

July 15, 2021 • 310 Meeting

Call to Order: The Gallatin Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on July 15, 2021. Chairman Mike Hansen called the 310 meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Supervisors Present: Mike Hansen, Bob Logar, Briana Schultz (zoom), Loren Blanksma, Sherwin Leep, Tammy Swinney, and Jason Camp.

Supervisors Absent:

Staff present: Becky Clements, Elizabeth Emeline, Sydney Lyons, Leia Miller, Gillian Rowe

Guests Present: Mike Rotar (RESPEC), Buddy Drake (FWP), Mike Duncan (FWP), Chris Mahoney (NRCS), Charles Siebenga (GD 10C- 21 and GD 11C-21), Ben Sudduth (Sudduth Law PLLC GD 10C-21 and GD 11C-21). Zoom attendees: Representative Jane Gillette, Travis Monroe & Siobhan Gilmartin (GD 46-21), Colleen M. Dowdall (Dowdall Law- GD 10C-21 and GD 11C-21) Drew Moore Gaertner (J.D., LL.M. | Attorney -GD 08C-21), other zoom attendees not identified.

1. 310 Applications

a. Application Number: GD 44-21

Inspection Date: July 8, 2021

Applicant:	Steve Moore
Landowner:	Nexus Point LLC + Graf Apartments LLC
Contractor/Agent:	Madison Engineering LLC
Perennial Stream:	E. Catron Creek
Type of Project:	Bridge Construction
Purpose:	To install two pedestrian bridges.
Proposed Construction Date:	Start date: 7/14/2021 Finish date: 7/30/2031
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval as proposed.
Inspection Comments:	Bridge abutments to be outside of wetland delineation. 15-day waiver recommended.
Discussion:	City approved priorly to continue a road, but plans have changed. Well delineated terrace on both sides; creek not very big. Abutments are outside of wetland area. Not a lot of capacity to carry much debris.
Decision:	Sherwin Leep motioned to approve with 15 day waiver. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carries.

b. Application Number: GD 45-21

Inspection Date: July 8, 2021

Applicant:	Kurt Klonsinski
Landowner:	
Contractor/Agent:	Buddy Drake, Drake and Associates
Perennial Stream:	E. Gallatin River
Type of Project:	Irrigation Structure- Maintenance
Purpose:	To place concrete diversion blocks into the E. Gallatin River to divert water into irrigation ditch headgate. Maintenance application.
Proposed Construction Date:	Start date: 7/19/2021 Finish date: 10/15/2031
Inspection Recommendation:	Approval as proposed.

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Inspection Comments: Good solution for getting more water to headgate. Blocks to be removed at end of each season. 318 waiver issued.

Discussion: New headgate was installed a few years back. Issues getting adequate water late in season. Blocks will be installed and removed seasonally. Sherwin wonders if there should be a date to remove. Buddy advises people should generally remove at the end date of their water right. This is also beneficial for the fisheries.

Decision: Bob Logar motioned to approve as proposed. Tammy Swinney supported. 5 year maintenance permit. All in favor. Motion carries.

c. Application Number: GD 46-21

Inspection Date: July 8, 2021

Applicant: Travis Monroe/Siobhan Gilmartin

Landowner: Jim Caird, Travis Monroe, Siobhan Gilmartin

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream: Aajker Creek

Type of Project: Placement of fill.

Purpose: To raise the elevation of the applicants' yard. After several years of neighbors planting aspens, the creek now floods during the springtime. The creek leaves its banks on the project side of the creek on the property located at 296 and 316 Bison Trail. The density of the aspens has caused a change in the stream bank. When the stream leaves the property, it is narrowed into an agricultural gate, which often becomes blocked by debris. By elevating the ground located in the area that typically floods, it is intended that while the stream will still have room to leave its banks in the event of flooding, it will not enter the low points of the yard.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 7/1/2021 Finish date: 7/15/2021

Inspection Recommendation: Non-jurisdictional

Inspection Comments: Activity, as reviewed in the field, is non-jurisdictional.

