

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
WYOMING BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
FISCAL YEAR 2008

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008



**MEETEETSE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

2103 State Street, PO Box 237, Meeteetse, Wyoming 82443

Phone (307) 868-2484 Fax (307) 868-2489

E-mail: mcd@tctwest.net

On the Web at <http://www.meeteetsecd-wy.gov>

Table of Contents

Introduction..... Page 2
 Administration Page 2
 Administrative Training Page 3
 Budget..... Page 3
 Finances..... Page 3
 Meetings..... Page 3
 Operations..... Page 4
 Cooperator Grants and Funding..... Page 5
 Education..... Page 5
 Natural Resource Management and Planning..... Page 6
 Networking and Participation in Outside Activities..... Page 8
 Range..... Page 8
 Surface Water Quality Monitoring..... Page 9
 Training..... Page 10
 Weather..... Page 10
 Website..... Page 11
 Weed Management..... Page 11
 Conclusion..... Page 11
 Financial Statement..... Page 12

Introduction

This Annual Report has been prepared in partial fulfillment of the requirements for Wyoming Conservation District funding through the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. It is also intended to assist the Meeteetse Conservation District (MCD) Board of Supervisors in keeping the general public, other governmental entities, and non-governmental organizations informed of the activities and accomplishments of the Meeteetse Conservation District through fiscal year (FY) 2008. Furthermore, this report is intended to present a general overview of the direction that MCD will take in the upcoming FY 2009.

MCD encourages public comments, which will help the District effectively plan its future.

Meeteetse Conservation District Board of Supervisors as of June 30, 2008:

Clara Mae Yetter	Chairman
Ken Beer	Vice-Chairman
James F. Gould IV	Secretary
Craig Geving	Treasurer
Tracy Renner	Member

Meeteetse Conservation District Staff as of June 30, 2008:

Steve Jones	Resource Management Coordinator (RMC)	Salaried, full-time
Emily Ewart	Resource Specialist (RS)	Hourly, part-time
Elizabeth Schnackel	District Clerk & Resource Technician (RT)	Hourly, part-time

Administration

In order to better evaluate its accomplishments and attainment of objectives, MCD continued its efforts to differentiate between District administration and District operations. MCD defines *administrative* activities as those activities that primarily keep the office and District functioning. Approximately 65% of the MCD’s administrative activities were performed by the Resource Management Coordinator (RMC), who was generally responsible for the day-to-day administration of MCD, including district budgeting and finances, and who supervised and provided guidance for the District Clerk/Resource Technician and the Resource Specialist (RS). Administrative duties assigned to the District Clerk (Clerk) were increased during the year as Liz became more knowledgeable of conservation district

administration. The Clerk performed approximately 25% of the MCD's administrative activities, including bookkeeping, payroll, and secretarial tasks. The RS assisted the RMC and Clerk in administrative activities as needed, approximately 10% of the MCD's administrative activities. Attendance at MCD Board meetings and training was, in general, considered administrative activity.

- Administrative expenditures made up 37% of the MCD total expenditures in FY2008.
- 32% of salary, wages and indirect payroll expenses were administrative expenditures.
- Salary, wages and indirect payroll expenses for administrative duties were 56% of total administrative expenditures.
- Non-payroll expenses, such as office rent, utilities, dues, and supplies accounted for 44% of administrative expenditures.

Administrative Training:

- Clara Mae, Tracy, Craig, Steve, Emily, and Liz attended the September 2007 WACD Area III meeting in Worland.
- Steve attended the November 2008 WDA Facilitation Workshop in Lander.
- Steve, Emily, and Liz attended the March 2008 WCDEA Winter Training in Casper.

Budget:

The MCD Board of Supervisors and staff developed the budget for FY 2008 according to District Operations procedure. The budget was approved at the public budget hearing on July 16th 2007. All FY 2008 activities were within the constraints of the FY 2008 budget and a planned surplus was carried into FY 2009 in the Startup Reserve account, which will to be used to fund the District into December 2009, when the first county mill levy check will arrive.

Finances:

In FY 2008, the MCD maintained checking accounts at First National Bank in Powell and at Pinnacle Bank in Cody, accounts for both cash and reserve funds with the Wyoming Government Investment Fund (WGIF), while a checking account and certificates of deposit at the Bank of the West in Meeteetse were phased out during the year.

The MCD operated on a cash basis and had no debt. QuickBooks Pro was and continues to be the accounting software used by MCD.

The MCD FY 2008 operating revenues of \$173,866 consisted of \$163,778 (94%) from its mill levy, \$6,112 (4%) from interest and refunds, and \$3,976 (2%) from reallocated WDA Water Quality Monitoring Reimbursement grant funds ("Lab Funds").

Total expenditures were \$130,589. For the purposes of this report, because of their relatively large percentage with respect to the whole, indirect payroll costs and capital outlay, as defined by Wyoming Department of Audit, have been apportioned to their respective administrative or operational activities in order to better reflect the relative balance between administration and operations, as presented later in the report. The attached financial statement, though, is presented in accordance with Department of Audit guidelines.

Administration, including its share of indirect payroll costs and capital outlay, was \$48,369 (37% of total expenditures), operations expenses, including its share of indirect payroll costs and capital outlay, were \$81,324 (62% of total expenditures), and \$896 (1% of total expenditures) was spent on liability and property insurance.

