

High Country RC&D Council, Inc. Annual Plan of Operations, 2009				Projected Completion Date	Coordinator	Admin Assist - Tammy	Project Assistant
ELEMENT: LAND CONSERVATION				Date	hrs	hrs	hrs
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Increase RC&amp;D sponsors involvement across the 10-county area to promote innovative solutions and partnerships to conserving soil and land resources.</b>					
Objective	A1	Directly support sponsor's efforts to plan, fund, and implement watershed or sub-watershed scale land conservation projects that reduce soil erosion and sedimentation. Integrate NRCS Farm Bill programs where applicable.					
Strategy	A1a	Evaluate SWCD current 5 year plans and sponsoring cities / counties comprehensive plans for potential land conservation project actions. ( Report to sponsors)	9/09	32			
Strategy	A1b	By March 2010 meet with eleven SWCD's to identify opportunities for collaboration on land conservation projects and other RC&D project opportunities..	3/10	40			
Strategy	A1c	By 3/2010 develop an HCRC&D / SWCD collaboration plan for two identified projects.	3/10	16			
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Achieve a 10% reduction soil erosion and sedimentation occurring in urban areas by 2013.</b>					
Objective	B1	In 2010 develop and launch an Urban Conservation Initiative targeting existing urban areas as well as the Ag / Urban interface and the Wildland /Urban Interface areas subject to soil erosion and sedimentation.					
Strategy	B1a	By 12/09 research which Urban Conservation Initiatives are underway in neighboring regions to determine what's working / not working. Provide a report to the Council.	12/09	40			16
Strategy	B1b	By 3/10 meet with 100% of the sponsoring cities/counties to identify specific opportunities for land conservation projects that mitigate the effects of wind and water erosion and sedimentation in the Agricultural / Urban Interface.	3/10	40			16
Strategy	B1c	By 3/10 form an HCRC&D Urban Conservation Initiative Steering Committee.	3/10	16			
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Increase the proper use and development of the regions water resources by improving water use efficiencies, addressing water supply issues, and addressing water quality concerns.</b>					
Objective	C1	By 2011 assist sponsors to identify and assess watershed issues, problems, and solutions. Improve or maintain water quality in the areas lakes, rivers, streams, or aquifers.					
Strategy	C1a	Complete the Upper Snake River Weather Modification Project. during 2008 – 2009 ( 4 jobs created)	4/09	24	40		16
Strategy	C1b	Develop local support for a sustainable funding coalition to implement an Upper Snake River Weather Modification Project. Project is operational during Nov. 09– March 2010 (5 jobs created)	9/09	8	16		40
Strategy	C1c	Evaluate the status of urban storm water pollution issues in two cities (1 written report to Council.)	3/10	32			8
Strategy	C1d	Support the Teton Creek Rehabilitation Project by identifying appropriate federal, state, and private funding sources.( One mile of stream rehabilitation)	3/10	24			

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<b>Objective</b>	<b>C2</b>	<b>Assist sponsors to develop appropriate strategies and projects in flood prone areas.</b>					
Strategy	C2a	Complete FEMA approved All Hazards Mitigation Plans. Identify and prioritize flood risks. (9 County and 1 regional AHMP's completed, 2 jobs created)	5/09	40	40		
Strategy	C2b	Meet with County Commissioners in three counties to initiate planning for flood issues identified in the AHMPs. (1 Pre-disaster grant application)	12/09	60			
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Maintain the biological integrity in targeted lakes, rivers, and streams.</b>					
<b>Objective</b>	<b>D1</b>	<b>Prevent aquatic invasive species from becoming established in the areas waters by implementing local prevention actions that support recommendations in the Idaho's Aquatic Nuisance Species Plan (ANS) by 2012.</b>					
Strategy	D1a	During 2009 - 10 launch an area wide ANS information and education campaign. Support and fund the campaign through 2013.	3/10	100			100
<b>ELEMENT: LAND TREATMENT</b>							
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Increase the appropriate use of natural resources in the urban rural interface through public education, planning and project implementation.</b>					
<b>Objective</b>	<b>E1</b>	<b>Retain, protect and enhance the natural resource values in the wildland/urban interface (WUI) where development pressure is changing traditional landuse</b>					
Strategy	E1a	Gather information regarding WUI issues and needs by interviewing county P&Z administrators in nine counties. Provide written report to Council and SWCDs.	4/10	40			
Strategy	E1b	Design an area wide workshop that address resource conservation issues in the WUI.	5/10	16			16
Strategy	E1c	Host an "Innovative Solutions" link on the HCRC&D website that addresses WUI conservation issues.	3/10	16			40
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Increase invasive species awareness and control.</b>					
<b>Objective</b>	<b>F1</b>	<b>Develop local "working partnerships" to coordinate interstate and intrastate aquatic invasive species issues across the RC&amp;D Area.</b>					
Strategy	F1a	Identify potential partners and cooperators interested in Quagga and Zebra mussel threats.	8/09	16			8
Strategy	F1b	Develop partnerships with BYU-Idaho and Idaho State University to assist with invasive species issues.	8/09	16			16
Strategy	F1c	During 2009 develop an invasive species section on the HCRC&D Website. Site will initially focus on Quagga and Zebra mussel threats. (500 public contacts)	8/09	16			40
Strategy	F1d	Assist Fremont County to implement the Henry's Lake Eurasian Water Milfoil Early Detection Rapid Response Project. (5,000 contacts, 10 jobs created)	11/09	80	40		60