Discussion: This activity is what was discussed and encouraged with Travis previously for a solution to recurrent flooding issues. Willows are degrading the stream bank. Currently, dirt that has been placed looks like a dike, but this is not the intent. Spread out, it will be a couple inches high, which will help alleviate the flooding. No floodplain issues, per the floodplain administrator. Encouraged to do this project by the inspection team. Lawyer representing Charles Siebenga, Ben Sudduth, points out the submitted complaints- pending discussion at this meeting- in opposition to this project. Primary concern of Mr. Siebenga is of the changes being made to the floodplain. Modification of floodplain will likely result in consequences to his property. The lawyer states this application is deficient, as he believes the application came in as a result of

Mr. Siebenga's filed complaints. Mr. Sudduth discussed concern over permanent alteration of the flood plain, no revegetation plan for the riparian area, engineered plans were not part of the application, and doesn't address loose soils. Mr. Sudduth states that work has already been completed, which is a violation. Mr. Siebenga states he believes the project is within the board's jurisdiction. Mr. Monroe's lawyer, Colleen Dowell, spells out the work has not impacted the bed/banks of stream. She further stated she has issue about Mr. Siebenga starting these meetings with false accusations about her clients, which are then public record. Ms. Dowell stated she personally checked with the floodplain administrator and assured it is not in floodplain. She expressed concern that Mr. Siebenga will continue to use this board as forum to make these complaints. Inspection team states the dirt is so far back, it absolutely is not jurisdictional. Not a lot of riparian vegetation to begin with, and the added dirt will not impact that. Ordinary high water mark is where GCD's jurisdiction lies, and this project is well outside of that. Mr. Siebenga's lawyer thinks the area floods perennially, which was not always the case, per his discussions with neighboring landowners. Willows have more recently been choking the stream. Tammy recommended Mr. Siebenga talk to the floodplain administrator.

Decision: Bob Logar motioned to declare non jurisdictional. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carries.

2. Complaints:

a. Complaint Number: GD 08C-21

Inspection Date: July 8, 2021

Complainant:

Otto Stein, Paul Sturman, Patrick Wilson

Complaine/Landowner:

Jeff Higgins

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream:

Hyalite Creek

Complaint:

Apparent road construction across high flow (west) channel of Hyalite Creek and adjacent wetland. The new construction completely fills in and severs this west channel from the east channel. Construction continues to the east channel across a small wetland (which had standing water on 6/2/21) and stops at the current water level of the east channel (well below the traditional high flow mark).

Landowner has built a road to within 2-3 feet of the Hyalite Creek watercourse. Looks like his intention is to either cross cattle (causing significant streambank erosion) or build a bridge. Significant disruption of vegetation within the floodplain is evident.

Excavation work, vegetation removal and road construction on both sides of

Hyalite Creek. Primary concern is sedimentation downstream of this work. There is already some sedimentation occurring in the west channel immediately below the work site. Concern for water quality, fisheries habitat, and aesthetics. Also concerned this work will be disruptive to wildlife that reside in the area. During spring runoff, both this year and in future years, anticipate sedimentation and contamination from the work will worsen over time if left untreated.

Inspection Recommendation:

Activity has been initiated on a perennial flowing stream without a valid permit.

Inspection Comments:

Recommended course of action:

1. Submit 310 application to address noted violations:
2. Work with Marty Westland (GD 56-20) to address his concern of getting his water.
3. Remove segments of fencing at both channel crossings that are in close proximity to channel banks.
4. Remove fill in active overflow channel of main Hyalite Creek channel along left Hyalite Creek main channel.

Discussion:

USACE was present for the inspection. Inspection team has found violations in a couple locations. Road constructed crosses natural channel of Hyalite Creek. Fence is constructed across the floodplain and fence posts currently go right up to bank. Inspection team recommends removing the fenceposts closest to the bank and expedite getting water to Marty Westland- impacted irrigator. Inspection team advised a 310 application prior to any work, except for emergency work for Westland's irrigation. However, inspection team thinks Westland is currently getting plenty of water currently. Corp advised to replace the wattles with ones not wrapped in plastic. Lawyer, Drew Moore Gaertner, advised Mr. Westland has cleared the channel through practices permitted in his maintenance permit. Wattles have been replaced with USACE standard wattles. Higgins family has retained Christine Percy to address the concerns for the CD and USACE and is working on the 310 application. Higgins family would like the removal of the fence posts to be compromised, as they will be addressed in the 310 application. Discussion on removing fence posts now, prior to 310 submission. Lawyer states that would be inefficient in her mind, as they will ultimately be asking to put them back in the application. Discussion on how asking them to clear the side channel is different than asking them to move the fenceposts.