3.4% of MCD's expenditures were for operations and administration capital outlay, combined.

Meetings:

MCD's Board of Supervisors and staff regularly met on the first Tuesday following the 4th day of each month of FY 2008, at the District office at 2103 State Street in Meeteetse, as scheduled. All regular meetings, special meetings, work sessions, and budget hearing were held as is provided for under State law.

MCD actively participated at the Area and State level meetings as a member of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts (WACD). Four Supervisors, Clara Mae, Ken, Craig, and Tracy, and all staff attended the Mega-Ag Convention.

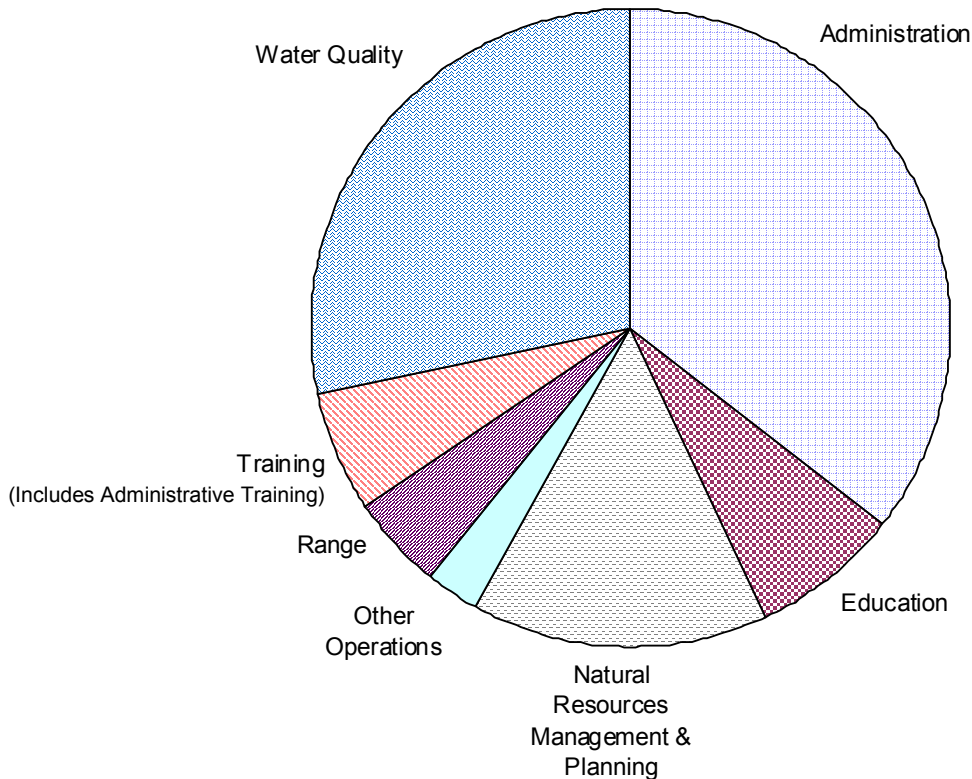
Operations

MCD defines services and associated activities for which the District was formed as *operations*. MCD operations include natural resource management and planning, educational seminars and workshops, monitoring and reporting water quality, soil moisture, range, local weather conditions, natural resource education, and other natural resource related activities of value to the community. The MCD may assist other entities in providing similar activities, and participation in certain technical training activities may be considered part of operations.

About 65% of MCD’s operations activities were performed by the RMC, who had general responsibility for operations on a day-to-day basis, and who supervised and provided guidance for the other employees. The Resource Specialist, who assisted the RMC and also worked on independent projects, was responsible for approximately 30% of operations activities. The RT assisted both the RMC and RS and performed approximately 5% of operations activities.

- Operations expenditures made up 62% of the MCD total expenditures.
- 68% of salary, wages, and indirect payroll expenses were operations expenditures.
- Salary, wages, and indirect payroll for operations duties made up 72% of total operations expenditures.
- Non-payroll expenses, such as supplies, mileage, and travel accounted for 28% of operations expenditures.

Meeteetse CD FY2008 Expenditures by Class



Cooperator Grants and Funding:

The MCD facilitated grant funding through the Western Wyoming RC&D for Leonard Davis, owner of WTL Logging, to attend the Small Wood 2008 and Bioenergy & Wood Products Conference, Madison, WI in May, 2008 and to enhance his Meeteetse sort yard, both via the Western Wyoming Biomass Initiative grant from the USFS.

The MCD continued to support the Wilson-McNally Ditch improvement project on the Big Horn Basin RC&D project list, and obtained formal support from the Town of Meeteetse. Funding will be sought following the NRCS engineering report. The open ditch carries significant flows and the Council is assisting stakeholders in obtaining evaluation and funding to put the ditch in pipe through the town to address safety and transmission issues.

Additionally, the MCD directly provides the loan of certain District equipment to producers.

