



MOTIVATING LANDOWNERS TO PURSUE, COMMIT, AND DELIVER ON-THE-GROUND CONSERVATION PRACTICES

MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO BOX 265 106 S. 2ND ST.

KREMMLING, CO 80459

PH:970.724.3456 FAX: 970.724.0807

www.middleparkcd.com middleparkcd@gmail.com

2016 COMPLETED ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK (APW)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Deb Wood—President

Jay Yust—Vice President

Justin Fosha—Secretary/Treasurer

John Longhill—Member

Dave Abbott—Member

Katlin Miller—Executive Director/District Manager

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Mark Volt—NRCS District Conservationist

Ron Cousineau—CSFS District Forester

Travis Hoesli—CSU Extension Director, Grand County

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 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 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 and weed infestation.							
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):		Improve rangeland and hayfield health and production							
How are you going to do it? 2016 Work Items		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
		District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual	
		Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours					
Objective A		A. Educate landowners about what healthy rangelands and haylands look like and how to better manage them							
1	Include articles in our Newsletters about Range Management & Hay Production. Also add them to our website under the Pasture and Hay Tab.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller	4	3	CSU Extension, NRCS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$46.5 * Derived from DM Wages	We wrote one article on range and/or hay in our Spring, Mid-Summer, and Fall 2016 newsletters (3 articles in total). Check them out at under the "Newsletters & Articles" tab on our website, www.middleparkcd.com.
	Left Blank Intentionally								
Objective B		B. Provide weed-free grass seed for sale to encourage revegetation of bareground, 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 sage grouse may benefit from seed planted on rangelands and forest areas. Lastly, this objective also fits under Small Acreage Management because seed can also be used to conserve small acreage properties. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>							
1	Contact various seed distributors to find the best wholesale price for our 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).	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller	12	16	Pawnee Buttes Seed, Granite Seed, Sharp Bros Seed, Stevenson Intermountain Seed, Arkansas Valley Seed	winter to spring	\$186 *Derived from DM Wages	\$248 * Derived from DM Wages	We received quotes from Pawnee Buttes Seed, Granite Seed, Sharp Bros Seed, and Arkansas Valley Seed. The board ultimately decided to spread the wealth between Pawnee, Granite, and Sharp Bros Seed Companies. We also added a new stocked mix this year. It is a "Wildlife Mix" for deer and elk.
2	Advertise our seed for sale on our website, in our newsletters, in the local newspaper on social media, and on the radio. Strive to increase sales by 1% over 2015. We sold 10,264 pound of seed worth \$41,536.40 in gross sale in 2015.	All Board Members	15	20	NRCS	spring, summer fall	\$232 *Derived from DM Wages + \$10,000 in net income	\$155 * Derived from DM Wages + \$300 in advertising + \$44,269.81 in Product Expenditures (\$14,077.76 Net Income)	Through our advertising efforts in the local newspapers, on our website, in our newsletters, and by word of mouth, we sold 16,756 pounds of grass and wildflower seed in 2016. Gross sales totaled \$58,347.57. Net sales totaled \$14,077.76. Last year's net sales equaled \$7,377.01. With a growth rate of 91%, it way exceeded our 1% growth goal. All board members assisted in advertising our seed for sale.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 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 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 and weed infestation.							
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):		Improve rangeland and hayfield health and production							
How are you going to do it? 2016 Work Items		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
		District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual	
		Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours					
Objective C		C. Encourage Landowners to test their hay quality to determine nutrient deficiencies.							
1	Provide information online and in newsletters about hay analysis testing.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	3	2	NRCS	summer and fall	\$46.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$31 * Derived from DM Wages	We have info in our website on hay testing. We also advertised it in our Mid-Summer and Fall newsletters (2 articles in total), and told people about it when they called or came into the office.
2	Offer use of our hay core sampler to landowners and send hay samples into Weld and Ward Laboratories on landowners' behalf. Interpret results for landowners as needed.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	2	2	NRCS	summer and fall	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages	\$46.5 * Derived from DM Wages + \$384.54 in Expenditures (\$6 Net Income)	Our hay corer was loaned out 5 times in 2016 to producers wishing to test their hay. In total, we sent in 18 hay samples to either Weld Labs in Greeley or Ward Labs in Kearney on behalf of our producers. Several landowners also sent in their own samples to Dairy One lab in Ithaca, New York, as part of the Nutrition Workshops described below.
3	Educate landowners about nutrient deficiencies and limiting factors to hay production and livestock nutrition/health via website & newsletters.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller, Deb Wood	5	11	CSU Extension, NRCS	all year	\$77.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$170.5 * Derived from DM Wages + \$300 sponsorship for workshops	We wrote one article on nutrition in our Summer, Mid-Summer, and Fall 2016 newsletters (3 articles in total). We also co-sponsored two nutrition workshops with one of our local veterinarians (Dr. Lindy Brackett). Our first workshop was a Beef Nutrition Workshop held on October 5th that had 22 beef producers in attendance. Deb attended the Beef Nutrition workshop. Our Horse Nutrition workshop, held on October 6th, had 18 people in attendance. The district also supported both workshops by donating \$300 in sponsorship.
Left Blank Intentionally									