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Decision: Sherwin Leep motioned for the requirement of a 310 permit application, addressing inspection recommendations. Loren Blanksma supported. Ms. Gaertner asks for specifics on the issue on the fenceposts. Fencing encroaches on the high water mark. Mostly concerned with the west side post as it is within wetland area/right on top of bank. Overflow channel (AKA Westland's irrigation stream)- those fence posts are also too close to bank. Need to be moved back at that area too. 4-5 feet would be adequate. Work with engineer to address the fencepost issues in permit application. All in favor. Motion carries.

b. Complaint Number: GD 09C-21

Inspection Date: July 8, 2021

Complainant:

Guy Alsentzer

Complaine/Landowner:

East Gallatin LLC

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream:

E. Gallatin River

Complaint:

On Sunday, June 13, complainant floated the E. Gallatin River. Less than ½ mile upstream of Manley Road, he noticed hundreds of round boulders placed in and adjacent to the river on the north bank in front of a house.

Approximately 100-200 yards downstream on the southern bank on an oxbow, he noticed several tons of concrete slabs, some with rebar, also placed in and adjacent to the river. There is a big disparity between the appearance and placement of the boulders and apparent waste concrete slab fill.

NOTE: A neighboring property owner emailed to state the concrete has been in the river for many years and was placed there (along with over 40 junk vehicles that have since been removed) by the previous farmer who owned the property.

Inspection Recommendation:

Activity is not a violation as defined by district rules.

Inspection Comments:

Recommended course of action: existing riprap along bank was either placed prior to current ownership of property or was properly permitted.

Discussion:

Landowner has proper permitting dating back to 1994, when he moved in. Not necessarily up to today's standards, but proper permitting was obtained at that time. Concrete was placed many years ago. Concrete contains a lot of rebar. Landowner states they would go cut some of the rebar off.

Decision:

Bob Logar motioned to acknowledge as not a violation. Jason Camp supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

c. Complaint Number: GD 10C-21

Inspection Date: July 8, 2021

Complainant:

Charles Siebenga

Complaine/Landowner:

Travis Monroe

Contractor/Agent:
Perennial Stream: Aajker Creek
Complaint: Travis has placed at least four dump trucks of dirt in his lawn and created a berm in the floodplain of the creek.
Inspection Recommendation: Activity is not a violation as defined by district rules.
Inspection Comments:
Discussion: Priorly discussed with GD 46-21. Mr. Siebenga states he thinks a flood will cause him to need to take measures that he wouldn't need to take without Mr. Monroe adding the fill. Tammy again recommends addressing his concerns with the floodplain administrator. Mr. Sudduth points out Mr. Siebenga doesn't submit these complaints frivolously and not to the annoyance of the board. Ms. Dowell states she's unhappy with every complaint requiring all these proceedings.
Decision: Bob Logar motioned to recognize activity is not a violation. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carries.

d. Complaint Number: GD 11C-21

Inspection Date: July 8, 2021

Complainant: Charles Siebenga
Complaine/Landowner: Jim Caird
Contractor/Agent:
Perennial Stream: Aajker Creek
Complaint: A dirt berm has been placed within 20 feet of the creek and in the flood plain to the creek. This is an extension of Travis Monroe's berm to the south.
Inspection Recommendation: Activity is not a violation as defined by district rules.
Inspection Comments:
Discussion: Priorly discussed with GD 46-21. Mr. Siebenga states he thinks a flood will cause him to need to take measures that he wouldn't need to take without Mr. Monroe adding the fill. Tammy again recommends addressing his concerns with the floodplain administrator. Mr. Sudduth points out Mr. Siebenga doesn't submit these complaints frivolously and not to the annoyance of the board. Ms. Dowell states she's unhappy with every complaint requiring all these proceedings.
Decision: Bob Logar motioned to recognize activity is not a violation. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carries.

3. 310 Emergency Applications:

a. Application Number: GD 02E-21

Inspection Date: July 8, 2021

Applicant: Clary Flikkema, President Valley Ditch/Walt Sales- POC
Landowner: Gene Cook

Contractor/Agent:

Perennial Stream: W. Gallatin River, Valley Ditch Headgate

Purpose: The 2021 bank erosion activity since ice melt off came at a rapid pace, increasing the curve angle just above our headgate. 2020 washing of approximately 7 feet of bank at depth now of 7 feet along with new (2021) washing of 10 feet of bank at depth of 4 feet along upstream bank of headgate for approximately 200 feet. This change was eroding the last of three cottonwoods, leaving one at 75% washed and leaning heavily into the current.

