

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.

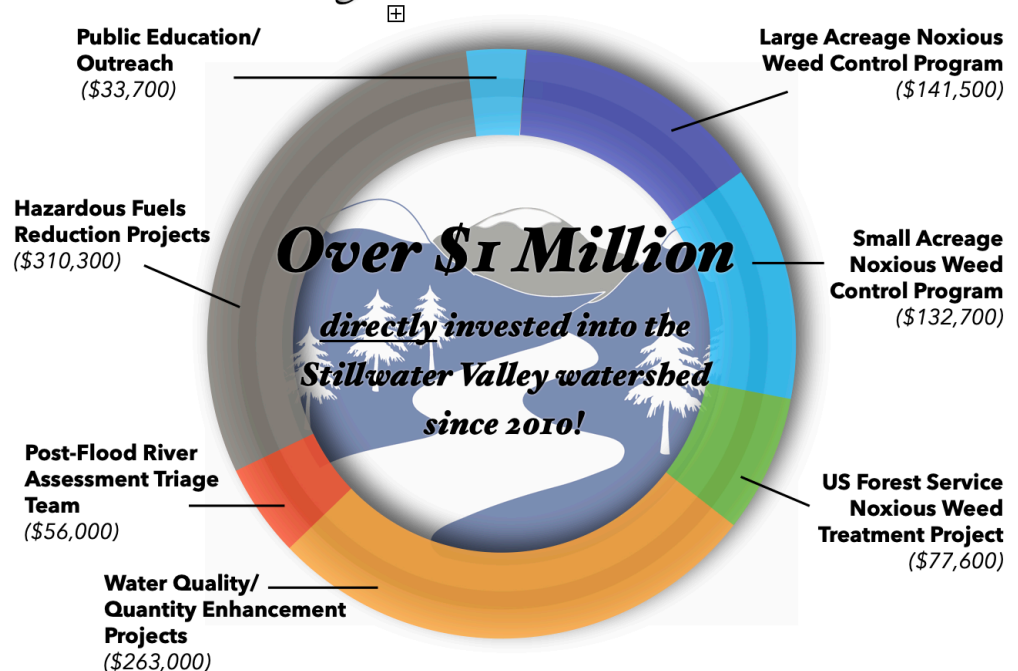


SVWC's COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS *Tim Schaff, SVWC Chairman*

NO MATTER WHAT MOTHER NATURE SENDS OUR WAY, THIS COMMUNITY CAN BE THANKFUL FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE STILLWATER VALLEY. Like the rivers and streams that surround us, our valley is continually moving through the stages of change. The SVWC, with its ongoing activities and projects, is much like an ever-changing river. The Board of Directors and Coordinators continue to seek out and expand on relevant projects in order to support goals of the organization and community.

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SVWC Community Investments



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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

WEATHERING THE STORM AS A COMMUNITY

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In this month's newsletter you will learn about these goals and the many activities related to continuing noxious weed control (page 3), forest health (page 4) and water quality and post-flood projects (pages 5-6). It takes a team and those who continue to support our community, along with local, state and federal agencies and partners, must be given credit. SVWC activities help our community "weather the storms" and accept the challenges that come our way.

"I am a believer that there are many things in this world that we cannot change or influence, but that we can change or influence what goes on in our little part of the world."

Chris Fleck, SVWC Board member

To no surprise, the newest challenge facing our citizens has been the devastating effects of the historical 2022 flood. SVWC has accepted the role in partnering with many Stillwater County organizations (see RATT article on page 6) and citizens to meet this event, and its aftermath, head on.

On behalf of the SVWC Board of Directors, we greatly appreciate your support and assistance, looking to the future together. SVWC members and partners are committed to helping make our valley a better place to live and work. As a community, we must remain persistent and continue to overcome challenges of change that come our way.