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 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 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 and weed infestation.							
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):		Improve rangeland and hayfield health and production							
How are you going to do it? 2016 Work Items	Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
	District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual		
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours						
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.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	2	5	NRCS	all year	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 * Derived from DM Wages	Our NRCS District Conservationist, Mark Volt, and our SGI Biologist, Donn Slusher, worked on 7 ranch plans and 10 progressive plans in 2016. Additionally, through our irrigation cost-share program, we encouraged folks to complete a more comprehensive ranch plan.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:	MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT								
Plan Year:	2016 Annual Plan of Work								
Natural Resource Issue #2:	Noxious Weeds Management								
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):	Educate landowners on noxious weed identification and control.								
How are you going to do it?	Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
2016 Work Items	District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual		
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours						
Objective A	A. Provide for distribution of chemical control (unregulated) to small landowners. <u>Please note that while this objective is under Weeds, it also fits under Small Acreage Management. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>								
	Work with Grand and Summit DNR to advertise free herbicide to small landowners. Both counties have herbicide giveaway programs for small landowners.	Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	4	4	Grand & Summit Departments of Natural Resources (DNR), NRCS	spring & summer	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages	We advertised the Grand and Summit herbicide giveaway programs in our Summer and Mid-Summer 2016 newsletters (2 articles in total) and also informed people via phone and day-to-day conversations. Info on the programs was also on our website. All board members helped advertise the programs.
	Left Blank Intentionally								
Objective B	B. Provide for distribution of chemical control (unregulated) to Ag Producers in Middle Park. <u>Please note that while this objective is under Weeds, it also fits under Rangeland Health and Management. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>								
1	Remind ranchers about the Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) herbicide program via email, phone, or word-of-mouth. The program gives \$500 to qualified ag producers in Middle Park. The program starts on tax day and goes until funding runs out.	Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	2	2	HPP, NRCS	spring	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages	\$31 * Derived from DM Wages	We advertised the program via word-of-mouth and phone. However, because the program is so well established, most ranchers already knew about it. Some just needed reminders of when it was to start and where to get the vouchers.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:	MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT								
Plan Year:	2016 Annual Plan of Work								
Natural Resource Issue #2:	Noxious Weeds Management								
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):	Educate landowners on noxious weed identification and control.								
How are you going to do it?	Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
2016 Work Items	District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual		
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours						
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. Strive to increase attendance at workshop by at least 1%. We had 62 people attend our 2015 workshop in Summit.	Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	30	10	DNR, NRCS	spring & summer	\$465 *Derived from DM Wages	\$155 * Derived from DM Wages	We hosted one Weed Workshop in Granby on Earth Day (April 22nd). The workshop was held in combination with our Forest Insects and Diseases Workshop. We had 19 people in attendance, and everyone seemed to get a lot out of it. Though we were under our goal of topping 2015's workshop in Summit County (62 attendees), 19 people is actually a good turn out for Grand County. We did not host a Summit County Weed Workshop this year, but we do intend to do a Summit County workshop next year.
3	Add weed resources to our website & write articles for our Newsletter on weeds.	Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	4	4	DNR, NRCS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages	We added several weed resources to our website and wrote one noxious weed article in each of our Spring, Summer, and Mid-Summer 2016 newsletters (3 articles in total). We also had a poster about noxious weeds at our fair booth.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Natural Resource Issue #2:		Noxious Weeds Management							
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):		Educate landowners on noxious weed identification and control.							
How are you going to do it? 2016 Work Items		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
		District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual	
		Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours					
Objective D		D. Coordinated county-wide Weed Board Meeting (Grand)							
1	Invite all Grand County towns, Grand County DNR, USFS, BLM, CPW, and any other interested parties to a collaborative Grand County Weed Board meeting	Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	8	8	DNR, USFS, CSFS, BLM, CPW (CO Parks & Wildlife), NRCS, Extension	winter	\$124 *Derived from DM Wages	\$93 * Derived from DM Wages	The Grand County Noxious Weed Board meeting was held on Wednesday, January 13th, 2016. Dave led the meeting. Thirteen individuals, representing 11 different entities, attended the meeting. We discussed the 2015 weed season and the 2016 weed season.
	Left Blank Intentionally								
Objective E		E. Setup a Rabbitbrush Control Demonstration Plot on a local rancher's property							
1	Work with NRCS and a local rancher to test different rabbitbrush control options.	Mark Volt, Kayo Scholl, Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	8	0	NRCS, Kayo Scholl	summer	\$124 *Derived from DM Wages	\$0	Despite Kayo's initial interest, summer flew by this year without a break. Neither Kayo nor Mark had time to setup the different herbicide plots.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
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 and a major wildfire risk. 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							
How are you going to do it? 2016 Work Items		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
		District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual	
		Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours					
Objective A		A. Sell tree seedlings to landowners for conservation purposes through the Colorado State Forest Service Nursery. <u>Please note that while this objective is under Forests, it also fits under Small Acreage Management. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>							
1	Work as a collaborator with the CSFS to sell tree seedlings to local landowners in the Middle Park (Grand & Summit Counties). Strive to increase sales by at least 1% over 2015. We sold 14,647 seedlings worth \$32,313.77 in gross sales in 2015.	John Longhill, Katlin Miller	80	70	CSFS (Colorado State Forest Service)	all year	\$1240 *Derived from DM Wages + \$10,000 in net income	\$1085 * Derived from DM Wages + \$28,667 in Product Expenditures (\$7,533.70 Net Income)	A total of 15,273 tree seedlings and perennials were sold this year (13,627 in Grand County and 1,646 in Summit County). Gross sales totaled \$36,202.18. Our net sales totaled \$7,533.70. Last year's net sales totaled \$5,907.77. With a net sales growth rate of 27%, it definitely exceeded our goal of 1% growth.
2	Advertise tree seedlings for sale on our website, in our newsletters, in the local newspapers, on social media, and on the radio.	All Board Members	4	6	NRCS, CSFS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages + \$535 in advertising	Tree seedling and perennial advertisements were put in the Sky-Hi News, Summit Daily, and Grand Gazette. The sales were also listed in MPCD newsletters, announced on all three local radio stations, and advertised via word-of-mouth by all board members.
Left Blank Intentionally									