The bank was being cut quickly and only a short distance to the backside of our headgate, which would have left no control of flows into the ditch if the bank was left without any protection. This was all taking place with flows only a little above 2000 cfs. This area of lost ground included one half the roadway to the headgate, leaving only one track of the two-track path.

Action Taken: Excavator was brought in to further open existing channels on the island direct to the east to relieve some volume along the west bank. This was to get flows to a manageable degree to place blocks and trees along the west bank of the river.

We then worked on placing 19 (6 ton) blocks along the bank at slight angles to divert flow from bank and decrease velocity of current hitting bank behind the headgate. The blocks and trees were set in pairs to make small barbs against the bank with trees between sets to be used as temporary protection to reduce current velocity while directing flow to front of headgate.

The work done was very done was very much appreciated and successful as the current in the curve was decreased and directed to the east in front of the headgate. We are expecting to work with GCD in making a plan to prevent the threat of cutting behind the headgate. It seems that the work from a few years ago by the landowner would be a good continuation along the bank, which included using trees being woven and placed to buffer current speed and cutting bank away.

Date Emergency Action was Taken: Start date: 5/22/2021 Finish date: 5/22/2021

Inspection Recommendation: Action taken requires modification and must submit form 270 within 90 days to mitigate damages from emergency action. Recommend removing concrete blocks from along bankline. Cable trees tight up against bank so they are not angled out into channel to extent possible. Submit 310 application to remove boulders from river channel adjacent to headgate and use blocks in place of removed boulders to seasonally check-up channel to supply water to headgate.

Discussion Emergency action was taken during high water. High flows were threatening headgate and work done was to prevent further damage. Materials were placed not very securely and placed in a downstream orientation. Recommend removing concrete as they weren't helping. Cable the trees with proper placement. Submit 310 application to address these issues. Use blocks to funnel water as a wing. Application needs to be submitted within 90 days.

Decision: Tammy Swinney motioned to acknowledge emergency notification with inspection recommendations. Sherwin Leep supported. All in favor, motion carries.

4. Other 310 Business: None

5. 310 Old Business:

a. Application Number: GD 26-20

Inspection Date: May 13, 2020

Applicant: Winchester Holdings LLC, Chris Leonard

Landowner: Winchester Holdings, LLC, Michael J Schreiner III

Contractor/Agent: Anderson Engineering Inc. William H Anderson PE, PLS

Perennial Stream: W. Gallatin River

Type of Project: Bridge Construction

Purpose: Install a historic bridge to be used for pedestrian traffic between Winchester Holdings LLC and DT Ventures property.

Proposed Construction Date: Start date: 5/22/2020 Finish date: 8/28/2020

Inspection Recommendation: Approval as proposed.

Inspection Comments: Recycled bridge from downstream to get kids off highway bridge that is snowed in ped path in winter. No encroachment, abutments set back from existing bank. Sufficient freeboard to 100-year flood elevation. Good project.

Discussion Proposal to put in historic bridge. Necessary due to children needing a bridge crossing to cross safely without having to be out on the highway. Buddy thinks it is a good idea. Matt thinks it is a perfect spot for it. Good project. Not encroaching on the channel that is there. Good use of an old, neat bridge. Repurposed for pedestrian use. Applicant states they would like to start in June. Owners say they would be allowable to using bridge site for stream monitoring.

- Decision: Steve White motioned to approve with 15-day waiver. Sherwin Leep supported. All in favor. Motion passes.
- UPDATE: Extension requested. Construction anticipated to be completed by October 2021.
- Discussion: Inspection team reiterates this is a good project.
- Decision: Loren Blanksma motioned to grant one year extension from original expiry date. Jason Camp supported. All in favor. Motion carries.

6. Public Comments on District 310 Permitting Business: None

7. Adjournment of 310 Meeting: 5:09pm

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Call to Order: The Gallatin Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on July 15, 2021. Chairman Mike Hansen called the business meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

Supervisors Present: Mike Hansen, Bob Logar, Briana Schultz (zoom), Loren Blanksma, Sherwin Leep, Tammy Swinney, and Jason Camp.

Supervisors Absent:

Staff present: Becky Clements, Elizabeth Emeline, Sydney Lyons, Leia Miller, Gillian Rowe

Guests Present: Chris Mahoney (NRCS). Zoom attendees: Representative Jane Gillette, other zoom attendees not identified.

