



June 2024

»» NEWSLETTER ««

BOOKCLIFF, MOUNT SOPRIS, & SOUTH SIDE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



UPCOMING EVENTS

**GARFIELD
COUNTY
FAIR**



JULY 20TH-28TH

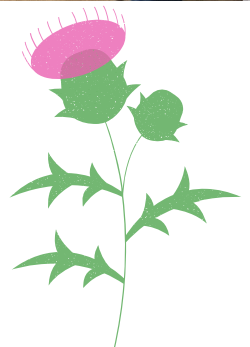
We will have a booth and
our water trailer in the
livestock barn for all of fair!



**SPRING NOXIOUS WEED
COST SHARE
DEADLINE:**

FRI, JULY 5TH

Please, have your application and
invoices to us by next Friday! We like
all years will also have a fall round of
the Noxious Weed Cost Share.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

>>> CATTLE THEFT SIGNS



In 2023 there were over 300 head of suspected stolen cattle in the areas of Carbondale, New Castle, Parachute and between Rifle and Meeker.

Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association, State Brand Inspectors and grazing management agencies are working to prevent further losses. Contact the Conservation Districts to get signs for beef producers to post.



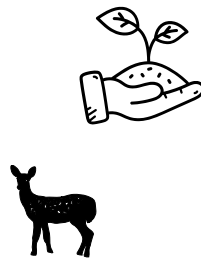
RESOURCE CONCERN RESPONSES FROM BBQ

- Resource: Water
 - Concerns
 - Out of Date Irrigation Infrastructure
 - Depletion/ Over Use of Water Sources
 - Access
- Resource: Plants
 - Concerns
 - Noxious Weeds
 - Pests: Grass Hoppers
- Resource: Animals
 - Concerns
 - Poisonous Plants
 - Treatment of Weeds and Grazing Restrictions
 - Grazing with Elk Herd on Property
- Resource: Soil
 - Concerns
 - Erosion - Hydro Compaction of Gypsum Soil and Sink Holes
- Resource: Human
 - Concerns
 - Neighbor's Noxious Weed Management - Lack of
 - Use of Water - Unfairly Allocated

>>> LOCAL WORK GROUP RESPONSES

As part of our partnership with USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service we host an annual "Local Work Group" to collect local resource concerns; i.e. what you worry about on your land. We also collect information on what programs you are participating in, how those are working and areas we can approve on to better serve you!

The "Resources" our and NRCS programing hope to support are:



Soil
Water
Air
Plants
Animals
Energy
Human



This year we had close to 50 people attend and served burgers donated by Jeff Nieslanik and Charles and Angela Ryden!

We would still to have your feedback! Please complete this short form about your concerns and how our programs are or are not working for you!

[Share your Concerns](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

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>>> CONSERVATION PRACTICE/IRRIGATION COST SHARE

Most folks are probably in the trenches of irrigation this time of year. We offer a small cost share for irrigation infrastructure improvements. The maximum reimbursement is \$5000 and all applications receive technical support from our district engineer. The **deadline** to apply for the fall round is September 20th.

[Follow this link for a Cost Share Application](#)



IN 2023...

- We approved: **14 of 16 applications**
- Requesting a total of **\$74,000**
- Estimating: **\$69,000.00** reimbursed to landowners/managers for projects.



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK

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.



[Bookcliff, Mount Sopris, South Side Conservation Districts](#)

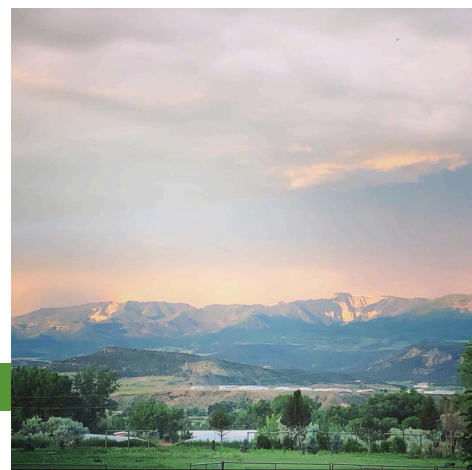
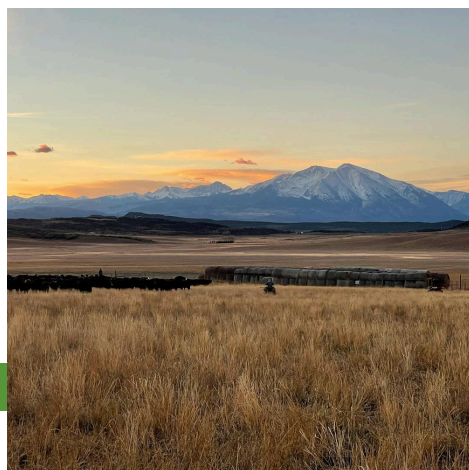
>>> CONTACT US

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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OUR BOARDS AND STAFF

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Angela Ryden	Member
Kyle Laidlaw	Member



We have vacancies on the Bookcliff and South Side Board. If you live or manage land in these districts and would like to become a board member please let us know!



DISTRICT STAFF

District Manager	Emily Schwaller
Engineering Tech	Mike Kishimoto
Technician	Jamie Kelly
Intern	Jacob Cox



No-Till Drilled Field in Bookcliff CD