



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

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2017 COMPLETED ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK (APW)

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Natural Resource Issue #1:		Range, Hay, & Pasture Management							
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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	5	CSU Extension, NRCS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We wrote articles on range and/or hay in our Winter, Summer, Mid-Summer, and Fall 2017 newsletters (5 articles in total). Check them out at under the "Newsletters & Articles" tab on our website, www.middleparkcd.com.
2	Host Mountain Meadows Hay Day. Hay Day is an educational workshop rotated between Routt County CD, North Park CD, and Middle Park CD every odd year. Middle Park CD last hosted Hay Day 6 years ago. The date has yet to be determined, yet it will likely be held during the first or second week of July.	All Board Members, Katlin Miler, Mark Volt	30	40	CSU Extension, NRCS, Routt County CD, North Park CD	spring, summer	\$465 *Derived from DM Wages + \$3000 in Additional Expenditures	\$465 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$2,586.50 in Expenditures	We hosted the Mountain Meadows Hay Day on July 12, 2017, at Blue Valley Ranch, just south of Kremmling. North Park Conservation District, Routt County Conservation District, and CSU Extension collaborated on the event with us. Our day-long agenda included 4 speakers and 2 equipment demonstrators. In total, we had roughly 60 attendees. It was very educational, and everyone took something away from the event. We were able to acquire \$2,900 in sponsorships for this event, thanks to 17 different sponsors. The whole board helped advertise this program. Justin, Deb, and Mark assisted on the day of.
3	Support the 2017 Society of Range Management (SRM) Tour that is scheduled to take place in Grand County in late June 2017.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	20	20	Society of Range Management (SRM)	summer	\$310 *Derived from DM Wages	\$310 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$730 in Workshop Expenses	MPCD acted as the coordinator of registrations and food for the SRM tour. We had 43 people attend from all over the state. The tour took place at Blue Valley Ranch, just south of Kremmling. Everyone had a good time.
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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	Work with various seed distributors to get the best wholesale price for our seed mixes that thrive in Middle Park. We have several stocked mixes and will custom order seed as needed. Our stocked mixes are: forest, dryland pasture, irrigated meadow, short mix, lawn mix, wildlife mix, and wildflower mix.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller	12	9	Pawnee Buttes Seed, Granite Seed, Sharp Bros Seed, Stevenson Intermountain Seed, Arkansas Valley Seed	winter to spring	\$186 *Derived from DM Wages	\$139.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We received quotes from Pawnee Buttes Seed, Granite Seed, and Buffalo Brand Seed (formerly Sharp Bros Seed). The board ultimately decided to spread the wealth between Pawnee, Granite, and Buffalo Brand Seed Companies. We also got one special delivery of seed from Frontier Station in Craig.
2	Advertise our seed for sale on our website, in our newsletters, in the local newspaper, and by word-of-mouth. Strive to increase sales by 1% over 2016. We sold 16,756 pound of seed worth \$14,077.76 in net income in 2016.	All Board Members, Katlin Miler, Mark Volt	20	20	NRCS	spring, summer fall	\$310 *Derived from DM Wages + \$500 in Advertising + \$34,000 in Product Expenditures	\$310 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$400 in Advertising + \$43,572.69 in Product Expenditures	Through our advertising efforts in the local newspapers, on our website, in our newsletters, and by word of mouth, we sold 15,922 pounds of grass and wildflower seed in 2017. Gross sales totaled \$56,728.66. Net sales totaled \$13,155.97. Last year's net sales equaled \$14,077.76. With a 7% decrease in sales, we did not meet our 1% growth goal. However, we are still pleased with the results of our grass seed sales program. All board members assisted in advertising our seed for sale.
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Objective C		C. Encourage Landowners to test their hay quality to determine nutrient deficiencies.							
1	Provide information about hay analysis testing online, in our newsletters, and via person-person contact.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller	2	5	NRCS	summer and fall	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We have info in our website on hay testing. We also advertised it in our Mid-Summer and Fall newsletters. Thanks to the wealth of Hay Day sponsorships we received, we were able to give away 20 hay testing vouchers as door prizes to our Hay Day attendees.
2	Offer use of our hay core sampler to landowners and send hay samples into a forage analysis laboratory on the landowners' behalf. Interpret results for landowners as needed.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	2	1	NRCS	summer and fall	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages + \$300 in Hay Analysis Expenditures	\$15.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	Our hay corer was loaned out five times in 2017 to hay producers wishing to test their hay. We gave away 20 forage analyses as door prizes at our Hay Day event. We believe the lack of paid hay samples this year is a result of the free ones we gave away. Nevertheless, the important point is that people are testing their hay and finding out the nutritional value of their forage.
3	Educate landowners about nutrient deficiencies and limiting factors to hay production and livestock nutrition/health via website & newsletters.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller	5	10	CSU Extension, NRCS	all year	\$77.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$155 *Derived from Employee Wages	We wrote 2 articles on nutrition (one on our Winter newsletter and one in our Fall newsletter). One of our speakers at the Hay Day event mentioned above was an animal nutrition consultant named Dr. Kelcey Swyers. She spoke about beef cattle and horse nutrition. Again, about 60 people attended our Hay Day on July 12th. We posted a link to her presentation in our Mid-Summer and Fall Newsletters to increase accessibility to the information.
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Objective D	D. Encourage landowners to consider doing a 'Ranch Plan' to better assess the needs, goals, and management of their properties								
1	Work with our NRCS District Conservationist and District Conservation Technician to develop 'Ranch Plans' for landowners as a means of determining conservation issues and goals for their properties.	Justin Fosha, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	5	280	NRCS	all year	\$77.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$4340 *Derived from Employee Wages	Mark Volt worked on 2 new ranch plans in 2017, totaling 1975 acres. He also worked on the application of various practices for several existing ranch plans. Such practices included: irrigation structures, stock water pipelines, spring developments, and fence lines. Mark was our NRCS District Conservationist until he retired on June 3rd, 2017. He then came back to work for the District as our District Conservation Technician from June to December 2017.
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Objective A		A. Provide for distribution of chemical control (unregulated) to landowners in Middle Park. <u>Please note that while this objective is under Weeds, it also fits under Small Acreage Management, and Rangeland Health & Management. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).</u>							
1	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	5	Grand & Summit Departments of Natural Resources (DNR), NRCS	spring & summer	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We advertised the Grand and Summit herbicide giveaway programs in our Spring, Summer, and Mid-Summer 2017 newsletters (3 articles in total). We also informed people via phone and day-to-day conversations. Additionally, info on the programs was also on our website. All board members helped advertise the programs. In addition to advertising the herbicide program, we also partnered with Grand County DNR to provide them seed to sell at their herbicide giveaway days. It was a win-win for both of our organizations. We sold \$1,211 of wildflower and grass seed in this manner.
2	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.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	2	2	HPP, NRCS	spring	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages	\$31 *Derived from Employee 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.