ANNUAL SUMMER CELEBRATION BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Event Highlights:

- ❖ Attended by 230+ supporters
- ❖ Superb entertainment by Wylie & the Wild West
- ❖ 50:50 raffle raised \$800 for two local 4H groups
- ❖ Donations and auction proceeds raised **OVER \$23,000** for post-flood restoration efforts!

SAVE THE DATE for August 10, 2023

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE SIGHTLINERS!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS — 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ FEBRUARY 8 & 9 — Soil Health Symposium, Billings
- ✓ FEBRUARY 22 — SVWC Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, Fishtail Community Center
- ✓ MAY 15 — Cooperative Weed Control Program (CWCP) Enrollment Opens
- ✓ MID-JUNE — Three W's Workshop & Mid-Year Meeting, Roscoe
- ✓ JULY — Biocontrol Workshop, Fishtail (tentative)
- ✓ AUGUST 10 — SVWC Annual Summer Celebration & Auction Fundraiser, Absarokee with **ENTERTAINMENT BY HAEI ALLEN & THE SIGHTLINERS!**
- ✓ AUGUST 13 — Stillwater River Float & Weed Pull, Nye
- ✓ SEPTEMBER — Small Acreage CWCP Spray Days, Nye



SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS
The SVWC is always looking to add to our team! Three Board of Directors will be up for re-election in June. If you would like to join the SVWC team, applications are available on SVWC's website or contact Lindsey for more info!



SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES—Noxious Weed Control

COOPERATIVE WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS GOING STRONG

SVWC'S CROSS BOUNDARY WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN. Steadfast support from local community foundations (Nye and Absoarkee) as well as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation bolster SVWC's small and large acreage CWCP. Cost-share programs such as these are made possible to expand treatment of noxious weeds, decreasing spread throughout the Stillwater watershed. New this year will be cost-share for sheep and goat grazing in order to incentive integrated management approaches. Contact us for more info!

Final tallies for 2022

SMALL acreage (<20 acres):

- ❖ **113 participating landowners**
- ❖ **1,900 acres enrolled**
- ❖ **190 acres treated**

LARGE acreage: (>20 acres)

- ❖ **19 participating landowners**
- ❖ **20,540 acres enrolled**
- ❖ **750 acres treated**

WEED TREATMENT ON USFS ALLOTMENTS CONTINUES THROUGH 2023

FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH JUNE 2023 to treat noxious weeds within the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Funding from the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) has enabled Forest Service allotment lessees to utilize monies to hire commercial applicators to treat weeds through the end of this year. Additionally, if any noxious weed infestations are found in the backcountry, please notify the SVWC and we will contact a commercial applicator to get the infestation treated and mapped.

Final tallies for 2020-2022

- ❖ **2020 — 173 acres treated**
- ❖ **2021 — 113 acres treated (drought)**
- ❖ **2022 — 170 acres treated**

456 acres treated thus far!

Since 2020, the SVWC has partnered with MT Fish Wildlife and Parks and the US Forest Service to cooperatively treat over 450 acres of invasive species, preventing spread in the backcountry as well as throughout the entire watershed.

ANNUAL STILLWATER RIVER FLOAT & WEED PULL EVENT AND TRASH PICKUP



Volunteers navigate around the post-flood rubbish to pull weeds!

Float Highlights:

- ❖ 4 miles of post-flood rivers were scouted for manageable rubbish and noxious weeds
- ❖ 20 youth and adults floated
- ❖ 6 boats were loaded with enthusiastic volunteers willing to get drenched for the cause
- ❖ Several dozen large trash bags of spotted knapweed and flood rubbish were collected between Stillwater Mine and Buffalo Jump Fishing access!



Scouting for spotted knapweed along the Upper Stillwater River on a USFS island (bottom left) and looking for remote patches of noxious weeds at Like Camp (bottom right), Summer 2022.

SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES—Forest Health

SVWC'S FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS ON FIRE!