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
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 and a major wildfire risk. 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							
How are you going to do it? 2016 Work Items		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
		District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual	
		Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours					
Objective B		B. Educate the public on forest health and management. <u>Please note that while this objective is under Forests, it also fits under Small Acreage Management. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>							
1	Facilitate workshops regarding forest awareness health, and management. Strive to increase attendance at workshop by at least 1% over 2015. We had 20 people attend our 2015 workshop.	John Longhill, Katlin Miller, Ron Cousineau	25	10	CSFS, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC)	spring	\$387.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$155 * Derived from DM Wages	We hosted one Forest Insects and Diseases Workshop in Granby on Earth Day (April 22nd). The workshop was held in combination with our Noxious Weeds Workshop. We had 19 people in attendance, and everyone seemed to get a lot out of it. Though we were under our goal of topping 2015's forest workshop (20 attendees), 19 people is still a good turn out.
2	Write articles for our newsletters on forest health and management	John Longhill, Katlin Miller, Ron Cousineau	4	4	CSFS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages	Katlin and Ron (our local CSFS District Forester) both wrote articles for our newsletters. There was at least one forest or wildfire related article in each of our Spring, Summer, Mid-Summer, and Fall 2016 newsletters (4 articles in total).
3	Provide education materials on forest health and wildfire on our website.	John Longhill, Katlin Miller, Ron Cousineau	10	3	CSFS, GCWC	all year	\$155 *Derived from DM Wages	\$46.5 * Derived from DM Wages	We added several resources to our website under the Forest Health and Management page.
Left Blank Intentionally									

