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MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT LONG RANGE PLAN 2022-2024

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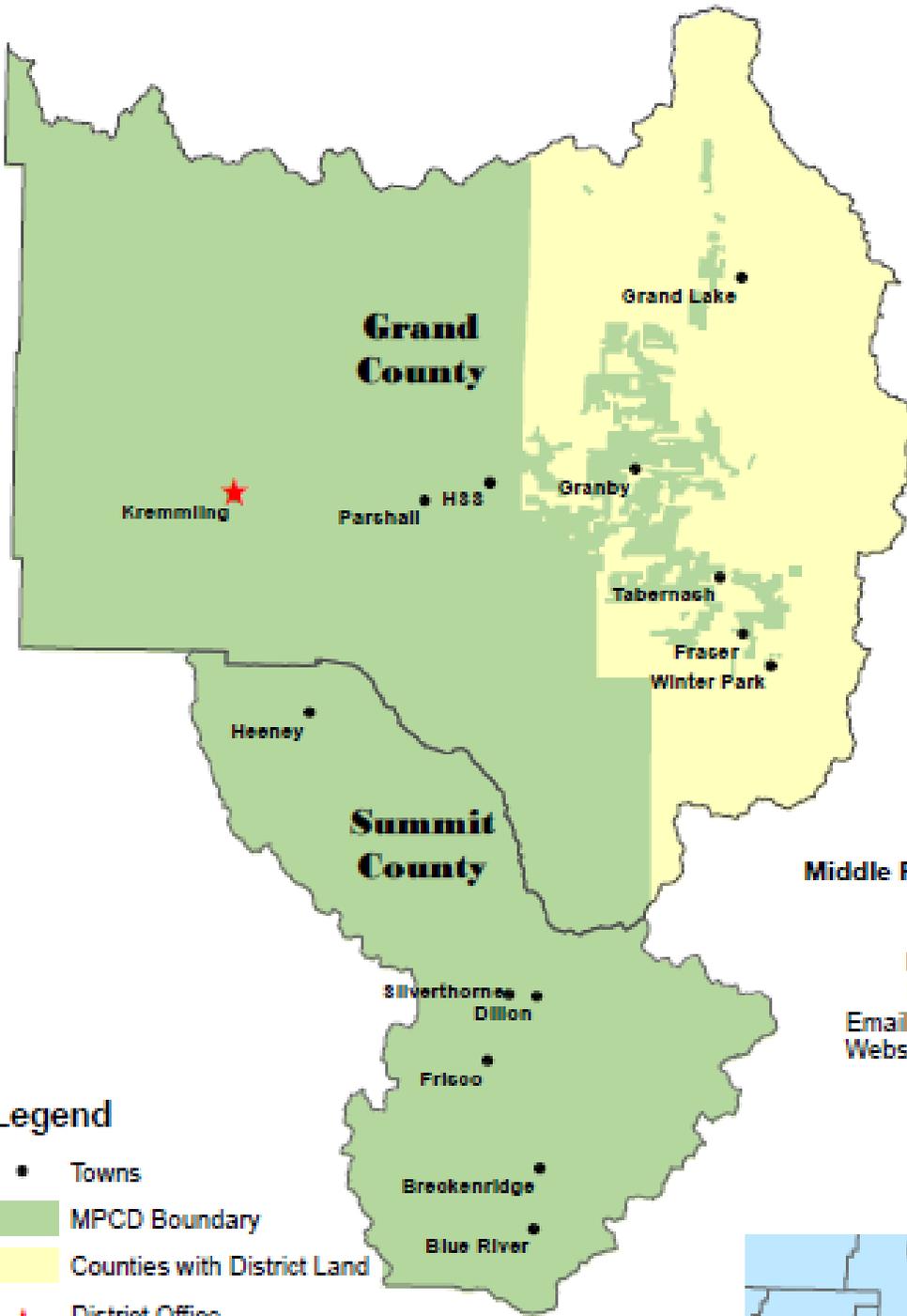
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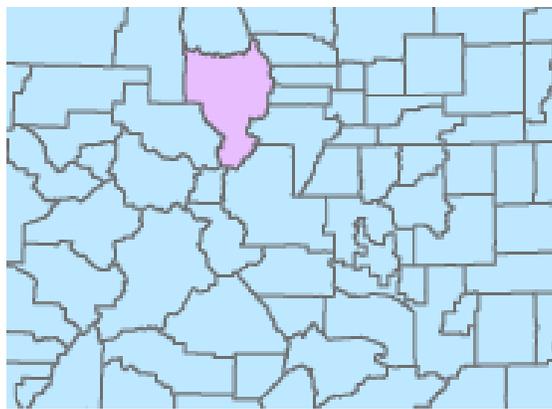
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1,170,464