WITHIN THE PAST TEN MONTHS, THE SVWC HAS SUCCESSFULLY ASSISTED OVER A DOZEN PROPERTY OWNERS, from Columbus to Nye, improve the fire resiliency of homes, structures and properties through the Forest Stewardship Initiative. A second round of funding for \$262,000 was awarded in February, 2022 from the Department of Natural Resource's Wildland Urban Interface program. The money is running out quickly for the 2023 season so don't wait to schedule your home assessment which will determine if your property qualifies for program enrollment and cost-share.

In existence since 2018, landowner education, word of mouth and the excellent work of local forestry contractors can be attributed to this program's success. This specific program provides a 50% cost-share incentive for participants.

Final tallies for 2022

- ❖ 14 properties enrolled
- ❖ 250 acres treated
- ❖ \$1,400 average/acre treated
- ❖ \$152,000 total cost/share awarded last year



BE FIRE AWARE, EVEN IN WINTER

Laura Blond, SVWC Board and Nye Volunteer Fire Company Member

Wildfires tend to be far from everyone's minds in this part of the calendar opposite from 'fire season,' but it is important to be fire aware at all times of the year. Wind-driven winter wildfire events can spread very rapidly and be all the more serious for their unexpectedness. A recent example is the fire that devastated the community of Denton, MT last winter, starting on November 30, 2021. Closer to home, that same month we also had a significant wildfire up the West Rosebud, driven by strong winter winds. Despite the cold and snowy December, mild spells in January brought warmer and drier weather, increasing the risk of wildfire.

For those who have participated in the SVWC fuels reduction program and may have slash piles to burn, or for any other community members with woody debris, please exercise caution when conducting open burning. The burn permit system is currently open for Stillwater County at <https://app.egovmt.com/burnpermit/> (don't forget you'll need to renew your burn permit each year). Make sure to monitor weather conditions closely and never leave fires unattended. Of course, if possible, wait until after a significant snowfall, like we've recently received, to burn piles.

For those who have taken advantage of the mild weather to work on flood cleanup and river restoration projects, be aware that heavy equipment can cause sparks on rocks, igniting fires that can take off rapidly in dry grasses. Fire suppression tools are important to have on hand and a communications plan in place to be able to



Burning slash piles (above) with snow on the ground, at least 12" for an extended period of time, and no wind is ideal.

report fires as quickly as possible. It is also a good idea to check over worksites when leaving an area.

Your neighbors, community, and local fire resources appreciate your vigilance—thank you.



GOVERNOR GIANFORTE INVESTS \$3 MILLION TO IMPROVE FOREST HEALTH, REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 13, 2023

HELENA, Mont. — Governor Greg Gianforte announced a \$3 million investment to fund projects to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk.

"As we've seen time and time again, managed forests mean less severe wildfires, more recreational opportunities, more habitat for wildlife, and more jobs in our communities," Governor Gianforte said. "We're proud to invest in Montana communities and locally-driven projects to address the forest health crisis and reduce vulnerability to wildfire."

Receiving nearly three dozen applications for funding, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) awarded funding to eleven projects.

Funding for the projects comes from the state's Fire Suppression Fund, which the governor seeks to nearly triple in his Budget for Montana Families.

DNRC selected the projects based on their alignment with the goals and strategies of the Montana Forest Action Plan and the cooperation of multiple partners to achieve cross-boundary work. The selected projects are expected to treat up to 6,000 acres of state, federal, and private lands.

Projects include fuel reduction in the wildland urban interface, cross-boundary forest health restoration, public education, as well as commercial and non-commercial fuels work.

The Stillwater Valley Watershed Council received \$250,000 for the Stillwater Watershed Forest Restoration Project to treat 200 acres on private properties along the Beartooth Front. Contact Lindsey to find out whether your property qualifies.

