



November 2025

»»» NEWSLETTER «««

BOOKCLIFF, MOUNT SOPRIS, & SOUTH SIDE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage



UPCOMING EVENTS

AG / EDUCATION DAY



SAT., JANUARY 24TH 2026

GRAND RIVER HOSPITAL, RIFLE

TIME TBD

REGISTRATION TO COME



We are combining our annual Ag Day with Holy Cross Cattlemen's Educational Meeting in 2026. Our hope for this partnered event is to have just one, more valuable meeting for our constituents to attend.

Topics will include:

- Range Management in drought and post fire conditions
- Ag Water - current event updates and potential funding for projects
- Wolf Mitigation - from a Conflict Mitigation Specialist who is a livestock producer

>>> IRRIGATION MODERNIZATION - DIVIDE CREEK DRAINAGE

In a partnership with Farmers Conservation Alliance we are working on Initial Assessments & Modernization Strategies for several ditches in the Divide Creek Drainage. We hosted a producer meeting and toured seven ditches.

We are utilizing Ditch Inventories we completed as part of the Integrated Water Management Plan we worked on starting in 2018.

We consistently hear that ageing infrastructure is a main concern for the landowners we work with the goal of this planning is more funding opportunities to complete infrastructure upgrades!

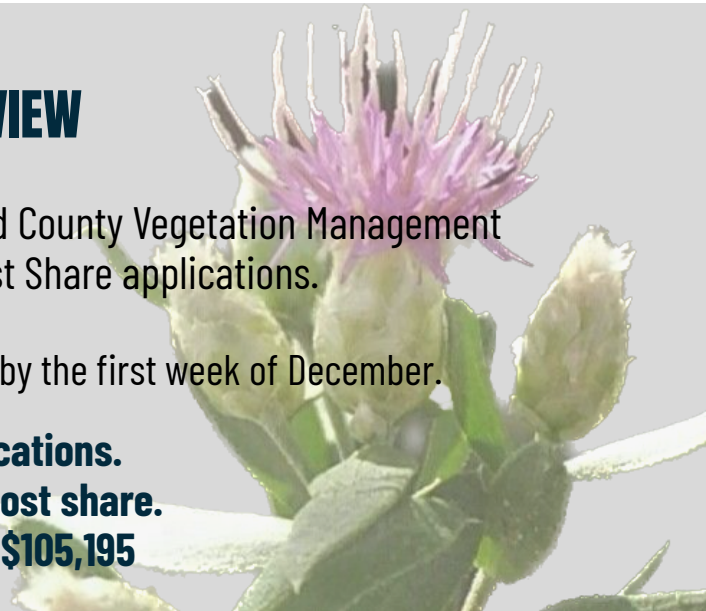


>>> FALL NOXIOUS WEED COST SHARE REVIEW

Board Members from all three districts and Garfield County Vegetation Management staff reviewed all fall Noxious Weed Cost Share applications.

We will get all notification letters and checks out by the first week of December.

In 2025...we had **70 applications**.
Total reimburse **\$48,121 in cost share**.
Total **cost of treatments \$105,195**





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Tour of Irrigation Infrastructure in the South Side Conservation District