Four conservation projects were funded with NRCS EQIP cost sharing in the MCD:

Proposal Type	EQIP Funds	Estimated Project Cost	Acres	Resource Concern
Livestock Waste	24,706.00	49,412.00		Livestock Waste
Range	2,115.00	4,230.00	640	Grazinglands
Range	3,075.00	6,150.00	640	Grazinglands
Wildlife	10,016.00	20,032.00	50	Wildlife Initiative (State Allocation)

Education:

Youth:

- Emily presented the watershed model to Odyssey elementary students on April 29, 2008. 10 elementary students were in attendance.
- The MCD obtained a formal proclamation from the Town of Meeteetse and the Park County Commission for Stewardship Week and the “Water is Life” display was at the Meeteetse Library, and “Water is Life” materials were also distributed to many local entities during stewardship week. Local TV Channel 54 ran the Stewardship Week PowerPoint slide.
- MCD’s 2007 application nominating Joey Johnson as Wyoming Advocate for Agriculture in WAIC statewide competition was re-submitted and Joey was recognized by WAIC as Wyoming’s 2008 Advocate for Agriculture. Emily had met with various community members (Meeteetse FFA Alumni Support Group, Meeteetse Cow Belles, FFA students, and various individuals) gathering letters of support. Notable was Joey’s use of FFA students to assist other teachers in teaching ag-related topics in their classes, especially during Ag Week.
- In February, 2008, Steve participated in the Meeteetse School’s CTE Five Year plan for vocational education. The MCD has been actively encouraging the school to make use of WAIC resources, with little known success to date outside of the FFA program.
- The District continued the educational tool “Kid’s Corner” on the MCD website.

Community:

- Steve & Emily met with representatives of UW-CES, Park County Weed & Pest and Planning and Zoning, other CDs, Irrigation Districts, and others to join efforts in a continuing collaboration and coordination of education efforts addressing small acreage issues and management. Steve edited the “Do you know... Park County?” brochure, featuring relationships between plants, climate, and soil. The brochure was published by UW-CES and distributed at the county fair. The first “Do You Know..?” distributed at the 2007 county fair was also edited by Steve.
- The MCD hosted “Range Water & Facilities Roundtable - Feb. 23, in Meeteetse. With an informal atmosphere, and lunch provided by the MCD, Jim Mischke, the Hot Springs County DC, gave a slide presentation showing various water developments, pipelines, and tank installations to set the stage. The roundtable discussion format worked very well to facilitate a good discussion and the exchange of information between producers and NRCS, BLM, State Engineer’s Office, Game & Fish Department, Wyoming Water Development Commission, UW-CES, and the WDA.

- MCD, Powell-Clark's Fork CD, and Cody CD hosted "Pine Beetles and Red Trees" April 4, addressing local forest health, water quality, and wildfire issues associated with the beetle & disease epidemic. Presenters represented Federal agencies, State Forestry and industry.
- May 12, 2008, in addition to the District's website as an educational outreach tool, the MCD began publication of the "Trail News" as a weekly supplement in the Meeteetse *Bulletin*, published by the Meeteetse Economic Development Alliance as part of an agreement to assist MEDA in publishing the *Bulletin*. 200 printed copies and 140 electronic copies were distributed to a community that has about 450 mailing addresses.
- The MCD hosted Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Jim Logan's, DVM and John Duncan, DVM, of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) presented an in-depth brucellosis update to livestock producers on June 28. Triggered by the recent discovery of the disease near Daniel, and with contributions from G&F biologist Kevin Hurley, nearly unlimited discussion ranged over various topics including increasing seroprevalence in the local elk herds, human risk, keeping elk and cattle segregated during the high risk season, to adult vaccination protocols.

Elected officials and government agencies:

- Steve facilitated a TMDL presentation by DEQ to the Park County Commission, at the Commissioners' 8/7/07 meeting.
- Steve and Ann Trosper (PCFCD) presented the Wyoming Conservation Districts Water Quality Exception Budget to the Park County Commission at the Commission's regular meeting December 18, 2007. Steve reviewed the Exception Budget with Representatives Childers and Simpson two days later. The presentation to the Commission resulted in the Park County Commission Resolution #2007-97 supporting the budget. Park County took its resolution to the Wyoming County Commissioners Association, ultimately leading to that group's endorsement as well.
- Steve presented to the Park County Commission, at the Commissioners' April 8 meeting, an update on MCD direction, activities, and involvement in issues of mutual concern; emphasizing natural resources management and planning, and water quality.
- Steve assisted County Planner, Linda Gillett, in presentation to the Park County Commission, at the Commissioners' 5/20/08 meeting, results of the joint County, NRCS, and Conservation District's NRCS Soil Survey Review, resulting in the County's participation in the final phase of the Soil Survey project.

Natural Resource Management and Planning:

The MCD was actively involved in a multitude of natural resource-related issues. Participation included attending public meetings, submitting formal comments, and in keeping MCD cooperators informed regarding natural resource management and planning issues.

Big Horn Basin RC&D: The MCD is a dues-paying member of the Big Horn Basin RC&D, and both Steve and Clara Mae represent the MCD at RC&D meetings. Steve represented the BHB RC&D Council at the Western Association of RC&D Councils annual meeting in Las Cruces, NM.

County Planning: Emily attended the Park County Subdivision Regulations Q & A session at the Senior Center in Meeteetse on February 26, 2008.

