

District Name:		Middle Park							
Plan Year:		2014 Annual Plan of Work							
Natural Resource Issue #1:		Range, Hay, Pasture Management							
Why is this issue a concern?:		Healthy rangelands and pastures are essential for wildlife; provide the basis for ranchers and farmers to make a living; and supply open space and quality aesthetics for recreational users. These resources are threatened by development and weed infestation.							
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):		Improve range health and increase hay production							
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Objective A		A. Educate landowners & kids about what healthy rangelands and haylands look like and how to better manage them							
1	Develop and Distribute handouts/brochures about Range Management & Hay Production. Also include this information on our website.	District Manager	8	8	CSU Extension, NRCS	spring & summer	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$112	We did not make any physical handouts because few people actually come into our office for info. Instead, they look on our website or call and we direct them to our website. Accordingly, we directed people to the Range section of our website to read our articles on range and hay. We also direct them to our Newsletter Section to read the articles there. We had over 8,000 website visits in 2014, but, unfortunately, we cannot track which pages or links people are clicking.
2	Include articles in our Newsletters about Range Management & Hay Production.	District Manager	12	8	CSU Extension, NRCS	spring & summer	\$168 *Derived from DM Wages	\$112	We included 6 articles on range and hay in our Spring, Summer, Mid-Summer, and Fall Newsletters. http://www.middleparkcd.com/newsletters-2/
3	Work with Lori Haack, VoAg teacher in Kremmling, to teach kids in her classes about range & conservation. This includes helping her with her yearly RangeContest	District Manager	8	8	Kremmling VoAg teacher, NRCS	fall	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$112	Katlin, Mark, and Noah attended Lori's Envirothon Contest on October 6th to assist with the Range, Soil, and Water stations. Four teams came to this year's challenge from Craig and West Grand.
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Objective B		B. Provide weed-free grass seed for sale to encourage revegetation of bare-ground, disturbed sites, and low-yielding haylands. <u>Please note that while this objective is under Range, it also fits under Weeds and Forest Health because planting grass seed can also help reduce weed establishment and promote forest diversity. It could also go under Wildlife because deer, elk, pronghorn, and sagegrouse may benefit from seed planted on rangelands and forest areas.</u>							
1	Work with our NRCS District Conservationist to develop different seed mixes that will thrive in Middle Park and can be used for different purposes (i.e. forest, dryland pasture, irrigated meadow, short mix for around buildings, lawn mix, and wildflower mix).	District Manager	3	2	NRCS	winter to spring	\$42 *Derived from DM Wages	\$28	Katlin (MPCD District Manager) and Mark Volt (NRCS District Conservationist) met to discuss and agree upon mixes that are best suited for the high altitude meadows and forests of Middle Park. Mark's knowledge of grasses that grow here was very helpful.
2	Contact various seed distributors to find the best wholesale price	District Manager	4	5		winter to spring	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$70	Katlin received quotes from 5 different distributors for each mix.
3	Advertise our seed for sale on our website, in our newsletters, and by word-of-mouth	District Manager & Board--Dave Abbott, Deb Wood, John Longhill, Jay Yust, Justin Fosha	10	10	NRCS	spring, summer, fall	\$140 *Derived from DM Wages	\$140	Katlin advertised our seed mixes on our website, in our newsletters, at our workshops, and via word-of-mouth. A lot of our business is repeat business.
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Objective C		C. Encourage Landowners to test their hay quality and soil health to determine nutrient deficiencies.							
1	Provide information online, in newsletters, and through brochures about hay analysis and soil testing.	District Manager	4	4	NRCS CSU Extension	summer and fall	\$156 *Derived from DM Wages & Cost of Printing	\$56	We had 3 articles on soil and hay testing in our mid-summer and fall newsletters. http://www.middleparkcd.com/newsletters-2/
