

SUPERVISOR  
TRAINING  
MODULE 1

In this module, we  
will discuss:

1. 310 Law
2. Water Reservations
3. Navigation of DNRC website and location of resource materials
4. Discussion of grants and programs
5. MACD programs
6. Upcoming Trainings and Future Modules



# AGENDA

- 7:00 am Welcome – Mark Bostrom
- 7:05 am 310 Law – Jason Garber
- 7:20 am Water Reservations – Randell Hopkins & Ann Kulczyk
- 7:35 am CDB grants & Resource Page – Mary Hendrix
- 7:45 am RDB grants – Lindsay Volpe & Heidi Anderson-Folnagy
- 8:00 am Rangeland Resources Program – Stacey Barta
- 8:15 am Other DNRC programs – Mark Bostrom
- 8:25 am MACD – Rebecca Boslough

## UPCOMING TRAINING MODULES:

MWCC Annual Meeting – Grants

Supervisor Roles & Responsibilities – Module 2

Conclusion of training

*“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” –John F Kennedy*



## 310 LAW

- Planning to do work in or near a stream?
- You must get a 310 permit.
- IT'S FREE. IT'S THE LAW.



## History of the 310 Law

- In 1963, Montana policy makers began to overhaul regulation related to the state's waters and streams. The Montana Stream Protection Act created regulations for government activities. Especially highway projects.
- In 1973, an attempt to include private projects under FWP's jurisdiction failed.
- The *Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act* of 1975 was passed as a compromise to govern private party actions in and around streams.

## What Laws and Rules provide the Framework for 310 permits?

- Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act
- The Administrative Rules of Montana
- Rules Adopted by the Districts

## Rules

- The Rules are there to help guide you through the 310 process.
- Every District has Rules. They are based on a DNRC template and State Law.
- These need to be updated if any legislation changes which affects the 310 program.
- They may also be modified within the Law to help a CD accomplish their goals for their 310 program.

## 310 APPLICATION PROCESS

- CD Receives Application for a Project.
- Initially Reviews and Accepts or sends back for more information.
- Date received may be different than date accepted.
- 60 day time frame starts when Application accepted.
- Notify FWP of Inspection within 10 working days.
  - FWP has 5 working days to say if they want an inspection. Though their participation is required, it is advisory only.



# Thank You!

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# WATER RESERVATIONS

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Yellowstone River

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Missouri River

# CD Water Reservations Background

- Randell Hopkins, DNRC-Conservation District Bureau, Water Reservation Technician in Miles City
- Purpose: Reserve water for future agricultural irrigation development
- Conservation District holds the water right. Producers apply for a reserved water use authorization through the CD.
- Priority Dates:
  - Yellowstone River Basin: **December 15, 1978**
  - Upper and Lower Missouri River Basins: **July 1, 1985**
  - Little Missouri River Basin: **July 1, 1989**



# CD Water Reservations

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## Yellowstone Basin

- Park CD
- Sweet Grass CD
- Stillwater CD
- Carbon CD
- Yellowstone CD
- Big Horn CD
- Treasure County CD
- Rosebud CD
- Custer County CD
- Powder River CD
- Prairie County CD
- Dawson County CD
- Richland County CD
- Little Beaver CD

## Lower/Little Missouri Basin

- Carter County CD
- Wibaux CD
- Richland County CD
- Little Beaver CD

## Upper Missouri Basin

- Lower Musselshell CD

Conservation Districts with Water Reservations for Agricultural Development







# Conservation Districts with Reserved Water

Priority Date: July 1, 1985

## Upper Missouri River

### Gallatin to Fort Peck Dam

Cascade County  
Chouteau County  
Fergus County  
Glacier County  
Judith Basin County  
Liberty County  
Lower Musselshell County  
Pondera County  
Teton County  
Toole County  
Valley County