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3	Work with Amy Sidener to seek out grants to fund a Herbicide Cost-Share program in Grand County. If grant funds are received, work with Amy to facilitate the cost-share herbicide program.	Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	20	35	Grand County DNR	winter, spring, summer	\$310 *Derived from DM Wages	\$542.5 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$1,157.19 in reimbursement to landowners + \$2,205.75 in Additional Expenditures. Total Expenditures = \$3,362.94	The District and Grand County DNR applied for and received a \$3,000 Matching Grant from the Colorado Department of Ag Noxious Weed Division to carry out a Noxious Weed Management Cost-Share Program in the Old Park Subdivision near Kremmling. We had seven landowners participate in the program. \$1,157.19 was reimbursed to landowners. We also purchased \$2007.55 in herbicide to be applied in the Old Park Subdivision next summer.
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Objective B		B. 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 19 people attend our 2016 workshop in Grand County.	Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	20	9	DNR, NRCS	spring & summer	\$310 *Derived from DM Wages + \$200 in Additional Expenditures	\$139.5 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$120 in Food fund Advertising or the Workshop	We partnered with Summit County Weed Dept to host Noxious Weeds and Herbicides workshop on August 4th. We had 19 people attend. The main focus was discussing the differences in effectiveness between Organic and Inorganic Herbicides. We also handed out and reviewed our new Summit County Noxious Weed Guide.