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Middle Park Conservation District 3-Year Plan (2022-2024) Executive Summary

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Organization of the Middle Park Conservation District

A political subdivision of the State of Colorado – authorities, powers and structure contained in Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 35, Article 70 (Colorado Soil Conservation Act).

- In February 1937, a proposed Standard State Soil Conservation Districts Law was submitted to the Governors by President Roosevelt. All states were encouraged to give authority to farmers and ranchers to organize Soil Conservation Districts. Colorado enacted its law three months later, in May 1937.
- Twenty years after the enactment of the State Soil Conservation District Law, the Middle Park Soil Conservation District was formed. Ranchers from Grand and Summit County initially met at Jerry's Cafe on February 9, 1956, to discuss the formation of a soil conservation district. Then, on August 12, 1957, the certification of organization was issued by the Secretary of State and was recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder of both Grand and Summit counties.
- The District initially consisted of approximately the western two-thirds of Grand County and all of Summit County; however, approximately 61,500 acres in the eastern one-third of Grand County were later added to the District by petition. According to 2015 ArcGIS files, the District now contains approximately 1,170,000 acres within its boundaries.
- The office of the Middle Park Conservation District is based in Kremmling, and the 5-member District Board of Supervisors meets at least four times a year for regular board meetings and an Annual Dinner Meeting of the District's constituents.

Function of the Middle Park Conservation District

To make available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so they meet the needs of local land managers regarding conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.

Mission of the Middle Park Conservation District

To promote the conservation and wise use of land, soil, water, air, wildlife and related natural resources through education, program administration, and technical assistance for the benefit of all. We are committed to good land stewardship and sustainable use practices within Grand and Summit Counties.

Vision of the Middle Park Conservation District

To be recognized and respected leader in the community by fostering natural resources conservation and cooperation among government officials, non-governmental groups, developers, community organizations and associations, landowners and the general public through education, technical assistance, and planning.

Services of the Middle Park Conservation District

Middle Park Conservation District provides technical assistance through NRCS; provides information about funding opportunities available to landowners; and, when funds are available, the District provides cost-share programs for on-the-ground projects. The District also facilitates educational activities for local students and adults via workshops; classroom visits; publications; and quarterly newsletters containing information about events, natural resource issues and ways landowners can conserve their private lands. Finally, the District sells grass seed, tree seedlings, tire tanks, and polyacrylamide (PAM) to landowners to aid in their conservation efforts.

Trends Impacting Conservation in the Middle Park Conservation District

Trends impacts conservation in Middle Park include conversion of agricultural lands to development, increased water diversions to Front Range and downstream users, climate changes trending toward a drier climate, high cost of conservation practices, and an influx of second homeowners (non-agrarian) to Middle Park.

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Natural Resource Data

The Middle Park Conservation District is located high in the western slope of the Continental Divide in Grand and Summit Counties. The average elevation is 8,000' and above. The topography is characterized by rough, steep sloping mountains, gently sloping to rolling mesas, and valley bottoms dissected by numerous creeks and rivers. Most lands adjacent to these drainages are flood irrigated pastures and hay meadows, although some of those lands are succumbing to development. Major waterbodies in Middle Park include: Grand Lake, Shadow Mountain Reservoir, Lake Granby, Williams Fork Reservoir, Wolford Reservoir, Green Mountain Reservoir, and Dillon Reservoir. Major waterways include the Colorado River, the Blue River, and both of their tributaries. Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and Denver Water both have storage reservoirs and transmountain diversions in Grand and/or Summit County.