## Lower and Little Missouri River

### Fort Peck Dam to North Dakota

Blaine County  
Carter County  
Daniels County  
Little Beaver County  
Liberty County  
McCone County  
Richland County\*  
Roosevelt County  
Sheridan County  
Valley County  
Wibaux County

# Role of Conservation District

- Accept Applications
- Assist Applicants in completing applications
- Levy Application Fees
- Submit applications to DNRC Advisor
- Issue reserved water use authorizations to successful applicants
- Allocate water impartially
- Maintain Public Records
- Report to the DNRC
- Coordinate with local, state or federal agencies as necessary to fulfill the purpose of the reservation
- Periodically review issued authorizations for compliance
- Seek administrative and technical assistance from DNRC

# Role of DNRC Advisor

- Assist the CD in all administrative and technical issues with water reservation
- Review applications for water use authorizations received from Districts
- Work with applicant to complete applications
- Assist the District with the public notice process
- Present applications to Districts for authorization
- Apply to DNRC for Changes if needed
- Maintain a database for public records and information
- Keep and maintain required reports

## Missouri River CD DNRC Advisor

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# CONSERVATION DISTRICTS BUREAU (CDB)

Financial, legal & technical  
assistance and training resources

“To ensure that conservation districts meet their legal requirements to carry out conservation programs and administer the 310 Law locally.”



# ONLINE & BOOK RESOURCES

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## Online:

- About Conservation Districts
- Statewide CD Program
- Montana Envirothon
- Documents & Webinars

## Published:

- 2019 CD Directory
- 2020 Law Book





# CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANTS

GRANT	WHAT	AMOUNT	DEADLINE
Administrative	Financial Support	Varies	May 1
District Development	Capacity Builder	Up to \$10K	Quarterly
HB223	Projects	Up to \$20K	Quarterly
Mini Education	Education	Up to \$500	Quarterly
Pollinator	Pollinator	Up to \$15K	Quarterly





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# RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (RDB)

- Renewable Resource Grants and Loans
- Watershed Management Grant
- Irrigation Development Grant
- Private Grants
- Reclamation and Development Grants Program



# Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program



Funding local government projects to conserve, manage, develop, or preserve Renewable Resources for future generations of Montanans.

## Project Grants



**Purpose:** Projects which benefit Renewable Resources. Examples: water and wastewater treatment projects, irrigation rehabilitation, dam repair, soil and water conservation and forest enhancement.



**Funding:** up to \$125,000 to local governments



**Deadline:**  
Applications are received May 15<sup>th</sup> of even-numbered years.



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## Planning Grants

**Purpose:** Professional or Technical services needed to complete an RRGL project applications. Other project types: Capital Improvements Plan, Growth Plan, sample conditions, surveys, studies, or other management tool to lead to an RRGL application.

**Funding:** between \$8,000 to \$15,000

**Deadline:**  
Application cycles vary

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For more information, visit [dnrc.mt.gov/cadd/resource-development](http://dnrc.mt.gov/cadd/resource-development) or [funding.mt.gov](http://funding.mt.gov)



# Watershed Management Grants

*Support the development and implementation of locally led watershed related planning and capacity building activities that conserve, develop, improve or preserve state natural resources.*

## Eligibility

Local government, state government, and tribal government entities

Non-profit entities with local government sponsorship

Non-government entities with 1:1 match requirement (If sponsored, no match requirement)

## Funding

\$35,000 per applicant per biennium

## Deadlines

Currently no set cycles

One more cycle in 2020

## More Information:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program/watershed-management-grant-program>

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# Irrigation Development Grants

- Develop or Sustain Irrigation in MT
- Government, Tribal, Private
  - Private require 50% match
- \$300 - \$20,000
- Typically 3 cycles per biennium
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<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/resource-development/loan-and-grant-programs-for-irrigation-development>







# Private Grants

## Grants to individuals and groups for water projects

### Project Eligibility

- The project promotes the objectives of the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program.
- The project provides public benefits.
- The project will be constructed in Montana.
- A septic system repair or replacement project must have a letter from a regulatory agency requiring the repair or replacement.
- New home construction is not eligible for the private grant program.
- The project will be given priority if it provides for more than one purpose for the facility.
- The project will be an efficient use of water without diminishing the quality.
- The project has not or will not use any public funding.