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2	Add weed resources to our website & write articles for our Newsletter on weeds.	Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	4	3	DNR, NRCS	spring-fall	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$46.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We added several weed resources to our website and wrote one noxious weed article in each of our Summer, Mid-Summer, and Fall 2017 newsletters (3 articles in total). We also had a poster about noxious weeds at our Kremmling Day booth.
3	Work with Grand DNR and CSU Extension Grand County to publish a "Noxious Weeds of Grand County" Booklet.	Dave Abbott, Katlin Miller	10	27	Grand DNR, CSU Extension, Grand County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)	winter	\$155 *Derived from DM Wages	\$418.5 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$700 in Printing	MPCD and Grand County DNR completed our "Noxious Weed Management Guide of Grand County" in May. We initially had the Grand County Commissioners print 150 copies of the guide. They went so fast that we soon ran out. We then reached out to the Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program to help us print some more. With their support, we were able to print 650 additional copies.
4	New Item: Work with Summit County Weed Department on a "Noxious Weeds of Summit County" Booklet.			5				\$77.5 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$650 in Printing	This was not on our original Annual Plan of Work, but thanks to the success of the Grand County Noxious Weed Guide, we decided to pursue a guide for Summit County as well. Summit County Weed Department was excited to collaborate, so we moved forward and published the Summit County Noxious Weed Management Guide in July. We published 150 copies of the guide.
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Objective C		C. 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	3	DNR, USFS, CSFS, BLM, CPW (CO Parks & Wildlife), NRCS, Extension, all towns	winter	\$124 *Derived from DM Wages	\$46.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We hosted the Grand County Noxious Weed Board Meeting on October 30th. Fifteen individuals were in attendance. We reviewed the 2017 season and discussed the restructuring of the Grand County Noxious Weed Board. The next meeting was scheduled for January 10, 2018.
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Natural Resource Issue #3:		Forest Health & Management							
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Objective A		A. Work as a collaborator with the CSFS to sell tree seedlings and perennials to landowners in the Middle Park (Grand & Summit Counties) <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	Advertise tree seedlings and perennials for sale on our website, in our newsletters, in the local newspapers, on the radio, and by word-of-mouth.. We sold 14,647 seedlings worth \$7,333.70 in net income in 2016. Though we would love to increase seedling sales in 2017, we know that one of our primary seedling buyers who has purchased seedling consistently for a number of years will not be purchasing seedlings in 2017. Thus, our board feels that we will not be able to increase sales in 2017. We are simply hoping for \$3,000 in net tree seedling/perennial sales.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt, Ron Cousineau	80	46	NRCS, CSFS, CSU Extension	all year	\$1240 *Derived from DM Wages +\$500 in Advertising + \$13,000 in Product Expenditures	\$713 *Derived from Employee Wages +\$500 in Advertising + \$12,649.93 in Product Expenditures	A total of 5,962 tree seedlings and perennials were sold this year (3,767 in Grand County and 2,195 in Summit County). Gross sales totaled \$16,206.88. Our net sales totaled \$3,556.95. Last year's net sales totaled \$7,533.70. Unfortunately, our sales were less than half of the net sales last year. This is because our largest tree seedling buyer did not purchase trees this year. They had historically purchased thousands of trees each year. Nevertheless, our sales did end up \$556 more than we projected.
2	Work with the Granby District of the CSFS to sell seedling survival supplies to landowners buying seedlings and perennials.	John Longhill, Katlin Miller, Ron Cousineau	4	5	Granby District CSFS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$1,053 in Expenditures	We collaborated with the Granby CSFS office to sell \$1,053 worth of seedling survival supplies including polymer, tree guards, and tree shades.
3	Explore Living Snow Fences and Shelter Belts in Middle Park.	John Longhill, Ron Cousineau, Katlin Miller	10	2	Granby District CSFS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 *Derived from Employee Wages	We wrote about Living Snow Fences in our Mid-Summer Newsletter.
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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. Possible topics might include Defensible Space Maintenance or Pre-commercial Thinning. Strive to increase attendance at workshop by at least 1% over 2016. We had 19 people attend our 2016 workshop.	John Longhill, Katlin Miller, Ron Cousineau	20	12	CSFS, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC)	spring-fall	\$310 *Derived from DM Wages + \$200 in Additional Expenditures	\$186 *Derived from Employee Wages	MPCD co-hosted two forest related workshops. Our first workshop was a collaboration with the Grand County Wildfire Council on "Creating a Fire Adapted Home". It was given at the Grand County Builders Association meeting on September 21st. Approximately 20 people were in attendance. The second workshop was a collaboration between the Colorado State Forest Service, CSU Extension Summit County, and MPCD on "Defensible Space and Firewise Landscaping" in Summit County. Twelve people attended the workshop.
2	Write articles for our newsletters on forest health and management and add resources to our website.	John Longhill, Katlin Miller, Ron Cousineau	4	8	CSFS, GCWC	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$124 *Derived from Employee Wages	We featured forest or wildfire related articles in each of our Winter, Spring, Summer, Mid-Summer, and Fall 2017 newsletters (8 articles in total).
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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, Justin Fosha, Ron Cousineau	70	84	GCWC	all year	\$1085 *Derived from DM Wages	\$1302 *Derived from Employee Wages	We attended all Grand County Wildfire Council meetings. In addition to attending meetings, we also assisted with writing grants for the Council, wrote several educational pieces on wildfire preparedness and mitigation, assisted with the Council's five Community Chipping Days, promoted the Council's Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Program, and attended the Council's Fire Adapted Open House in Grand Lake.
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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 CSFS District Forester to provide information to landowners about Forest Stewardship Plans.	John Longhill, Ron Cousineau, Katlin Miller	2	2	CSFS	all year	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages	\$31 *Derived from Employee Wages	We worked with our Granby CSFS district office to get landowners interested in creating forest plans for their properties. The Granby CSFS foresters successfully completed 6 Forest Stewardship Plans this year covering 9,300 acres of private forested lands.
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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.							
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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, High Country Conservation Center (HC3)	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 *Derived from Employee Wages	We included water related articles in our Winter, Summer, Mid-Summer, and Fall 2017 newsletters (4 articles in total).
2	Support and Publish the NRCS Manual Snow Course Surveys.	Mark Volt, Jay Yust, Katlin Miller	4	5	NRCS	winter	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	Katlin added the monthly NRCS Snow reports to the website and also included info on the snow reports in the Spring 2017 Newsletters (1 article in total).
3	Work with the High Country Conservation Center (HC3) & Brendle Group on Water Conservation Education and Water Conservation Planning efforts in Summit County.	John Longhill, Katlin Miller	20	19	High Country Conservation Center (HC3), The Brendle Group	all year	\$310 *Derived from DM Wages	\$294.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	MPCD supported High Country Conservation Center by having Katlin join their Executive Water Conservation Committee. One of the main projects HC3 is currently working on is a Blue River Watershed Efficiency Plan. MPCD is helping HC3 with this plan by participating in the discussions as the ag representative. We also assisted HC3 with a 6th grade water education program called "All the Water in the World". It taught students about where water sheds and how much (or little) usable water there actually is on Earth.