2	Offer use of our hay core sampler and soil sampler to landowners	District Manager	2	3		summer and fall	\$28 *Derived from DM Wages	\$42	We lent out our hay and soil corers to 6 ag producers throughout the year and ran over 20 hay samples and 5 soil samples through our office in 2014.
3	Educate landowners about nutrient deficiencies and limiting factors to hay production and livestock nutrition/health via website & newsletters	District Manager	12	4		all year	\$168 *Derived from DM Wages	\$56	We had 2 articles on nutrient deficiencies and hay quality in our Fall Newsletter. http://www.middleparkcd.com/newsletters-2/
4	Write articles for the Newsletter and Website about Fertilizer Timing and Benefits	District Manager	4	2		summer and fall	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$28	We had an article about fertilizing in our Fall Newsletter. http://www.middleparkcd.com/newsletters-2/
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Objective D	D. Encourage landowners to consider doing a 'Ranch Plan' to better assess the needs, goals, and management of their properties								
1	Work with our NRCS District Conservationist to develop 'Ranch Plans' for landowners as a means of determining conservation issues and goals for their properties.	District Manager & Board--Dave Abbott, Deb Wood, John Longhill, Jay Yust, Justin Fosha	4	8	NRCS	all year	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$112	We worked with our NRCS DC on developing 3 Ranch Plans and 14 progressive plans this year.
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Natural Resource Issue #2:	Noxious Weeds: Canada thistle, hounds tongue, oxeye daisy, leafy spurge (county targeted weeds)								
Why is this issue a concern?:	Healthy habitats are the foundation that support healthy wildlife populations and livestock herds. They are also the basis for ranchers and farmers to make a living and recreational users to recreate. When weeds encroach on otherwise healthy habitats, it often creates a firestorm of events that deteriorate native habitats and pose a risk to the wildlife, livestock, ranchers, and recreationists that utilize those lands.								
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):	Control or eradicate noxious weeds above as well as any other noxious weeds lists on the County Weed Plan or Colorado Noxious Weed List.								
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Objective A	A. Provide for distribution of chemical control (unregulated) to small landowners.								
1	Work with Grand and Summit DNR to provide and advertise free herbicide to small landowners.	District Manager	8	3	DNR	spring & summer	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$42	We advertised the Grand and Summit herbicide giveaway programs in our Summer & Mid-Summer Newsletters and informed people via phone and day-to-day conversations. Info on the programs was also on our website.
2	Keep track of who receives the herbicide and map it on ArcGIS	District Manager	4	3	DNR	spring & summer	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$42	Grand County is keeping track of the landowners. They gave us the list from 2013 so far and will give us 2014 later this winter or spring. In 2013, 204 properties were given herbicide and a total of 1210 gallons were given away. Katlin mapped these properties on ArcGIS.
3	Work with Grand and Summit DNR to map regions of infestations and high risk areas	District Manager	8	3	DNR	spring & summer	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$42	We were unable to get the data from the County DNR this year but will continue to work on this in 2015. We can, however, get a rough geographic extrapolation of weed distribution based on the maps of landowners that received free herbicide through the county and HPP giveaway programs.
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Objective B		B. Assist HPP with herbicide voucher program for large-acreage ag producers <u>Please note that while this objective is under Weeds, it also fits under Range & Forests because managing weeds leads to healthier Rangelands, Pastures, and Forests.</u>							
1	Send email to ranchers about the program, make phone calls to ranchers, and advertise via work-of-mouth	District Manager	4	2	HPP	spring	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$28	We advertised via word-of-mouth because the HPP committee asked we not advertise the program in any print advertising. They were afraid they may get too many small landowners rather than true ag producers (the target group).