Though Middle Park Conservation District's boundaries technically exclude much of 'East Grand County', the residents who live in the excluded area are not served by any other conservation district, as defined by the Colorado Soil Conservation Act of 1937. As a result, for over 60 years now, the Middle Park Conservation District has functionally served ALL landowners in Grand and Summit Counties.

- Middle Park, in its entirety, is approximately 1,592,000 acres in size (~1,196,000 in Grand and ~396,000 in Summit). The MPCD boundaries include approximately 1,170,000 acres (~774,000 acres in Grand County and all of Summit County's ~396,000 acres). According to 2020 census figures by the US Census Bureau, about 15,717 people live in Grand County and about 31,055 people live in Summit County.

- Approximate percentage of land ownership in GRAND COUNTY (2018 parcel data obtained from Grand County Gov):

67%	Federal Government (USFS, BLM, NPS)
17%	Agriculture/Forest Ag
8%	Residential, Commercial, Planned Development, Everything Else Not Listed Elsewhere in this Table
7%	Other Natural Resources/Conservation Easements
1%	Mining

- Approximate percentage of land ownership in SUMMIT COUNTY (2018 parcel data obtained from Summit County Gov):

80%	Federal Government (USFS, BLM)
9%	Agriculture/Forest Ag
6%	Residential, Commercial, Planned Development, Everything Else Not Listed Elsewhere in this Table
3%	Other Natural Resources/Backcountry/Open Space/Recreation
2%	Mining

- Approximate percentage of land ownership within the defined boundaries of MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT (2018 data clipped from Grand and Summit Gov):

65%	Federal Government (USFS, BLM, NPS)
19%	Agriculture/Forest Ag
7%	Residential, Commercial, Planned Development, Everything Else Not Listed Elsewhere in this Table
7%	Other Natural Resources/Conservation Easements/Backcountry/Open Space/Recreation
2%	Mining

- According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Quick Stats database, producers in GRAND COUNTY reported the following numbers of livestock and hay production. (<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov>).

Cattle (total inventory, incl. calves):

2021: 16,000 | 1965: 24,000

Hay (excl. Alfalfa)

2017 Acres Harvested: 28,700 | 1965 Acres Harvested: 32,000

2017 Production in Tons: 37,200 | 1965 Production in Tons: 51,150

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- According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Quick Stats database, producers in SUMMIT COUNTY reported the following numbers of livestock and hay production. (<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov>).

Cattle (total inventory, incl. calves):

2021: 1,300 | 1965: 5,800

Hay (incl. Alfalfa)

2017 Acres Harvested: 2,600 | 1965 Acres Harvested: 6,670

2017 Production in Tons: 3,200 | 1965 Production in Tons: 9,620

- Resource Inventories of the District

NRCS Soil Surveys

Grand County 1976, Summit County 1974, Web Soil Survey

Natural Resource Priorities & Goals

Every year, the Middle Park Conservation District conducts a Local Working Group meeting and/or a Community Needs Survey to determine if we are still meeting the needs of our landowners. While many of the objectives stated below remain the same from year to year, they are adaptable. Our Board of Supervisors is prepared to modify any priority or objective as deemed necessary by landowner feedback and/or emergency priorities that arise. For example, in late 2020 and 2021, MPCD made a quick but necessary adjustment to normal activities to prioritize wildfire recovery after the East Troublesome Fire devastated 193,000 acres and nearly 600 structures.

Furthermore, from the 2021 Community Needs Survey, we learned that most respondents owned less than 50 acres and had no interest in agriculture. The most common reasons why landowners were not performing conservation on their property included:

- They don’t know what to do
- They don’t know who to ask for help
- They don’t have the skills or equipment
- They don’t have the time to do it
- Conservation practices cost too much to do.

Lastly, while our “natural resource” categories we normally focus on remained the same, there was increased desire for assistance on Forest Management/Wildfire Mitigation, Soil Health/Erosion, and Water Conservation/Drought. We attribute much of the increased interest in these resources to the East Troublesome Fire of October 2020.