### Examples of projects:

- Owners of small systems have difficulty in meeting Safe Drinking Water Act regulations, but must meet the same requirements that municipal water systems face. Most of the funds are targeted to assist small, privately owned water or wastewater systems.
- Agricultural projects include inspection on private high-hazard dams and water measuring projects on chronically dewatered streams.



### Funding

- Estimated grant amount (25% of total cost or \$5,000, whichever is less)
- Funding available throughout the biennium

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# DNRC - Emergency Grant Program

*Environmental Contingency Grant program 75-1-1101 MCA  
\$100,000 Available per Year  
Normally Limited to \$5,000 - \$20,000 Per Project*

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- Grant assistance limited to ***serious emergencies (ie., unexpected or system failures) that pose an immediate threat to management of a renewable resource.***
- Available to towns, cities, counties, conservation/irrigation/water & sewer districts. WUA's can apply through a county or conservation district as their sponsor.
- Typical Emergency Projects Have Been:
  - Canal and Dike Failures (i.e., river diversions, inlet gates, flood erosion/ice damage)
  - Emergency Dam Repairs (i.e., embankment, outlet gates, spillway)
  - Emergency Repairs to municipal drinking and wastewater systems (i.e., frozen/cracked pipes, pump/lift station repair, equipment failure)
- To Apply: Contact Grant Manager. Sponsor will receive a letter acknowledging the request for funds and requesting information to initiate the process.
  - Description of the problem and proposed, or already completed, repair with estimate or cost
  - Provide schedule for proposed repair
  - Potential sources of funding - Sponsor financial report
- Not All Grants Are Approved. DNRC Director's Office will decide within days.

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program/renewable-resource-emergency-grants-and-loans>





Conservation and  
Resource  
Development  
Division

# Reclamation and Development Grants Program

Grants to local and state government entities for natural resources.

## Project Categories

Mineral Development Projects: Projects that **repair, reclaim or mitigate environmental damage** to natural resources **from mining, oil and gas** development, and **hazardous waste**

Crucial state need projects develop, promote, or protect Montana's total environment and the general health, safety, welfare, and public resources of Montana's citizens and communities. **Projects must have regional or statewide importance to natural resources.**

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For more information: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/reclamation-and-development-grants-program/reclamation-and->

## Grants Available

### Planning Grants

- \$50,000 for planning activities
- Applications due throughout the biennium



### Project Grants

- \$500,000 for project implementation
- Applications due May 15 of even numbered years





# RANGELAND RESOURCES PROGRAM





# Rangelands Resources Program

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**TITLE 76. LAND RESOURCES AND USE  
CHAPTER 14. RANGELAND RESOURCES**

**Part 1. Rangeland Management**



Montana Rangelands provide wildlife habitat, clean water, open spaces enjoyed by recreation and tourism, and are the foundation for livelihoods in rural Montana.







# MONTANA AGRICULTURAL FACTS 2018



NATIONAL  
AGRICULTURAL  
STATISTICS  
SERVICE

USDA, NASS, MT FIELD OFFICE  
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April 2019

## Montana Facts and Figures

Montana's 2010 population, at 989,415, was up 9.7 percent from 2000. Population density, measured in people per square mile, was 6.8 in 2010—third lowest in the United States. Montana's 58.0 million acres of land in farms and ranches ranks second in the nation behind Texas.