2	Map with ArcGIS the landowners who received herbicide through the voucher program	District Manager	4	3	HPP & DNR	spring & summer	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$42	In 2014, 21 ag producers received free herbicide through the HPP Herbicide Program totalling \$14,856.82 of herbicide (milestone, escort, surfactant, 2-4D, Rodeo, Perspective)
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Objective C		C. Educate landowners, small acreage and large acreage alike, about weeds, the impacts of weeds on native biodiversity, and management options							
1	Host one or more workshops on Weed Identification and Management with the assistance of Grand and Summit DNR	District Manager	16	16	DNR (Department of Natural Resources)	spring & summer	\$424 *Derived from DM Wages	\$424	We co-hosted a workshop called "Preserving the Beauty of our Land" on July 17th. It was a workshop dedicated to weed ID, management, chemical use and calibration. We had 30 attendees. Summit County DNR, CSU Extension, and Friends of the Lower Blue River were the other co-hosts.
2	Work with DNR and Extension to develop and distribute a weed booklet	District Manager	8	2	DNR & CSU Extension	winter, spring & summer	\$312 *Derived from DM Wages	\$28	A draft weed booklet has been developed. It is currently in the review process, and, hopefully, a final draft will be ready for distribution in 2015.
3	Add weed resources to our website	District Manager	4	4		all year	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$56	A variety of weed resources have been added to our website and published at least one weed article in each of our 5 electronic newsletters. They can be viewed on our website under the Newsletters and Weeds links at the top of the web browser. www.middleparkcd.com
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Objective D		D. Coordinated county-wide Weed Board Meeting							
1	Invite all towns, County DNR, USFS, BLM, CPW, and any other interested party to a collaborative weed meeting	District Manager & Deb Wood	5	5	DNR, USFS, CSFS, BLM, CPW (CO Parks & Wildlife), Towns, NRCS, Extension	winter	\$70 *Derived from DM Wages	\$70	We held a Grand County Weed Board Meeting on January 13th, 2014. Representatives from the USFS, BLM, Grand County DNR, CSU Extension, CPW, Town of Winter Park, Town of Fraser, Town of Grand Lake, and the Middle Park Conservation District attended. Everyone spoke about their weed management plans. It was also agreed to have yearly meetings on the 2nd Monday of January every year.
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Natural Resource Issue #3:	Forest Health & Management								
Why is this issue a concern?:	The forests of Middle Park have been plagued with the Mountain Pine Beetle for over a decade. As a result, the majority of our mature lodgepole pine stands are now dead. Promoting post-beetle kill forest restoration and management is now critical.								
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):	Increase forest health and species diversity on private properties in Middle Park								
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Objective A	A. Sell tree seedlings to landowners for conservation purposes through the Colorado State Forest Service Nursery. This applies to both small and large landowners with conservation needs.								
1	Work as a collaborator with the CSFS to sell tree seedlings to local landowners in the Middle Park area	District Manager	25+	25	CSFS (Colorado State Forest Service)	fall, winter, spring	\$350 *Derived from DM Wages	\$350	For the winter 2013-spring 2014 season, we had 29 orders of tree seedlings from the CSFS Nursery, totalling 7,789 seedlings. Our net profit was approximately \$4,300.
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Objective B	B. Educate the public on forest health and management								
1	Facilitate workshops regarding forest awareness health, and management	District Manager & CSFS	16	10	CSFS, Tree Farmers Association	winter, spring & summer, fall	\$424 *Derived from DM Wages & Cost of Presenter	\$140	The Middle Park Conservation District sponsored a Forest Regeneration Survey Workshop hosted by the Granby CSFS District on June 14, 2014. The workshop included a powerpoint presentation and field session to teach landowners about the importance of doing regeneration surveys and how to do them. We had 6 attendees. The district also worked with the CSFS on a Pine Needle Scale Tour on September 8th. Nine people attended.

