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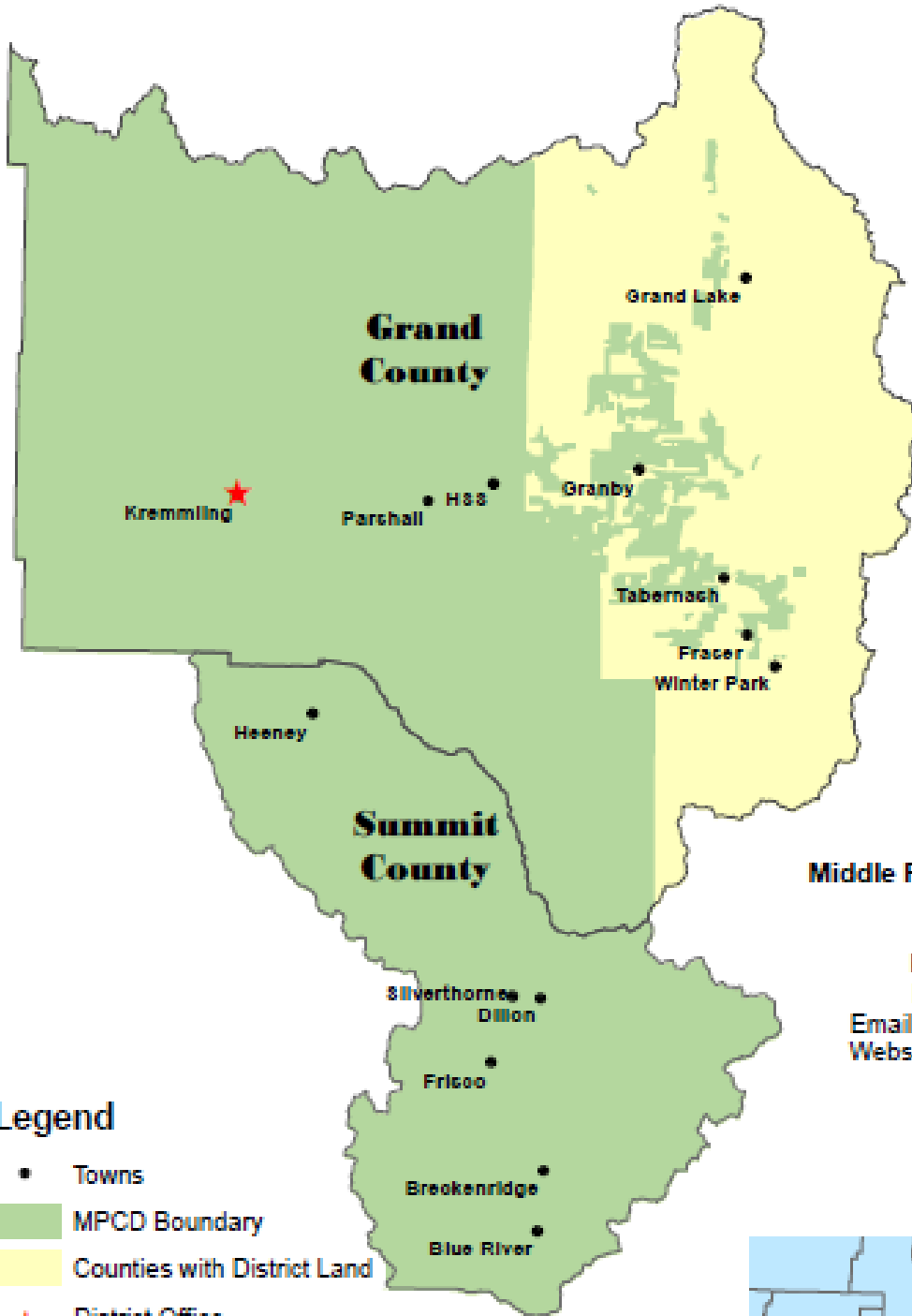
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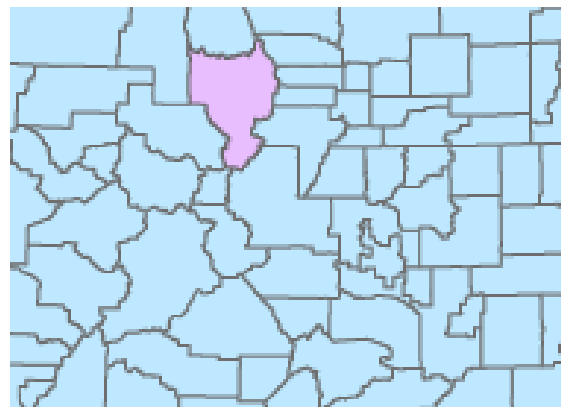


