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BOOKCLIFF, MOUNT SOPRIS, & SOUTH SIDE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



UPCOMING EVENTS



YOU'RE INVITED

Landowner BBQ & Local "Work" Group:

Wednesday, June 12th 5:30pm

Veterans' Park - 500 Home Ave. Silt, CO

Join YOUR Conservation Districts and local NRCS office for a Landowner Appreciation BBQ and Local "Work" Group. We feed you and won't make you "work" we just need your input on Local Resource Concerns!

Please bring a side dish if able!
Dessert contest and door prizes!

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Scan QR code to Register or
call Emily at
970-404-3439



[REGISTER HERE](#)

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

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>>> GARFIELD COUNTY AG EXPO

Thanks to everyone who came out and saw us at the Rifle Rendezvous Ag Expo this year. We had a booth with info on our Cost Share programs as well as our Riparian Trailer!



5 PRINCIPLES OF SOIL HEALTH

- Minimize soil disturbance
 - Disturbances can be from overgrazing, applying pesticides, or tillage. Limiting these reduces stress on the microbiome.
- Build soil armor
 - Keeping the soil covered protects it from erosion, compaction, and temperature change.
- Species diversity
 - Increasing the active growing season promotes a healthy soil microbiome
- Continual live plant/ root
 - Keeping soil active protects it from erosion and compaction.
- Livestock integration
 - Manure helps fertilize, hooves can help break up and turn the soil.

>>> SOIL HEALTH TESTS & MOISTURE MONITORS

We have been working with the producers we enrolled into the Colorado Soil Health Program and collected samples for soil tests as well as installed soil moisture monitors on there enrolled fields. [You can learn more about the Colorado Soil Health Program here!](#)

District Tech Jamie Kelly and CDA NW Colorado Soil Health Specialist Reece Melton



District Manager Emily Schwaller and District Tech Jamie Kelly





WORK IN PROGRESS

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>>> WEED MAPPING

As summer approaches, we are in full swing for our weed mapping program. The **deadline** to apply for the Spring Noxious Weed Cost Share is **July 5th!**



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

>>> RIPARIAN TRAILER

Our Riparian Trailer has been making the rounds to schools, Ag Expo, and educational events. This tool can be a perfect way to learn and cool off for any summer camps or education activities!

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.



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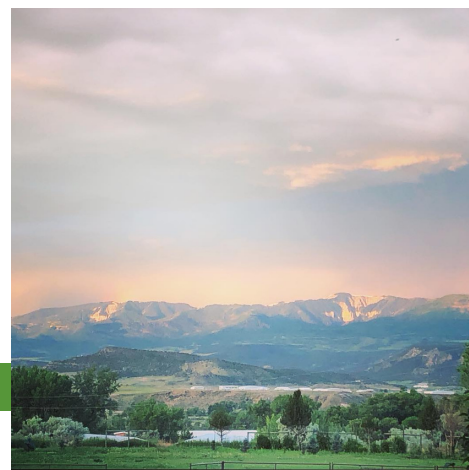
>>> CONTACT US

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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Horses in South Side Conservation District