NRCS Soil Survey: In May, Steve participated in the NRCS Soil Survey Planning Conference, held in Casper. That conference was critical to bringing Park County into the program.

Park County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (PCCWPP): Emily has represented MCD in the operating group responsible for developing the PCCWPP, which identified at-risk communities, prioritized these communities on the basis of fire risk, and made recommendations for reducing the likelihood of catastrophic fire threatening Park County. The plan states: "This document will also help coordinate activities across jurisdictions and ownerships through the CWPP process **before** an emergency occurs in order to reduce the chance of loss of life, and damage to infrastructure, homes, and natural resources as a result of unforeseen and catastrophic wildfire. The PCCWPP further addresses a need for the restoration of fire-adapted ecosystems and improved forest and rangeland health."

The PCCWPP operating group developed a community base map of the wildland urban interface (WUI) areas in Park County. In addition, Emily drafted a paragraph for the plan concerning the support of local wood industries and biomass utilization. A community risk assessment was also developed that looked at risk factors, such as: fuels hazards, risk of wildfire occurrence, essential infrastructure, and structural risk. Priorities and treatment recommendations were also developed. This information will be useful for MCD in its continued involvement in local watershed planning, the Shoshone National Forest Plan, and other federal land management planning, as well as in MCD's long range plan. The Draft Plan is available at: http://www.technicalforestry.com/Park%20County%20CWPP/PCCWPP_072208_draft.pdf

Sage Grouse: MCD participated in Big Horn Basin Sage Grouse Working Group Meetings and Steve was selected by the Area III Districts to be their representative at a new conservation district seat created by the Local Working Group.

Emily attended the 2008 Wyoming Sage Grouse Conference in Lander, March 18-19.

The MCD participated in the WACD Sage Grouse Conservation Efforts Initiative, airing radio ads on local stations and reviewing the NRCS projects and rankings within the district.

Shoshone National Forest: The MCD actively supported renewing Forest grazing permits for operations within and affecting the District.

The MCD actively supported the Gooseberry-Cottonwood Vegetation Management project which will have an impact on both agricultural producers and timber industry within the MCD.

Shoshone National Forest's Forest Plan Revision: MCD has been and continues to be a Cooperating Agency for the planning process, and is a member of the Shoshone Cooperating Agency Coalition, which includes all county commissions and conservation districts having lands within the Shoshone NF. MCD attended all meetings of the Government Cooperators Working Group, Shoshone N.F., Park County public meetings pertaining to the Forest Plan Revision, and attended meetings between FS and various stakeholders. Steve & Clara Mae attended a Forest tour of the North Fork Corridor vegetation management project in September. MCD continued to submit comments at all key decision points.

Steve attended the July 17-18 ERG Stewardship Contracting Workshop in Saratoga and with Clara Mae, the September 12-13 workshop in Jackson. Stewardship contracting appears to be a valuable tool available to Federal land management agencies that allows an exchange of goods (forest products) for services for the management of environmental resource issues. A working knowledge of stewardship contracting will be needed to expedite its use locally. The Shoshone NF was at that time the only Forest in the state that was not using stewardship contracting. The information gained is also expected to be of benefit outside the Forest Plan revision process.

In September, Steve and Randy Williams, Teton County CD met with the Shoshone NF Leadership Team, giving conservation districts' perspective on possible stewardship contracting possibilities on the Shoshone NF, and both attended a field tour following the Western Association of RC&D Councils annual meetings in Las Cruces. Collaboration between local RC&D and Forest Service had led to support from the Sierra Club and resulted in successful mechanical vegetation management treatments with validation of improved forest health shown by a monitoring program.

Subdivision Reviews: The MCD reviewed one subdivision request during FY2008. In January, 2008, Park County developed and adopted revised subdivision regulations. The MCD actively commented and worked with the County on parts important to the agricultural community.

Wolf Delisting: MCD had submitted formal comments in support of delisting, supported WACD participation in the Wolf Lawsuit.

WWDC Small Water Project Program: MCD reviewed and commented on program and criteria.

Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations Section 1, including Chapter 20, Agricultural Use Protection Policy, and Appendix H: The MCD attended most public hearings, attended and spoke at public meetings, submitted oral testimony, and submitted a plethora of formal comments in response to

Environmental Quality Council and DEQ/WQD revisions and the Powder River Basin Resource Council's Citizens Petition, all of which has led to substantial changes that may have significant negative impact on agriculture within the District.

Networking and Participation in Outside Activities:

Carol Jones, Steve's wife has continued to donate time to the MCD as a NRCS Earth Team volunteer. A bookkeeper by profession, Carol has assisted with self-audits and QuickBooks software troubleshooting, as well as helping with water quality monitoring as a second person for safety, assisting with workshops and seminars, and participation in District activities as a cooperator.

In FY 2008, MCD was a member of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, the National Watershed Coalition, the National Association of Conservation Districts, the Meeteetse Economic Development Alliance, and the Big Horn Basin RC&D Council.

Steve attended and assisted with the Cody CD "Living on a Few Acres" education program.