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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? 2017 Work Items		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments & quantify specific benefits & results from the project. Define
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Objective A CONTINUED		A. Educate constituents on the importance of water conservation. <u>CONTINUED</u>							
4	Participate in the formation of an "Upper Colorado River Watershed Group" (UCRWG). This is a new non-profit group that is just getting started.	Jay Yust, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	20	5	UCRWG	all year, as needed	\$310 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We participated in a Stakeholder Meeting UCRWG held on February 25th. At that time, we realized that our vision might not exactly align with their vision. We decided to take a step back and see where the UCRWG organization goes and reevaluate at a later date to determine if we wish to re-engage or not.
5	New Item: Host a "Water Law in a Nutshell" Workshop in Summit County			24	HC3			\$372 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$3630 in Workshop Expenses	This was not on our original Plan for 2017 because we just did this workshop in Summit County last year. However, we were asked to do it again and got enough interest to make it happen. In total, we had 65 attendees. We are glad we did it. This makes the fifth time we have held the workshop in 5 years.
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Objective B		B. Assist landowners with water efficiency projects on aglands. Please note that is objective could easily fit under Range, Pasture, and Hay as well because it benefits haylands. Nevertheless, we have elected to only list it once (under this resource concern).							
1	Follow up on Water & Hay Efficiency Improvements from the 2016 Irrigation Cost-Share Program.	Jay Yust, Katlin Miller	4	1	NRCS	fall	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$15.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We sent a survey out to all 10 landowners that partook in the program. Five landowners responded to our survey. Thanks to their irrigation improvements, landowners saw a 25-90% reduction in time spent irrigating, an increase in the ability to get water where they want it, a more even flow of water across their fields, an increase in hay production, and a reduction in irrigation induced erosion.
2	Support the ILVK (Irrigators of the Lands in the Vicinity of Kremmling) Project 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, Mark Volt	50	2	ILVK Group, NRCS	as needed	\$100 monetary contribution, \$4,000 in-kind contribution	\$31 *Derived from Employee Wages	The RCPP application for the ILVK project was approved by NRCS. The District has offered our support to the ILVK project. At this point, the landowners are still in the planning phase. They appreciate our support and have asked that we continue to support them as they work through the planning phase into the implementation phase. The district has agreed to do so.
3	Follow up on a "Targeted Conservation Program" application submitted to NRCS in 2016 for High Mountain Flood Irrigation projects.	Jay Yust, Katlin Miller	10	60	NRCS	winter-summer	\$155 *Derived from DM Wages	\$930 *Derived from Employee Wages	Our TCP application was approved for planning in 2017 and funding in 2018. Mark, our new DCT, has been working to plan out 4 projects for the program. Nearly 1,000 acres in total will be served by these projects.
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Objective C		C. Provide Polyacrylamide (PAM) for sale to improve ditch efficiency and reduce leakage. <u>Again, please note that is objective could easily 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 newsletter and in the newspaper. Strive to increase sales by at least 1% over 2016. We sold 14 jugs (195 pounds) of PAM worth \$547.20 in net income in 2016.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	4	2	NRCS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages + \$900 in Product Expenditures + \$100 in Advertising	\$62 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$1,155.75 in Product Expenditures	MPCD successfully sold 250 pounds of PAM in 2017. Gross sales totaled \$1,572.98. Net sales totaled \$417.23. In 2016, our net sales were \$547.20. Though our net sales were less than last year, we actually sold more jugs/pounds of PAM this year. Our shipping costs were the cause of the reduced net profit. All board members assisted in advertising our PAM sales. We also gave away one jug of PAM as a door prize for our Hay Day event described under our Range, Hay, and Pasture" resource concern.
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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, and via direct contacts between NRCS & landowners. Strive to increase sales by at least 1% over 2016. We sold 11 tire tanks worth \$1,593.81 in net income in 2016.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	4	2	NRCS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages + \$2,300 in Product Expenditures	\$62 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$8,592 in Product Expenditures	MPCD successfully sold 18 tires in 2017. Gross sales totaled \$12,835.86. Our Net Sales totaled \$4,243.86. With 166% growth over last year's net sales, this year's sales are well above our 1% growth goal. The reason for this massive growth is a big sale of 6 tanks to one landowner, 3 to another landowner, and a last minute order of 5 tires to an out-of-district landowner. All board members worked to get the word out about our tire tanks.
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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.
2017 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	7	CPW (Colorado Parks & Wildlife)	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$108.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We wrote articles on wildlife in our Winter, Spring, Summer, Mid-Summer, and Fall 2017 newsletters (7 articles in total).
2	Explore a joint wildlife habitat and forest condition workshop between the Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Middle Park Conservation District.	Deb Wood, Katlin Miller, Ron Cousineau	10	10	CPW, CSFS	spring or summer	\$155 *Derived from DM Wages + \$100 in Additional Expenditures	\$155 *Derived from Employee Wages	We did not hold a stand-alone wildlife habitat workshop this year. However, our SRM tour, mentioned under the Range, Hay, and Pasture tab, included a significant amount of discussion on wildlife habitat.
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Objective B		B. Support Wildlife/Livestock Conflict Initiatives.							
1	Support and Promote Middle Park HPP Fencing-for-Wildlife Program via website and word-of-mouth.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	2	2	Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) & CPW	winter to spring	\$31 *Derived from DM Wages	\$31 *Derived from Employee Wages	Information on the Fencing-for-Wildlife program is on our website. We also wrote about it in our Spring 2017 newsletter.
2	Provide Clover Seed for the Middle Park 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, Mark Volt	8	6	HPP, NRCS	spring	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages + \$5,000 in Product Expenditure	\$93 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$5,800 in Product Expenses	With the HPP's donation, we were able to purchase and giveaway 1350 pounds of clover (a blend of alsike and mammoth red varieties), 200 pounds of ladak alfalfa, and 200 pounds of forager alfalfa. Forty landowners benefited from this program. All board members helped advertise the program.
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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.
2017 Work Items		District			Partners		Budgeted	Actual	
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Objective C		C. Support Greater Sage Grouse Habitat work in Middle Park							
1	Support our Greater Sage Grouse Initiative in Middle Park by supporting and participating in the Middle Park Greater Sage Grouse Working Group.	Deb Wood, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	4	3	Middle Park Greater Sage Grouse Working Group	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$46.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	Katlin attended the Middle Park Greater Sage Grouse Working Group meeting on March 9th. Nineteen people attended the meeting. Katlin also supported the group by publicizing their meeting and putting a recap of the meeting in the Spring newsletter.
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Objective D (New Objective)		D. Support other Wildlife Conservation efforts in Middle Park							
1	New Item: Support the "Wildlife Linkages" initiative in Middle Park. This initiative is seeking ways to create safe wildlife passages and linkages across roads in Summit and Grand County.			12				\$0 * All volunteer time	John Longhill, one of our MPCD Board Members, joined the Wildlife Linkages group and has been attending their meetings and actively working create safe passages for wildlife. The stretch of CO Highway 9 from Silverthorne to Kremmling is one of the most dangerous roads in the State due to deer-vehicle collisions. Several wildlife underpasses and overpasses have already been installed on Highway 9. This initiative is working to get more underpasses and overpasses installed throughout Summit County.
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Natural Resource Issue #6:		Small Acreage Landowners							
Why is this issue a concern?:		Middle Park is still a rural mountain community; however, it, too, is being developed. Larger properties are increasingly being subdivided into smaller acreages. Many of these smaller acreages are being bought by city folk as second homes. 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? 2017 Work Items		Who is going to do it?				When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
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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, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt, Ron Cousineau	5	5	CSU Extension, NRCS, CSFS, Grand and Summit County DNR, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC)	all year	\$77.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$83 in advertising expenses	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	Finish and distribute the Middle Park Small Acreage Management Guide we started in 2016.	Deb Wood, John Longhill, Katlin Miller	8	20	CSU Extension, NRCS, CSFS, GCWC, Grand and Summit DNR, Grand and Summit BOCC	winter	\$124 *Derived from DM Wages + \$1,500 for Printing	\$310 *Derived from Employee Wages	We are still in the process of completing this book. We want to make sure it is done right the first time around so that it does not need to be redone in the future. As a result, it is taking longer than expected to complete.
3	Continue to incorporate Small Acreage articles in our quarterly newsletters.	John Longhill, Katlin Miller, Ron Cousineau	4	4	CSU Extension, GCWC, CSFS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 *Derived from Employee Wages	Many of the articles featured in our quarterly newsletters applied to both large AND small acreage landowners. We continue to make sure our newsletters are inclusive of all landowners in the District.
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Conservation Education