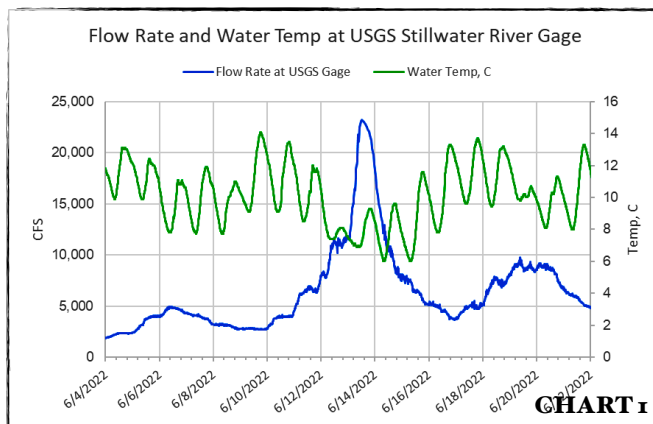


SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES—Water Quality

WATER QUALITY RESULTS DURING THE JUNE 2022 FLOOD *by Tom Osborne*

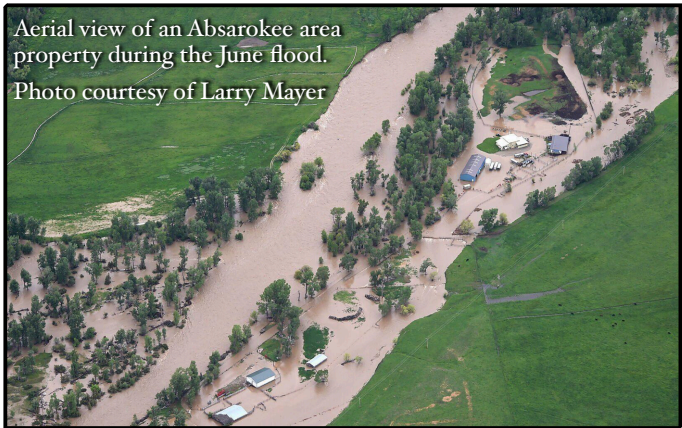
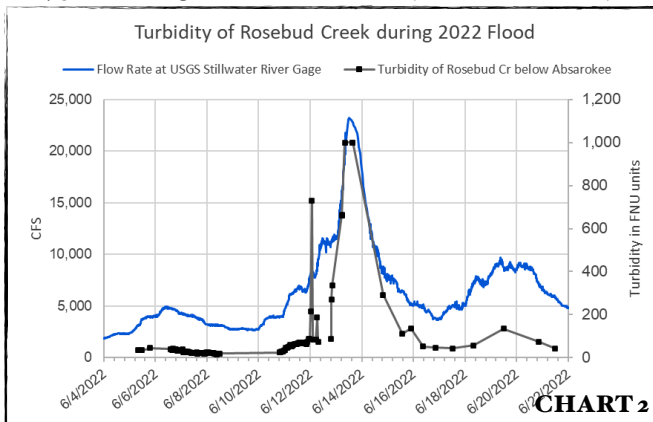
DURING THE JUNE 2022 FLOOD DID YOU OBSERVE ALL THE DEBRIS AND SEDIMENT IN THE STREAMS AND WONDERED ABOUT THE IMPACT ON RIVER WATER QUALITY? You'd be in good company with SVWC volunteers who've been monitoring the watershed for the past two years. Like everyone else, we were focused on the immediate threats to life and property, but we also collected some water quality data during the event.

The US Geological Survey stream gage at Stillwater Bridge, one mile downstream of Absarokee, operated during and survived the flood, collecting valuable river stage and water temperature data (see Chart 1 below).



The water temperature, recorded every 15 minutes (top line in Celsius units), shows typical diurnal cycles leading up to the flood ranging from 8 to 14°C. On June 12 it dipped sharply lower, below 8°C as the flood peak ramped up. Rapid mountain snowmelt caused by the large rain event produced the surge of very cold runoff. After the peak flow of June 13, water temperatures recovered to pre-flood levels over several days as the snowmelt was depleted and exited the basin.

The SRWQI team deployed a field meter to monitor hydrologic events that occur outside the routine monthly timeframe. Data was collected on Rosebud Creek, just upstream from its confluence with the Stillwater River, from early June throughout and after flood (see Chart 2 below).



