



Area 6 Meeting Report

2024 Statistics

of 310 Permits

43

Hours Donated
by Supervisors

240!

Key Partners

Southwest Montana Sagebrush Partnership
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks
Department of Natural Resources
Big Hole Watershed Committee
Youth Employment Program

Funding Sources

Fish Wildlife and Parks
Department of Natural Resources
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Recreation
Mill Levy and Permissive Mill Levy

How did an increased CDA affect your district in a positive way?

We were able to hire an education and outreach coordinator to start more projects and do more public education. In the beginning this position is part time for 6 months but the goal is to extend it indefinitely and get it to full-time through additional grant funding.

Fun Fact

In the last 3 years we have gone from 2 employees to 13!

2024 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



We Found 9 Mussel Boats! We have inspected over 3,000 watercraft so far this year. At the end of 2023 mussels were found in the Snake River in Idaho making our inspections all the more important to keep Montana's waterways mussel free.

We hired an invasive annual grasses coordinator, Emma, she has surveyed over 15,000 acres with the help of the Youth Employment Program. Of that, 2,000 acres of cheatgrass have been mapped. Emma has 2 spraying contracts totaling 455 acres.



Our Watershed Committee is doing a ton of small projects from installing water measurement devices to mine clean up. Our watershed newsletter has also been started back up and is offering fun insights into world problems but also the water outlook in Beaverhead County. But most notable is starting our first streambank restoration project since 2017!



Spring 2024 Poindexter Weed Pull was one of our biggest yet, we pulled weeds till we ran out of bags!



Priorities for 2025

Goal 1

Finalize our strategic plan and create an annual plan

Goal 2

Get our education and outreach position up and running.

Goal 3

Host at least 2 public education events

Supervisors

Byron (C), Carl (VC), Jerry (T), Tom, Rich, Harris, Billiette

Associate Supervisors

Meg, J.S., Kelly

Employees

Jess, Zach, Emma, Marti, Taylor, Bonner, Connor, Larry, Sue, Zach, Logan, Alyssa, Whitney.