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1,170,464

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Middle Park Conservation District
3-Year Plan (2019-2021)
Executive Summary

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Organization of the Middle Park Conservation District

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

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

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

Mission of the Middle Park Conservation District

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

Vision of the Middle Park Conservation District

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

Services of the Middle Park Conservation District

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

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Trends Impacting Conservation in the Middle Park Conservation District

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

Natural Resource Data

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

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

- Middle Park, in its entirety, is approximately 1,592,000 acres in size (~1,196,000 in Grand and ~396,000 in Summit). The MPCD boundaries include approximately 1,170,000 acres (~774,000 acres in Grand County and all of Summit County's ~396,000 acres). According to 2017 estimated population figures by the US Census Bureau, about 15,321 people live in Grand County and about 30,585 live in Summit County.
- Approximate percentage of land ownership in GRAND COUNTY (2018 parcel data obtained from Grand County Gov):

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

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

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

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

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

Natural Resource Data Continued

- According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Quick Stats database, producers in GRAND COUNTY reported the following numbers of livestock and hay production. (<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov>).
 - Cattle (total inventory, incl. calves):
 - 2017: 13,400
 - 1965: 24,000
 - Hay (incl. Alfalfa)
 - 2017 Acres Harvested: 27,000
 - 1965 Acres Harvested: 32,000
 - 2017 Production in Tons: 37,200
 - 1965 Production in Tons: 51,150

 - According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Quick Stats database, producers in SUMMIT COUNTY reported the following numbers of livestock and hay production. (<https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov>).
 - Cattle (total inventory, incl. calves):
 - 2017: 700
 - 1965: 5,800
 - Hay (incl. Alfalfa)
 - 2017 Acres Harvested: 2,600
 - 1965 Acres Harvested: 6,670
 - 2017 Production in Tons: 3,200
 - 1965 Production in Tons: 9,620

 - Resource Inventories of the District
 - NRCS Soil Surveys
 - Grand County 1976
 - Summit County 1974
 - Web Soil Survey
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Natural Resource Priorities & Goals

Every year, the District conducts a Local Working Group meeting to determine if we are still meeting the needs of our landowners or if their resource concerns and priorities have changed. While many of the objectives stated below remain the same from year to year, they are adaptable. Our Board of Supervisors is prepared to modify any priority or objective as deemed necessary by landowner feedback and/or emergency priorities that arise. The current natural resource priorities in Middle Park, as identified by our Board, are: Range, Hay, and Pasture Management; Noxious Weed Management; Forest Management and Wildfire Mitigation; and Water Quantity, Quality, and Conservation.

- Range, Hay, and Pasture Management: Agriculture has a large presence in Middle Park, especially in West Grand. Our goal for range, hay and pasture is to develop programs that will maintain and improve the health and productivity of those ag lands. Additionally, we hope to increase the habitat value of our range and pasturelands for the wildlife that inhabit them and use them as corridors.

- Noxious Weeds: Noxious weeds are a statewide concern due to their potential to degrade otherwise healthy habitats. Our goal is to curb the encroachment of noxious weeds throughout Grand and Summit Counties.

- Forest Management and Wildfire Mitigation: Eighty-five to ninety percent of our lodgepole pine forests in Middle Park succumbed to mountain pine beetle at the turn of the century. We hope to develop programs that will improve the health and productivity of those forests through proper forest management and wildfire mitigation. Additionally, we hope to increase the habitat value of our forests for the wildlife that inhabit them and use them as corridors.

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- Water Quantity, Quality, and Conservation: Grand County is the headwaters of the Colorado River, yet loss of water to downstream users and the Front Range is a concern. Our goals are to educate landowners on water conservation and provide funding opportunities for water conservation projects. Additionally, we hope to increase the habitat value of our water resources for the wildlife that inhabit them and use them as corridors.

