

HIGH COUNTRY RC&D COUNCIL

2010-2011

ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK



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Mission Statement

Promote, assist, and deliver local RC&D efforts, projects, and programs within our ten-county area.

Vision Statement

To be recognized as a leader within the RC&D area in rural development and natural resource conservation.

ELEMENT: LAND CONSERVATION					
GOAL	A	Increase RC&D sponsors across the 10-county area to promote innovative solutions and partnerships to conserving soil and land resources.			
			<i>Date</i>	<i>Staff/Hours/Budget</i>	<i>Accomplishments</i>
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.			
<i>Strategy</i>	A1a	<i>Evaluate SWCD current 5 year plans and sponsoring cities / counties comprehensive plans for potential land conservation project actions. (Report to sponsors)</i>	9/10	Coordinator/ 32 /1120	
<i>Strategy</i>	A1b	<i>By March 2011, meet with eleven SWCD's to identify opportunities for collaboration on land conservation projects and other RC&D project opportunities.</i>	3/11	Coordinator/ 40 /1400	
<i>Strategy</i>	A1c	<i>By March 2001, develop and HCRC&D / SWCD collaboration plan for two identified projects.</i>	3/11	Coordinator/ 16/ 560	
GOAL	B	Achieve a 10% reduction soil erosion and sedimentation occurring in urban areas by 2013.			
Objective	B1	In 2011 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.			
<i>Strategy</i>	B1a	<i>By 5/10 report to Council previous research on Urban Conservation initiatives.</i>	5/10	Coordinator/ 8 /280	
<i>Strategy</i>	B1b	<i>By 12/10 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.</i>	12/10	Coordinator/ 40 /1400	
<i>Strategy</i>	B1c	<i>By 12/10 form a HCRC&D Urban Conservation Imitative Steering Committee.</i>	12/10	Coordinator/ 16/ 560	
ELEMENT: WATER CONSERVATION					
GOAL	C	Encourage the proper use and development of the regions water resources by improving water use efficiencies, addressing water supply issues, and addressing water quality concerns.			
Objective	C1	Assist sponsors to identify and assess watershed issues, problems, and solutions. Improve or maintain water quality in the areas lakes, rivers, streams, or aquifers.			
<i>Strategy</i>	C1a	<i>Complete the Upper Snake River Weather Modification Project. During 2009 – 2010. (3 jobs created)</i>	5/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 40 / 840	
<i>Strategy</i>	C1b	<i>Develop local support for a sustainable funding coalition to implement an Upper Snake River Weather Modification Project. Nov.2010– March. 2011 (5 jobs created)</i>	9/10	Program Assistant & Coordinator / 64 / 280	
<i>Strategy</i>	C1c	<i>Meet with Western Wyoming and Southern Montana RC&D programs three times to increase Upper Snake River Weather Modification Project.</i>	12/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 24 /840	