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2	Write articles for our newsletters on forest health and management	Ron Cousineau, Ex-Officio to MPCD from CSFS	8	4	CSFS	all year	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$56	Our board actually elected to add our CSFS local forester, Ron Cousineau, as an Ex-Officio to our board. Ron offered to write these articles for our newsletter (3 articles altogether). Katlin also helped with a few. You can read them on our website. http://www.middleparkcd.com/newsletters-2/
3	Work with partner organizations on educational materials	District Manager	8	4	CSFS, Extension. Tree Farmers Association	all year	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$56	We met with Ron and Ryan of the CSFS to create educational materials on forest health and tree seedling selection.
4	Work with CSFS on an aspen regeneration plot	District Manager	8	3	CSFS, NRCS	summer	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$42	We met with Ron of the CSFS and Mark of the NRCS to discuss an aspen regeneration plot and he thought it was a great idea. Unfortunately, funding was a limiting factor this year. All entities are going to continue looking for funding opportunities in the future as well as possible locations to have the test plot.
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Objective C		C. Encourage landowners to consider doing a 'Forest Stewardship Plan' to properly manage their forests well into the future.							
1	Work with our Colorado State Forester to provide information to landowners about Forest Stewardship Plans and aid them in contacting our local forester to develop one of their own	District Manager	8	6	CSFS	all year	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$84	We did this through the Forest Regeneration Workshop the District co-hosted (see above). We have plans to do more of this in the future via newsletters.
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Natural Resource Issue #4:	Water shortage, inefficient use of water, recording water use to protect water rights								
Why is this issue a concern?:	Due to drought conditions facing the Western US, water rights have become a hot topic for debate. At the headwaters of the Colorado River, it all starts here in Middle Park, but water shortages and a growing populus downstream has put us in a tight spot. The potential for water rights to be challenged may lead to loss of rights and, eventually, a loss of viable agricultural land.								
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):	Increase landowner understanding of Colorado Water Law, what our future water supply looks like, and better management of water usage.								
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Objective A	A. Offer classes and distribute educational material on importance of measuring water use. <u>Please note that while this objective is under Water, it also fits under Range, Pasture, and Hay because ay producers need to know that the water they are letting through their pipes is the proper amount they are allocated under Colorado Water Law.</u>								
1	Offer one or more 'Water Law in a Nutshell' classes by Aaron Clay in Grand and Summit Counties	District Manager & Jay Yust	16	10	Extension, Grand County Water Resource Network, Middle Park Water Conservation District	winter & spring	\$1224 *Derived from DM Wages & Cost of Class	\$140 in DM Wages, \$2330 in Workshop Income from attendees	We held one 'Water Law in a Nutshell' workshop on January 17, 2014 at the Granby Community Library. 46 attendees showed up to the class and represented a diverse set of clientele, including realtors, ranchers, water district employees, and federal government agencies.
2	Include info on measuring	District Manager	4	1	Instructor	winter & spring	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$14	Measuring information was included in the 42-page packet given to each workshop attendee. Information was also given on our website. http://www.middleparkcd.com/water-information/
3	Provide info to small landowners on water law	District Manager	8	10		all year	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$14	Several small landowners attended our Water Law in a Nutshell Workshop on January 17th.
4	Support and Publish the NRCS Manual Snow Course Surveys	District Manager	8	4	NRCS	winter	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$56	Katlin uploaded weekly and monthly snow reports to our website and included reports in our spring newsletter. http://www.middleparkcd.com/snow-survey-information-2/