NOTE: In the 2016-2018 Long Range Plan, we listed “Small Acreage Management” and “Wildlife Conservation” as their own Resource Concerns. Rather than separating these two concerns in the 2019-2021 Long Range Plan, the MPCD Board of Supervisors elected to incorporate them into the other resource concerns listed herein. Small acreage managers face the same resource issues (range and forest management, noxious weeds, lack of water resources, and wildlife interactions) as large acreage managers; they are just on a smaller scale. Likewise, wildlife live in our rangelands, forests, and water resources; thus, the conservation of those resources will inevitably conserve wildlife as well. Accordingly, the Board felt it was unnecessary to separate small acreage management and wildlife from the other concerns.

Natural Resource Education Priorities and Goals

We desire to increase the Middle Park Conservation District’s prominence in the community and become a more recognizable name to the residents of Grand and Summit Counties. We also hope, through interactions with youth, we will inspire children to conserve our natural resources and go into STEM fields of study.

Conservation District Operational Goals & Objectives

The NRCS District Conservationist in our office (the Kremmling Field Office) retired in June 2017. The gentleman who was serving at the DC returned to work as the District’s part-time DCT, but NRCS has yet to fill or replace the DC position. It appears that there no plan to place permanent NRCS personnel in Kremmling. Instead, our DC will be based out of the Glenwood Springs office. Though the District believes this is a detriment to the landowners of Middle Park, the District will continue to do what we can to provide educational and technical assistance to the residents of Grand and Summit Counties. We will also continue to look for grant opportunities to fund the goals and objectives listed within this plan and also reduce the administrative and operational costs of running the District.

Staffing Needs

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

Other Notes

The Middle Park Conservation District has a Colotrust Savings Account currently worth approximately \$106,000. Though it may seem like a lot of money, the Board feels it is important to retain these savings as an emergency fund for the District in case of economic downturn or natural disaster in Middle Park.

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Natural Resource Priority: 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, overgrazing, and weed infestation

Three Year Goal(s): 1) Maintain and improve the health and productivity of our ag and rangelands; 2) Increase the habitat value of our range and pasturelands for the wildlife that inhabit them and use them as corridors.

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Educate landowners about what healthy range/hay/pasture lands look like, how to better manage them, and how to improve the habitat value of those lands for wildlife. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Sell weed-free grass seed to encourage revegetation of bareground, disturbed sites, and low-yielding haylands. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2018.</i> C. Encourage landowners to test their hay quality to determine nutrient deficiencies. D. Encourage landowners to consider doing a 'Ranch Plan' with NRCS/ the District's DCT to better assess the needs, goals, and management of their properties. E. Work with Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP) to support range projects. F. Support Greater Sage Grouse recovery in Middle Park. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, Seed Wholesalers, North Park & Routt County CDs, Middle Park Greater Sage Grouse Working Group	100+ hours per year, \$50,000 per year	Seed Sales, Hay Analysis Fees, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue educating landowners on a variety of topics related to range, hay, and pasture management. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Continue selling weed-free grass seed. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2019.</i> C. Continue encouraging landowners to test their hay quality. D. Continue encouraging landowners to do a 'Ranch Plan'. E. Continue working with MPHPP on range projects. F. Continue supporting Greater Sage Grouse recovery. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, Seed Wholesalers, Greater Sage Grouse WG	100+ hours per year, \$50,000 per year	Seed Sales, Hay Analysis Fees, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue educating landowners on range, hay, and pasture management. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Continue selling weed-free grass seed. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2020.</i> C. Continue encouraging landowners to test their hay quality. D. Continue encouraging landowners to do a 'Ranch Plan'. E. Continue working with MPHPP on range projects. F. Continue supporting Greater Sage Grouse recovery. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, Seed Wholesalers, North Park & Routt County CDs, GrSG Working Group	100+ hours per year, \$50,000 per year	Seed Sales, Hay Analysis Fees, Workshop Fees, (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)

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Natural Resource Priority: Noxious Weed Management

Why is this issue a concern: Healthy ecosystems are the foundation that support healthy wildlife populations and livestock herds. They are also the basis for ranchers and farmers to make a living and for recreational users to explore nature. When weeds encroach on otherwise healthy ecosystems, it creates a firestorm of events that deteriorate native habitats and pose a risk to the wildlife, livestock, ranchers, and recreational users that utilize those lands.