This chart shows water turbidity data overlain on the USGS streamflow hydrograph. Turbidity is a measure of water clarity (FNU) and correlates well with total suspended solids measured in a lab. On June 6, even though the river was quite high, 5,000 CFS, turbidity was in the range of 40 to 50 FNU units. In this range the water appears “off color” or “slightly turbid”, which we could consider typical for early season runoff in our streams. As streamflow ramped up on June 12, turbidity rose first gradually, then spiked to over 700 FNU before dropping to the 80 FNU level.

In this range the water would appear quite dirty having only about one foot of clarity. Early on June 13 turbidity spiked again up to and beyond 1,000 FNU. We don't know how high exactly because values exceeded the meter's maximum range capability. By the evening of June 14 turbidity dropped to 293 FNU, then declined further in the following days. Rosebud Creek remained turbid, in the range of 40 – 100 FNU, throughout much of June.

It's typical from the hydrologic viewpoint that during normal spring runoff turbidity and sediment load peaks hours, or even days, before the peak in streamflow. This is due to the fact that the sources of sediment have accumulated over the previous year and get mobilized by the rising portion of the runoff event.

The June 2022 flood was so large that massive loads of new sources of sediment were eroded and mobilized throughout the rise to the peak, and then only slowly diminished. It's likely that a lot of eroded sediment was dropped on the falling side of the hydrograph and may be available to be mobilized by future floods.



Bridge washout on Highway 419, June 2022.

SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES—Water Quality

RIVER ASSESSMENT TRIAGE TEAM

Tommy Flanagan, SVWC Assistant Coordinator



THE NATURAL DISASTER WE EXPERIENCED ALONG OUR RIVERS IN SOUTH CENTRAL MONTANA THIS PAST SUMMER NEEDS NO RECAP. It was shocking. Right outside our front doors up and down our local valleys, we witnessed a geological event not seen in our area in living memory. As a community, we learned a lot. We learned about the importance of community disaster preparedness, the worth of reliable and accessible information, the value in having good and helpful neighbors, and were reminded of how powerful Mother Nature can be. Although the initial shock may be behind us, much of the work lies ahead.

The disaster has also marked a unique time for the SVWC. Just like most members of our community, we have never had to deal with the impacts of a flood like this before. What is clear is that the response has been phased, will take several years, and has been characterized by kindheartedness from people and organizations in our community. We are certainly not out of the woods yet, but the SVWC, due to extremely generous support of community partners, is focusing on the next stage of recovery and getting a big-picture-sense of the situation. We are pleased to introduce our new community post-flood River Assessment and Triage Team (or RATT for short).

BACKGROUND The flooding of the Stillwater and East and West Rosebud Rivers was on a scale never seen before. Therefore, there was no real handbook describing how to respond. The SVWC, along with many other community organizations in the county, was left asking itself what could be done. In the weeks following the disaster, the Musselshell Watershed Coalition (MWC) held an open meeting at the extension office in Roundup. The goal of the meeting was to share and discuss lessons learned from the hardships they have experienced in their watershed. In 2011, the Musselshell was hit with flooding, which, unlike the flooding experienced this summer in Stillwater County, saw sustained historic high water that lasted for weeks. This dramatically changed the river and watershed and shook homeowners and landowners along its banks to the core. It also spurred a decade of hundred-year events, one after the other, including additional flooding from rain as well as ice jams in subsequent years. The MWC wanted to share their experiences with neighboring communities going through a similar journey.

Members of the SVWC were in attendance that day and heard two lessons loud and clear: 1) Recovery takes time. Patience is required. On the Musselshell, it has been a process of no less than a decade, as conditions change every year. Established community response structures and networks are needed to streamline assessment and response from day one. 2) RATT.