The MCD, as part of the WCDEA, hosted a WQ Database Software Demo and WACD Server Needs Assessment in Riverton to facilitate (1) discussion and transfer of knowledge regarding databases and (2) a needs assessment for the concept of a WACD server system. Sublette County CD gave a detailed technical presentation on its Access water quality database, and Steve Combe, representing Electronic Data Solutions, presented the DataSight software package, provided the venue and lunch, and participated in the server discussions. There was no consensus developed on the server concept except that all agreed that it had potential future importance and should be kept in mind.

Emily attended the Society of American Foresters Field Tour of the Shoshone National Forest on May 31, 2008.

Steve is a member of the UW Powell Research and Extension Center Advisory Board.

Range:

The Meeteetse Conservation District (MCD) in conjunction with other Wyoming conservation districts is working closely with the University of Wyoming Department of Renewable Resources in order to help producers predict forage quality and quantity available for livestock based upon monitoring precipitation and soil moisture. The monitoring is an evolving study, expected to be of long-term duration, to acquire baseline data and examine the inter-relationships between soil moisture, precipitation, and vegetation abundance and species composition.

The Little Buffalo Basin station, located on rangeland 17 miles southwest of Meeteetse near the foothills, had three probes measuring soil moisture within the depth intervals 2-14", 12-24", and 24-36", the shallower two oriented vertically and the lower probe horizontally. A second soil moisture site was set up on rangeland northwest of Meeteetse, near Spring Creek in November of 2007. The Spring Creek site has three probes set horizontally in the soil at 4" (10 cm), 12" (30 cm), and 24" (60 cm). Throughout the year, soil moisture was reported in percent, with 40% being the maximum value and indicating total water saturation of the soil. Data was automatically collected several times daily and Emily compiled the data and submitted monthly summaries. For more information visit <http://www.meeteetsecd-wy.gov/page15.html>

During late July 2007, range monitoring was done at the Little Buffalo Basin site. Forage clippings were collected, site photos were taken, and cover by lifeform data was determined along four transects. This range site vegetation data was collected in order to accompany the soil moisture data. MCD plans to continue to collect this data annually with expectations of developing site trend. Emily compiled the document "Summary of Range Monitoring at Little Buffalo Basin, Wyoming For the years 2005, 2006 and 2007.", available on the MCD website.

Clara Mae, Liz, Emily and Steve attended the biennial NRCS Bridger Plant Materials Center Tour and Open House on June 18.

Surface Water Quality Monitoring and Watershed Planning:

An important part of the background for monitoring and watershed planning is the overall vision of the MCD regarding the Greybull River watershed. The MCD facilitated the creation of a watershed planning steering committee that began meeting in the fall of 2006. Through FY 2008 the Greybull River Watershed Plan Steering Committee, generally met monthly and recessed for the summer months following the May meeting. The committee had developed a comprehensive description of watershed history and physical attributes, and had proceeded well into the process of defining watershed issues and concerns.

The MCD believes that improved knowledge would commensurately improve the ability of the committee to properly define potential causes of impairment and properly address them. It is critical that resources not be wasted on BMPs that are ineffective or unnecessary. UW-CES has been supportive of Big Horn Basin Conservation Districts developing GIS & Watershed Assessment Capacity Building. To further that end, the MCD agreed to support and participate in the Spatial Decision Support System for Rangeland Watershed Assessment Project (SDSS), which will implement a stakeholder driven approach to conduct watershed assessments on rangeland watersheds using the internet version of Automated Geographic Watershed Assessment tool (AGWA). SDSS will be led by Dr. Ginger Paige, UW Dept. Renewable Resources. It is believed that AGWA will provide a method to evaluate BMPs before and after implementation. The MCD believes that the results of SDSS will provide direct benefit to the Steering Committee and the District in their joint efforts in watershed management.

MCD has continued monitoring surface water quality on the Greybull River watershed.

The MCD typically measured conductivity, pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity and sampled for *E. coli*. MCD has transitioned to a "5 in 30" protocol for *E. coli*, collecting a minimum of 5 samples representing separate 24 hour periods within 30 days, in order to ensure that its data would be considered credible under Wyoming statute and proposed rule revisions. The District also sampled for chemical analyses performed by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture Analytical Services Lab.

MCD continued an intensive *E. coli* sampling program to provide data from two complete and sequential "Contact Recreation" seasons (May-September), in 2007 and 2008 (plus September and October, 2006) in the Greybull River watershed with the help of grant funding from WDA.

Objectives are:

- To better define the existence or level of *E. coli* impairment in the impaired reach of the Greybull River through the use of multiple daily samples in conjunction with the sampling program being done under the MCD Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP).
- To statistically evaluate variation in *E. coli* distribution of replicate and split samples.
- To incorporate water quality monitoring data into the watershed assessment and planning process.

The principal activities were obtaining and analyzing samples for *E. coli* and turbidity in multiple samples taken from a minimum of three sites in a minimum of three separate 1-hour periods, morning, midday, and afternoon), monthly through the contact recreation.

The grant project final report will be completed by the end of January, 2009. The project has led to additional study.

The MCD has cooperated with other conservation districts on watershed issues. For example, Steve attended and facilitated some of the Shoshone Watershed Conservation Workshop Planning Committee Meetings during the time that Nephi Cole, NRCS Watershed Coordinator was NRCS Acting State Soil Scientist.