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<b>Objective</b>	<b>F2</b>	<b>Assist sponsors to implement a coordinated and cooperative approach to noxious weed issues.</b>				
Strategy	F2a	Assist the Upper Snake River Cooperative Weed Management Area to implement their 2009 AOP ( 22 projects, 6,810 acres treated, 1 areawide plan)	3/10	100	40	24
Strategy	F2b	Assist the Upper Snake Cooperative Weed Management Area to plan and fund their 2010 AOP	12/09	16	8	8
Strategy	F2c	Assist the Henry's Fork Cooperative Weed Management Area to implement their 2009AOP. ( 13 projects, 3,445 acres treated)	3/10	80	32	24
Strategy	F2d	Assist the Henry's Fork Cooperative Weed Management Area to plan and fund their 2009 AOP 1 area wide plan	12/09	16	8	24
Strategy	F2e	Monitor, evaluate, and document 50 Leafy Spurge Flea Beetle bio release sites to determine the status of populations and the impacts on leafy spurge ( 100 acres treated)	8/09	100		100
Strategy	F2f	Develop and maintain two CWMA sections on the RC&D website.	6/09	8		40
Strategy	F2g	Assist 4 SCDs to co-host local noxious weed workshops.	3/10	24		8
Strategy	F2h	Develop a Teton River Leafy Spurge task force comprised of landowners, agencies, and elected officials to plan a watershed scale approach toward leafy spurge control.	3/10	24		
Strategy	F2i	Develop two grant proposals to new funding sources for CWMA projects.	12/09	24	8	8
Strategy	F2j	Implement the "Holding the Line " Project. ( 3 jobs created, 100 acres treated)	3/10	120	40	
Strategy	F2k	During 2009 – 2010 attend meetings with all six CWMA's in the HCRC&D to explain potential RC&D role and offer services resulting in 5 watershed plans developed.	3/10	24		
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Increase the proper use of forest resources</b>				
<b>Objective</b>	<b>G1</b>	<b>Strengthen community forestry programs</b>				
Strategy	G1a	Develop a strategic plan for Community Forestry in the RC&D Area	3/10	8		4
Strategy	G1b	Assist two sponsoring cities to develop community forestry project funding proposals.	3/10	16		
<b>Objective</b>	<b>G2</b>	<b>Build the capacity at the county level to plan, fund, and implement projects that reduce wildfire risk.</b>				
Strategy	G2a	Provide grant writing assistance & training to two local fire departments and fire districts.	3/10	40		8
Strategy	G2b	During 2009 provide technical assistance to 9 counties to implement the Wild Land Fire Planning Services Project. 2 jobs created	3/10	150	40	

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<b>ELEMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>						
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Increase the quality of life in the RC&amp;D Area.</b>				
<b>Objective</b>	<b>H1</b>	<b>Assist communities to plan and fund infrastructure, facilities, services, and amenities.</b>				
Strategy	H1a	Assist counties to develop and implement risk reduction recommendations developed in the "all hazard mitigation plans.	8/09	16		
Strategy	H1b	Assist the City of Challis to plan additional phases of their skate park. (Recreational facility constructed)	4/10	8		
Strategy	H1c	Provide technical assistance for the Teton Arena Project. (Recreational facility constructed)	8/08	16		
Strategy	H1d	Assist Bonneville County to implement improvements at the County Fairground Buildings.	12/09	8		
Strategy	H1e	Assist the City of Driggs with the Music on Main Street Project.	12/08	16		
Strategy	H1f	Assist the City of Ammon develop its Senior Activity Park Project.	12/08	32		
Strategy	H1g	Assist Bonneville County to implement a Mosquito Abatement Program.	12/08	24	24	40
<b>Objective</b>	<b>H2</b>	<b>Assess opportunities for alternative agricultural business or industry. Promote sustainable agriculture and value added initiatives.</b>				
Strategy	H2a	Evaluate and support appropriate alternative energy sources including wind, solar, bio- fuels, geo-thermal, etc.	12/09	8		8
Strategy	H2b	Assist in developing an energy audit program in the HCRC&D Area.	12/09	40		8
Strategy	H2c	Evaluate and support viable carbon sequestration and carbon marketing initiatives. Participate	12/09	8		8
<b>Objective</b>	<b>H3</b>	<b>Improve RC&amp;D Council efficiency in the delivery of the RC&amp;D Program.</b>				
Strategy	H3a	Complete the revision of HCRC&D Area Plan.	6/09	40		
Strategy	H3b	Make semi-annual reports to the IASCD in March and October.	12/09	8		
Strategy	H3c	Complete a 2009 Annual Report to all sponsors.	1/09			24
Strategy	H3d	During 2009 meet with all of the sponsoring organizations to discuss RC&D opportunities.	12/08	8		
Strategy	H3e	Develop and implement an internal and external communications plan.	7/2008	4		8
Strategy	H3f	Complete a major update to the HCRC&D Website followed by monthly maintenance of the site.	6/08	8		208
Strategy	H3g	Review MOU with NRCS	7/08	2		
Strategy	H3h	Finalize 2010 Annual Work Plan	3/10	16	0	0
<b>Objective</b>	<b>H4</b>	<b>Maintain Council Operations</b>				
Strategy	H4a	Hold Annual Sponsors Meeting in March.	3/10	12	12	12
Strategy	H4b	Respond to legislative issues in a timely manner.	12/09	0	0	0
Strategy	H4c	Support the National, Regional, and State Associations w/dues and attending meetings.	3/10	72	0	0
Strategy	H4d	Hold Board of Directors Meetings every two months. Rotate to different locations.	3/10	32	32	32