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

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2019	<p>A. Promote the distribution of free, unregulated herbicide to landowners in Middle Park through the Grand and Summit County Noxious Weed Programs.</p> <p>B. Educate landowners on noxious weeds, the impacts of noxious weeds on native biodiversity, and noxious weed identification and control. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i></p> <p>C. Coordinated the county-wide Noxious Weed Board Meeting for Grand County.</p>	Grand County DNR, Summit Weed Department, Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP), NRCS, CSU Extension	50+ hours per year, \$500 per year	Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2020	<p>A. Continue promoting the distribution of free, unregulated herbicide to landowners in Grand and Summit.</p> <p>B. Continue educating landowners on noxious weeds. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i></p> <p>C. Continue coordinating the county-wide Noxious Weed Board Meeting for Grand County.</p>	Grand & Summit County DNRs, Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP), NRCS, CSU Extension	50+ hours per year, \$500 per year	Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2021	<p>A. Continue promoting the distribution of free, unregulated herbicide to landowners in Grand and Summit.</p> <p>B. Continue educating landowners on noxious weeds. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i></p> <p>C. Continue coordinating the county-wide Noxious Weed Board Meeting for Grand County.</p>	Grand & Summit County DNRs, Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP), NRCS, CSU Extension	50+ hours per year, \$500 per year	Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)

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Natural Resource Priority: Forest Management & Wildfire Mitigation

Why is this issue a concern: The forests of Middle Park were plagued with the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic at the turn of the century. As a result, the majority of our mature lodgepole pine stands are now dead and prone to wildfire. Promoting post-beetle kill forest restoration and management is now critical. Our forests also provide habitat for many wildlife species, and it is essential that we conserve that habitat now and in the future.

Three Year Goal(s): 1) Improve the health and productivity of our forests through proper forest management and wildfire mitigation; 2) Increase the habitat value of our forests for the wildlife that inhabit them and use them as corridors.

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2019	<p>A. Sell tree seedlings and supplies to landowners for conservation purposes through the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) Nursery. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2018.</i></p> <p>B. Educate the public on forest health/management, wildfire mitigation, and how to improve the habitat value of those lands for wildlife. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i></p> <p>C. Collaborate with the Grand County Wildfire Council to assist landowners with wildfire prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and survival.</p> <p>D. Collaborate with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and NRCS on forest management planning and implementation.</p> <p>E. Encourage landowners to consider doing a 'Forest Stewardship Plan' with the CSFS and/or NRCS to properly manage their forests.</p>	CSFS, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC), CSU Extension, NRCS	150+ hours per year, \$18,000 per year. More money needed if grant funds become available for projects.	Tree Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable) Grants (if applicable)
2020	<p>A. Continue selling tree seedlings and supplies. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2019.</i></p> <p>B. Continue educating the public on forest management and wildfire mitigation. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i></p> <p>C. Continue working with the Grand County Wildfire Council.</p> <p>D. Continue collaborating with the CSFS/NRCS on forest management planning and implementation.</p> <p>E. Continue encouraging landowners to do a 'Forest Plan'.</p>	CSFS, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC), CSU Extension, NRCS	150+ hours per year, \$18,000+ per year	Tree Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable) Grants (if applicable)
2021	<p>A. Continue selling tree seedlings and supplies. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2020.</i></p> <p>B. Continue educating the public on forest management and wildfire mitigation. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i></p> <p>C. Continue working with the Grand County Wildfire Council.</p> <p>D. Continue collaborating with the CSFS/NRCS on forest management planning and implementation.</p> <p>E. Continue encouraging landowners to do a 'Forest Plan'.</p>	CSFS, Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC), Extension, NRCS	150+ hours per year, \$18,000+ per year	Tree Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable) Grants (if applicable)

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Natural Resource Priority: Water Quantity, Quality, and Conservation