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
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 and a major wildfire risk. 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							
How are you going to do it? 2016 Work Items		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
		District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual	
		Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours					
Objective C		C. Sit on the Grand County Wildfire Council and assist with wildfire education and mitigation							
1	Serve as a stakeholder and landowner representative on the Grand County Wildfire Council to educate the public on wildfire prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and survival. Attend quarterly meetings and engage in Wildfire Council functions as they arise.	Katlin Miller	50	70	GCWC	all year	\$775 *Derived from DM Wages	\$1085 * Derived from DM Wages	We attended most Grand County Wildfire Council meetings. Our Executive Director, Katlin, also stepped up to be the Secretary of the Council. In addition to attending meetings, we also assisted in grant writing for the council, wrote several educational pieces on wildfire preparedness and mitigation, and assisted with the new Community Chipping and Cost-Share Programs put on by the Wildfire Council.
	Left Blank Intentionally								
Objective D		D. 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.	John Longhill, Ron Cousineau, Katlin Miller	2	2	CSFS	all year	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages	\$31 * Derived from DM Wages	We have added Forest Stewardship Plan information to our website, provided information in our newsletters, and worked closely with our Granby CSFS district office to get landowners interested in creating forest plans for their properties. Ron and his foresters at the Granby office completed 2 Forest Stewardship Plans this year.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Natural Resource Issue #4:		Water Conservation							
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 populous 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 and water issues, as well as encourage water conservation and better water management.							
How are you going to do it? 2016 Work Items		Who is going to do it?			When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
		District		Partners		Budgeted	Actual		
Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours							
Objective A		A. Educate constituents on the importance of water conservation. <u>Please note that while this objective is under Water, it also fits under Small Acreage Management. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>							
1	Include articles on water conservation, use, and law in our quarterly newsletters and in handouts.	Jay Yust, Katlin Miller	4	4	NRCS, Northern Water Conservancy District, CSU Extension	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages	We included water related articles in our Winter, Summer, Mid-Summer, and Fall 2016 newsletters (4 articles in total).
2	Support and Publish the NRCS Manual Snow Course Surveys.	Jay Yust, Mark Volt, Katlin Miller	4	3	NRCS	winter	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$46.5 * Derived from DM Wages	Katlin added the monthly NRCS Snow reports to the website and also included info on the snow reports in the Winter and Spring 2016 Newsletters (2 articles in total).
3	Work with the High Country Conservation Center on Water Conservation Education and Water Conservation Planning efforts.	Jay Yust, Katlin Miller	20	18	High Country Conservation Center (HC3)	all year	\$310 *Derived from DM Wages	\$279 * Derived from DM Wages	MPCD supported High Country Conservation Center by joining their Water Conservation Committee. One of the main projects HC3 is currently working on is a Regional Water Efficiency Plan for Summit County. MPCD is helping HC3 with this plan by participating in the Water Conservation Committee. We also assisted HC3 with the Summit County Water Warriors program and a "Water Law in a Nutshell" workshop. See the "Additional" tab for more details on these two projects.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Natural Resource Issue #4:		Water Conservation							
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 populous 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 and water issues, as well as encourage water conservation and better water management.							
How are you going to do it?		Who is going to do it?			When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
2016 Work Items		District		Partners		Budgeted	Actual		
		Individual	Planned Hours		Actual Hours				
Objective B		B. Assist landowners with water efficiency projects on aglands. <u>Please note that is objective could also fit under Range, Pasture, and Hay as well because it benefits hayland. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>							
1	Assist landowners with increased hay production via irrigation-improvement projects on a 50:50 cost-share basis via the CSCB Matching Grant Program.	All Board Members	70	85	CSCB, NRCS	spring, summer, fall	\$25,000 *Based on Grant Budget	\$23,985 *CSCB reimbursement (\$21,922 to landowners, \$1317 in wages, \$746 in insurance)	Ten landowners benefitted from this year's MPCD Irrigation Cost-Share Program, funded by a CSCB Matching Grant. Projects included check and turnout structures, gated pipe, plastic pipe, and an in-stream rock diversion. The total project cost (including in-kind matching funds) was \$67,668.
2	Follow up on Water & Hay Efficiency Improvements from 2014 & 2015 Irrigation Cost-Share Program.	Jay Yust, Katlin Miller	4	5	NRCS	fall	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 * Derived from DM Wages	We sent an online survey to all recipients of irrigation cost-share funds in 2014 and 2015. About half the recipients responded to the survey. Of those that responded, all were happy with the program and many stated that they would not have been able to financially do the improvements without our assistance. Additionally, nearly all respondents saw reductions in the time spent irrigating as well as improvements in the quality and quantity of their hay.
3	Support the ILVK (Irrigators of the Lands in the Vicinity of Kremmling) Upper Colorado River Restoration Assessment Proposal. If the RCPP application gets approved, it will be a multi-million dollar grant to help 12 landowners in the Kremmling area with stream bank restoration and irrigation infrastructure.	Jay Yust, Katlin Miller	50	4	ILVK Group, NRCS	spring-fall	\$4,100	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages + \$4100 of monetary & in-kind contribution should application be accepted	We supported the ILVK project by writing a Letter of Support for their RCPP application. In the Letter of Support, the Board committed to a \$100 monetary contribution and up to \$4,000 in-kind assistance for Education, Outreach, Conservation Practices, and Administrative costs.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Natural Resource Issue #4:		Water Conservation							
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 populous 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 and water issues, as well as encourage water conservation and better water management.							
How are you going to do it?		Who is going to do it?			When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
2016 Work Items		District		Partners		Budgeted	Actual		
		Individual	Planned Hours		Actual Hours				
Objective C		C. Provide Polyacrylamide (PAM) for sale to improve ditch efficiency and reduce leakage. <u>Again, please note that is objective could also fit under Hay because ditch maintenance leads to increased hay production. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>							
1	Advertise PAM for sale on our website, in our newsletters, in the newspaper, and on social media. Strive to increase sales by at least 1% over 2015. We sold 6 jugs (90 pounds) of PAM worth \$1098 in gross sales in 2015.	All Board Members	2	2	NRCS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages + \$275 in net income	\$31 * Derived from DM Wages + \$945 in Product Expenditures (\$547.20 Net Income)	Through our advertising efforts, MPCD successfully sold 14 jugs (195 pounds) of PAM in 2016. Gross sales totaled \$1492.20. Net sales totaled \$547.20. In 2015, our net sales were \$212.34. Thus, this year's net sales were 157% greater than last year (well exceeding our 1% growth goal). All board members assisted in advertising our PAM sales.
	Left Blank Intentionally								
Objective D		D. 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. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>							
1	Advertise tire tanks for sale on our website, in our newsletters, in the newspaper, on social media, and via direct contacts between NRCS & landowners. Strive to increase sales by at least 1% over 2015. We sold 5 tire tanks worth \$4,167.49 in gross sales in 2015.	All Board Members	2	4	NRCS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages + \$750 in net income	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages + \$6284 in Product Expenditures (\$1593.81 Net Income)	Through our advertising efforts, MPCD successfully sold 11 tires in 2016. Gross sales totaled \$8,599.66. With 106% growth over last year's gross sales, this year's sales are well above our 1% growth goal. All board members worked to get the word out about our tire tanks.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Natural Resource Issue #5:		Wildlife Habitat & Conservation							
Why is this issue a concern?:		In a rural mountain landscape, such as Middle Park, daily encounters with wildlife are a constant reminder that humans are unnatural outsiders inhabiting a very natural and wild world. The trick is to co-inhabit the land making it safe for people, livestock, and wildlife alike.							
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):		Improve wildlife habitat on private land and decrease wildlife/livestock conflicts							
How are you going to do it?		Who is going to do it?			When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
2016 Work Items		District				Partners	Budgeted		Actual
		Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours					
Objective A		A. Educate the public on wildlife habitat and conservation topics.							
1	Include articles on wildlife related issues in our quarterly newsletters.	Deb Wood, Katlin Miller	4	5	CPW (Colorado Parks & Wildlife), Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 * Derived from DM Wages	We wrote articles on wildlife in our Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall 2016 newsletters (4 articles in total).
	Left Blank Intentionally								
Objective B		B. Support Wildlife/Livestock Conflict Initiatives.							
1	Support and Promote HPP Fencing-for-Wildlife Program via website and word-of-mouth.	Deb Wood, Katlin Miller	2	1	Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) & CPW	winter to spring	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages	\$15.5 * Derived from DM Wages	Information on the Fencing-for-Wildlife program is on our website. We also wrote about it in our Summer newsletter.
2	Provide Clover Seed for the HPP clover giveaway. This program is meant to be a way to compensate ag producers for damage done to fields by big game. Every year, the MPHPP buys \$5,000 worth of clover and alfalfa seed from MPCD as part of this giveaway.	Deb Wood, Katlin Miller	4	8	HPP	spring	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages + \$1,500 in net income	\$124 * Derived from DM Wages + \$4205 in Product Expenditures (\$793 Net Income)	With the \$5,000 provided by HPP, we were able to purchase and giveaway 1300 pounds of clover (50:50 mix of alsike and mammoth red varieties), 200 pounds of ladak alfalfa, and 200 pounds of forager alfalfa. Thirty-one separate landowners benefited from this program. All board members helped advertise the program.