2017 Work Items	What are you going to do?	District			Partners	When	Funding Sources and Amounts		Results/Accomplishments Define & quantify specific benefits & results from the project.
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2	Partner with the "Leadership Awareness with Horses" Program through the Blue River Horse Sanctuary in Summit County. This partnership will educate at risk youth about conservation and sustainability.	John Longhill, Katlin Miller	25	261 (**NOTE: nearly all of the hours are John's volunteer time)	Blue River Horse Sanctuary	spring and summer	\$115.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$15.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We advertised the "Leadership Awareness with Horses" in our Summer Newsletter. In total, 237 children ages 5-12, 50 young adults ages 13-22, 10 special needs children, and 188 adults participated in this program. Our Board Member John Longhill was pivotal in running this program.
3	Partake in Grand County Water Information Network's "Bug Week" to educate 6th-10th graders on water conservation.	Katlin Miller, Deb Wood	50	55	Grand County Water Information Network	fall	\$775 *Derived from DM Wages	\$604.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We assisted with the GCWIN Bug Week events with the West Grand 7th and 8th graders as well as the East Grand 7th, 8th, and 10th graders. West Grand averaged 30 students per grade level, whereas East Grand had approximately 80-100 students per grade level (about 330 students in total). Deb Wood and Brien Rose were pivotal in helping with this program.
4	Work with the West Grand VoAg teacher to teach high school students in Kremmling about conservation and agriculture.	Katlin Miller, Mark Volt, Dave Abbott	16	6	West Grand High School, NRCS	fall-spring	\$248 *Derived from DM Wages	\$46.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	Katlin and Mark worked with Tanner Nauta (West Grand Vo-Ag teacher) during the 2016-2017 school year by coming in as guest lecturers to teach his natural resources students about soils.

