

UYWB - 2005 in Review

January: (23 present)

- ◆ Created website for UYWB.
- ◆ EQIP Special Emphasis Noxious Weed grant (applied, not funded)
- ◆ Launched the Wolf Activity Monitoring Project.
- ◆ Presentation by Carole Mackin of DEQ, and Chris Mehus of Boulder River Watershed Group regarding TMDL.
- ◆ Updates on funding.

February: (39 present)

- ◆ Offered free GPS/GIS training.
- ◆ Round-table discussion led by Chuck Dalby & Jim Robinson of DNRC, and Allan Steinle of Army Corps of Engineers regarding Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) and the Cumulative Effects Study.
- ◆ Sponsored a Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management workshop by Stukenholtz Labs.

March: (26 present)

- ◆ Submitted 319 grant to DEQ for Paradise TMDL Planning Area project.
- ◆ Updates on Flood Plain Delineation Plan, GIS/GPS training, EQIP Special Emphasis Noxious Weeds, Wolf Activity Monitoring Project, TMDL, MWCC Quarterly meeting.

April: (42 present)

- ◆ Celebrating Watersheds in the Capitol Rotunda (UYWB booth)
- ◆ Held elections for 2005-2006 UYWB Chair & Vice Chair
- ◆ Held and Executive Committee met to discuss forming a Technical Advisory Group.
- ◆ Applied for a LEP Grant with a sheep grazing demonstration project (funded)
- ◆ Discussed the Park County Growth Policy plan – focus groups formed.
- ◆ Presentation by Keith Aune, Fish, Wildlife & Parks re: Paradise Valley Bison Containment Facilities.
- ◆ Sponsored a Forest Service draft Travel Plan open-house
- ◆ Updates by Park Conservation District re: Shields wildlife project, Park County Commissioner re: Flood Plain delineation plan, and Weed Fair.

May: (22 present)

- ◆ Assisted with the 2005 Weed Fair
- ◆ Informal presentation by Confluence Consulting and Garcia & Associates regarding their experience with the TMDL.
- ◆ No-Til Alfalfa Reestablishment project kick-off
- ◆ Sheep grazing project kick-off
- ◆ Updates on Park County Growth Policy plan, Flood Plain regulations, Range Days, Paradise Valley Bison Containment Facilities

June: (34 present)

- ◆ Issued a position statement on Dome Mountain Bison Quarantine Facility
- ◆ Presentation by Chuck Dalby, DNRC Surface Hydrologist regarding geomorphic channel classifications, stability & equilibrium and how this relates to SAMP and Cumulative Effects.
- ◆ Round-table discussion with Heidi Lindgren, Watershed Planner with DEQ regarding Paradise TMDL Planning Area project.
- ◆ Seal-It applied to Six Mile ditch.
- ◆ Updates on weeds, Wolf Compensation Advisory Committee, TMDL, FWP.

July: (31 present)

- ◆ Applied for DNRC Watershed Planning & Assistance Grant (funded)
- ◆ Assumed of responsibilities for the annual Weed Fair by UYWB Weed Committee.
- ◆ Drafted the 2006 UYWB Action Plan.
- ◆ Informal introduction to and presentation by Dr. Tracy Brewer, Montana State University
- ◆ Park Conservation District & UYWB had a booth with DNRC "Rolling Rivers" stream trailer at the Sustainability Fair.
- ◆ Presentation by John Olson, Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology regarding the Impacts of Non-Point Source Pollution to Water Resources in the Paradise Valley
- ◆ Seal-It applied to Fuller ditch
- ◆ TMDL/319 grant kick-off.
- ◆ Tour of No-Till demonstration project at Riley Shimmin's.
- ◆ Updates on weeds, Park County Growth Policy plan.

September: (30 present)

- ◆ Held first Technical Advisory Committee meeting to discuss potential projects.
- ◆ No-Till at Riley Shimmin's place
- ◆ Presentation by Jim Robinson & Chuck Dalby of DNRC regarding the Upper Yellowstone River – Channel & Floodplain Modifications and how this relates to the SAMP & Cumulative Effects study.
- ◆ Sponsored the Montana Watershed Coordination Council's annual training retreat.
- ◆ Started research on the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant
- ◆ Updates on wolves from Marty Malone, Range Days, Weeds, Park County Growth Policy Plan, Wolf Compensation Advisory Committee (Bruce Malcolm)

October : (26 present)

- ◆ Coordinator Training: Big Sky Public Purchasing Association – Procurement and Contract Management Fundamentals
- ◆ Introduction to, and round-table discuss by, Mandy Drysdale, from Senator Baucus's Bozeman office.
- ◆ Position statement on Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout.
- ◆ Presentation by Marty Malone on Weed ID & Pesticide Safety
- ◆ Updates on Seal-It & No-Till projects, Range Committee, Weed Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, Endangered Species Committee, FSA Office Closures, Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant, TMDL

November: (31 present)

- ◆ DNRC – HB223 grant application & public hearing for Soil Moisture Data Loggers. (funded)
- ◆ Farm Bill Forum attended by Coordinator.
- ◆ Presentation by Marty Malone, Extension Agent regarding the possibility of forming a new group entitled Paradise Stewardship Group.
- ◆ Updates on TMDL, Endangered Species/FWP, Irrigation Committee, Seal-It project, Range Committee re: Monitoring Workshops, Weed Committee re: mapping project, Park County Commissioner Jim Durgan re: subdivision regulations & Growth Policy Plan

December: (28 present)

- ◆ NWTF grant application submitted.
- ◆ Conducted a survey about membership resource and education needs, and asked what should be the primary mission of the watershed group.
- ◆ Compiled 2005 year-in-review.
- ◆ Organized free GIS/GPS training.
- ◆ Updates on Park County Growth Policy Plan, Park County joint resolution on wolf management, UYWB Irrigation Efficiency project.

2005 meeting attendance: 332 (30 avg/mo)