

PANHANDLE LAKES RC&D COUNCIL

October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2011

ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK



Council Chairman

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State Conservationist

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Panhandle Lakes RC&D verifies that this FY 2010-2011 Plan addresses the NRCS and Council priorities.

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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 of 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 (Council Lead) | Accomplishments | |
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| 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 Panhandle Stormwater & Erosion Education Program (SEEP). Specifically by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of Phase II – Advanced Classes 2. Serving on Marketing Subcommittee 3. Webpage maintenance Outcomes: (50 builders or developers certified, 1 webpage maintained). | 9/10 | Golden, Program Assistant 40/\$1400 | |
| | | A1b | Assist 4 SWCDs with development & maintenance of web pages focused on program information and soil & water conservation. Outcomes: 4 WebPages, 1000+ members of the public contacted | 9/10 | Program Assistant/30/\$550 | |
| Land Conservation | A2 | Assist with implementation of conservation programs and best management practices. | | | | |
| | | A2a | Assist NRCS Field Offices, 4 SWCDs and or landowners with project development and program application. Outcomes: 1 Conservation Innovation Grant or other Farm Bill specific programs. | 6/11 | Golden/30/\$1350 | |
| | | A2b | Assist with implementation of Post Falls Parks-Riverbank Erosion project. Outcome: 250 feet of riverbank protected, 20 tons of sediment reduced. | 7/10 | Golden, NRCS Staff/30/\$1350 (Spell) | |
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| GOAL B: | Maintain and improve the conservation, management and quality of the area's water resources. | | | Target Date | Staff/Hours/Budget (Council Lead) | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT | OBJECTIVE | STRATEGIES | | | | |
| Water Management | B1 | Support & assist with public information/out reach efforts. | | | | |
| | | B1a | Assist Bonner SWCD with planning and implementation of Lake*A*Syst program focused on near-shore homeowners Outcome: 100 homeowners applying BMPs, 1 webpage maintained. | 9/11 | Golden, Program Assistant 40/\$1400 (Collins) | |
| | | B1b | Assist Hauser Lake Watershed Coalition with planning and implementation of Lake*A*Syst program focused on near-shore homeowners. Outcome: 20 homeowners applying BMPs, 1 webpage maintained with 500 assisted. | 9/11 | Golden, Program Assistant /20/\$800 | |
| | | B1c | Participate on committee to form Division I Lake*A*Syst program. | 9/11 | Golden/16/640 | |
| | | B1d | Assist Cocolalla Lake Association Watershed Coalition with webpage maintenance focused on water quality activities. Outcome: 1 webpage maintained-300 people assisted | 7/10 | Program Assistant 30/\$540 (Collins) | |
| 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 Cocolalla and other water bodies. Outcome: 50 acres treated. | 7/10 | Golden, Program Assistant 40/\$1600 (Collins) | |
| | | B2b | Participate in Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan implementation as requested and approved by Council. | 9/11 | Golden 8/\$320 (Stevens) | |

| GOAL C: | Develop and improve community infrastructure, economy and quality of life. | | | Target Date | Staff/Hours/Budget (Council Lead) | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT | OBJECTIVE | STRATEGIES | | | | |
| Community Development | C1 | Help communities develop sustainable urban & community forestry programs. | | | | |
| | | C1a | Implement Community Forestry Assistant Program in cooperation with IDL and Clearwater RC&D. Outcomes include: Public street/park tree assessment & STRATUM assessment for Rathdrum, formation of community tree committees (2), application for grants (3), educational activities including Arbor Day celebrations (5), Tree City USA application assistance (3). | 9/11 | Golden/30/\$1200 (Spell) | |
| | | C1b | Provide support for implementation of Rathdrum Canopy Analysis project and information dissemination. | 7/10 | Golden/20/\$800 (Spell) | |
| | | C1c | Assist “Community Canopy” with information outreach efforts. | 9/10 | Golden, Program Assistant 16/\$480 (Spell) | |
| Community Development | C2 | Promote planned development of recreation, tourism and interpretive facilities that will add economic diversity while being sensitive to local customs, social and cultural resources. | | | | |
| | | C2a | Participate in planning and implementation of Bonner County Brownfield Program projects as requested and approved by Council. Outcomes: 1 Public park in Priest River 1 Pend Oreille Lakeshore Trail | 9/11 | Golden/80/\$3200 (Runberg) | |
| | | C2b | Support natural resource education facility at Waterlife Discovery Center-Sandpoint. (1 facility completed) | 9/11 | Golden/6/\$240 | |
| | | C2c | Assist City of Rathdrum with additional steps to implement Rathdrum Mountain Management Plan if requested. | 9/11 | Golden/16/\$640 (Stoltz) | |