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Conservation Education									
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5	Partake in the "Save the Frogs Day" in Kremmling and Granby.	Katlin Miller	16	26	Doreen Summerlin, Wildlife Biologist, USFS Sulphur Ranger District	spring	\$248 *Derived from DM Wages	\$403 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$52 in giveaways	We assisted the USFS with the annual Save the Frogs Day in Kremmling, Granby, and Frisco. Frisco was just added this year. Students learned about amphibians and threats to amphibians. We had approximately 40 students from Kremmling, 80 students from Granby, and 240 students from Frisco participate.
6	Assist with the Annual West Grand Science Fair.	Katlin Miller, Dave Abbott	8	18	EmmyLou Harmon (West Grand Science Teacher)	winter	\$124 *Derived from DM Wages	\$139.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	Katlin and Mark both judged the annual West Grand Science Fair on February 2nd. There were about 70 projects at the science fair.
7	Advertise the CACD Camp Rocky and sponsor a partial scholarship for a local student to attend Camp Rocky.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller	4	1	CACD	spring, summer	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages + possible \$150 scholarship for in-district participant	\$15.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We advertised Camp Rocky in our Summer Newsletter. We had no local students apply to Camp Rocky, so we did not provide a partial scholarship.
8	Lead the 4-H Day Camp "Mud & Muck" day, as well as the Ag Adventures Day, and the Wildlife Explorations Day. These days are hosted by the Grand County CSU Extension Office but led by Katlin (our Executive Director). Students usually range from 6-13 yrs old.	Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	16	16	CSU Extension Grand County	summer	\$248 *Derived from DM Wages	\$124 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$125 on workshop supplies	We ended up just assisting with the 4-H Mud and Muck Day. The Ag Adventures Day and Wildlife Explorations Day were not held. The Mud & Muck Day turned out great. We partnered with Grand County 4-H and Fraser Valley Rec District to teach 10 children, ranging from Kindergarten to 2nd grade, about soils. We looked at soil microbes in the microscope, made edible soil profiles, and much more.