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5	Develop & Distribute E-Newsletter of Water Issues & Colorado Water Law for those people who cannot attend workshop	District Manager	12	0		all year	\$168 *Derived from DM Wages	\$0	We were not able to get this done in 2014, but we hope to work on this more in 2015.
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Objective B		B. Assist landowners with water efficiency projects <u>Again, please note that is objective could easily fit under Range, Pasture, and Hay as well as Water.</u>							
1	Assist landowners with increased hay production via irrigation-improvement projects on a 50:50 cost-share basis.	District Manager & Board-- Dave Abbott, Deb Wood, John Longhill, Jay Yust, Justin Fosha	50+	89	CSCB, NRCS	spring, summer, fall	\$1000 *Derived from DM Wages	\$1246 in DM Wages, \$750 in liability insurance, \$22,557.09 distributed to landowners	We received a Matching Grant from CSCB in the amount of \$25,000 for irrigation cost-share projects. Out of the 25 applications we received, we were able to fund 14 of them. Projects included check and turnout structures, cement structures, and black plastic pipe installation.
2	Sell Polyacrylamide (PAM) to landowners to increase ditch efficiency and reduce leakage	District Manager & Board-- Dave Abbott, Deb Wood, John Longhill, Jay Yust, Justin Fosha	8	2	NRCS	spring, summer	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$28	This year, we sold 165 pounds of polyacrylamide (\$975) to landowners in Middle Park.
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Objective C	C. Provide Tire Stock Tanks for sale to landowners to better protect natural springs or as an alternative to rusted metal tanks. <u>This objective is under Water because it primarily protects natural water sources. However, it could go under Forest/Range due to the location of springs in Forests and Rangeland, or under Wildlife because Deer and Elk will drink from these tire tanks as well.</u>								
1	Purchase tire tanks from a reputable distributor	District Manager	4	4	NRCS	spring, summer, fall	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$56	We purchased 8 8' footers, 8 10' footers, and 4 12' footer tire tanks from WWF, Inc. in Fort Lupton, CO.
2	Work with our NRCS District Conservationist and landowners to use tire tanks as a substitute to metal tanks, especially when developing springs for livestock or wildlife water sources	District Manager	4	4	NRCS, HPP	spring, summer, fall	\$56 *Derived from DM Wages	\$56	We have a good working relationship with the Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) and our NRCS DC. The majority of our tire tank sales funnel through HPP because they provide funding opportunities for landowners to install tire tanks due to wildlife/livestock conflicts. We sold one tire tank (\$750) in 2014.
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Natural Resource Issue #5:	Wildlife								
Why is this issue a concern?:	Because of our location as a rural community in the Rocky Mountains, we have a surplus of wildlife right outside our doors. Furthermore, large and small agreee landowners occupy a large portion of private lands in Middle Park. As a result, wildlife/livestock interactions are often a problem for ag producers in the area. On the other hand, we find that some landowners have developed commercial enterprises in hunting and fishing and seek our advice on wildlife habitat sustainability.								
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):	Improve wildlife habitat on private land and decrease wildlife/livestock conflicts								
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Objective A	A. Aerially-seed clover on private properties in Middle Park along a 150-ft sagebrush-pasture interface. Clover will increase protein and nutrient quality of forage for livestock, big game, and Greater Sage Grouse.								
1	Seek funding for project from various partners and grants.	District Manager	8	30	CPW, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Mule Deer Foundation, Rocky Moutain Elk Foundation, HPP	winter to spring	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$420	The Middle Park Conservation District successfully attained \$41,920 in funding from the Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Grand County Board of County Commssioners, Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, USFWS Partners for Wildlife, and local landowners to seed 2,800 acres throughout Grand and Summit Counties.
2	Sign landowners up to have their grounds seeded	District Manager & Board-- Dave Abbott, Deb Wood, John Longhill, Jay Yust, Justin Fosha	8	60	NRCS	spring	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$840	150 Landowners in Middle Park signed up to have their sagebrush-meadow interfaces seeded with a mix of 75:25 Mammoth Red:Alsike clover at a rate of 4 pounds to the acre. The project was technically free to the landowner, but several of them donated to the cause anyway. Four landowners also paid extra to have their entire fields seeded rather than just the interface (60-120 ft buffer zone).