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

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

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Educate landowners on the importance of water conservation for ag purposes, wildlife habitat conservation, and watershed resiliency. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Assist landowners with irrigation improvements on their lands. C. Provide Polyacrylamide (PAM) for sale to improve ditch efficiency and reduce leakage. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2018.</i> D. Provide Tire Stock Tanks for sale to landowners to better protect natural springs and as an alternative to rusted metal tanks. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2018.</i> E. Work with Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program (MPHPP) to promote spring developments for livestock and wildlife and to assist landowners with pond cleanings. F. Work with other groups, as deemed beneficial by the Board, to conserve local water resources and water-dependent wildlife species. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, High Country Conservation Center, Middle Park Habitat Partnership Program, Others as deemed appropriate	60+ hours per year, \$2500 per year. More money needed if grant funds become available projects.	PAM & Tire Tank Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue educating landowners on the importance of water conservation. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Continue assisting landowners with water efficiency projects. C. Continue selling Polyacrylamide (PAM). <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2019.</i> D. Continue selling Tire Stock Tanks. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2019.</i> E. Continue working with MPHPP on water projects. F. Continue working with other groups, as deemed beneficial by the Board. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, High Country Conservation Center, MPHPP, Others as deemed appropriate	60+ hours per year, \$2500 per year	PAM & Tire Tank Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue educating landowners on the importance of water conservation. <i>If a workshop is held, increase attendance at workshops by 1% over the previously held workshop.</i> B. Continue assisting landowners with water efficiency projects. C. Continue selling Polyacrylamide (PAM). <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2020.</i> D. Continue selling Tire Stock Tanks. <i>Increase sales by 1% over 2020.</i> E. Continue working with MPHPP on water projects. F. Continue working with other groups, as deemed beneficial by the Board. 	NRCS, CSU Extension, High Country Conservation Center, MPHPP, Others as deemed appropriate	60+ hours per year, \$2500 per year	PAM & Tire Tank Sales, Workshop Fees (if applicable), Grants (if applicable)

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Education & Additional Priorities

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

Three Year Goal(s): 1) Increase the Middle Park Conservation District’s prominence in the community and become a more recognizable name to the residents of Grand and Summit Counties. 2) Inspire children to conserve our natural resources and go into STEM fields of study.

PROGRAM YEAR	MEASURABLE ANNUAL OBJECTIVES	COOPERATING AGENCY OR GROUP	TIME AND FUNDING NEEDED	SOURCE OF FUNDING
2019-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Reconsider the employment our part-time District Conservation Technician on an annual basis. The DCT is to work on Farm Bill programs and conservation technical assistance (CTA) for the District’s landowners. B. Increase general district outreach by talking with people about who we are, what we do, products we sell, and services we provide. <i>Strive to increase Board Member outreach hours by 1% each year.</i> C. <i>Increase our newsletter subscribers and our web presence by at least 1% each year.</i> D. Work with Friends of the Lower Blue River (FOLBR) to further their mission of maintaining the rural character, quality of life, and the environment of the Lower Blue River Valley (Summit County). E. Prepare presentations for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in Grand and Summit Counties on our annual activities & successes. F. Hold an Annual Dinner Meeting of the District’s constituents in collaboration with the Middle Park Stockgrowers Association. G. Work with NRCS to host an annual Local Working Group meeting to determine local natural resource concerns, priorities, and recommendations. H. Continue to participate in the Colorado River Watershed Association and Colorado Association of Conservation Districts. Pay dues as funds allow. I. Perform Subdivision Reviews as needed for Grand and Summit County governments. J. Seek opportunities to teach the youth of Grand and Summit Counties about conservation and agriculture through school, 4-H, and other programs. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, Water Warriors, Watershed Week, Save the Frogs Day, local schools’ science fairs, and our partnership with the Blue River Horse Center in Silverthorne. K. Provide an annual scholarship to a graduating senior in Grand or Summit Counties to continue their education in the fields of natural resource management, agriculture, or conservation. L. Advertise CACD’s Camp Rocky and sponsor a partial scholarship for a local student to attend (if a local student wishes to attend). 	NRCS, CSFS, CSU Extension, Grand County Water Information Network, USFS, Local Teachers, CACD, Colorado River Watershed Association, FOLBR, BOCC (Grand & Summit), Grand and Summit County Planning Departments, Middle Park Stockgrowers, Blue River Horse Center, High Country Conservation Center	832 hours per year and \$23,000 per year for DCT. 300+ hours per year and DM salary for the remaining objectives.	Direct Assistance, Product Sales, Grants (if applicable)

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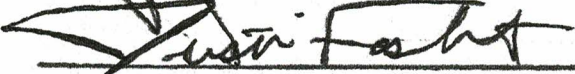
THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the 2019-2021 Long Range Program of the Middle Park Conservation District be adopted as the official program of the District as of this 18th day of December, 2018.




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Reviewed by the Colorado State Conservation Board

CSCB President

CSCB Program Manager

Date

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