The current natural resource priorities in Middle Park, as identified by our Board, are **Forest Management and Wildfire Mitigation; Noxious Weed Management; Water Quantity, Quality, and Conservation; and Range, Hay, Pasture, and Soil Management**. Wildlife Habitat/Conservation will be incorporated into each of these focal priorities as wildlife are impacted by each of them.

- **Forest Management and Wildfire Mitigation:** As a result of the East Troublesome Fire, Williams Fork Fire, and several other smaller wildfires in Grand and Summit Counties over the last few years, forest health and wildfire mitigation are now at the forefront of many residents’ minds. While we do not celebrate the tragedies that have happened, we do hope to capitalize on the momentum of the forest health/wildfire mitigation movement. We plan to work more closely with our partners to increase awareness and opportunities to improve the health and habitat value of our forests, implement home ignition zone guidelines around homes, and better prepare for the next wildfire.
- **Noxious Weeds:** Noxious weeds are a statewide concern due to their potential to degrade otherwise healthy habitats. Our goal is to curb the encroachment of noxious weeds throughout Grand and Summit Counties.
- **Water Quantity, Quality, and Conservation:** Grand County is the headwaters of the Colorado River, yet reduced water quality, loss of water to downstream/trans-basin users, and worsening drought conditions are concerns. Our goals are work with our partners to educate landowners on drought and water conservation. We also hope to acquire grant dollars to provide funding opportunities for water conservation and water quality projects.

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- **Range, Hay, Pasture, and Soil Management:** Agriculture has a large presence in Middle Park, especially in West Grand. Our goal for range, hay, pasture, and soil is to develop programs that will maintain and improve the health, productivity, and ecological services of those lands.
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Natural Resource Education Priorities and Goals

We desire to increase the Middle Park Conservation District's prominence in the community and become recognized by the residents of Grand and Summit Counties. We also hope to inspire children to conserve our natural resources and go into STEM fields of study.

Conservation District Operational Goals & Objectives

We desire to enhance our current programs, work more closely with our partners, and continue to adjust priorities as needed based on community feedback and emergent situations that arise.

Based on a 2021 Community Needs Survey, we also need to increase our outreach to smaller acreage homeowners that are not interested in agriculture. We will NOT decrease our services to the ag community, just enhance our services for our non-ag clientele.

Staffing Needs

The District has a 5-member Board of Supervisors. The Board maintains one part-time Executive Director/District Manager. We also employ a part-time District Conservation Technician (DCT) who assists with Farm Bill programs and provides conservation technical assistance (CTA) to landowners in Grand and Summit Counties. The DCT position is funded through a grant from the Colorado State Conservation Board and the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Accordingly, the DCT position is reevaluated on an annual basis by the Board to determine if we will reapply for the grant for the following year.

Other Notes

The Middle Park Conservation District has a Colotrust Savings Account currently worth approximately \$109,000. Though it may seem like a lot of money, the Board feels it is important to retain these savings as an emergency fund in case of economic downturn or natural disaster in Middle Park.

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Natural Resource Priority: Forest Management & Wildfire Mitigation

Why is this issue a concern: The forests of Middle Park were plagued with the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic at the turn of the century. As a result, the majority of our mature lodgepole pine stands are now dead and prone to wildfire. While post-beetle kill forest restoration and management has been a concern of the District for years, the East Troublesome Fire brought this issue to the forefront of our residents’ minds and priorities. Our forests also provide habitat for many wildlife species, and it is essential that we conserve that habitat now and in the future. As so perfectly said by Pam Leschak of the USFS Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) *“It is time to move from awareness to action, messaging to mitigation, and words to work.”*

Three Year Goal(s): 1) Improve the health and productivity of our forests through proper forest management and wildfire mitigation; 2) Help landowners implement home ignition zone guidelines around their homes and work toward becoming a “Fire Adapted Community”; 3) Increase the habitat value of our forests for the wildlife that inhabit them and use them as corridors; 4) Provide landowners resources for post-fire recovery of their forests.

