

Rangeland & Watershed Resource Specialist Report

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1. Program Updates:

- Living Snow Fence Program:
 - Placed LCCD and Lincoln Oakes tree orders
 - 4,150 trees from LCCD
 - 875 trees from Lincoln Oakes
 - 700/5,025 total trees are for LSFs (~14% of total order)
 - Inventoried irrigation supplies 10/26

New Applications – none

- Rural Cost Share Program (\$9,005)
 - Conducted site visits – Croonberg Ranch and Horse Creek Ranch

Completed Cost Shares –

- a. Branson/Widhelm → approved for \$3,750, Voucher Amount is \$3,721.19
- b. Bell-Otte → approved for .

New Applications (*\$9,005 remaining in budget*) – **Board Approval Needed**

- a. None

2. County Notices for Review (subdivision, zoning, use change requests):

- Bonnie Bath concern on zoning and acreages – Martin is following this

3. Water:

- Coordinating interest, application process, necessary steps for submitting 3 potential Small Water Project applications
 - a. Info from partners, landowners, other involved parties will be Oct 31 to ensure that I have enough time to compile applications & documentation by Nov 15th program deadline.
 - i. **Horse Creek Ranch – water pipeline and stock tank development**
 1. Estimated project total: \$83,710.80
 - ii. Beezley Irrigation Structure – check dam off of the main Oasis ditch
 1. Hoping to apply as Shovel-Ready
 2. Estimated project total: \$70,840
 3. *Withdrawn interest as of 11/4/24 per WWC*
 - iii. Monaghan Ranch – Lone Tree Reservoir work
 1. No application for this project as work on this is currently underway; however, expect future projects on this ranch
- Participated in Great Salt Lake Watershed survey, forwarded on to water stakeholders at UW “Perceptions of water security opportunities and risks in the Great Salt Lake watershed”

4. Technical Assistance:

- Reviewed range dry weight data from 9/30 clippings
- ConnectGen Wind Farm Reclamation Seed Mix – thanks to Sydney at NRCS
- 1 Seed Mix for public
- Grazing and forage production assistance for small acreage owner (Fetterman Rd Subdivision)
- Assisting City Ranch Manager with potential lease restructuring and rangeland monitoring ideas

5. Community Outreach & Involvement:

- 6 Facebook posts
- Big Event Garden Cleanup 10/19 at LaBonte
- River Cleanup w/ Albany County Historical Society 10/26
- Pilot Hill Liaison Updates
 - a. Pilot Hill Board Meeting 10/16/24
 - i. Coordinating with WGFD on potential Zeedyk workshop
- Attended 2 Rotary Meetings
 - a. Polio Awareness 10/24/24
 - b. Greenhill Cemetery 10/31/24
- Participated in graduate student (Josie Corbett) research:
“I no longer have a skin; I have a hide.”: The Perspectives and Experiences of Contemporary Women Ranchers and Stock-Herders Breaking the “Grass” Ceiling in the Mountain West Ranching Industry.
- Potential Zeedyk workshop with NRCS on Monaghan for Summer 2025

6. Other Notes

- Ordered new laptop – current one is breaking (top cover, warranty had expired)
- NACD Convene Webinar – Road to Redemption (Lucinda Cross)
- Women in Agriculture Conference w/ Tosha 11/7-11/8 at UW

Current Time
(as of Oct 2024)

Vacation: 59.5 hours
Sick: 90.8 hours
Comp: 1.75
Straight: 15.5