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Natural Resource Issue #5:		Wildlife Habitat & Conservation							
Why is this issue a concern?:		In a rural mountain landscape, such as Middle Park, daily encounters with wildlife are a constant reminder that humans are unnatural outsiders inhabiting a very natural and wild world. The trick is to co-inhabit the land making it safe for people, livestock, and wildlife alike.							
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):		Improve wildlife habitat on private land and decrease wildlife/livestock conflicts							
How are you going to do it?		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
2016 Work Items		District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual	
		Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours					
Objective B...CONTINUED		B. Support Wildlife/Livestock Conflict Initiatives...CONTINUED							
3	Act a landowner liaison with CPW and USFWS to discuss Canada Geese control in hayfields. Several landowners have complained about Canada Geese grazing their hayfields down to the ground.	Deb Wood, Katlin Miller	4	4	HPP, CPW, US Fish & Wildlife Service	spring & summer	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$0 (Mark and Deb volunteered their time to meet with HPP and CPW)	Deb and Mark both looked into this. Deb spoke to CPW but was told that the geese are under federal jurisdiction (and the Migratory Bird Act) during the summer when they are a problem for hay producers. Thus, there is nothing that can really be done. Mark agreed with Deb and said that he asked HPP is there was anything they could do to help landowners with geese problems, but HPP said they only deal with big game issues.
	Left Blank Intentionally								
Objective C		C. Support Greater Sage Grouse Habitat work in Middle Park							
1	Support our new Sage Grouse Initiative Biologist in the Kremmling Field Office (Donn Slusher) with his sage grouse work. Also assist with the Middle Park Greater Sage Grouse Working Group with their work as needed.	Deb Wood, Katlin Miller	4	4	Donn Slusher of Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages	Katlin, Donn, and Mark all attended the annual Middle Park Greater Sage Grouse Working Group meeting held on January 12th. The district also supported Donn throughout the year on his sage grouse work. Unfortunately, though, Donn's position was cut in September, and, currently, there is no plan to hire a new SGI biologist in Middle Park. Donn's position was a partnership position between NRCS, USFWS, and Bird Conservancy of the Rockies.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:	MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT								
Plan Year:	2016 Annual Plan of Work								
Natural Resource Issue #5:	Wildlife Habitat & Conservation								
Why is this issue a concern?:	In a rural mountain landscape, such as Middle Park, daily encounters with wildlife are a constant reminder that humans are unnatural outsiders inhabiting a very natural and wild world. The trick is to co-inhabit the land making it safe for people, livestock, and wildlife alike.								
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):	Improve wildlife habitat on private land and decrease wildlife/livestock conflicts								
How are you going to do it?	Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
2016 Work Items	District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual		
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours						
Objective D	D. Follow-up on 2014 MPCD Aerial Clover Seeding Project								
Send surveys to landowners that benefitted from the aerial clover seeding to determine the success of the project.	Deb Wood, Katlin Miller	4	10	NRCS	winter to spring	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages" & Cost of Printing	\$155 * Derived from DM Wages + \$120.11 for Cost of printing and mailing	Eighty-four surveys were sent out to landowners in Middle Park that benefitted from the 2014 Aerial Clover Seeding project. Thirty-five completed surveys were returned to our office (41%). Overall, most survey responders were pleased with the seeding and desired to have another aerial clover seeding happen in the future.	
Left Blank Intentionally									