In cooperation with the Greybull Valley Irrigation District (GVID) and landowners, MCD set up 3 continuous water quality monitoring devices at GVID diversions on the Greybull River watershed and used the 2007 sampling season for procedure and equipment testing purposes. In 2008, protocols were developed and continuous monitoring was approved for the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP). Parameters measured are temperature, pH, conductivity, oxidation-reduction potential, and turbidity. By the end of June, 2008, GVID was collecting hydrograph data all three sites.

Training:

Training (including attendance of educational programs) continued to be of great importance to the MCD. Steve and Emily have completed all WDA/WACD/UW training modules. The MCD has initiated in-house training to provide review for Steve & Emily, utilizing their expertise to train Liz in basic field and lab techniques.

Steve attended the three day BLM “Planning Concepts” training in November, 2007 alongside BLM staff that would be involved in the upcoming Big Horn Basin RMP revision as well as the four day BLM “Planning Nuts & Bolts” training in February with New Mexico BLM. Both training courses were presented by BLM consultants.

Weather:

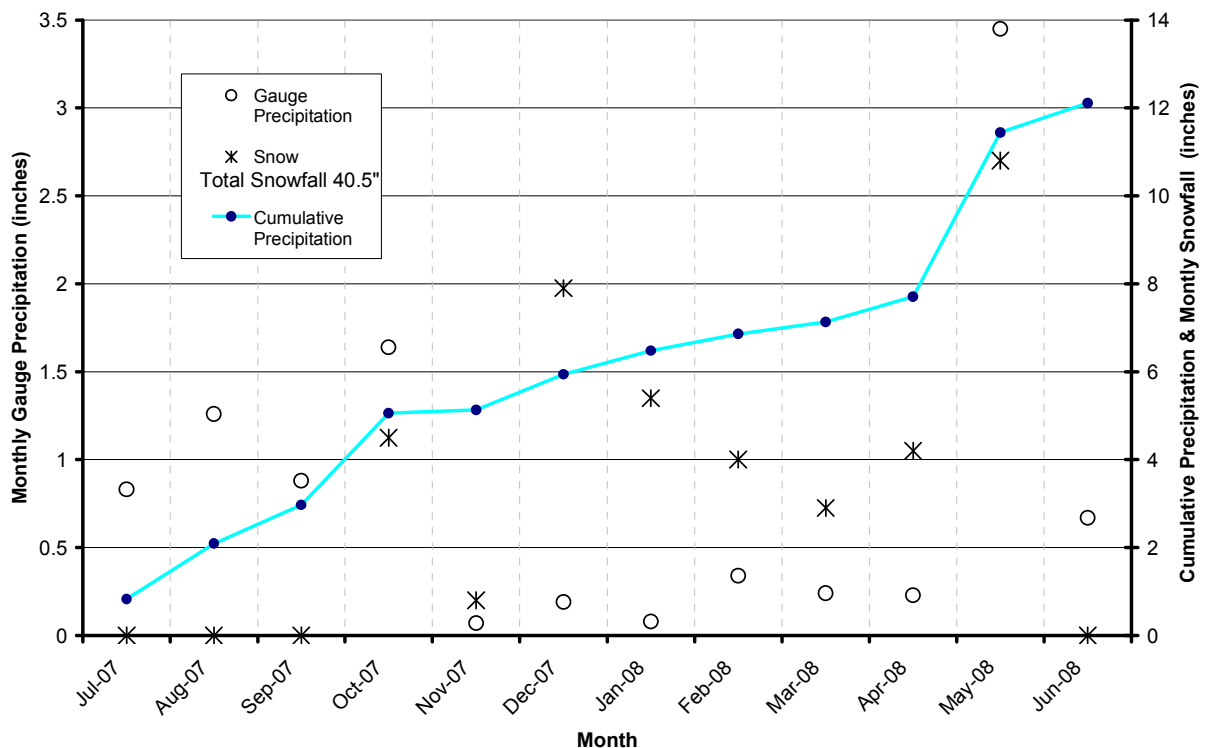
The District continued to operate its weather station, located at the MCD office in Meeteetse. The station collected weather data on a real-time basis. Temperature, wind speed, barometric pressure, relative humidity, dew point, wind chill, wind direction, and precipitation were collected and, using Weather View software, automatically uploaded to MCD’s website. The District also kept cooperators up-to-date by providing cumulative weather data on the MCD website, publishing precipitation measurements in the *Meeteetse Bulletin*, and by submitting Meeteetse precipitation data to the national Community Collaborative Rain and Hail Study (CoCoRaHS).

