



06/02/2020 Programs Update

Grant-Funded Programs:

1. **Mini-Grant Program**
 - a. All MOA's finalized. Working with DEQ on cataloging high-quality projects for promotion
2. **Flathead Septic-System Maintenance**
 - a. Held 05/27 meeting with project partners & continuing planning
2. **Ranching for Rivers**
 - a. Meeting with interested parties in Stanford on June 18th. Potential partnering opportunity with DNRC's ranching initiative. Also invited to join Ranching Education discussions with MSU Extension and other partners working on Ranching-related education and initiatives.
3. **Watershed Stewardship Funding**
 - a. 3 CD applications received, 2 will be partially funded

NRCS Contribution Agreements

1. **Conservation Delivery Agreement (Pollinators, Soil Health, & Conservation Stories)**
 - a. Soil Health: Ongoing planning for 2021 Soil Health Symposium
 - b. Pollinators: No applications received for the pollinator's cost-share program. Will evaluate funding with NRCS soon, possibly use for 2021 BSWC program
2. **Montana Conservation Partnership Initiative**
 - a. Currently: ~\$2.1million of the \$2.5million agreement is encumbered.
 - i. Current Agreements: PF, Little Beaver CD, BCR, SGI, and SWCDM Admin
 - ii. Pending Agreements: MRCDC, Valley CD, and Blackfoot Challenge
 - b. **Sage Grouse Initiative Employees:**
 - i. 2 vacant positions in Glasgow and Roundup. Announcements posted and accepting applications through June 30th.

Bridger Plant Materials Center

- The PMC board hired new administrator: Theresa Kosel and 2 summer helpers
- Compiling comments and edits for Cooperative Agreement

Other Completed SWCDM Activities since 05/12:

- May 13th: SWCDM Staff Mid-Year Reviews
- May 19th: Flathead Basin Commission - Wastewater Treatment Committee Meeting
- May 21st: MRCDC Quarterly Meeting
- May 27th: Flathead Septic-Maintenance Partners Meeting
- *Provided aid to MACD for general activities for Board, Executive Committee, and Reorganization Cmte.*

Upcoming Activities :

- June 9th & 10th: Spring Board
- June 15th: Soil Health Symposium Planning Meeting (Bozeman)
- June 15th: Semi-annual reports & reimbursement requests for 319 grants
- June 17th: BPMC Meeting (*Pending*)
- June 18th: Ranching for Rivers Partners meeting (Stanford)