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9	Assist with the 6th Grade Water Warriors program in Grand and Summit County Middle Schools. Sixth graders learn about the different water users (municipal utility, industry, recreation and the environment, and agriculture). Students are then given the scenario that they are the king or queen in the year 2060, and they must decide how best to allocate the limited water resources among the different water users.	Katlin Miller, Justin Fosha, Mark Volt	24	41	High Country Conservation Center, Grand and Summit Middle Schools, Granby Public Works, Kremmling Public Works, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Denver Water	spring & fall	\$372 *Derived from DM Wages	\$387.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We hosted two Water Warriors programs this year, one in West Grand (~30 students) and one in East Grand (~85 students). Justin Fosha and Mark Volt were key to the success of this program. We did not host a Water Warriors program in Summit County this year. However, we did assist High Country Conservation Center with a new program to teach students about where the water in Summit County flows and how the water on Earth is distributed.
10	Increase newsletter subscribers and number of website visits by at least 1% over 2016. We had 502 newsletter subscribers in 2016.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller	4	4	NRCS	all year	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 *Derived from Employee Wages	We currently have 540 newsletter subscribers, a 7.5% increase over 2016. We had many website visits, but we were unable to accurately identify the number real visitors vs. internet bots and trolls.
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. Strive to double the outreach hours from 2016 (83 hours).	All Board Members and Ex-Officios	160	97	NRCS, CSFS, CSU Extension	all year	\$0 *Volunteer time from Board	\$0 *Volunteer time from Board	Our Board Members completed 97 hours of General Outreach this year. This does not include other volunteer activities related to the District and district activities. Though we did not double our hours from 2016 (83 hours), we did exceed it by 14 hours.

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12	Provide a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior in Grand or Summit County going on to study natural resource management, agriculture, or conservation.	All Board Members	10	4	Middle Park High School, West Grand High School, Summit High School	winter	\$155 *Derived from DM Wages + \$500 scholarship	\$62 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$500 scholarship	We provided a \$500 scholarship to Sydney Almgren, a West Grand High School graduating senior. She will be attending Washington State University in the Fall to study Environmental Sciences.
13	Increase page views and post engagements on our Middle Park Conservation District's Facebook page.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller	5	5		all year	\$77.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$77.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We published over 35 posts on our Facebook page this year. We also posted a number of times on Grand and Summit Counties' Online Garage Sale pages (5 pages in total). We feel that our online social media presence allows us to reach a set of constituents we would not normally reach.
14	New Item: Participate as a judge for the East Grand 7th and 8th grade Science Fair in Granby			3				\$46.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	Katlin was invited to judge the East Grand 7th and 8th grade Science Fair. This was the first year for the Science Fair. As such, it was very small (only 5 projects), but they hope more students will participate in this optional Science Club event next year.
15	New Item: Participate in the Monarch Lake Education Day with the Grand County 5th graders			8				\$0 only volunteer time	We partnered with the Grand CSFS Office to attend the Monarch Lake Education Day with the Grand County 5th graders. Approximately 220 students, parents, and teachers attended the day. We spoke with them about forests and forest health.
16	New Item: Participate in the Point Park Education Day with the Grand County 2nd graders			8				\$0 only volunteer time	We partnered with the Grand CSFS Office to attend the Point Park Education Day with the Grand County 5th graders. Approximately 220 students, parents, and teachers attended the day. We spoke with them about forests and forest health.
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Additional Activities