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Sell tree seedlings and supplies to landowners for conservation purposes through the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) Nursery. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2021.</i> B. Collaborate with partners to educate the public on forest health/management and how to improve the habitat value of those lands for wildlife. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> C. Collaborate with the Grand County Wildfire Council and other partners to assist landowners with wildfire prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and survival. D. Collaborate with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and NRCS on forest management planning and implementation. E. Encourage landowners to consider doing a 'Forest Stewardship Plan' with the CSFS and/or NRCS to properly manage their forests. 	CSFS, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC), CSU Extension, NRCS	150+ hours per year, \$18,000 per year. More money needed if grant funds become available for projects.	Tree Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable) Grants (if applicable)
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue selling tree seedlings and supplies. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2022.</i> B. Continue educating the public on forest management. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> C. Continue working with the Grand County Wildfire Council and other partners on wildfire mitigation. D. Continue collaborating with the CSFS/NRCS on forest management planning and implementation. E. Continue encouraging landowners to do a 'Forest Plan'. 	CSFS, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC), CSU Extension, NRCS	150+ hours per year, \$18,000+ per year	Tree Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable) Grants (if applicable)
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue selling tree seedlings and supplies. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2023.</i> B. Continue educating the public on forest management. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> C. Continue working with the Grand County Wildfire Council and other partners on wildfire mitigation. D. Continue collaborating with the CSFS/NRCS on forest management planning and implementation. E. Continue encouraging landowners to do a 'Forest Plan'. 	CSFS, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC), Extension, NRCS	150+ hours per year, \$18,000+ per year	Tree Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable) Grants (if applicable)

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Natural Resource Priority: Noxious Weed Management

Why is this issue a concern: Healthy ecosystems 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 for recreational users to explore nature. When weeds encroach on otherwise healthy ecosystems, it creates a firestorm of events that deteriorate native habitats and pose a risk to the wildlife, livestock, ranchers, and recreational users that utilize those lands.

Three Year Goal(s): Curb the encroachment of noxious weeds throughout Grand and Summit Counties.

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Promote the distribution of free, unregulated herbicide to landowners in Middle Park through the Grand and Summit County Noxious Weed Programs. B. Collaborate with partners to educate landowners on noxious weeds, the impacts of noxious weeds on native biodiversity, and noxious weed identification and control. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> C. Attend the county-wide Noxious Weed Board Meeting for Grand County (if held). D. Seek funding opportunities for increased weed mitigation in Middle Park. 	Grand County DNR, Summit Weed Department, Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP), NRCS, CSU Extension	50+ hours per year, \$500 per year	Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue promoting the distribution of free, unregulated herbicide to landowners in Grand and Summit. B. Continue educating landowners on noxious weeds. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> C. Continue attending the county-wide Noxious Weed Board Meeting for Grand County. D. Continue to seek funding opportunities for increased weed mitigation in Middle Park. 	Grand & Summit County DNRs, Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP), NRCS, CSU Extension	50+ hours per year, \$500 per year	Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue promoting the distribution of free, unregulated herbicide to landowners in Grand and Summit. B. Continue educating landowners on noxious weeds. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> C. Continue attending the county-wide Noxious Weed Board Meeting for Grand County. D. Continue to seek funding opportunities for increased weed mitigation in Middle Park. 	Grand & Summit County DNRs, Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP), NRCS, CSU Extension	50+ hours per year, \$500 per year	Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)

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Natural Resource Priority: Water Quantity, Quality, and Conservation

Why is this issue a concern: Middle Park is the headwaters of the Colorado River. Water quantity and quality are highly dependent on the health and resiliency of watershed and ecosystem from which the water originates. As such, what happens here in Middle Park has the potential to affect millions of downstream and transbasin users. Water shortages, drought, and growing populations threaten the water resources here in Middle Park. However, if efficient water conservation practices are implemented now, landowners will be able protect the water resources they currently control. Additionally, many wildlife species inhabit the streams, rivers, lakes and reservoirs, and wetlands in Middle Park. It is imperative that we conserve our water resources for the wildlife that inhabit and use them.

Three Year Goal(s): 1) Educate landowners on water conservation and the link between water quantity/quality and watershed resiliency; 2) Provide funding opportunities for water conservation projects; 3) Increase the habitat value of our water resources for the wildlife that inhabit and use them.

