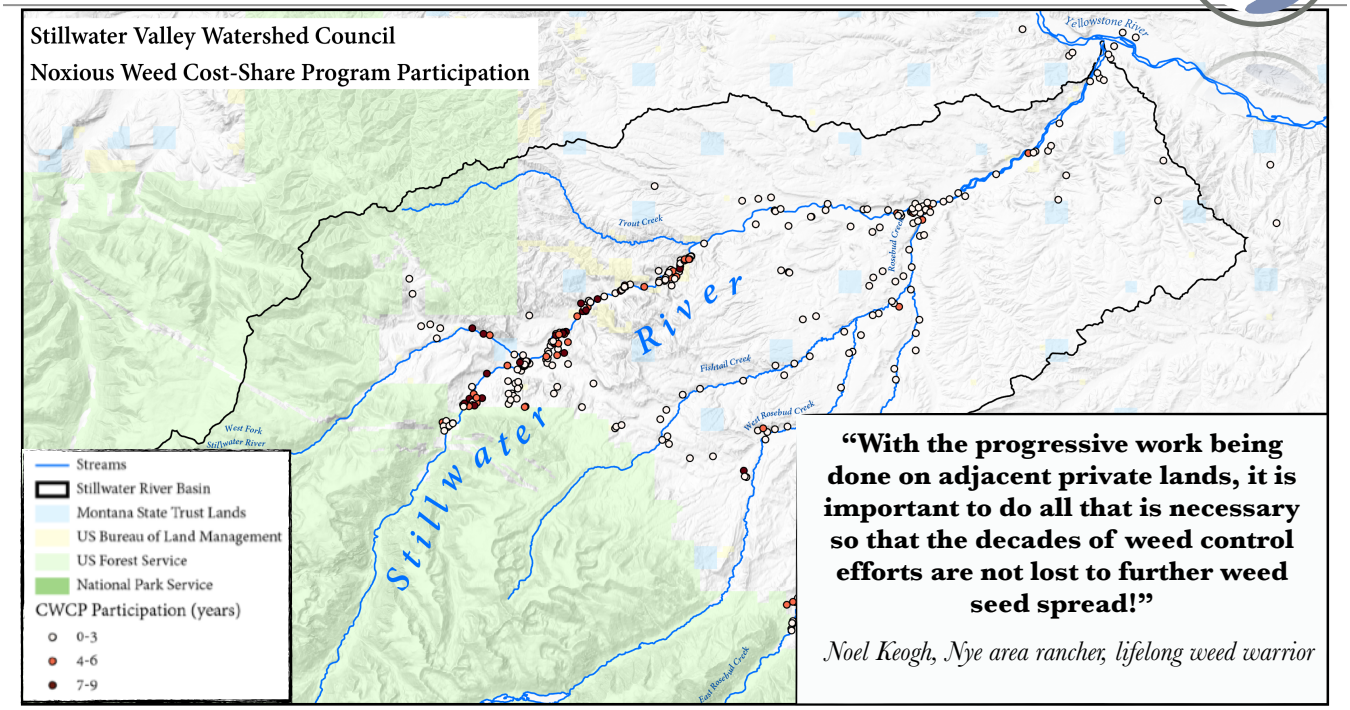
Who is eligible? Landowners owning greater than 20 acres with weed infestations located on, or adjacent to elk habitat can apply. Cost-share for this program is prioritized by earliest request date. The SVWC board will place a higher priority on those landowners that have developed a Weed Management Plan (WMP). A template WMP from the Stillwater Weed District can be found on SVWC's website.

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". The SVWC Board of Directors will approve your application and WMP prior to receipt of cost-share. The sooner your application is submitted, the better!

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL | ENROLLMENT MAP



"With the progressive work being done on adjacent private lands, it is important to do all that is necessary so that the decades of weed control efforts are not lost to further weed seed spread!"

Noel Keogh, Nye area rancher, lifelong weed warrior

Project in Motion for Noxious Weed Control on USFS

SPOTTED KNAPWEED, BROUGHT INTO THE AREA on equipment when the Anaconda Copper Company first began mining exploration in the Nye area in the 1950's, has subsequently required decades of attempted remediation.

Once introduced, knapweed quickly spread throughout mine property onto adjacent USFS land and downstream along the Upper Stillwater River, further infesting private property in multiple drainages. Increased wildlife, recreational and hunting traffic has aided the further spread of spotted knapweed to epidemic proportions. Local landowners realized the enormous negative impacts knapweed has on rangeland, wildlife and native vegetation and began combating the monumental task 30+ years ago.

