



Management Area: Mid John Day
Meeting Date(s): May 28, 2014
LAC Members Present: Ted Molinari, Jeremiah Holmes, John Aaron, and Chris Perry
<p>Implementation Summary:</p> <p>Outreach and Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landowner Contacts: 607; 11 new landowners Public Displays: 7 – 1,626 attendees Newsletters: 3,547 were distributed (mailed + electronic); 4 press releases Workshops: 12 – 214 attendees; Gardening, Composting, Food Preservation, Cover Crops, Pesticide, Water Efficiency, Garden Soils, Calving School, Beef/Cattle Management Project Tours: 11 – 53 attendees; OWEB Review Team, Contractors, Upland Improvement/ Twilight Tour, Oregon Ag Day Youth Education: 4 events – 2 schools – 341 overall participants. Stream Table project for classroom education Presentations: 4 – 218 attendees – River Restoration NW, Wheeler County Court, Watershed Council Website: continues to be utilized for public information, and allows contractors to download bid packets <p>Planning and Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juniper removal on 1,743 acres; juniper debris management on 120 acres Weed mapping: 266 acres; Weed Control/Treatment: 1,269 acres; Acres monitored for weeds: 1,000 – Medusa Head, Yellow Star-thistle, Yellow Flag Iris Reseeding: 324 acres Spring Developments: 9; Troughs: 20; Fencing and Cross Fencing: 14,034 ft.; Brush Fence: 600 ft. Culverts: 5; Diversions: 3; Bridge: 4; Ponds: 2; Fish Screens: 1 Pipeline: 56,315 ft.; Pivots: 3; Irrigation pumps: 2 Stream Habitat Treatment/Streambank Improvement: 13,434 ft. Logjam Structures (14); Boulders (30); Rootwads (83) Cottonwood/Aspen/Willow Planting: 40 acres; Tree Planting/Willow Clumps/Willow Cuttings: 6,465; Caging: 460 CREP Enrollment: 6 Contracts; 166.9 acres; 10 Miles of Stream EQIP: Fencing: 200 ft.; Brush Management: 4,743 ac.; Spring Developments: 7; Range Planting: 5,313 ac.; and Pipeline: 2,088 ft. <p>Monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain Creek Reach Evaluation and Action Plan 34 Project Monitoring /Completion Reports 7 Sites Monitored for Water Quality <p>Funding and Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants submitted, total: 66 – Proposals funded, total: 48 Funding partners: OWEB (Large and Small Grants), CTWS, BPA, USDA NRCS, ODA, OSWB, Title II, ODF, ODFW, USFW, MJD-BC Watershed Council, and others 2012-2013 Projects dollar amount total: \$2,672,279 from grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts
<p>Progress Measurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mountain Creek Reach Evaluation Action Plan has been developed to show progress in the Mountain Creek Watershed. Approximately 33.6 river miles have been assessed and evaluated. Implementation and progress of the Mountain Creek Reach Evaluation Action Plan Area will be reported at the next biennial review
<p>Summary of Impediments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus Areas: takes too much time to create baseline data, measure change, then go back and redo the mapping – additionally there is a substantial cost to that; There is an extra burden placed on SWCDs by doing the Focus Areas with no extra funds; Not enough funding to conduct follow-up monitoring Water Quality Monitoring: Water quality monitoring, such as temperature, is not scientifically defensible. All variables need to be measured; Inadequate funding for the increasing number of years that monitoring is being required and the heightened level of monitoring; Inadequate funding for the monitoring equipment and the personnel to comply with requirements Landowners that are not in a Focus Area or Priority Area are not getting funding for projects The state decides on additional things we need to do within programs, but staff in the smaller SWCDs are already overloaded. Need funding to hire for new positions to cover additional requests from the state Need additional funds for noxious weed treatments for Juniper and Medusa Head Need additional funding to conduct annual long-term monitoring for projects The state could be more proactive about soliciting college programs for students to assist the Districts with the additional requirements and reporting – intern assistance State should start paying more attention to entire landscape projects – it's not <i>only</i> about the in-stream work
<p>Recommendations for Modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes were made to the Mid John Day Agriculture Water Quality Management Area Plan
<p>Enforcement: Letter of Compliance -0 Water Quality Advisory -0 Letter of Warning -0 Notice of Noncompliance -0 Civil Penalty -0 Alternative Measures -0</p>
Total Complaints: 0
Notes: None