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Collaborate with partners to educate landowners on the importance of water conservation for ag purposes, wildlife habitat conservation, and watershed resiliency. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Assist landowners with irrigation improvements on their lands. C. Provide Polyacrylamide (PAM) for sale to improve ditch efficiency and reduce leakage. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2021.</i> D. Provide Tire Stock Tanks for sale to landowners to better protect natural springs and as an alternative to rusted metal tanks. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2021.</i> E. Work with Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP) to promote spring developments for livestock and wildlife and to assist landowners with pond cleanings. F. Work with other groups, as deemed beneficial by the Board, to conserve local water resources and water-dependent wildlife species. G. Collaborate with partners on Drought planning, education, and mitigation. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, High Country Conservation Center, Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program, Others as deemed appropriate, Grand and Summit Counties	60+ hours per year, \$2500 per year. More money needed if grant funds become available projects.	PAM & Tire Tank Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue educating landowners on the importance of water conservation. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Continue assisting landowners with water efficiency projects. C. Continue selling Polyacrylamide (PAM). <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2022.</i> D. Continue selling Tire Stock Tanks. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2022.</i> E. Continue working with MPHPP on water projects. F. Continue working with other groups, as deemed beneficial by the Board. G. Continue collaborating with partners on Drought planning, education, and mitigation. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, High Country Conservation Center, MPHPP, Others as deemed appropriate, Grand and Summit Counties	60+ hours per year, \$2500 per year	PAM & Tire Tank Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)

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2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue educating landowners on the importance of water conservation. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Continue assisting landowners with water efficiency projects. C. Continue selling Polyacrylamide (PAM). <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2023.</i> D. Continue selling Tire Stock Tanks. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2023.</i> E. Continue working with MPHPP on water projects. F. Continue working with other groups, as deemed beneficial by the Board. G. Continue collaborating with partners on Drought planning, education, and mitigation. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, High Country Conservation Center, MPHPP, Others as deemed appropriate, Grand and Summit Counties	60+ hours per year, \$2500 per year	PAM & Tire Tank Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
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Natural Resource Priority: Range, Hay, Pasture, & Soil Management

Why is this issue a concern: Healthy rangelands and pastures are essential for providing wildlife habitat, creating the basis for ranchers and farmers to make a living, and supplying open space and quality aesthetics for recreational users. These resources are threatened by development, overgrazing, and weed infestation.

Three Year Goal(s): 1) Maintain and improve the health and productivity of our aglands and rangelands; 2) Increase the habitat value of our range and pasturelands for the wildlife that inhabit them and use them as corridors; 3) Enhance awareness about the importance of soil health to ecosystem health, services, and functioning.

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Collaborate with partners to educate landowners about what healthy range/hay/pastures/ soils look like, how to better manage them, and how to improve the habitat value of those lands for wildlife. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Sell weed-free grass seed to encourage revegetation of bareground, disturbed sites, and low-yielding haylands. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2021.</i> C. Encourage landowners to test their hay quality to determine nutrient deficiencies. D. Encourage landowners to consider doing a 'Ranch Plan' with NRCS/ the District's DCT to better assess the needs, goals, and management of their properties. E. Work with Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP) to support range projects. F. Support Greater Sage Grouse recovery in Middle Park. G. Work with other groups, as deemed beneficial by the Board, to conserve rangelands and support soil health programs. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, Seed Wholesalers, North Park & Routt County CDs, Middle Park Greater Sage Grouse Working Group	100+ hours per year, \$50,000 per year	Seed Sales, Hay Analysis Fees, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)