Originally formed as a weed management organization, it is only fitting that the SVWC goes beyond the boundaries to aid in the mitigation of weed control efforts on federal land. This 5-year project, culminating in 2024, will enhance collaboration and cooperative efforts of the USFS along with adjacent small and large tract landowners as a common weed control mission is sought.

This mission encompasses monitoring and treatment of noxious weeds within the 220,000 acres of the Custer-Gallatin National Forest, preventing further spread throughout the Stillwater watershed. The benefits of treating this entire area will have a direct benefit to the USFS lands and the surrounding watershed. Both the SVWC and USFS value and emphasize a cooperative and integrated approach to invasive weed management.

These two entities have been working in a cooperative manner to treat noxious weed in and around Stillwater County and the Custer Gallatin National Forest for many years. This successful partnership continues to grow through SVWC's efforts to secure funding and engage volunteers in their efforts to combat the spread of noxious weeds.

Opportunities for you! A) USFS grazing allotment lessees can utilize WHIP funds to hire a commercial applicator service to treat weeds on your federal allotment. **B**) If you are landowner, hunter, backcountry enthusiast, weed scout, or all of the above, the SVWC is offering a reward to help find new noxious weed infestations. Monetary rewards will be offered to the person/persons finding the most and largest unknown patch of weeds. In order to claim your patch, you must GPS map the location and take photo points with a prominent landmark in the background. ***Contact Lindsey for more details!***

SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE

WATER QUALITY | LOCAL IRRIGATION PROJECT COMPLETED

THE YANZICK AND BREY-RIDDLE IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FINALLY COMPLETE, HICCUPS AND ALL…Any great project is not truly complete without it's initial trials and tribulations. This irrigation project is no different.

The ditch and headgate project, funded by two $125,000 Department of Natural Resource & Conservation (DNRC) Renewable Resource Grant/Loan Program Grants as well as monetary contributions from the Yanzick and Brey-Riddle ditch users, was completed May 27, 2020.

After the long awaited project was complete and only days, literally, after the celebratory site visit by engineers, contractors, agency folks, landowners and interested citizens, the early spring thaw in the Beartooths caused snow melt and subsequently record spring flows in the Stillwater River.

Although the soils were in place, after the late May stakeholder walk-through the Stillwater River discharge rate began to increase exponentially. The USGS Gage Station, located approximately 14 miles downstream of the project, recorded the peak discharge rate on May 31 at 5,500 cubic feet per second higher than the peak discharge measured on May 27 (Figure 1).

The historic flood event, combined with the compaction of soils around the new headgate and secondary diversion structures only five days prior to the flood event, provided weak points around the structures that were susceptible to erosion. The high water level and stream energies from the Stillwater River saturated and scoured the recently compacted soils along the east headgate wingwall, ultimately flanking the headgate and allowing large volumes of water and debris to enter the Yanzick/Brey-Riddle ditch.

Upon discovery of the issue, Pioneer Technical, the engineering firm tasked with the monumental project, and local contractor, Oltrogge Construction, Inc., were notified of the damage and Oltrogge immediately mobilized to the site to complete emergency repairs.

Below photos courtesy of Bud Chenault Photography

May 31, 2020, Stillwater River floodwaters, Yanzick/Brey-Riddle Headgate

May 27, 2020, Community Presentation, Yanzick/Brey-Riddle Headgate

May 27, 2020, Yanzick/Brey-Riddle Headgate on the Stillwater River

SVWC Board Perspective

Theo Yanzick, Yanzick Ditch User

FOUR DAYS AFTER A PUBLIC TOUR of the completed project, just in time for the irrigation season, an extra-ordinary weather event occurred. Rapid snow melt in the headwaters of the Stillwater River tested the project. Thankfully, no structural damage occurred but fresh backfill and riprap did not withstand the high water.

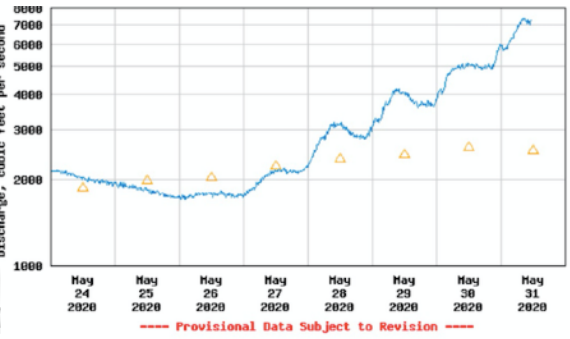
After Mother Nature showed her force, it was determined some minor modifications to the diversion structure and a spillway were needed for high water incidents such as this. More rip rap will also be strategically placed when high water subsides this fall.