SVWC immediately got active and called together two meetings of community organizations and foundations to talk about both points. Representatives from a range of groups in

Stillwater County got together and talked about emergency preparedness and how to plan for the future. These conversations are ongoing.

THE RATT During these two community meetings, we introduced the idea of forming a RATT team. We asked community organizations, many of which had already started raising funds for flood recovery efforts, if they had the capacity to contribute to funding the team. Again, we learned what a generous community we have here. So far, we have received contributions from the following organizations: Absarokee Civic Club, Columbus Community Foundation, Nye Community Foundation, Stillwater Protective Association, Stillwater Conservation District, as well as the Absarokee Community Foundation (including a large grant through Montana Community Foundation's Montana Disaster Recovery Fund), and several donations from local individuals.

SVWC has provided seed money to get the RATT team off the ground and into the water, matching funds for grant applications to be used to finance the team, and coordination of the team. With the community support we have received so far, we are off to a fantastic start. The SVWC is more than grateful!

The team will be modeled after the concept that was used as a response to the disaster along the Musselshell. The team includes a geomorphologist (Karin Boyd), GIS specialist (Tony Thatcher) hydrologic engineer (Tom Osbourne), fisheries biologist (Bryan Giordano), local Conservation District, and representatives from the SVWC. The team will assess local rivers (Stillwater, East Rosebud, West Rosebud, and Rosebud) as a whole, focusing on prioritizing and identifying projects and issues for landowners, and landscape and natural resources most impacted by the June flooding.

Although the team will draw conclusions and publish best practices and recommendations based on specific site visits that could benefit landowners, the team is mostly responsible for getting a big-picture look at the situation to work toward a coordinated response.

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- 2) RATT.***



This view just upstream from Nye shows flood waters impeding the road to Buffalo Jump Subdivision, June 14, 2022.

SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES —Water Quality

RIVER ASSESSMENT TRIAGE TEAM *continued from page 6*



Specifically, the RATT team has been tasked with the following objectives:

- 1) Evaluate the impacts of the June 2022 flooding on the Stillwater, Rosebud, West Rosebud, and East Rosebud rivers to document character of the event and its ramifications.
- 2) Document impacts, described in terms of primary geomorphic processes at work, and conceptual alternatives providing flooding mitigation strategies that are cost-effective and support the long-term health of the river systems and landowners involved.
- 3) Present permitting requirements with a summary of potential funding opportunities.
- 4) Ease the financial burden of landowners, providing specific site reports as well as best practice recommendations for river cleanup and stream bank restoration efforts.

GETTING STARTED The RATT determined one of the first steps was to obtain pre-disaster aerial photography of the entire stretch of the effected river (example above right—full color images available on SVWC’s website) as well as quality post-disaster footage for comparison. The team has already received over 50 landowner surveys and will determine the best time to conduct site visits throughout the winter and early spring (as weather allows). The team is committed to keeping a long-term view in mind. We appreciate both the willingness and the patience of community members as we proceed.



Aerial imagery depicting the pre-flood channel (blue) and the post-flood channel (red). The RATT will use images such as these to determine priority areas for on the ground assessment work. Images such as this will be available to interested landowners.

Landowner surveys are still being collected. They can be found on SVWC’s website or at businesses around Absarokee and Fishtail. Return forms to: SVWC, PO Box 112, Absarokee.

We are thankful to each of our community partners who have contributed financially to this project. We from a small town know, it takes a community! We are convinced that the work of the team will guide our community in the direction of long-term recovery as well as make the watershed, its residents, and communities more resilient to the next natural disaster.

UPDATE ON THE STILLWATER ROSEBUD WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE

THE STILLWATER ROSEBUD WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE (SRWQI) HAS COMPLETED 28 MONTHS OF STREAM MONITORING. Samples include: for Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Total Nitrogen (TN), Nitrite+Nitrate Nitrogen (NO₂+NO₃-N) and Total Phosphorous (TP). Field parameters are measured with a Hanna 9829 logging field water quality meter. Discharge measurements are made at wadable streams.

