



Calendar of Events

HCRC&D Board Members:

The next meeting will be held on January 27th at 1pm.

Henry's Fork CWMA:

The next meeting will be held on November 17th at 9am. Meet at the Idaho F&G office in Idaho Falls.

Upper Snake River CWMA:

The next meeting will be held on November 9th at 9:30am at the Idaho F&G office in Idaho Falls.

Thank You Sponsors!

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- Butte SWCD
- Clark SCD
- Custer SWCD
- Eastside SWCD
- Jefferson SWCD
- Lemhi SWCD
- Madison SWCD
- Mud Lake SWCD
- Teton SCD
- Teton, WY CD
- Westside SWCD
- Yellowstone SCD

County Commissions:

- Bonneville
- Butte
- Clark
- Custer
- Fremont
- Jefferson
- Lemhi
- Madison
- Teton
- Teton, WY

Cities:

- Ammon
- Ashton
- Challis
- Driggs
- Dubois
- Idaho Falls
- Iona
- Mud Lake
- Rexburg
- St. Anthony
- Sugar City
- Ucon
- Victor

High Country RC&D Officers and Board Members:

- Chair** - Dave Radford, Bonneville County
- Vice Chair** - Kimber Ricks, Madison County
- Secretary/Treasurer** - Paul Romrell, Fremont County
- Board Members** - Kent Cummins, Butte County ; Tod Shenton, Clark County; Wayne Butts, Custer County; Kathy Rinaldi, Teton County; Debbie Karren, Jefferson County; Brett Barsalou, Lemhi County; Boyd Bowles, Teton Conservation District.

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New High Country RC&D Coordinator - Pam Herdrich

Pam Herdrich was born and raised in upstate New York. Out of high school, Pam decided to come west to attend Utah State University where she received a B.S. in Forest Management. During her summers in college Pam worked for the Ashton Ranger District, while there she met Jeff Herdrich. After graduation Pam worked for the district for two years and also married Jeff.

In the fall of '81, Pam received a job in Orofino, Idaho, with the Forest Service. After two years, she decided to move to North Dakota to work on the Forest Service's Little Missouri National Grasslands. Pam worked on various assignments in North Dakota, but after four years moved to work on the Chequamegon National Forest in Wisconsin. Pam and Jeff bought a house

and built greenhouses on a half an acre for their own business. One year later, she received a job in Dunn County to be a Soil Conservationist for the Wisconsin NRCS.

Pam quickly moved to a District Conservationist and then changed gears when she decided to work for the RC&D. Pam worked with River Country RC&D for 10½ years. While there Pam greatly enhanced their program and aided in obtaining thousands of dollars of on the ground conservation work for the 12 counties she assisted. Pam said her favorite thing about the RC&D program is, "being able to make a difference and helping people improve quality of life." "With RC&D, I can help make a real difference," she continued.

High Country RC&D would like to welcome Pam as our new Coordinator and we are all excited for what she will bring to our program. When asked about her thoughts on joining High Country, she said, "There is an exciting dynamic, room for growth, great people and life, exciting projects, and a high impact of real accomplishments for the betterment of the area. It will be great." ■



Pam Herdrich at their greenhouse in Wisconsin.

"Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land."
-Aldo Leopold

High Country Highlights

Holding the Line/Board Project Tour 2010

This year the annual tour for the Board of Directors was held in conjunction with the Holding the Line area tour. The tour members met in the morning on July 15th, 2010, at the USDA Service Center in Rexburg, ID. About 20 people attended the tour in total. The group then traveled to the Rexburg Bench to see 'before' and 'after' views of biological controls in the local canyon.

ping team. The group members were able to help collect and package leafy spurge biological control agents.

The group was able to enjoy lunch in Ashton at the Trails Inn where a presentation was given for the Holding the Line project. The presentation covered project successes, project goals, and the strategic plan for the next five years. High Country RC&D held a quick business meeting at the luncheon as well.

After lunch the tour group drove to Drummand to view a leafy spurge infestation. At that point the group was able to release the biological control agents collected earlier in the day and record the data using GPS units. Bryce Fowler, project field coordinator for Hold the Line stated that the area is slated to become an important collection site within the next two years.

It was great to see the efforts of all those that have helped to "Hold the Line" this year. The project was fortunate to receive another \$4,000 from the U.S. Forest Service to help with operating costs.

The last stop on the tour was a visit to Cave Falls to view another leafy spurge infestation. There the discussion turned to other invasive species at the location in relationship to Yellowstone Park boundaries in general. ■

Flea beetles captured for bio-release at other locations.



Before shot of Leafy Spurge 2008



Next, the group visited a biological collection and packaging site on the Fall River. Basic GPS, collection, and packaging training was provided by a student map-

After shot of Leafy Spurge 2010

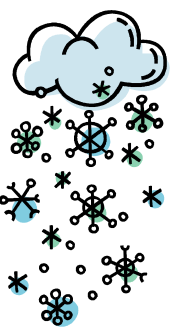


09/10 Cloud Seeding Report

This summer Idaho Department of Lands gave permission to HCRC&D to place four new cloud seeding machines on State Property. Two are located in Bonneville County with the other two located in Madison and Caribou

County. Those additional 4 remote generators will be ran by Idaho Power along with the 9 already in use by them. Clark County (along with Let it Snow, Inc.) is the contractors for the program this year and will con-

tinue to run the 25 generators currently in place. The new season starts this November and will run through mid-April. We hope for a great season this year. ■



Meet a Board Member - Debbie Karren

Although Debbie Karren may be the newest member of HC RC&D she is not new to the work of the organization. While working as Jefferson County Emergency Manager she worked closely with High County as they administered grants for several projects for the County and Region. Debbie has been the Jefferson County Commissioner for almost 2 years now. She enjoys meeting new people and learning about what is going on in the County and State.

Debbie grew up in Los Angeles County California and moved to Idaho when she was in high school. She loves living here because "everyone is so friendly and community minded." Commenting on her family she says "I

have been married for a LONG time to a wonderful man." Debbie and Bruce have 4 married children and are the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren. In her spare time Debbie enjoys ATV trips with her husband and spending time with the rest of their family.

Debbie's love for the community shows in her work. She currently serves on the Eastern Idaho Community Action Partner Board, Board of Public Health for District 7, the Regional Mental Health Board as well as her new position on the HC RC&D Board. She also manages to work part time for the Jefferson County School District administering the Idaho Reading Test. As soon as Debbie and Bruce moved to Rigby she recalls that



"we wanted to be involved in public service." Debbie has been a Boy and Girl Scout leader, president of Friends of the Library, active in her church, and on the Jefferson County Fair Board. If that wasn't enough, for 18 years Debbie and Bruce were both EMTs.

Commenting about her new role on the Board for High Country she said: "I have seen what RC&D can do to improve the community and am excited to be a part of that." ■

Wildland Urban Interface- Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Each of the counties in the HCRC&D have developed a County Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This summer a Hazardous Fuels Reduction Treatment (HFT) project was implemented in the Grove Creek Subdivision in Teton County, ID.

Northwest Management, Inc. are heading the project to work with local land and homeowners in the area.

The demonstration project was on three adjacent property owners land and included brush removal, clearing out completely dead or down trees along with pruning trees within a specified distance from structures. Hired contractors have done much of the work but other homeowners have participated as well in the clean up.

The Homeowner's Association

Architectural Review Board has adamantly refused to grant a variance to the subdivision covenants allowing property owners to remove mostly dead or dying, bug infested, or hazard trees from the properties. This approval is important to make a complete defensible space around homes in these areas. ■

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." - Benjamin Franklin