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| | | C2d | Support planning and implementation of Great Gardens In North Idaho (GGINI) | 9/11 | Golden/20/\$800 (Eckberg) | |
| Community Development | C3 | Develop a diverse and environmentally sustainable economy through business & job creation or expansion. | | | | |
| | | C3a | Assist with development and marketing alternative value-added businesses. Outcome: 3 Businesses created or expanded. | 9/10 | Golden/20/\$800 | |
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| | | C3b | Administer grant for One Sky tchnk'wasq't Art's Council. Outcome: Art Cooperative formed, website created. | 5/10 | Golden/10/\$400 | |
| Community Development | C4 | Assist with improvement of community services. | | | | |
| | | C4a | Participate and cooperate as appropriate with County/Area Economic Development Districts (i.e. Boundary Economic Development Council, Timber Plus, Bonner County Economic Development Corp. and Silver Valley EDC). Outcome: Address community infrastructure issues and economic development opportunities. | 9/11 | Golden/24/\$960 (RCD Representative in each County) | |
| | | C4b | Improve community infrastructure, including senior centers, food banks, libraries, public and historic buildings. (2) | 9/11 | 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". | 9/10 | Golden/16/\$640 | |
| | | C5b | Assist with maintenance of 5-County hazardous fuel | 9/10 | Golden, Program | |

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| | | | treatment website (Protecting the Idaho Panhandle). Outcome: Information provided to 1000 homeowners and others. | | Assistant/10/\$300 | |
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| Community Development | C6 | Provide leadership development and training. | | | | |
| | | C6a | Assist “One Sky North Idaho” with organizational support, including non-profit status, bylaws development, grant administration, etc. | 7/11 | Golden/10/\$450 | |
| 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 (Council Lead) | Accomplishment |
| ELEMENT | OBJECTIVE | STRATEGIES | | | | |
| Land Management | D1 | Develop alternative energy. | | | | |
| | | D1a | Help implement bio-energy strategies, including “Fuels for Schools & Beyond”. Outcome: 3 schools or public buildings with converted heating systems | 5/10 | Tennery/800/\$22,000 | |
| | | D1b | Provide assistance to SWCDs and landowners with development of alternative energy crops/projects. (2 projects) | 9/11 | Golden/20/\$800 | |
| | | D1c | Assist Shoshone County with “Forest Restoration & Biomass Energy” efforts. Outcomes: 1 feasibility study, collaborative group formed, 1 biomass facility. | 9/11 | Golden /60/\$2400 (Rinaldi, Johnson) | |
| | | D1d | Participate in North Idaho Renewable Energy Committee (NIREC). Assist with project planning and implementation when identified and approved by Council. | 9/10 | Golden /60/\$2400 (Johnson) | |
| | | D1e | Utilize Biomass/Energy committee | 9/11 | Golden/10/\$400 (Klaus) | |

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| 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 Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA). Outcomes: Area- wide Plan implemented; 1500 acres land treated or improved. | 9/10 | Golden, Program Assistant /80/\$2400 (Eckberg) | |
| | | D2b | Provide administrative support to the Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA). Outcomes: Area- wide Plan implemented; 1500 acres land treated or improved. | 9/10 | Golden, Program Assistant /80/\$2400 (Eckberg) | |
| | | D2c | Provide administrative support to “Bio-control Agent Development” (Hoary Cress and Dyer’s Woad Consortiums”. Outcome: Biocontrol insects released, 500 acres treated) | 9/11 | Golden, Program Assistant /40/\$1200 (Eckberg) | |
| | | D2d | Support Boundary County RC&D Sponsors with resource issues by participating in the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative. | 9/11 | Golden/16/\$640 (Perry, Dinning) | |
| Land Management | D3 | Maintain and improve conservation and management of forest resources. | | | | |
| | | D3a | Improve genetic quality of tree seedlings and technology transfer by maintaining associate membership the Inland Empire Tree Improvement Cooperative (IETIC). | 9/10 | Golden 8/\$320 (Schneider) | |
| | | D3b | Improve genetic quality of tree seedlings and increase availability of high quality cones by maintaining membership in IETIC Western Larch Seed Orchard Group. Outcome: Seed orchard established and 8.8 lbs of Larch seed provided to PLRCD (by 2015 estimated). | 9/11 | Golden 8/\$320 (Schneider) | Seed orchard established at Kalamalka, BC and expanded. |
| | | D3c | Assist 4 SWCDs with completion of yearly seedling program, including collection and processing of cones, to replenish seed bank. Outcome: 60,000seedlings planted on 200 acres) | 4/10 | Golden, Program Assistant 40/\$1600 (Schneider) | |

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| | | D3d | Improve genetic quality of tree seedlings and increase availability of high quality cones by assisting associations and forestry companies with cone processing. Outcome: 20 bu. of cones processed | 5/10 | Golden 16/\$640 (Schneider) | | |
| | | D3e | Cooperate with state and federal agencies in conducting regional information and education conferences and workshops such as the Landowners Field Day. Outcome: 200 landowners receiving and implementing forestry training. | 06/10 | Golden 20/\$800 (David) | | |
| | | D3f | Co-sponsor Family Forest Landowner Conference. | 03/10 | Golden 24/\$960 (David) | | |
| Land Management | D4 | Protect agricultural and forestland from conversion to other uses. | | | | | |
| | | D4a | Help SWCDs, and others with availability and feasibility of various land acquisition and conservation programs such as Farm and Ranchland Conservation Program, Forest Legacy, LEESA, etc. | 9/11 | Golden 30/\$1200 | | |

FY 2010 Meeting Dates:

Thursday, January 14, 2010 (Executive Committee)

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Thursday, May 06, 2010

Thursday, July 08, 2010

Thursday, September 09, 2010 (Annual Meeting)

Thursday, November 04, 2010