Strategy	C1d	Support the Teton Creek Rehabilitation Project by identifying appropriate federal, state, and private funding sources.(One mile of stream rehabilitation)	3/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 20 / 700	
Objective	B2	Assist sponsors to develop appropriate strategies and projects in flood prone areas.			
Strategy	B2a	Meet with County Commissioners in three counties to initiate planning for flood issues identified in the AHMPs. (One Pre-disaster grant application)	12/10	Program Assistant & Coordinator /60 / 2100	
GOAL	D	Maintain the biological integrity in targeted lakes, rivers, and streams.			
Objective	D1	Prevent aquatic invasive species from becoming established in the areas water by implementing local prevention actions that support recommendations in the Idaho 's Aquatic Nuisance Species Plan (ANS) by 2012.			
Strategy	D1a	Continue to support the ANS information and education campaign launched during 2009.	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 200 / 3500	
ELEMENT: LAND TREATMENT					
GOAL	E	Increase the use of natural resources in the wildland/urban interface (WUI) where development pressure is changing traditional land use.			
			Date	Staff/Hours/Budget	Accomplishments
Objective	E1	Retain, protect and enhance the natural resource values in the wildland/urban interface (WUI) where development pressure is changing traditional land use.			
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.	4/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 40/ 1400	
Strategy	E1b	Design an area wide workshops that address resource conservation issues in the WUI.	5/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 32/ 560	
GOAL	F	Increase invasive species awareness and control.			
Objective	F1	Develop local "working partnerships" to coordinate interstate and intrastate aquatic invasive species issues across the RC&D Area.			
Strategy	F1a	Identify potential partners and cooperators interested in Quagga and Zebra mussel threats.	8/10	Coordinator/ 24 / 560	
Strategy	F1b	Develop partnerships with BYU-Idaho and Idaho State University to assist with invasive species issues.	8/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 32/ 560	
Strategy	F1c	During 2009, update and increase invasive species section on the HCRC&D Website. Site will initially focus on Quagga and Zebra mussel threats. (500 public contacts)	8/10	Program Assistant & Coordinator / 32 / 560	
Strategy	F1d	Assist Fremont County to implement the Henry's Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil Early Detection Rapid Response Project. (5,000 contacts, 12 jobs created)	11/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 180/ 2800	
Objective	F2	Assist sponsors to implement a coordinated and cooperative approach to noxious weed issues.			
Strategy	F2a	Assist the Upper Snake River Cooperative Weed Management Area to implement their 2010 AOP. (12 projects, 5,360 acres treated, 1 area wide plan)	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 164/ 3500	

Strategy	F2b	Assist the Upper Snake Cooperative Weed Management Area to plan and fund their 2010 AOP.	12/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 32 /560	
Strategy	F2c	Assist the Henry's Fork Cooperative Weed Management Area to implement their 2010 AOP. (15 projects, 10,142 acres treated)	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 164/ 3500	
Strategy	F2d	Assist the Henry's Fork Cooperative Weed Management Area to plan and fund their 2010AOP.	12/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 32/ 560	
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.	8/10	Coordinator/ 200 / 3500	
Strategy	F2f	Develop and maintain two CWMA sections on the RC&D website.	6/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 48/ 280	
Strategy	F2g	Assist 4 SCDs to co-host local noxious weed workshops.	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 32/ 840	
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.	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 24/ 840	
Strategy	F2i	Develop two grant proposals to new funding sources for CWMA projects.	12/10	Coordinator/ 56 / 1400	
Strategy	F2j	Increase and support the "Holding the Line" project. (7 jobs created, 100 acres treated)	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 160/ 4200	
Strategy	F2k	During 2010-2011 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.	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant / 24/ 840	

GOAL	G	Promote the proper use of forest resources			
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			<i>Date</i>	<i>Staff/Hours/Budget</i>	<i>Accomplishments</i>
Objective	G1	Strengthen community forestry programs			
Strategy	G1a	Update and Maintain the Community Forestry page on the HCRC&D Website.	3/11	Program Assistant & Coordinator / 12 /280	
Strategy	G1b	Assist two sponsoring cities to develop community forestry project funding proposals.	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant /16/ 560	
Objective	G2	Build the capacity at the county level to plan, fund, and implement projects that reduce wildfire risk.			
Strategy	G2a	Provide grant writing assistance & training to two local fire departments and fire districts.	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant /48/ 1400	
Strategy	G2b	During 2010, provide technical assistance to 9 counties to implement the Wild Land Fire Planning Services Project.(2 job created)	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant /190/ 5250	

ELEMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

GOAL	H	Enhance the quality of life within the RC&D area.				
Objective	H1	Assist communities to plan and fund infrastructure, facilities, services, and amenities.				
Strategy	H1a	Assist counties to develop and implement risk reduction recommendations developed in the "all hazard mitigation plans.	8/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant /16/ 560		
Strategy	H1b	Assist the City of Challis to plan additional phases of their skate park. (Recreational facility constructed)	8/11	Coordinator /16/ 560		
Strategy	H1c	Provide technical assistance for the Teton Area Project. (recreational facility constructed)	8/10	Coordinator /16/ 560		
Strategy	H1d	Assist Bonneville County to implement improvements at the County Fairground Buildings.	12/10	Coordinator /8/ 280		
Strategy	H1e	Assist the City of Ammon develop its Senior Activity Park Project.	12/10	Coordinator /40/ 1400		
Strategy	H1f	Assist Bonneville County to implement a Mosquito Abatement Program.	12/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant /88/ 840		
Strategy	H1g	Assist Butte County to develop a youth skate park. (Recreational facility)	12/10	Coordinator /32/ 1120		
Strategy	H1h	Assist the City of Mud Lake to implement improvements at the County Fairground Buildings.	12/10	Coordinator /32/ 1120		
Strategy	H1i	Provide technical assistance to Fremont County Fair Board to obtain new bleachers.	12/10	Coordinator /32/ 1120		
Strategy	H1k	Assist the City of Driggs to implement improvements to their skate park.	12/10	Coordinator / 8/ 280		
Strategy	H1l	Assist Clark County in deleloping new jobs within the county.	3/11	Coordinator /48/ 1680		
Strategy	H1m	Assist the City of Ashton in implementing a wheelchair lift within their community center.	12/10	Coordinator /32/ 1120		
Objective	H2	Assess opportunities for alternative agricultural business or industry. Promote sustainable agriculture and value added initiatives.				
Strategy	H2a	Evaluate and support appropriate alternative energy sources including wind, solar, bio- fuels, geo-thermal, etc.	12/10	Coordinator/8/280		
Strategy	H2b	Assist in developing a energy audit program in the HCRC&D.	12/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant /48/ 1400		
Strategy	H2c	Evaluate and support viable carbon sequestration and carbon marketing initiatives. Participate in the Idaho Pilot Project.	12/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant /16/ 280		
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Objective	H3	Improve RC&D Council efficiency in the delivery of the RC&D Program.				
Strategy	H3a	Adopt the new five year HCRC&D Area Plan.	4/10	Coordinator /8/ 280		
Strategy	H3b	Make semi-annual reports to the IASCD in March and October.	12/10	All / 8/ 280		
Strategy	H3c	Complete a 2008 Annual Report to all sponsors.	1/11	All / 24 / 0		

Strategy	H3d	<i>During 2010, meet with all of the sponsoring organizations to discuss RC&D opportunities.</i>	12/10	Coordinator /8/ 280		
Strategy	H3e	<i>Develop and implement an internal and external communications plan.</i>	7/10	All / 20 / 280		
Strategy	H3f	<i>Complete Updates an monthly maintenance to the HCRC&D Website.</i>	12/10	Program Assistant & Coordinator / 48 / 280		
Strategy	H3g	<i>Review MOU with NRCS.</i>	7/10	All / 3 / 35		
Strategy	H3i	<i>Finalize 2010 Annual Work Plan</i>	12/11	Coordinator / 16 / 560		
Objective	H4	Maintain Council Operations				
Strategy	H4a	<i>Hold Annual Sponsors Meeting in March.</i>	3/10	Coordinator & Program Assistant /36/ 420		
Strategy	H4b	<i>Respond to legislative issues in a timely manner.</i>	12/10	Council leadership only		
Strategy	H4c	<i>Support the National, Regional, and State Associations w/dues and attending meetings.</i>	3/11	Coordinator /72/ 2520		
Strategy	H4d	<i>Hold Board of Directors Meetings every two months. Rotate to different locations.</i>	3/11	Coordinator & Program Assistant /96/ 1120		

FY 2010 Meeting Dates:

Thursday, March 5, 2010 (Annual Meeting)

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Thursday, July 29, 2010 (Annual Tour)

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Thursday, December 2, 2010