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3	Contract pilot and order seed	District Manager	8	20	Mountain Air Spray (Craig, CO), Pawnee Buttes Seed	spring	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$280	We ended up ordering 11,350 pounds of clover mix to seed 2,800 acres. Flights were contracted at a rate of \$6/acre. Mountain Air Spray did the flying. Pawnee Buttes Seed provided the seed.
4	Perform seeding and follow up with monitoring over next 3 yrs	District Manager	16	10	NRCS	spring and beyond	\$224 *Derived from DM Wages	\$140	The seeding was performed over the course of several days from May 3rd-8th, 2014. High winds restricted flying to early morning hours.
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Objective B		B. Support Wildlife/Livestock Conflict Initiatives							
1	Support and Promote HPP Fencing-for-Wildlife Program via website and word-of-mouth	District Manager	2	2	HPP	winter to spring	\$28 *Derived from DM Wages	\$28	We have information on our website and in our Fall Newsletter about wildlife friendly fencing and HPP's fence damage program. We also spread the word to landowners that complained of wildlife fence damage.
2	Support the new Highway 9 Wildlife Crossing Initiative	District Manager & Justin Fosha	2	1	Highway 9 Initiative	summer	\$28 *Derived from DM Wages	\$14	The final funding has just come through on the Highway 9 Project, so not much has happened yet with the project. However, we have talked with organizers and expressed our support for the project. We are also looking forward to provided seed for the project in the future.
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Natural Resource Issue #6:	Small Acreage Landowners										
Why is this issue a concern?:	Middle Park is still a rural mountain community; however, it too is being developed. Larger properties are increasingly being subdivided into smaller acreages. Many of these smaller acreages are being bought by city folk as second homes. Not having the knowledge or experiences of conservation issues in Middle Park, these landowners don't know how to properly manage their land. We have historically focused on large ag producers, but we see the need to start catering more services to our our small-acreage clientele.										
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):	Increase Small Acreage Conservation and Support in Middle Park										
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Objective A	A. Offer classes and distribute educational materials on Small Acreage Management. <u>Please note that many of the other resource concerns discuss small-acreage landowners as well. This objective is in addition to those previously discussed. There may be overlap, but we feel it is important to emphasize efforts on small-acreage management.</u>										
1	Work with Small Acreage Management specialist, John Rizza, to put on a Small Acreage Workshop	District Manager	16	2	CSU Extension, NRCS, CSFS, Tree Farmers	all year	\$424 *Derived from DM Wages & Cost of Presenter	\$28	We were unable to put on a specific small landowner workshop this year due to a lack of speakers. However, we involved small landowners in the other workshops we co-hosted this year on weeds and forest health.		
2	Develop brochures and handouts on SAM.	District Manager	8	3	CSU Extension, CSFS	winter	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$42	Katlin is in the process of compiling a Small Acreage Management handbook and hopes to have it done in early 2015.		
3	Direct People to our Website for loads of information	District Manager	8	8		all year	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$112	Katlin directed several people to website throughout the year. In fact, our website had over 8,000 views in 2014.		
4	Distribute Info to Realtors to handout to new small acreage buyers and perspective buyers	District Manager	16	0		winter	\$224 *Derived from DM Wages	\$0	Once Katlin finishes the SAM handbook described above, she plans to distribute it to Realtors. This will hopefully happen in early 2015.		
5	Develop a 'Small Acreage Management' Newsletter specifically geared to this subset of landowners	District Manager	16	3		all year	\$224 *Derived from DM Wages	\$42	Katlin is working on this newsletter. Currently, each of our regular quarterly newsletters contains articles related to Small Acreage Homeowners.		
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Conservation Education									
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1	Educational Booth at Middle Park Fair & Rodeo	District Manager & Board-- Dave Abbott, Deb Wood, Jay Yust	18	12	Middle Park Fair & Rodeo Board, DNR, CSFS	August	\$252 *Derived from DM Wages	\$42	Deb, Dave, Jay, Katlin, and Mark worked the Fair Booth on August 8th and 9th at the Middle Park Fair & Rodeo. The main attraction at this year's booth was the premiere of our new Soil Tent. It was a huge hit and taught people about what Soil is and Soil Composition, Soil Organisms, and Soil Conservation.
2	School Visits with Soil Tent built and sponsored by MPCD	District Manager	20	9	Local Teachers	fall, winter, spring	\$280 *Derived from DM Wages	\$126	Katlin did one Soil Tent presentation in October 2014 for the West Grand 7th Graders during their Bug Week day coordinated by Grand County Water Information Network.
3	Workshops on Range Management, Weeds, Forest Awareness, Water Law, and Small Acreage Management. <u>Please note that these are the same workshops previously listed on the resource tabs.</u>	District Manager, John Longhill, Jay Yust	80	30	Extension, NRCS, Tree Farmers, CSFS, DNR	all year	\$2120 *Derived from DM Wages + & Charge to Attendees	\$420 DM Wages + \$2300 cost to attendees	We hosted or co-hosted 4 workshops in 2014. The included one on Water Law, one on weeds, and 2 on Forest Health. In total, approximately 100 people attended workshops sponsored by MPCD.
4	Assist Lori Haack, local Vo-Ag teacher with her annual RangeContest and other related projects	District Manager & Dave Abbott	8	8	Kremmling Vo-Ag teacher	fall, winter, spring	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$112	As mentioned in the Range Resource tab, Mark, Noah, and Katlin assisted Lori with this year's Envirothon.
5	Collaborate with Blue Valley Ranch and the local teachers to do educational ranch visits there	District Manager	8	8	Blue Valley Ranch, local teachers	fall, winter, spring	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$112	The Envirothon mentioned above was hosted at Blue Valley Ranch this year.