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
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. Though the Middle Park Conservation District was originally founded by the ag producers of Grand and Summit Counties, we now see the need to cater more services to our small-acreage clientele.							
What do you want to accomplish? (3 Year Goal):		Increase Small Acreage Conservation and Support in Middle Park							
How are you going to do it? 2016 Work Items		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
		District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual	
		Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours					
Objective A		A. Distribute educational materials on Small Acreage Management (SAM). <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. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>							
1	Make sure small landowners are aware of all our Workshops mentioned in the previous tabs and verify that information targeted towards small landowners is included in these workshops.	All Board Members	12	5	CSU Extension, NRCS, CSFS, Grand and Summit County DNR, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC)	all year	\$186 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 * Derived from DM Wages	All workshops were advertised in the local papers, in our newsletters, and through our partner connections (CSU Extension, CSFS, High Country Conservation Center, and Grand County DNR). All board members assisted in advertising the workshops. We feel the small acreage folks were well informed.
2	Develop brochures and handouts on SAM for website.	John Longhill, Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	8	15	CSU Extension, NRCS, CSFS, GCWC	winter	\$124 *Derived from DM Wages	\$232.50 * Derived from DM Wages	We are in the process of developing a "Small Acreage Management Guide for Grand and Summit Counties". When complete, it will be a comprehensive guide detailing many common management concerns regarding small acreage properties. We anticipate this guide being done in early 2017.
3	Distribute Info to Realtors to handout to new small acreage buyers and perspective buyers.	All Board Members	4	0	Realtor Offices	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages" + Cost of Printing	\$0	We did not complete this line item, but we plan to distribute the guide outlined above to all the realtors once it is published.
4	Develop a 'Small Acreage Management' Newsletter specifically geared to this subset of landowners.	John Longhill, Dave Abbott,	16	0	CSU Extension, NRCS, CSFS, GCWC	all year	\$248 *Derived from DM Wages	\$0	We did not complete this line item, but we did include several small acreage articles in each of our quarterly newsletters.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Conservation Education									
What are you going to do? 2016 Work Items	District			Partners	When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours			Budgeted	Actual		
	1	Enter an educational Booth at Middle Park Fair & Rodeo	All Board Members	10	10	Middle Park Fair & Rodeo Board, NRCS, CSFS	August		\$155 *Derived from DM Wages
2	Do school visits with the Soil Tent built and sponsored by MPCD. The tent is designed to educate children on soils and soil conservation. Also use NACD MarketPlace Materials purchased by the district to teach students about soil.	Katlin Miller	8	16	Local Teachers	fall, winter, spring	\$124 *Derived from DM Wages	\$124 * Derived from DM Wages	Katlin used the Soil Tent twice in 2016. We first used the Soil Tent for the Grand County 4-H Mud & Muck Day (see line item on 'Additional' tab). Katlin used it again for the GCWIN Bug Week during the West Grand 7th Grade field day. Deb Wood (District President) assisted Katlin on the 7th grade field day. Approximately 45 children in total viewed the Soil Tent this year.
4	Partner with the "Leadership & Sustainability Program with Horses" through the Blue River Horse Sanctuary in Summit County. This partnership will educate at risk youth about conservation and sustainability.	John Longhill	25	25	Blue River Horse Sanctuary	spring and summer	\$115.5 *Derived from DM Wages +\$100 scholarship + Volunteer time by John	\$46.5 * Derived from DM Wages	We advertised the "Leadership and Sustainability with Horses" Program, now called "Leadership Awareness with Horses", in our Spring Newsletter. We did not provide a scholarship in 2016 because there were no children that requested a scholarship. John was pivotal in running this program.