Comparison of SRWQI results over 21 months with USGS data collected from 1993 – 2013 indicates very little change in average nutrient and suspended sediment levels, but our results had larger maximum values of TP and TSS. Temporal trends were distinguishable for all lab parameters. NO₂+NO₃-N and TN increased gradually from July through winter months, then falling as runoff increased from spring to

early summer, indicating contributions from groundwater sources.

Aquatic bio-growth may have also contributed to depressed NO₂+NO₃-N levels throughout summer months. TP was highly correlated with TSS throughout the sampling record, with peak values associated with runoff events indicating TP adsorption and transport with the particulate load.



SRWQI volunteers gather water samples and stream data at one of nine sites during the bitter December cold. Temperatures were recorded at -8 F on this day—that’s dedication!

Please remember, the data collected by this project is of a non-regulatory nature, intended to provide basic indicators of stream health to inform the residents of the Stillwater Valley and protect all the uses we make of our streams for this generation and those to come.

For more information, contact Lindsey Clark (406.780.1249) or Tom Osborne (406.698.4120).

WATERSHED NEWS — Upcoming Events & Opportunities

STAY UP TO DATE ON HAPPENINGS IN YOUR WATERSHED!

Three W's Workshop & SVWC Mid-Year Meeting

Date: mid-June, 2023 (stay tuned for exact date!)

Location: Roscoe Community Center

What to expect: A unique opportunity, in your own backyard, to learn from local experts about topics pertaining to noxious WEEDS, WATER quality (including RATT and SRWQI updates), plus tips to keep your home and structures safe in a WILDFIRE event.



Annual Summer Celebration & Fundraiser

Date: August 10, 2023

Location: Anipro Event Center

What to expect: A fun, entertaining evening with superb entertainment from Haeli Allen & The Sightliners. Enjoy laughs, dancing, and camaraderie celebrating our local community and SVWC's ongoing stewardship efforts!

THE SIGHTLINERS | APPEARING
LIVE IN ABSAROOKEE | 8.10.23



Code of the New West

As good citizens of Montana, we promise to:

1. Appreciate the splendor of Montana's natural beauty, the opportunity to live here, the quality of life we enjoy.
2. Be a good steward of the land, take personal responsibility for keeping our land weed and trash free, promote recycling.
3. Show respect for our state and local laws, for wildlife, for the land and for the people; especially those engaged in farming and ranching.
4. Be goodwill ambassadors, showing friendliness to visitors and neighbors alike.
5. Take pride in how we maintain our property, our business, our communities, and ourselves.
6. Become informed about how things are done in our communities and in the state, so that we fully understand the realities of living in rural Montana.
7. Get involved with our communities, give back to some measure of what we receive from being a part of the larger family.
8. Work together for the good of the whole, neighborhood, community, county, state, nation and world.

RESOLUTION 05-20 CARBON COUNTY, MONTANA; CODE OF THE NEW WEST

2022 SVWC Membership Recognition

Franny & Franny Abbott	Greg & Justine Dawson	Jodi Heard	David Leuthold	Mark & Audrey Paulson	Marvin & Lisa Sticka
Terry & Charlene Adams	Pieter & Michele DeGroat	Dick Heard	John & Kathy Lindstrom	Sandra Peck	Stillwater River Ranch
Donna Allison	Dan & Lorraine Deibler	Ken & Dorothy Hegg	Tom & Ann Linstrom	Stan & Cheryl Pelton	Stillwater Vet
John & Mary Alstad	Deb DePietro	Dick Henry	Brent & Michelle Lipp	Lowell & Ruth Quenemoen	Bob & Nancy Story
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John Beers	Terry & Shari Ekwortzel	Lee & Mary Kay Hitchner	Keith Martin	Ritter Property	Mark Templeton
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Billings Police Protective	Dean & Patti Evans	Paul & D'Anne Holley	Mary Jane McAllister	Tom & Andrea Rogoff	Dorothy Timmerman
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