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1	Prepare a presentation for the Boards of County Commissioners on annual activities & successes.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt, Ron Cousineau	15	10	Grand & Summit Boards of County Commissioners	fall	\$232.5 *Derived from DM Wages	\$108.5 *Derived from Employee Wages	We prepared and presented Annual Reports to both the Grand County BOCC and the Summit County BOCC in the fall. Summit County BOCC gives the District \$5,000 annually to support our activities. We asked the Grand County BOCC to help cover half the District's DCT costs for 2018 (\$2,900 cost to them).
2	Host an Annual Landowner Meeting & Dinner. Present the "MPCD Conservationist of the Year" award to a deserving landowner at that meeting.	All Board Members, Katlin Miller, Mark Volt, Ron Cousineau	40	20	Middle Park Stockgrowers Association	winter	\$620 *Derived from DM Wages + \$2,500 in Additional Expenditures	\$263.5 *Derived from Employee Wages + \$2,600 in Additional Expenditures	We hosted our Annual Landowner Meeting and Dinner at the Moose Café in Kremmling on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Eighty-one people attended the event. We presented Yust Ranch with our "MPCD Conservationist of the Year" Award.
3	Work on the Board Certification Modules provided by CSCB.	Jay Yust & John Longhill	8	12	Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB)	all year	0 *Volunteer time from Board	\$0 *Volunteer time from Board	John and Jay both completed their Board Certification Modules. Our new board member, Brien Rose, has begun to work on his modules but has not completed them yet.
4	Hire an District Conservation Technician (through the CSCB/NRCS DCT Program) to work 16 hours per week from June to December 2017.	DCT	384	453	CSCB, NRCS	June-Dec	\$14,863 (\$11,147 from CSCB, \$3,715 from district)	\$12,818 *Derived from Employee Wages & Expenses (\$9,613 from CSCB, \$3,205 from the district)	We hired Mark Volt, our NRCS DC who retired on June 3rd, to be our District Conservation Technician. He filled a critical role in office left by the vacant DC position. Mark worked a total of 453 hours this year. We have applied and been approved for the 2018 DCT grant to retain Mark Volt starting on January 1, 2018.

District Name:		MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT							
Plan Year:		2017 Annual Plan of Work COMPLETED							
Additional Activities									
What are you going to do? 2017 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		
5	Perform Subdivision Reviews as needed for Grand and Summit County governments.	Katlin Miller, Mark Volt	4	4	NRCS	as needed	\$62 *Derived from DM Wages	\$62 *Derived from Employee Wages	The District performed 4 Subdivision Reviews and 1 Conditional Use Permit Review in 2017. Four of them were in Summit County and one was in Grand County.
6	New Item: Work with Friends of the Lower Blue River to further their mission of maintaining the rural character, quality of life, and the environment of the Lower Blue River Valley (Summit County). This item really fits under all resource categories!			25				\$0 * All volunteer time	FOLBR and MPCD have similar goals and objectives. As a result, John Longhill has been working with them to achieve their many activities. We also advertise their events and they advertise our events.
7	New Item: Work to protect historic grazing permits on a newly proposed wilderness area in Summit County.			6				\$0 * All volunteer time	A new bill has been introduced to the legislature that would put 58,000 acres in Summit County into wilderness. John Longhill has been working to protect historic grazing permits on those lands so they do not become null and void once if the designation is approved.
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**DIRECT ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR
COVERING ACTIVITIES COMPLETED FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017 - January 1 to December 31, 2017**

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 :

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, 2018.

Minimum Standards

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

Minimum Standard (j) is a State fiscal accountability requirement to report on expenditures of allotted funds for the prior fiscal year - **July 1, 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 (7/1/2016- 6/30/2017 EXPENDITURES OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE FUNDS

(Estimate March through June if necessary)

Direct Assistance Funds Received by District in Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)		\$ 7,225.89
1. Travel expenses by members of the District Board of Supervisors		
2. Expense of secretarial, clerical, and technical assistance	\$ 7,225.89	
3. Office expenses and information/education activities		
4. District election expenses		
5. Other project expenses - Please specify below.		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,225.89	
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, 2017) 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.			0	
Enter the number of board meetings conducted during the year with a quorum present .			4	
Enter the total mileage and time spent on official business by district supervisors in calendar year 2017			Total Hours	Total Miles
			500.5	1462
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		94	6
2	Encouraging Conservation Quote		76	5
3	SWPAH: Soil, Water, Plants, Animals, Humans			
4	2016 Accomplishments for each of our 5 Main Resource Concerns			
5	2016 Sales Numbers for Seed, Tree Seedlings, PAM, and Tire Tanks			
6	Review of our 2016 Irrigation Cost-Share Program			
7	Goals for 2017			
8	Upcoming Events			
9	Conservationist of the Year Presentation and Award			
10	Dinner			
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