What are you going to do? 2014 Work Items					Partners	When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
		District		Actual Hours			Budgeted	Actual	
		Individual	Planned Hours						
6	Increase our daily contacts with landowners and interested parties. Contacts may include phone conversations and in-person discussions. (Keep record of such contacts on a calender in the office)	District Manager	50+	50	NRCS	all year	700 *Derived from DM Wages	\$700	Katlin and the NRCS staff at the office made contact with lots of people throughout the year. We did not keep record as we had initially suggested. However, based on th,e number of website visits in 2014 of over 8,000 visits, we believe our daily contacts was increased from previous years. We also did more advertising in the local newspaper thizs year than in the past.
7	Publish Quarterly Newsletters including educational articles on various conservation topics & resouce concerns. <u>Newsletters were brought up on several objectives previously discussed. These are the same newsletters we were refering to. We currently have approximatay 430 subscribers.</u>	District Manager	12	16		Jan, Apr, July, Oct	\$168 *Derived from DM Wages	\$224	Katlin published 5 newsletters in 2014...winter, spring, summer, mid-summer, and fall. You can read them on our website under the Newsletters tab. www.middleparkcd.com
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1	Prepare and give presentation to Board of County Commissioners on annual activities & successes	District Manager & Deb	6	6	Grand & Summit Boards of County Commissioners	spring or fall	\$84 *Derived from DM Wages	\$84	We did not do an "Annual Success" presentation this year; however, Katlin and Deb did go to the Grand County BOCC to seek funding for our Aerial Clover Seeding Project. The BOCC thought it was a great project and contributed \$5,000 to it.
2	Annual Landowner Meeting & Dinner. This event has historically been attended by 50-75 producers in Grand and Summit Counties. We always provide Resource concern surveys for attendees to fill out regarding concerns of theirs. This same survey is on our website for people to fill out there. It has also been found in our newsletter from time to time.	District Manager, Dave Abbott, Deb Wood, John Longhill, Jay Yust, Justin Fosha	12	12	Middle Park Stockgrowers	Winter	\$168 *Derived from DM Wages	\$168	We held our Annual Meeting/Dinner in conjunction with the Middle Park Stockgrowers Association on February 22, 2014. We had 91 people attend, which is the most people we've ever had attend an Annual Meeting.