1. Guests & Public Comments on District Business Meeting-
2. Grants/Agreements/Contract Report - See Spreadsheet
 - a. BFCS- partial payments – site visit scheduled for the partial payment that was requested.
 - b. River Rendezvous coming up- GCD currently holds grant for that- so will be wrapping up that grant with the event coming up soon.
3. Cost-share Program: No new applications
4. Well-Testing Cost-share Program: No new applications
5. Consensus Agenda
 - a. June Meeting Minutes- Bob Logar motioned to approve meeting minutes as presented. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carries.
 - b. Excused Absence of board members- None- all present.
6. NRCS
 - a. Report – snowpack section is now titled “water to date.” Discussion on the worsening drought conditions.
 - b. Project Updates- executive session.

7. Supervisor Report: Planning Boards

- a. Planning board- Manhattan- No meeting in June. Meeting in July coming up next week.
- b. County Planning Board- No report
- c. GLWQD- No July meeting
 - i. Nick Banish- new District Manager for the GLWQD. Stated he's received a complaint from a woman about a truck siphoning water from creek, altering creek bed. Wonders if that is allowable or normal. Discussion on sometimes the county does this for dust control. Irrigators also might do so. Wonders if county has authority to restrict water usage. Discussion on how that works.
- d. MACD update- last week was attendance of monthly meeting. Dues are coming in- 10% down at current. Next week- program committee meeting.

8. Staff Reports

- a. Administrator's Report- Becky- Attachment C
- b. NRS Report- Elizabeth- Attachment D
 - i. Days off request- approved
- c. Education and Outreach Director- Sydney -Attachment E
- d. Education Specialist Report- Leia- Attachment F
- e. MCC Fellow Report- Gillian

9. Old Business

- a. River Rendezvous- July 23rd.
 - i. Lunch and setup
 - 1. Jason, Bob, Sherwin will help set up. Meet at EOC at 10am.
- b. Family Farm Heroes- July 29th.
 - i. Looking for volunteers for this summer stewards event.
 - 1. Jason, Sherwin will participate. Meet at EOC at 9:30. Prepare for 10 minute presentation.
- c. New Office Space- no update
- d. Electrical work in EOC
 - i. Conduit completed; light fixtures ordered. Almost done!

- e. Other old business?
 - f. 15 minute break- 6:15
10. New Business - 6:30
- a. Highline Canal- emergency funding
 - a. In the works. DNRC and Highline are working on the requirements. Once those are obtained- DNRC will work the agreement with GCD to get them some money.
 - b. EOC Repairs- Bob, Mike to help.
 - a. Trex decking needs to be tightened up, a couple bed issues.
 - c. Booth at Car Show/Farm Fun- Aug. 14th
 - a. Leia would like to see GCD have a table. Doesn't need to be manned, necessarily. Staff can work out amongst themselves if somebody can do it. Board is ok with GCD having a booth.
 - d. Sub-committees
 - i. Finance Committee- established
 - ii. Personnel Committee- established
 - iii. Cost Share Committee
 - 1. Ad hoc
 - iv. Business Committee
 - 1. No quorum necessary. Zoom meeting. Staff brief board to what they've been doing, what they need, etc...
 - a. Open meeting rules?
 - b. Information exchange, not voting- no issues of big consequence.
 - c. Ad-hoc might be better here too.
 - v. Property Management- call property management companies.
 - 1. Luna, Minnick, Management Associates. Nancy Clark might have recommendations.
 - vi. Idea- have a meeting (zoom) – couple hours each month. Non-decision based meeting/ no voting. NRS (and other positions) could have an opportunity to bounce ideas and talk about happenings around the office/projects. Focus on the program side of things.
 - 1. Board prefers more ad-hoc approach. Additional meetings can be scheduled as needed.
 - vii. Others?

e. Other new business?

11. Parking Lot

- a. Edging in the garden
- b. Conference Room electrical upgrade
- c. Soundproofing Office Space(s)
- d. QuickBooks revamp

12. CD Seminars/Workshops:

13. Accounting (Deposit, Credit Card, Invoices) + Updated P&L, Balance Sheet

- a. Loren Blanksma motioned to approve. Jason Camp supported. All in favor, motion carries.

Executive Session:

NRCS projects, plans, etc...

14. Adjournment of Business Meeting- motion to adjourn by Bob Logar. Tammy Swinney supported. All in favor, motion carries.

