

PANHANDLE LAKES RC&D COUNCIL

2008-2009

ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK



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VISION

Community volunteers enhancing north Idaho.

THE MISSION

To provide leadership, improve and conserve regional, economic and natural resources which will enhance the quality the life in north Idaho.

GOAL A:	Maintain and improve the quality of the area's natural resources by reducing erosion and sedimentation.			Target Date	Staff/Hours/Budget	Accomplishments
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES				
Land Conservation	A1	Participate in and support education efforts to increase landowner and public awareness of resource issues and accelerate application of best management practices.				
		A1a	Participate in the development of Phase II – Advanced Classes for Panhandle Stormwater & Erosion Education Program (SEEP) (125 builders or developers certified, 1 webpage maintained).	5/08	Golden&Dingman/40/\$1400	
		A1b	Assist 4 SWCDs with development & maintenance of web pages focused on program information and soil conservation. (4 webpages)	9/08	Dingman/30/\$750	
Land Conservation	A2	Assist with implementation of conservation programs and best management practices.				
		A2a	Assist NRCS and 4 Soil and Water Conservation Districts with Farm Bill information outreach, implementation and coordination. (3 workshops, 1 CSP program implementations, 1 ACES position)	6/09	Golden/20/\$900	
		A2b	Assist NRCS Field Offices, 4 SWCDs and or landowners with project development and program application. (3 Conservation Innovation Grants or other Farm Bill specific programs)	6/09	Golden/30/\$1350	

GOAL B:	Maintain and improve the conservation, management and quality of the area's water resources.			Target Date	Staff/Hours/Budget	Accomplishments
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES				
Water Management	B1	Support & assist with public information/out reach efforts.				
		B1a	Assist Bonner SWCDs with planning and implementation of Lake*A*Syst program focused on near-shore homeowners (100 homeowners applying BMPs, 1 webpage maintained).	8/08	Golden&Dingman/40/\$1400	

		B1b	Assist Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD and Hauser Lake Watershed Coalition with planning and implementation of Lake*A*Syst program focused on near-shore homeowners. (20 homeowners applying BMPs)	9/09	Golden/20/\$800	
		B1c	Assist Cocolalla Lake Association Watershed Coalition with webpage maintenance focused on water quality activities. (1 webpage maintained-300 people assisted)	7/08	Dingman/30/\$750	
		B1d	Assist Hauser Lake Watershed Coalition with webpage development and maintenance focused on water quality activities. (1 webpage developed and maintained-500 people assisted)	2/08	Dingman/30/\$750	
Water Management	B2	Improve fish habitat, recreation and water quality through planning and implementation of water management and water quality projects.				
		B2a	Assist with implementation of Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment projects on Hauser, Cocolalla and other water bodies. (200 acres improved)	7/08	Dingman & Golden 40/\$1400	

GOAL C:	Develop and improve community infrastructure, economy and quality of life.		Target Date	Staff/Hours/Budget	Accomplishments
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES			
Community Development	C1	Help communities develop sustainable urban & community forestry programs.			
		C1a	Help communities achieve or maintain Tree City USA status. (4)	6/08	NMI/30/\$900
		C1b	Form sustainable community tree committees. (3)	6/08	NMI/20/\$600
		C1c	Promote intercommunity tree committee(s) coordination similar to Community Canopy. (1)	6/08	NMI/20/\$600

		C1d	Assist with development of ordinances that address street tree issues. (3)	6/08	NMI/10/\$300	
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		C1e	Assist with completion of street tree inventories using STRATUM or CityGreen assessments. (4)	6/08	NMI/40/\$1200		
		C1f	Assist with development of sustainable community forestry management plans. (3)	6/08	NMI/10/\$300		
		C1g	Apply for community forestry grants. (5)	6/08	NMI/10/\$300		
		C1h	Implement community forestry promotional and educational awareness activities. (10)	6/08	NMI/15/\$450		
		C1i	Help with community Arbor Day celebrations. (5)	6/08	NMI/15/\$450		
		C1j	Promote School participation in Arbor Day Poster contest. (5)	9/08	NMI/6/\$180		
		C1k	Coordinate bare-root tree ordering among communities. (5)	9/08	NMI/10/\$300		
Community Development	C2	Promote planned development of recreation, tourism and interpretive sites that will add economic diversity while being sensitive to local customs, social and cultural resources.					
		C2a	Assist with planning and development of recreation areas including trails and parks. (2)	9/09	Golden/20/\$800		
		C2b	Support natural resource education facility at Waterlife Discovery Center-Sandpoint. (1 facility completed)	9/08	Golden/6/\$240		
		C2c	Promote agritourism through development of self-guided tours and/or on-farm alternative (value-added) enterprises. (2)	9/09	Golden/10/\$400		
		C2d	Assist communities with public input processes. (1)	9/09	Golden/16/\$640		
		C2e	Assist City of Rathdrum with additional steps to implement Rathdrum Mountain Management Plan	9/09	Golden/16/\$640		
Community Development	C3	Develop a diverse and environmentally sustainable economy through business & job creation or expansion.					
		C3a	Develop and market alternative value-added businesses. (3 Businesses assisted)	8/08	Golden/20/\$800		

