

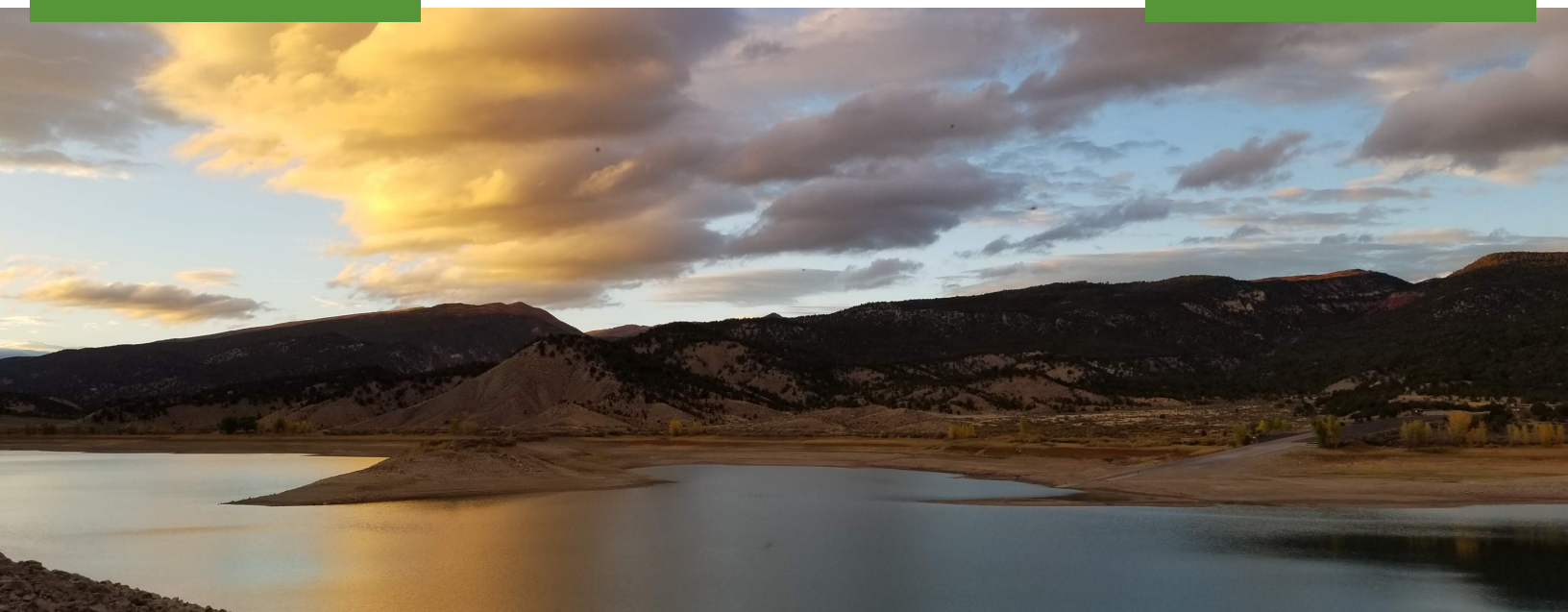


October 2023

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

BOOKCLIFF, MOUNT SOPRIS, & SOUTH SIDE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



UPCOMING EVENTS

PREPARING FOR WOLF REINTRODUCTION



TUES, NOV 7TH- 3-7:30 PM

This partnership event with Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association, Western Landowners Alliance, and Garfield County CSU Extension) and learn from local livestock producers, stewards living in wolf areas, and state and federal wildlife managers about reducing risks between wolves and livestock.

FRI, NOV 3RD



The deadline to participate in the Fall 2023 Noxious Weed Cost Share is fast approaching. Fill out an [application from our website](#) to get reimbursed for treating your weeds. Additional resources are available for South Side CD residents!



**NOXIOUS
WEED
COST SHARE**

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

>>> CONSERVATION PRACTICE COST SHARE

Our Conservation Practice Cost Share program helps landowners make the necessary improvements to their irrigation systems, making the systems more efficient and thus saving more water. **This year we helped cost-share nearly \$74,000 in irrigation improvements on 14 projects**, helping with everything from diversion structure to sprinkler systems to piping on land from 5 to 100 acres.



>>> RIPARIAN TRAILER

Our Riparian Trailer has been active this year, especially so in the last month! The trailer served as the STEM learning station at the Garfield County Fair in Rifle this July. This October it has been at events with Aspen Valley Land Trust, taught about irrigation in ancient Mesopotamia with Carbondale Community School, and served as a hands on tool for middle and high school field trips to Hanging Lake to learn about the impact of the Grizzly Creek Fire.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven events in October
- Over 500 kids participating
- Ages 4-16



HANDS ON LEARNING

The Riparian Trailer is a great tool for teaching about erosion and sedimentation. Please reach out if you would like to have the trailer at a school or an event!



WORK IN PROGRESS

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>>> STAR+ SOIL HEALTH PROGRAM

Saving Tomorrow's Agricultural Resources (STAR) is a program run through the Colorado Dept. of Agriculture to help producers improve their soil health. We are working closely with 10 producers to implement new soil health practices to keep these producers "outstanding in their fields." Stay tuned for events about how new practices have helped producers.

Visit the CDA's site to learn more about soil health!



>>> NO-TILL DRILL

Since the purchase of our new Esch No-Till Drill in fall of 2021 it has seeded over **800 acres**.

The Districts rent out a No-Till Drill to plant seeds while maintaining healthy soil. Traditional tilling can lead to erosion from removing ground cover, as well as depleting the soil of water and beneficial microbes.

Visit our website for more information and to schedule a rental.

>>> CONTACT US

Your local Conservation Districts are here as a resource for financial and technical assistance. Visit us in person at the Glenwood Springs office or reach us by phone or email if you have any questions!

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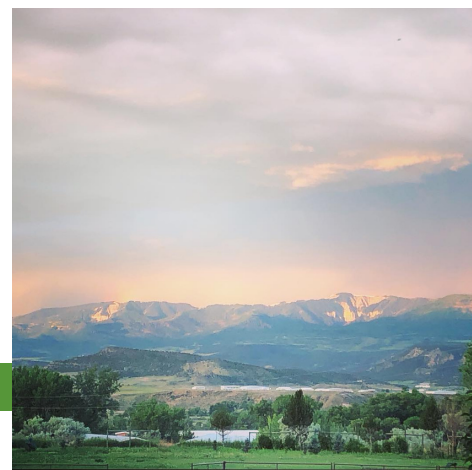
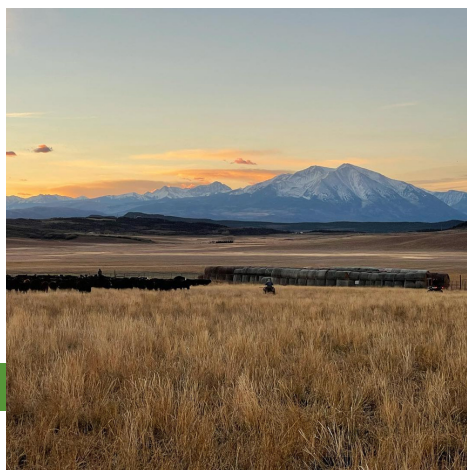
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CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK

For updates on events, good information from our partners, as well as our weekly WEEDnesday posts to learn history, ID, and impact of specific weeds in Garfield County.



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