Michael J. Hansen, Chair
Minutes approved by

8/19/2021
Date

Attachment A

Grant	Funding Provided For:	Sponsored?	Date Approved	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Funded	Grant Progress (Funds used or committed) (7/15/2021)	Current Amount spent or reimbursed by GCD (7/15/2021)	Final Amount Reimbursed to GCD	Final Report Submitted	Final Report Deadline
MFEI Mini Grant MFEI2021	Vermicomposting Project for EOC	no	12/15/2020	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	5/13/2021	5/31/2021
DNRC 223 Grant (River Rendezvous) 23G-21-3685	Bus transportation, printing educational materials, and meeting room rental	yes/collaborative - MRCDC	9/27/2020	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			12/31/2021
DNRC Mini Education Grant - Monforton School 23G-21-3683	Plant and Animal Relationship in Montana's forest - field trip	yes - Monforton School	8/10/2020	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			12/31/2021
Watershed Stewardship Funding MOA#5120-01	Watershed Planning and Stakeholder Engagement in Lower Gallatin Watershed	yes/collaborative - GWC	6/29/2020	\$15,500.00	\$10,975.00	\$1,237.00	\$1,237.00			12/31/2021
MACD Water Quality Mini-Grant MOA#21-04	Rolling Rivers Trailer - Associated educational materials	No but collaborative project with MCC and GWC	4/23/2021	\$1,310.00	\$1,310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			4/29/2022
Watershed Management Grant (GWC) WMG-20-0073	Lower Gallatin Watershed Project Planning and Community Outreach	yes - GWC	4/3/2020	\$32,037.50	\$8,900.00	\$6,570.00	\$0.00			9/30/2022
Environmental Contingency Account EC-21-024	Bridger Foothill Fire Rehabilitation - cost share projects	No -collaborative project with GWC & NRCS and others.	3/18/2021	\$200,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$67,500.00	\$0.00			12/31/2022
DNRC 223 Grant (NRCS) 23G-20-3681	NRCS Camp/Godfrey Creek Rehabilitation	No but collaborative project with	6/15/2020	\$16,600.00	\$14,000.00	\$13,400.00	\$0.00			12/31/2022
				Total Grant Fund:		\$112,885.00				
Active Grants										
Completed Grants										
Contract not yet finalized										

Attachment B

7/12/2021 District Report

Water Year to Date

Gallatin: July, 83%
Madison: July, 78%
Jefferson: July, 77%
Yellowstone: July, 85%

Programs

EQIP:

Tip; forestry/fuels reduction Bridgers; 2021-2023 (obligated)
-3 applications (forest stand improvement, fuel break, wood
residue treatment)
NWQI; Camp and Godfrey creek; 2021 (obligated)
-3 applications (Irrigation improvements, livestock water, dairy
decommission)
NWQI 2; Camp and Godfrey creek; 2021
-1 application; approved; dairy decommission/relocation
-2 applications; livestock water/fencing; being reviewed

TIP; targeted implementation plans

Forestry (2021-2023); fuels reduction/forest health
Approved; Animal confinement; water quality (2022-2025)

PLANNED; Weed control, fencing, watering facilities, prescribed grazing,
seeding (2022-2025); Dry creek, Smith creek and Sixteen mile area.

PLANNED; Dry Creek/Horseshoe hills; juniper removal

Certifying practices

CSP;

Events

Past;

Future;

River Rendezvous; 7/23/2021

Insect and disease training; forestry; 7/28/2021

Local working group meeting?

November 2021?

Civil rights review; internal NRCS and Conservation district

Misc.

Covid; Offices closed unless scheduled appointment

Field office is still meeting with producers, planning, and certifying practices

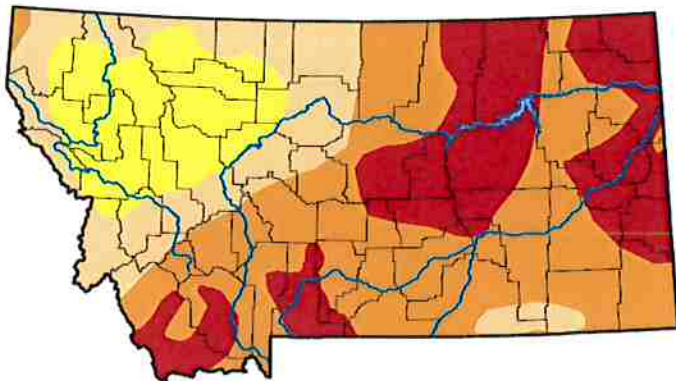
New soil conservationist; Emily

New administrative employee

Joint Chiefs; proposal to reduce fuel loading/benefit forest health in Bridgers south
through Jackson creek to Bear Canyon across to Gallatin Canyon.