		C3b	Help specialty producers expand marketing of products through expansion of “Virtual Farmers’ Market to PLRCD Counties. (15 Businesses assisted)	8/08	Golden/8/\$320	
Community Development	C4	Assist with improvement of community services.				
		C4a	Cooperate as appropriate with County/Area Economic Development Districts (3).	9/08	Golden/16/\$640	
		C4b	Provide information and direct technical assistance to Gem Community groups. (3)	9/08	Golden/8/\$320	
		C4c	Improve community infrastructure, including senior centers, food banks, libraries, public and historic buildings. (2)	9/08	Golden/24/\$960	
Community Development	C5	Address urban-rural interface issues, including natural disasters that affect communities.				
		C5a	Help Counties implement fire and all-disaster mitigation plans as identified in the “Idaho Statewide Implementation Strategy”. (1 plan developed and implemented)	9/08	Golden/16/\$640	
		C5b	Assist with information of Hazardous Fuel Treatment websites. (5)	9/08	Dingman/40/\$1000	
Community Development	C6	Provide leadership development and training.				
		C6a	Assist “Horizon” community groups with organizational support, including non-profit status, bylaws development, grant administration, etc. (2)	6/08	Golden/10/\$450	
		C6b	Identify needs and provide training in grant writing and other community issues. (2 workshops and/or 20 people trained)	9/09	Golden/24/\$960	

GOAL D:	Promote land use that will maintain a sustainable resource base, contribute to alternate energy solutions and protect fish and wildlife habitats.			Target Date	Staff/Hours/Budget	Accomplishment
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES				
Land Management	D1	Develop alternative energy.				
		D1a	Help implement bio-energy strategies, including “Fuels for Schools & Beyond”. (3 schools or public buildings with converted heating systems)	9/09	Tenery/700/\$50,000	
		D1b	Provide assistance to SWCDs, groups and landowners with development of alternative energy through production of energy crops. (2 projects)	9/09	Golden/16/\$640	
		D1c	Assist regional and county efforts to utilize biomass and/or waste for energy production. (2 feasibility studies, 1 biomass facility)	9/09	Golden & Tenery/60/\$2400	
		D1d	Investigate need for on-farm energy audits through state-wide RC&D project.	9/09	Golden/20\$/800	
Land Management	D2	Participate in local, state and regional efforts involving conservation and management of natural resources, including land treated for fish and wildlife habitat.				
		D2a	Provide administrative support to the Inland Empire and Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Areas. (2 Area- wide Plans implemented, 500 acres fish and wildlife acres improved.)	9/08	Golden & Dingman/80/\$2400	
		D2b	Provide administrative support to Hoary Cress and Hawkweed Biocontrol Consortiums developing biological weed control methods. (2-Biocontrol insects released, 500 acres treated)	9/08	Golden & Dingman/80/\$2400	
		D2c	Support Boundary County RC&D Sponsors with resource issues by participating in the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative.	9/08	Golden/16/\$640	

Land Management	D3	Maintain and improve conservation and management of forest resources.				
		D3a	Improve genetic quality of tree seedlings and increase availability of high quality cones by becoming member of the Inland Empire Tree Improvement Cooperative and ID/WA Western Larch Seed Orchard Group. (1- 5 acre seed orchard established)	5/08	Golden,Schneider/8\$/320	
		D3b	Assist 4 SWCDs with completion of yearly seedling program, including collection and processing of cones, to replenish seed bank. (150,000 seedlings planted on 500 acres)	4/08	Dingman, Golden, Ohmstede/60/\$1800	
		D3c	Improve genetic quality of tree seedlings and increase availability of high quality cones by assisting associations and forestry companies with cone processing. (20 bu. Of cones)	5/08	Golden, Dingman and Schneider 16/\$600	
		D3d	Cooperate with state and federal agencies in conducting regional information and education conferences and workshops such as the Forest Taxation & Estate Planning Conference and Landowners Field Day. (2 conferences/workshops)	12/08	Dingman & Golden/20/\$600	
		D3e	Work with U of I Extension to update Natural Resource Consultants' Directory. (1 forestry assistance directory updated, 17 businesses assisted)	1/08	Golden & Dingman/8/\$300	
		D3f	Improve the forest resource and community infra- structure by supporting stewardship contracting projects. (1 project)	9/09	Golden/16/\$640	
Land Management	D4	Protect agricultural and forestland from conversion to other uses.				
		D4a	Help SWCD's, communities and others with availability and feasibility of implementing various land acquisition and conservation programs such as Farm and Ranchland Conservation Program, Forest Legacy, conservation easements, etc. (400 acres in easement programs)	9/09	Golden/30/\$1200	

FY 2008 Meeting Dates:

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Thursday, May 01, 2008

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Thursday, September 11, 2008

(Annual Meeting)

Thursday, November 13, 2008