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2023	<p>A. Continue educating landowners on a variety of topics related to range, hay, pasture and soil management. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i></p> <p>B. Continue selling weed-free grass seed. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2022.</i></p> <p>C. Continue encouraging landowners to test their hay quality.</p> <p>D. Continue encouraging landowners to do a 'Ranch Plan'.</p> <p>E. Continue working with MPHPP on range projects.</p> <p>F. Continue supporting Greater Sage Grouse recovery.</p> <p>G. Continue working with other groups, as deemed beneficial by the Board, to conserve rangelands and support soil health programs.</p>	NRCS, CSU Extension, Seed Wholesalers, Greater Sage Grouse WG	100+ hours per year, \$50,000 per year	Seed Sales, Hay Analysis Fees, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2024	<p>A. Continue educating landowners on range, hay, pasture, and soil management. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i></p> <p>B. Continue selling weed-free grass seed. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2023.</i></p> <p>C. Continue encouraging landowners to test their hay quality.</p> <p>D. Continue encouraging landowners to do a 'Ranch Plan'.</p> <p>E. Continue working with MPHPP on range projects.</p> <p>F. Continue supporting Greater Sage Grouse recovery.</p> <p>G. Continue working with other groups, as deemed beneficial by the Board, to conserve rangelands and support soil health programs.</p>	NRCS, CSU Extension, Seed Wholesalers, North Park & Routt County CDs, GrSG Working Group	100+ hours per year \$50,000 per year	Seed Sales, Hay Analysis Fees, Workshop Fees, (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)

Education & Additional Priorities

Why is this issue a concern: In addition to the natural resources goals and objectives listed above, the Middle Park Conservation District performs other activities throughout the year that are not directly tied to a Natural Resource Priority. Many of these activities relate to our District’s Vision and overall Educational/Operational Goals.

Three Year Goal(s): 1) Increase the Middle Park Conservation District’s prominence in the community and become more recognized by the residents of Grand and Summit Counties. 2) Inspire children to conserve our natural resources and go into STEM fields of study. 3) Work with partners, Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), and County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to plan and prepare for future natural disasters.

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2022-2024	<p>A. Promote MPCD’s NEW 64-page “High Country Rural Living & Land Management” book. This guide is the ultimate guide to living in Grand and Summit Counties.</p> <p>B. Reconsider the employment our part-time District Conservation Technician on an annual basis. The DCT is to work on Farm Bill programs and conservation technical assistance (CTA) for the District’s landowners.</p> <p>C. Increase general district outreach by talking with people about who we are, what we do, products we sell, and services we provide.</p>	NRCS, CSFS, CSU Extension, Grand County Water Information Network, USFS, Local Teachers, CACD,	832 hours per year and \$27,000+ per year for DCT. 300+ hours per year and	Direct Assistance, Product Sales, Grants (if applicable)

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	<p>D. <i>Increase our newsletter subscribers and our web presence by at least 1% each year.</i></p> <p>E. Work with the Blue River Horse Center to educate children and adults in Summit County about agriculture, horses, and conservation.</p> <p>F. Prepare presentations for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in Grand and Summit Counties on our annual activities & successes.</p> <p>G. Hold an Annual Dinner Meeting of the District’s constituents in collaboration with the Middle Park Stockgrowers Association.</p> <p>H. Work with NRCS to host an annual Local Working Group meeting and/or a Community Needs Survey to determine local natural resource concerns, priorities, and recommendations.</p> <p>I. Participate in the Colorado River Watershed Association and Colorado Association of Conservation Districts. Pay dues as funds allow.</p> <p>J. Perform Subdivision Reviews as needed for Grand and Summit County governments as needed.</p> <p>K. Collaborate with partners to educate the youth of Grand and Summit Counties about conservation and agriculture through school, 4-H, and other programs.</p> <p>L. Provide an annual scholarship to a graduating senior in Grand or Summit Counties to continue their education in the fields of natural resource management, agriculture, or conservation.</p> <p>M. Advertise CACD’s Camp Rocky and sponsor a partial scholarship for a local student to attend if needed.</p> <p>N. Work with partners, Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), and County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to plan and prepare for future natural disasters.</p>	<p>Colorado River Watershed Association, FOLBR, BOCC (Grand & Summit), Grand and Summit County Planning Departments, Middle Park Stockgrowers, Blue River Horse Center, High Country Conservation Center, Grand County, Summit County, Northern Water</p>	<p>DM salary for the remaining objectives.</p>	
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RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the 2022-2024 Long Range Program of the Middle Park Conservation District be adopted as the official program of the District as of this 7th day of December, 2021.



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Reviewed by the Colorado State Conservation Board

CSCB President

CSCB Program Manager

Date

Date