U.S. Drought Monitor Montana

July 6, 2021
(Released Thursday, Jul. 8, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	84.34	65.23	25.90	0.00
Last Week 06-29-2021	7.49	92.51	78.41	60.96	19.94	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-06-2021	16.52	83.48	43.51	18.06	5.60	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	36.37	63.63	34.41	8.27	0.36	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	11.86	88.14	40.59	4.22	0.02	0.00
One Year Ago 07-07-2020	54.82	45.18	9.10	2.22	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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National Drought Mitigation Center



droughtmonitor.unl.edu

Attachment C

Administrators Report- July 15, 2021

310 Administration

- (3) new 310 applications for review; () reinspection; (1) emergency applications; (4) Complaints; (6) site inspections () jurisdictional questions; (1) extension requests; () Stream Access Complaint

Accounting

- Paid bills and taxes, PERS and payroll

Media

- Updates to Facebook and website.

Board Meeting

- Information, planning, organization for the July meeting

Other: Miscellaneous

- Weekly staff meeting- Mondays
- Farmers Market- 2 successful markets so far. 1 rain out.
 - 2021 season: 6/23-9/15.
 - Senior Nutrition
 - Weekly management of market tasks.
- Lots of 310 work this month- so many calls regarding potential complaints/violations!
 - US Army Corp of Engineers- GD 08C-21
- River Rendezvous planning meetings + work on assigned tasks.
- SET planning meeting + tasks
- Town Center Condominium HOA meeting- 6/24. No dues increase for FY22.
- Crail Gardens tour with GISA- 6/29
- Sarah out- assist with final payout, tie up loose ends, recap of current projects.
- New hires- coordination for first day, orientation, W4, I9, catch up on tasks and projects/duty assignments, continuing to help acclimate to GCD.
- New workspace addition.
- New computer purchase + set up. Virus protection + software updates.
- Wrote Conservation Corner article for Belgrade News.
- Highline Canal coordination for emergency funds
- Coordination with electrician for electrical work in EOC. Called in for locates services.
- Met with irrigator and landowner for irrigation complaint + resolution.

Discussion Items:

- MaCo appraisal postponed until August 2, 2021
- SET Training- 10/20-10/21- Attendance, October 19th. November 19th. Approved.
- WYS- No response to repeated attempts for Urban Supervisor re-election.
 - Meetings appear to be 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month.
 - Next Tuesday- 7/20.
 - Called today. Have called multiple times.
 - Packet was mailed 3/23/21.
 - Haven't received Three Forks official minutes yet...
- Jury Duty- July 16, 2021- postponed.

Meetings in Conference Room (scheduled):

- AGAI meeting- July 29, 11-1.
- Lower Gallatin Watershed Collaborative Planning Meeting- July 14, 10-12

Upcoming workshops/Meetings (attending):

- SET planning meeting- 7/28
- SET- (statewide employee training)- 10/20-10/21
- River Rendezvous- 7/23
- Summer Stewards- every Thursday starting 6/17- 8/19
- MFM- every Wednesday starting 6/23-9-15
- MCC Site Visit for Gillian- 7/30- 9am
- Pfeil- Oral arguments presented- 9/8

Grants: *See Excel Sheet*

- DNRC 223 Grant (River Rendezvous): Sydney has been working with Molly to get things together for the event on July 23rd.
- DNRC Mini Education Grant - Monforton School: Excited to see how Nikki Robbins' field trip goes. Plan is to reimburse them for their bus transportation after the event.
- MACD (SWCDM) Watershed Stewardship Funding: In contact with GWC, we have a meeting with them 7/20. Discussing this grant is on the agenda for that meeting.
- MACD Water Quality Mini Grant: Josh Olsen is planning to get us design documents by mid-July & plans to start working on the trailer late July.
- Watershed Management Grant with GWC: Should be receiving a check from DNRC soon to partially reimburse GWC.
- DNRC 223 Grant (Camp/Godfrey Creek Rehabilitation): Participants will be completing projects & submitting invoices. Extension is through 2022 so they have ample time to complete projects.
- Environmental Contingency Account Grant (Bridger Foothill Relief): Contracts & W-9s are coming back in the mail. Some reimbursement requests have come in.

Office/Internal Work:

- Excited to be here! The first couple of weeks have been great.