Emily attended Weather Spotter Training April 29, 2008. At the request of Chris Jones, National Weather Service Warning Coordinator Meteorologist and course instructor, MCD joined the Citizen Weather Observation Program to better share its weather data. Links to CWOP and MCD’s weather data (Station # DW0465) are: <http://www.wxqa.com>

http://www.met.utah.edu/cgi-bin/droman/meso_base.cgi?stn=D0465

<http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/wxpage.cgi?call=DW0465!Meeteetse&last=120>

**Precipitation for Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008)
Measured at the Meeteetse Conservation District Office**



Website <http://www.meeteetsecd-wy.gov> :

The MCD website went online in 2005 and, sometimes updated several times weekly, has been one of the District's primary communication tools, providing information on:

- ◆ Weather, including real-time data from the weather station located at the MCD office.
- ◆ Current topics.
- ◆ Greybull River Watershed Plan Steering Committee information.
- ◆ Soil moisture information from the Little Buffalo Basin and Spring Creek stations.
- ◆ Draft Agenda for MCD Board meetings.
- ◆ Education, including monthly youth-oriented educational activities.
- ◆ Current MCD work and project reports.
- ◆ Water quality monitoring and related information.
- ◆ Regulations.
- ◆ MCD's Goals and Policies.
- ◆ Sage Grouse Information.
- ◆ Links to agencies, regulations, and sites of interest.
- ◆ Information regarding assistance MCD can provide to the public.
- ◆ MCD's Annual Report and Plan of Work.
- ◆ Meeting, conference, and workshop dates that may be of interest to the public.
- ◆ Range Management.
- ◆ NRCS Information.

Weed Management:

Lower Sunshine Reservoir Saltcedar Treatment: Emily helped with the Park County Weed and Pest's spray day for saltcedar at Lower Sunshine Reservoir on April 19th. We had volunteers from Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife Wyoming, Shoshone National Forest, and help from the Greybull Irrigation District. The eastern side of the reservoir was treated this year, following last year's treatment of the western side. Next year, it should be more of a maintenance situation.

It is anticipated that the MCD will continue to support saltcedar and Russian olive control and treatment projects as part of its efforts to address watershed health and other related resource management issues within the District.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, MCD respectfully submits the Meeteetse Conservation District FY 2008 Annual Report to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts pursuant to requirements of law and applicable annual and biennium funding requests, and to the United States Department of Agricultural, Natural Resource Conservation Service, in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding.

For the Board of Supervisors
Meeteetse Conservation District

ss/ Clara Mae Yetter, 10/08/2008
Chairman Date

Financial Statement for the Period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Balance Sheet	June 30, 2008
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · First National Bank of Powell	919.68
1001 · Pinnacle Bank Checking	1,293.31
1050 · WGIF Local 25200	102.05
1052 · WGIF Mixed 26065	360.56
1060 · WGIF GRANT – WDA COLI 26076	6,162.21
1910 · WGIF Dep Reserve 26073	20,564.22
1920 · WGIF NRM&P Reserv 26074	21,289.79
1930 · Emerg Res Mixed 26075	47,018.74
1931 · Emerg. Res Local WGIF 26077	29,337.35
1990 · WGIF Startup Res 26072	78,035.33
Total Checking/Savings	<u>205,083.24</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>205,083.24</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>205,083.24</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Payroll Tax Liability	0.01
2120 · Employee Share Benefits	610.47
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>610.48</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>610.48</u>
Total Liabilities	610.48
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	90,213.18
3900 · Retained Earnings	70,982.87
Net Revenues	43,276.71
Total Equity	<u>205,083.24</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>205,083.24</u>

Revenues & Expenditures	July 2007 through June 2008
REVENUE	
3100 · Operating Revenues	
3150 · Mill Levy	163,777.67
Total 3100 · Operating Revenues	<u>163,777.67</u>
3200 · Grants	
3230 · Dept of AG WQM grant	3,975.57
Total 3200 · Grants	<u>3,975.57</u>
3300 · Misc.	
3320 · Interest - C.D.s & Bank Accts	5,811.59
3330 · Refunds	300.93
Total 3300 · Misc.	<u>6,112.52</u>
Total Revenue	<u>173,865.76</u>
EXPENDITURES	
4100 · Admin Personnel Services	
4105 · RMC Admin	13,835.66
4110 · RS Admin	2,930.22