Montana Population <sup>1</sup>		Land and Land Utilization	
Total, 2010 Census	989,415	Montana Total Land Area, Square Miles <sup>1</sup>	145,546
People Per Square Mile	6.8	Montana Total Land Area, Acres <sup>1</sup>	93,149,312
		All Land in Farms & Ranches, Acres <sup>2</sup>	58,122,878
		Proportion of Land in Farms & Ranches <sup>2</sup>	62.4%

<sup>1</sup>2010 U.S. Population Census.

<sup>2</sup>2017 U.S. Census of Agriculture.

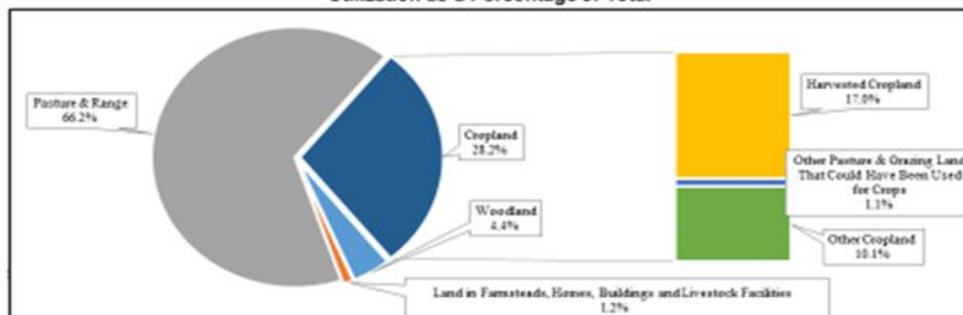
## Farm Financial Indicators

		(1,000)	
Number of Farms & Ranches <sup>1</sup>	26,900	Value of Crop Production <sup>2</sup>	\$1,475,312
Average Size of Farm or Ranch <sup>1</sup>	2,156 Acres	Value of Animals & Products Production <sup>2</sup>	\$1,588,241
Gross Farm Income <sup>2</sup>	\$4.39 Billion	Farm-Related Income <sup>2</sup>	\$954,550
Value of Agriculture Sector Production <sup>2</sup>	\$4.02 Billion	Net Farm Income <sup>2</sup>	\$351,014

<sup>1</sup>Places with annual sale of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more.

<sup>2</sup>Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Farm Financial Indicators State Rankings, 2017 figures.

Land in Farms & Ranches:  
Utilization as a Percentage of Total



Source: 2017 Census of Agriculture

## 2-15-3305. Rangeland resources committee.

(1) The governor may select a committee of six members in accordance with subsection (2) that is composed of:

- (a) a presiding officer who is a rancher;
- (b) a vice presiding officer who is a rancher;
- (c) a rancher from the eastern area of the state;
- (d) a rancher from the northern area of the state;
- (e) a rancher from the area of the state west of the continental divide;
- (f) a rancher from the southern area of the state.

## Rangeland Resources Program Programs and Events

(1) *the importance of Montana's rangeland with respect to livestock, forage, wildlife habitat, high-quality water production, pollution control, erosion control, recreation, and the natural beauty of the state is recognized;*

- Range Forum
- Workshops/educational outreach
- Support to CD's & Montana Grass Conservation Commission
- Montana Youth Range Camp
- Working Lands Internship Program
- Rangelands in the Rotunda

(2) *cooperation and coordination of range management activities between persons and organizations charged with or having the management of rangeland, whether private or public, can be promoted and developed; and*

- Montana Rangelands Monitoring Program
- Section 8 MOU
- Range Forum

(3) *those who are doing exceptional work in range management can receive appropriate recognition.*

- Leopold Award
- Montana Range Tour



## Part 1. Rangeland Management

**76-14-102. Purpose.** The purpose of this part is to establish a program of rangeland management whereby:

(1) the importance of Montana's rangeland with respect to livestock, forage, wildlife habitat, high-quality water production, pollution control, erosion control, recreation, and the natural beauty of the state is recognized;

(2) cooperation and coordination of range management activities between persons and organizations charged with or having the management of rangeland, whether private or public, can be promoted and developed; and

(3) those who are doing exceptional work in range management can receive appropriate recognition.