As one of the users of the ditches, I would like to acknowledge the quick action of Oltrogge Construction, Pioneer Technical and the Stillwater Conservation District during this emergency. Also the Hillygus family, whose property the construction work occurred on, was very patient and supportive during the entire construction and remediation process.

Without finical support from the DNRC for both the project and this emergency situation, us irrigators would not have been able to complete such a large scale project.

Thank you, Theo.

Figure 1: USGS Gage Station, Absarokee MT May 27-31, 2020



SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE

FOREST HEALTH | A HILLSIDE OF PREVENTION

STILLWATER COUNTY NEWS, *June 11, 2020, by Linda Halstead-Acharya*

ABSAROKEE – Piles of juniper slash that dot the hillside along Highway 78, just north of Absarokee, have raised questions and concerns. The intent of the project – a coordinated effort linking a landowner, youth organizations, the Absarokee Fire Department and the SVWC – is to reduce the risk of wildfire, specifically a blaze that might threaten the community of Absarokee.

"In essence," said Lindsey Clark, coordinator of SVWC, "the objective was to provide Absarokee with an environment where, when a large fire occurs, the townspeople will not have to worry about fire entering the town."

Large wildland fires are not uncommon to the area. In the mid-1990s, the East Rosebud Fire raced through the East Rosebud drainage, torching 14,000 acres and taking with it 15-20 homes. Likewise, the Derby Fire of 2006 ravaged well over 100,000 acres in Stillwater County and turned dozens of homes into ash.

Decades of fire prevention have created an out-of-synch forest ecosystem that is ripe for a spark. Thinning out stands of hot-burning juniper offers one step toward restoring the natural balance and reestablishing healthy habitat for wildlife, Clark explained. The project was timed and designed to minimize disruption of the soils and erosion.

The problem can be traced decades back in time, when juniper and cedar first took root on the hillside. Protected from fire for the last 75-100 years, the low-growing shrubs may have appeared healthy, but in fact they were not. Over time, they sucked the soil dry of all available water and once that moisture was depleted, they went into dormancy.

"Once dormant, they become available fuel," Clark said. "Once ignited these stands will burn readily."

The project near Beaver Creek was coordinated through the SVWC at the request of Diana Scollard and J.O. Miller. Dick Rath, retired USFS Forest Management Officer, provided guidance and expertise on the project.

Besides fire prevention, the project was designed to reset the ecological clock back to when the area was open range grasses. Encompassing several plots of five-to-seven acres, the undertaking was paid for with a 50/50 grant split between the SVWC and the landowners. Casey Kircher of Grizzly Tree Service was hired to remove the trees, youth volunteers from the local FFA and 4-H reseeded the plots with native grasses and the Absarokee Fire Department will burn the piles when next winter's snowfall offers a good opportunity.

"We've always worried about it (hillside) taking off and burning into town," Scollard said. "I think it'll turn out to be a good thing. It'll look a little bit nicer and be a little less dangerous."

For a limited time, landowners living within the Stillwater watershed, from Nye to Columbus, can contact the SVWC to request a visit from a local forester who will assess their property for fire resiliency of homes, fuels reduction and enhancement of wildlife habitat. Cost-share projects can range in size from less than one acre to over 35 acres and landowners can do the work themselves or hire a contractor, Clark said. Reimbursements are based on a predetermined rate per acre.

There is an element of urgency for fuel reductions projects, Clark added. There's a sense of urgency to prevent potential fires and to qualify for grant money. The three-year program wraps up this year, however Clark is optimistic funding will be renewed.

"SVWC works hard at trying to improve the watershed we live in for the safety of our residents and their children," she added. "We take this role in the community very seriously and try to do what is best for the environment and the citizens and visitors of our county."

SVWC Board Perspective

Laura Blond, Nye Volunteer Fire

As a member of the Nye Volunteer Fire Company, I'm very excited to see SVWC's fuels reduction program really taking off in its third year.

To date, we have 220 acres of fuels reduction work either completed or in progress, with 19 projects done and 9 projects underway, and 50 property assessments have been completed from Shane Creek to Nye.

One of the things we all love about this area is our proximity to nature, which puts our community in what the fire world calls the WUI, or Wildland-Urban Interface. Here we have unique challenges in protecting homes and lives, and one of the best improvements you can make to your property is to create a 'defensible space'. This entails removing/thinning combustible materials - reducing potential fuel for a wildfire - from around your home.