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT						
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work						
Conservation Education								
What are you going to do? 2016 Work Items	Individual	District		Partners	When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
		Planned Hours	Actual Hours			Budgeted	Actual	
		5	Katlin Miller			25	50	
6	Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	16	5	Will Humber, Kremmling VoAg teacher	fall & winter	\$248 *Derived from DM Wages	\$15.5 * Derived from DM Wages	Will Humber is no longer the ag teacher in West Grand. His replacement is Tanner Nauta. Katlin, Mark, and Donn met with Tanner in September to discuss ways we can assist him. Donn was a guest speaker during the range unit, and Katlin let Tanner borrow the MPCD Noxious Weed poster display. Dave Abbott is also on Tanner's Advisory Committee.
7	Katlin Miller	8	17	Doreen Summerlin, Wildlife Biologist, USFS Sulphur Ranger District	spring	\$124 *Derived from DM Wages	\$263.5 * Derived from DM Wages	We assisted the USFS with the Annual Save the Frogs Day in both Kremmling and Granby. Students learned about amphibians and threats to amphibians. Approximately 200 students participated.
8	Katlin Miller, Dave Abbott	8	8	Emmylou Harmon, West Grand Science Teacher	winter	\$124 *Derived from DM Wages	\$124 * Derived from DM Wages	Katlin was a judge for the Annual West Grand Science Fair on January 29th. This was the third year that she judged. Dave has judged in the past but was unable to attend this year due to a scheduling conflict. There were about 60 projects at the science fair.

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Conservation Education									
What are you going to do? 2016 Work Items	District			Partners	When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours			Budgeted	Actual		
9	Advertise the CACD Camp Rocky and sponsor a partial scholarship for a local student to attend Camp Rocky.	All Board Members	4	4	CACD	spring, summer	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages + \$150 scholarship	We advertised Camp Rocky in our Spring Newsletter, in the Grand Gazette, on our website, and sent Camp Rocky emails to all the science teachers in our district. Our Board of Supervisors also sponsored \$150 for an out-of-district student to attend. No students from our district attended.
10	Increase newsletter subscribers and number of website visits by at least 1% over 2015. We had 491 newsletter subscribers and approximately 5,000 website visits at the end of 2015.	All Board Members	4	4	NRCS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 * Derived from DM Wages	As of the end of 2016, we have 502 subscribers to our MPCD e-newsletter. That is an increase of 11 individuals (2% list growth).
11	General District Outreach talking with people about the district, what the district does, products we have for sale, services we provide, and opportunities we have available through cost-share programs. This is impromptu/unplanned outreach that just happens during regular conversation with people.	All Board Members, District Manager, & Ex-Officios	50	83	NRCS, CSFS, CSU Extension	all year	0 *Volunteer time from Board	0 (volunteer time by board). Time spent by DM on outreach is figured in on other line items.	All board members & ex-officios actively participated in district outreach throughout the year. Whether it was advertising workshops or the sale of our products, all board members worked to get our name out in the community. Several board members and ex-officios also attended our workshops and meetings with our County Commissioners.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Additional Activities									
What are you going to do? 2016 Work Items	District				Partners	When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours				Budgeted	Actual	
1	Prepare a presentation for the Boards of County Commissioners on annual activities & successes.	All Board Members	15	12	Grand & Summit Boards of County Commissioners	fall	\$232.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$186 * Derived from DM Wages	We presented a PowerPoint presentation about our annual activities to Grand County BOCC on September 27, 2016, and another presentation to Summit County BOCC on October 25, 2016. Justin, Ron, and Katlin attended the Grand County meeting. John, Ron, and Katlin attended the Summit County meeting. As a result of our efforts, Grand County agreed to print our "Noxious Weeds of Grand County" guide for us (saving us on the printing cost), and Summit County committed \$5,000 to us in 2017.
2	Host an 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.	All Board Members	30	38	Middle Park Stockgrowers	winter	\$465 *Derived from DM Wages	\$589 * Derived from DM Wages + \$2831.02 in Expenditures (\$185.02 Net Loss)	We held our annual dinner on Saturday, February 20th, at the Inn at Silver Creek in Granby. We had 93 people in attendance. At our annual dinner, we presented Battle Creek Ranch with our "MPCD Conservationist of the Year" Award. We did not have participants fill out resource concern surveys at the dinner because the board decided to hold a separate Local Working Group meeting.
3	Work on the Board Certification Modules provided by CSCB.	All Board Members	8	12	Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB)	all year	0 *Volunteer time from Board	\$0 (all volunteer time by board)	Three of our board members completely finished their board modules. Our other two board members are working on their modules and hope to have them complete in 2017.

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Additional Activities									
What are you going to do? 2016 Work Items	District				Partners	When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours	Budgeted			Actual		
	4	Perform Subdivision Reviews as needed for Grand and Summit County governments.	Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	3			3	NRCS	
5	New Item: Host a Local Working Group Meeting			3				\$46.5 * Derived from DM Wages	The original 2016 APW called for the district to provide landowner input surveys to the attendees of our Annual Dinner. Instead, the Board and our NRCS personnel hosted a separate Local Working Group meeting on April 19th. Twelve people were in attendance. Water quantity/quality and range health/management were voted as the top 2 priorities in Middle Park.
6	New Item: Host a Water Law in a Nutshell Workshop in Summit County			36				\$186 * Derived from DM Wages + \$2692.55 in Expenditures (\$629.03 Net Income)	This was not originally on the 2016 APW. It was intended for 2017; however, we got a lot of interest and co-hosted the workshop with High Country Conservation Center on July 1st in Frisco. We had 40 attendees. Part of the workshop was funded by a grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB).