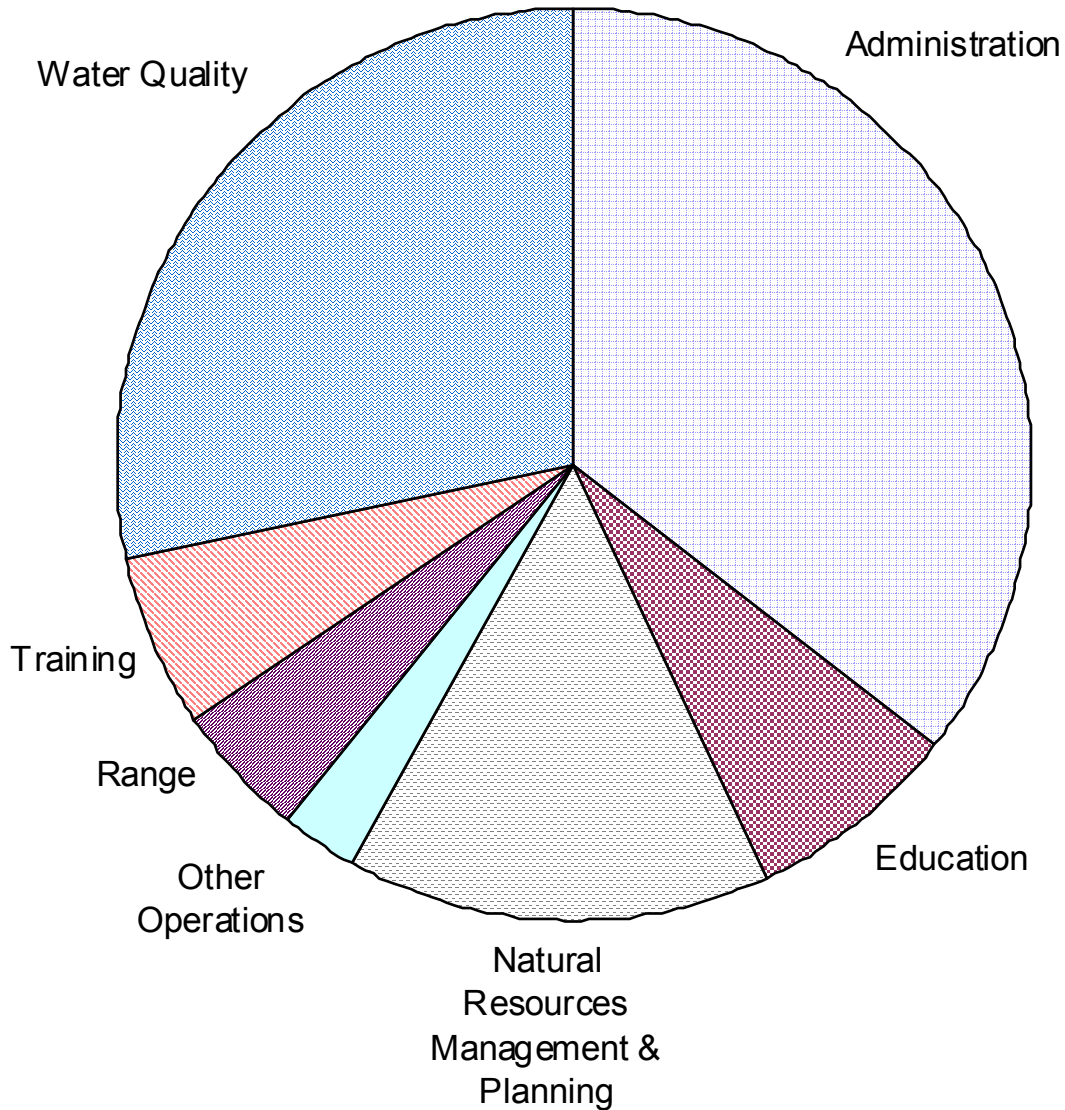
4120 · Clerk	5,280.00	
Total 4100 · Admin Personnel Services		22,045.88
4200 · Board & Employee Expenses		
4205 · Travel	1,015.47	
4210 · Mileage	802.26	
4215 · Bonds	250.00	
Total 4200 · Board & Employee Expenses		2,067.73
4800 · Office		
4810 · Office Supplies/Postage	787.26	
4820 · Office Eqpt.-Rent/Repair/Maint.	369.58	
4850 · Office Rent/Utilities/Maint.	5,742.61	
Total 4800 · Office		6,899.45
4900 · Other Admin		
4910 · Dues	10,406.62	
4925 · Registrations/Tuition	1,125.00	
4990 · Other Misc.	578.05	
Total 4900 · Other Admin		12,109.67
Total Admin		43,122.73

5100 · OP Personnel Services		
5105 · RMC salary	31,064.29	
5110 · RS wages	13,943.51	
5115 · RT & Other Wages Op	1,770.00	
Total 5100 · OP Personnel Services		46,777.80
5200 · Travel		
5205 · Travel expenses	2,254.68	
5210 · Mileage	5,612.57	
Total 5200 · Travel		7,867.25
5300 · Advertising and Promotion		244.80
5310 · Freight/Postage/Shipping		1,111.14
5330 · Rents		485.00
5340 · Repairs		328.00
5350 · Supplies		7,318.02
5360 · Training - Op		100.00
5500 · Professional Services		
5510 · Legal NRM&P	500.00	
Total 5500 · Professional Services		500.00
5600 · Other Expenses - Operations		
5610 · Contrib. to Outside Programs	837.50	
5690 · Other Misc. Operations	1,109.55	
Total 5600 · Other Expenses - Operations		1,947.05
Total Operations		66,679.06

6100 · Insurance		
6105 · Liability	646.00	
6110 · Property Insurance	250.00	
Total 6100 · Insurance		896.00
6200 · Indirect Payroll Costs		
6206 · FICA - MCD	4,151.00	
6210 · Workers Comp	1,825.64	
6215 · Unemployment Taxes	139.80	
6220 · Retirement	1,908.45	
6226 · Medicare - MCD	970.80	
6250 · Health Insurance/Life Insurance	6,463.38	

Total 6200 · Indirect Payroll Costs	15,459.07
7000 · Capital Outlay	
7010 · Admin equipment and software	396.40
7020 · Operations Equipment and software	4,035.79
Total 7000 · Capital Outlay	<u>4,432.19</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>130,589.05</u>
Cash (including WDA Grant funding)	8,837.81
Reserve Account Funding	<u>34,438.90</u>
Total Funds Carried to FY 2009	<u><u>43,276.71</u></u>

Meeteetse CD FY2008 Expenditures by Class



Note:
 Indirect Payroll Costs and Capital Outlay have been allocated to Administration and Operations classes for charting as described in the Finances section of the Annual Report.