The grants from the SVWC program, along with the expertise involved in formulating the plan for your property, really make it approachable and feasible to greatly improve the safety of your home in the face of wildfires.

SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE

FOREST HEALTH | COMPLETED FUELS PROJECTS

Photos below illustrate the various hazardous fuels reduction projects completed thus far. Don't hesitate to contact Lindsey to schedule your fuels assessment while funds are available. The SVWC can help you formulate a plan for you, making it feasible to improve the safety of your home and property in the face of a wildfire.

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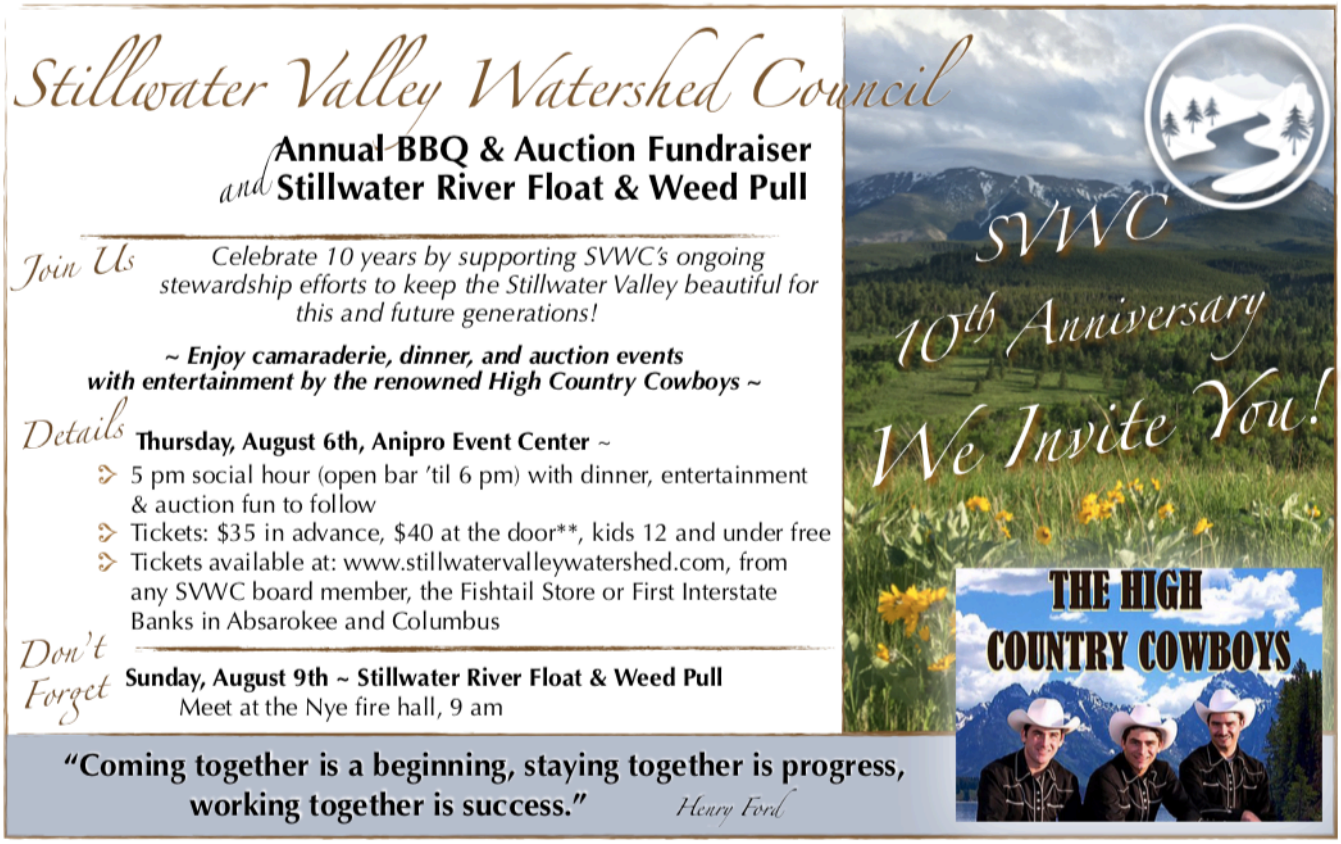

~2020 SVWC Memberships~

2020 marks the 10th 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 SVWC programs and opportunities offered to you will continue to grown and enhance your watershed!

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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.

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Signature Date

PLEASE RETURN TO: PO BOX 112, ABSAROKEE 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.

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