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Monthly Middle Park CD Report

As part of NRCS's commitment to continue to provide service to the Middle Park CD we have agreed to update the board each month there is no board meeting scheduled. This will help keep the board informed on NRCS's work within the area.

February 1st/2nd: NRCS employees were unable to attend the Stockgrowers Meeting and Annual Dinner due to conflicts with Ag Expo that weekend. NRCS gave Middle Park's Manager an update on the year for the participants.

Derrick was able to staff the service center for one day each week except the last week due to annual leave and Snow Survey duties. During the month of February Derrick spent time working with TCP-EQIP applicants to complete eligibility paperwork. TCP application planning was also started. Derrick kept the RCPP Partners apprised of the ongoing delays in contract obligation. Derrick and Mark met with new partner biologist to discuss potential wildlife projects.

Currently the Kremmling office has 10 active contracts. 2 are RCPP-EQIP contracts and 8 are EQIP contracts. Of the 8 EQIP contracts; 2 are 2015, 1 is 2016, 1 is 2017 and 4 are 2018.

Currently the Kremmling office has 7 applications, all for TCP, but 2 are considered Ineligible. As such Derrick and Mark will be working on finishing planning, costs and ranking on the 5 applications to meet a March 15th deadline so that funding may begin as soon as possible.

The office also has 8 applications for the Colorado Headwaters RCPP-EQIP program. Six have been Preapproved for over \$655K, one is considered Ineligible and one is in Eligible Status. Due to the new Farm Bill that was passed in late December we have yet to obligate these contracts and won't be able to until our internal systems are updated to match the new law. We hope to have these obligate by late March. Derrick is working closely with these partners to get these projects ready to go.

The office has one Greater Outcomes for Greater-Sage Grouse RCPP-EQIP program. Jennifer Perkins, the new Partner Biologist in Steamboat Springs, will be handling this application. As she is a new hire we've been working with her to move this application forward.

If you have any questions about the above information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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