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Additional Activities									
What are you going to do? 2016 Work Items	District			Partners	When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours			Budgeted	Actual		
	7	New Item: Lead a "Mud & Muck" day for the Grand County 4-H Day Camp program.					11		
8	New Item: Work with Routt Conservation District and North Park Conservation District to submit a "Targeted Conservation Approach" through the NRCS EQIP program for High Mountain Flood Irrigation Projects. (FY2016)			2				\$31 * Derived from DM Wages	This item was not on our original 2016 APW. Nevertheless, when the High Mountain Flood pool was pulled from the EQIP funding this year, the three districts felt it was important to apply for the Target Conservation Approach on behalf of our landowners. Unfortunately, our application did not pass the initial review process in early 2016.
9	New Item: Submit a letter to the Kremmling BLM Office in support of a local rancher regarding their grazing lease on BLM property.			3				\$46.5 * Derived from DM Wages	Again, this was not on the initial plan. However, a local rancher came to us in February asking for our support in perpetuating her grazing lease and rights on BLM property. The landowner had been having issues with the BLM regarding her grazing lease and rights of access. Because the district promotes the use grazing as a range management tool, we were happy to write a professional letter on the rancher's behalf.

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2016 Annual Plan of Work							
Additional Activities									
What are you going to do? 2016 Work Items	District			Partners	When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.	
	Individual	Planned Hours	Actual Hours			Budgeted	Actual		
	10	New Item: Assist with the 6th Grade Water Warriors program in Grand and Summit County Middle Schools. Sixth graders learn about the different water users and must determine how best to allocate the water in the year 2060 (when, according to the scenario, water is very limited).			26				
11	New Item: Participate in the formation of an "Upper Colorado River Watershed Group" (UCRWG).			4				\$62 * Derived from DM Wages	This was not on our initial APW for 2016; however, a group of concerned citizens decided to look into the formation of an "Upper Colorado River Watershed Group". They held 4 community meetings throughout Grand County this fall and asked MPCD to participate. We attended the Grand Lake meeting on October 25th and will likely continue to participate as the group gets going.
12	New Item: Submit a second Targeted Conservation Approach for High Mountain Flood Irrigation for FY2017.			4				\$62 * Derived from DM Wages	This Targeted Conservation Approach application is very similar to the one listed on Line 8. Our first application for FY2016 was declined, so our Board decided to submit another application for FY2017. We hope this application will pass the initial cut, but we will not know until next year.
	Left Blank Intentionally								

**DIRECT ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR
COVERING ACTIVITIES COMPLETED FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 - January 1 to December 31, 2016**

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

--

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

Deb Wood, Jay Yust, Justin Fosha, John Longhill

Dave Abbott

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, 2017.

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 Minimum Standard (j) is a State fiscal accountability requirement to report on expenditures of allotted funds for the prior fiscal year - **July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

- (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 (7/1/2015- 6/30/2016 EXPENDITURES OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE FUNDS

(Estimate March through June if necessary)

Total Direct Assistance Funds Received by District last year (Fiscal Year 2015)		\$6,904.85
1. Travel expenses by members of the District Board of Supervisors		
2. Expense of secretarial, clerical, and technical assistance	\$6,904.85	
3. Office expenses and information/education activities		
4. District election expenses		
5. Other project expenses - Please specify below.		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,904.85	
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, 2016) MUST EQUAL ZERO (\$0)		\$0.00

Middle Park Conservation District

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.			1	
Enter the percentage of watershed association meetings and events attended during the year by representative of the district. (i.e. if you are 100% of the district)			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 .			7	
Enter the total mileage and time spent on official business by district supervisors in calendar year 2016			Total Hours	Total Miles
			273.5	1433
Was a District Annual Meeting held this year?			Yes	No
			X	
(a) Agenda Items	(b) Date	(c) Percentage of individuals attending		
		Landowners	Partners	
1 Welcome	20-Feb-16	95	5	
2 Encouraging Conservation Quote		88	5	
3 SWPAH: Soil, Water, Plants, Animals, People				
4 2015 Accomplishments for each of our 5 Main Resource Concerns				
5 2015 Sales Numbers for Seed, Tree Seedlings, PAM, and Tire Tanks				
6 Review of our 2015 Irrigation Cost-Share Program				
7 Goals for 2016				
8 Upcoming Events				
9 Conservationist of the Year Presentation and Award				
10 Dinner				
11 Adjourn				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				
21				
22				
23				
24				
25				
26				
27				
28				
29				
30				