## 76-14-105. Role of state coordinator.

The state coordinator shall:

(1) serve as an advisor, counselor, and coordinator for and between persons and agencies involved in range management;

(2) strive to create understanding and compatibility between the many users of rangeland, including sportsmen, recreationists, ranchers, and others;

(3) promote and coordinate the adoption and implementation of sound range management plans to minimize conflicts between governmental agencies and private landowners;

(4) participate in zoning and planning studies to insure that native ranges are adequately represented at sessions for development of zoning and planning regulations;

(5) coordinate range management research to help prevent duplication and overlap of effort in this area

## 76-14-111. Rangeland improvement loan program

The department may make rangeland improvement loans for rangeland development and improvement, including but not limited to stock water development, cross fencing, establishment of grazing systems, reseeding, mechanical renovation, sagebrush management, and weed control.

Since 1979- 161 loans, for \$3.58 million

1.5% APR

\$75,000 max – 10 years, Real estate secured

CD are a part of the application process

**76-14-115. Selection of loan recipients.** (1) Conservation district supervisors shall initially review loan applications for feasibility and prioritize applications for referral to the department



## NEW RULE II RANGELAND RESOURCE LOANS

(1) Applicants are eligible to apply for a loan to finance rangeland improvements to be constructed, developed, and operated in Montana according to 76-14-113, MCA.

(2) Applications must be:

(a) initiated through the local district;

(b) completed using the Range Improvement Loan Application, available online at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd> or upon request;

(i) terms and conditions of the loan can be found in application;

(c) accompanied by a resource conservation plan, which may be prepared in consultation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and verified by the board;

(d) the application must be submitted to the board at least two weeks prior to their next scheduled meeting.

(3) During the application review process:

(a) the board must consider each application individually using the criteria outlined in 76-14-114, MCA;

(b) the board must act on the application at the first board meeting following receipt of the application;

(c) the board must notify applicants of action taken within five business days;

(d) the board must forward the application with recommendations to the department within five business days of board recommendation and approval;

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/rangeland-resource-program>



# OTHER PROGRAMS

- Invasive Species Programs
- Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program
- Regional Water Systems
- Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Action Coordinating Team (W2ASACT)





Montana Association of  
Conservation Districts

## MONTANA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

*We're growing Montana's future.*

**We support Montana's Conservation Districts**  
in promoting local, voluntary, common sense conservation of  
soil, water, and other natural resources.

Rebecca Boslough

September 23, 2020

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- 1 Advocacy and policy (guided by resolutions)
- 2 Education
- 3 Conservation Programs
- 4 Technical Support
- 5 Knowledge sharing, connection, and communications

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# MACD Standing Committees

- 1 District Operations
- 2 Education
- 3 Soil Resources and Land Use
- 4 Water Resources
- 5 Programs Committee

Ad Hoc Committees: Legislative, MACD / SWCDM Merger

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# Current Programs & Services

## Conservation

Ranching for Rivers (R4R)

Flathead Basin  
Wastewaters Partnership

Montana Conservation  
Partnership Initiative  
(MCPI)

## Education & Outreach

Education & Outreach  
Water Quality Mini Grants

Soil Health Symposium

Rolling Rivers Trailer

## Capacity Building

Big Sky Watershed Corps  
(BSWC)

Sage Grouse Initiative  
(SGI)

Technology Assistance

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# UPCOMING TRAININGS

## Partner:

MWCC Annual Meeting – Feb 26  
@ 9:00am will discuss other grant  
opportunities

## DNRC:

Module 2: You're a Supervisor now,  
What's Next? Discussion on roles &  
responsibilities





# THANK YOU

Department of Natural Resource and  
Conservation – Conservation and Resource  
Development Division (DNRC-CARDD)

And

Montana Association of Conservation  
Districts (MACD)