Programs & Technical Resources:

- Water Supply Report: Gillian got the June report completed, up on the website, Facebook & sent out via email.
- Landowner Assistance Cost-Share:
 - CS_02_21_Derrick – Contract signed & received.
 - NWQICS_01_21_Vandermolen – Contract signed & received
 - Bridger Fire CS – 2 of 5 Contracts signed & received.
- Pollinator Initiative: Participants planning to plant this fall are prepping their sites over the summer.

Education & Outreach Programs/Events:

- Summer Stewards: The programs are going great! Lots of fun to run activities & to visit with kids & their parents about the garden.
- Manhattan Farmer's Market: Becky has given me the run down on the senior's program & how to run the market manager table. I've enjoy meeting the locals that stop in to visit at the booths.

Education & Outreach Center:

- Things are taking off! Lots in there to harvest.
- Have been working on getting all the sprinklers & the system working how we want it to.
- Some interest from locals about volunteering in the garden.

Events/Meetings Attended:

- Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance (GISA) Open House at Crail Ranch – 6/29
- Manhattan Farmer's Market – 6/30, 7/7, 7/14
- Gallatin Watershed Council Meeting – 7/6
- Summer Steward's Program – 7/1, 7/8, 7/15
- Lower Gallatin Watershed Stakeholder's Meeting – 7/14

Upcoming Events:

- **River Rendezvous – 7/23**
- Gallatin County Fair – 7/24
- Manhattan Farmer's Market – Every Wednesday until 9/15
- Summer Stewards – Every Thursday until 8/19
 - **July 29th – Family Farm Heroes!**

Discussion items:

- Leave Request for August 19th, 20th & 23rd.
 - Will be absent for the August 19th business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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July 2021- Education and Outreach Staff Report

Sydney Lyons

Office:

- Sarah Bowman gave a tour of the GCD office and surrounding areas. She led our first day of training where we reviewed job information and other important topics.
- Spent the first week exploring software, company protocols, and various programs.
- Created a brochure displaying information about what GCD does- we will pass these out at events.
- Worked on establishing contact with existing GCD partners.
- Received a new computer and began updating and retrieving important documents.
- Organized files, new desk area, and office supplies.
- Researched and explored more about the various programs that GCD offers.
- Spent time in the Education and Outreach Center- weeding, watering, and general upkeep of the garden.
- Worked with Elizabeth on establishing job descriptions, specific to our individual positions.
- Updated GCD website with information and a personal biography.

River Rendezvous:

- Coordinated with Molly Masters (MRCDC) on event details, timing, current needs.
- Finalized guest list for event, contacted all attendees with information.
- Made arrangements with the business that is providing lunch.
- Reached out to potential speakers for an open time slot at Missouri River Headwaters State Park.
- Organized details of the event with Molly Masters and other contributors.

Events:

- Summer Stewards: Worked alongside an education technician from Fish & Wildlife on invasive species education for children.
- Manhattan Farmers Market: Set up and ran two tables to spread awareness about GCD, specifically our Summer Stewards program.

Upcoming:

- River Rendezvous
- Watershed Stakeholder meeting
- Gallatin Valley Farm to School camp event
- GWC meeting
- CD round table
- AGAI meeting
- Summer Stewards
- Manhattan Farmers Market

Spending time outside in a garden with kids is never wasted

Summer Stewards

- Jeff and Whitney!
- We are averaging around 30 kids
- New families are still coming!
- One of our older summer stewards is interested in working in our garden!
- Kids are eating the veggies out of the garden!

→ Dragon Tails are a new variety of radish



→ Sidney, Elizabeth & Gillian are great to work with

↳ so appreciate their help (along with Becky) on Friday mornings

FARMERS MARKET

- started out great!
- quite a few vendors
- great to see everyone again.
- rained out on the 7th (after everyone had set up)

Crail Gardens in Big Sky was an amazing open house! A very unique place

Events to look forward to

- July 16th → Bring animals to Galatin Valley Farm to school camp
- Enter art collage in Fair (Art in the Garden)
- July 23rd → River Rendezvous Tour of the EOC and lunch
- July 29th → "Family Farm Heroes" Would you be able to help us?
- July 29th → Belgrade
- Aug 5th → Farmer's Market Outreach Library Theme "Tails & Tabs"
- Storybook STEAM Camp "Conservation in Agriculture" (Mt. Science Center)

Garden Projects

- Figure out the Pond/Water Feature area
- Repair needed on raised beds
- Edging/issue.
- Food Forest Area
- Weeding (never ending)

As always... Mark You!
Lara Miller