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3	Forest Management Letter to Governor			5	CACD		\$70	In March, Gary Moyer from CACD contacted Katlin asking the Middle Park Conservation District to nominate a forest area for expedited treatment under the Forest Health Provision of the 2014 Farm Bill. The letter Katlin submitted was endorsed by CACD and sent to the Governor of Colorado. Governor Hickenlooper later nominated these forests, among others, for expedited management. <u>This line item was not initially planned for in the 2014 APW but was added after the fact. That is why the year columnss are empty.</u>	
4	Assist with the West Grand Science Fair as a volunteer judge	Dave Abbott & Katlin Miller	8	8	West Grand School District	January	\$112 *Derived from DM Wages	\$112	Katlin & Dave both judged the West Grand Science Fair in January 2014.
5	CACD Resolutions Committee	Dave Abbott		62	CACD			\$0	Dave Abbott was the 2014 CACD Resolutions committee chair and spent approximately 62 hours in September, October, and November working on CACD Resolutions
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**DIRECT ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR
COVERING ACTIVITIES COMPLETED FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014 - January 1 to December 31, 2014**

Data can entered only in cells highlighted as indicated in the cell to the right:

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APPLICATION REVIEWED BY - List names of board members in the box to the right & below If more space is needed :

Deb Wood, Justin Fosha, Jay Yust, Dave Abbott

John Longhill

By entering names and titles in lines above: We swear that the following certifications, representations, and statements are true, accurate, and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Application must be e-filed to the State Conservation Board through DOLA's e-filing system. Contact your specialist with questions.

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY February 1, 2015.

Minimum Standards

Minimum Standards (a) - (g) were established by the State Conservation Board to certify districts' eligibility to receive Direct Assistance (DA) Grant Funds. These minimum standards are established as requirements in the Colorado Soil Conservation Act and completed in or for Calendar Year 2014. In order to receive direct assistance funding these items must be completed throughout the year. Submission will be verified before money can be disbursed.

Minimum Standard (j) is a State fiscal accountability requirement to report on expenditures of allotted funds for the prior fiscal year - **July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014**

- (a) Complete & submit Long Range Program (CRS 35-70-108(1)(k))
- (b) Complete & submit Annual Plan of Work (CRS 35-70-108(1)(k))
- (c) Complete & submit General Fund Budget (CRS 29-1-103(1))
- (d) Complete & submit Audit or Exemption from Audit to State Auditor by statutory deadline (CRS 35-70-108(1)(l))
- (e) Complete Board of Supervisor Elections if applicable for calendar year (CRS 35-70-107(1)(a)(l))
- (f) Have & use District Seal (CRS 35-70-108(1)(j))
- (g) Complete & submit current District Bylaws (CRS 35-70-107(2))
- (h) Provide the public with timely notice of meetings (CRS 24-6-402 (2) (c))
- (i) Complete required elections as specified. (CRS 32-1-1...) and submit final supervisor list to State Conservation Board.
- (j) Expenditure Report completed below

PRIOR FISCAL YEAR (7/1/2013- 6/30/2014 EXPENDITURES OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE FUNDS

(Estimate March through June if necessary)

Total Direct Assistance Funds Received by District last year (Fiscal Year 2013)		\$3,829.56
1. Travel expenses by members of the District Board of Supervisors		
2. Expense of secretarial, clerical, and technical assistance	\$3,829.56	
3. Office expenses and information/education acitivities		
4. District election expenses		
5. Other project expenses - Please specify below.		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,829.56	
Account for NO MORE than total amount of Direct Assistance received last year.		
Projected Balance of Direct Assistance Funds on-hand at end of fiscal year. (June 30, 2014) MUST EQUAL ZERO (\$0)		\$0.00

DISTRICT OUTREACH

Enter data in blue boxes

Enter the number of watershed association meetings and events attended during the year by representative of the district.	2	
Enter the percentage of watershed association meetings and events attended during the year by representative of the district. (ie if you ans	100%	
Enter the number of supervisors and employees who attended the CACD Annual Meeting during the calendar year.	1	
Enter the number of board meetings conducted during the year with a quorum present .	8	
Enter the total mileage and time spent on official business by district supervisors in calendar year 2014	Total Hours	Total Miles
	117	1296
	Yes	No
Was a District Annual Meeting held this year?	X	

	(a) Agenda Items	(b) Date	(c) Percentage of individuals attending	
			Landowners	Partners
1	MPCD Mission	21-Feb-14	95%	NRCS, Middle Park Stockgrowers
2	MPCD History		91	
3	MPCD Board Composition			
4	2013 Accomplishments			
5	2014 Goals			
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