

Gallatin Conservation District

2007 Highlights

District Supervisors

Bill Skinner (04), Chairman
Bill Wright (72), Vice Chair
Sherwin Leep (85),
John Venhuizen (03)
John Schutter (05)

Associate Supervisors

Matt Flikkema (06)
Don McAndrew (90)
Tom Milesnick (83)

District Staff

Marcie Murnion-Learn (04)

Number after name is the year of joining the Gallatin CD

310 Projects Serviced:

310 Applications - 76
310 Complaints—2
Emergency 310 Applications—2

Educational Programs:

- Serve on executive committee for BSSA –Big Sky Small Acres magazine; a resource for small acreages
- Serve as co-coordinator for Farm Fair
- Provided resource education for small acreage landowners, impacting 2606.95 acres.

Grants Administered:

Conservation Districts HB-223 Grant through DNRC:

- 2008 Weed Calendar, \$9000.00
- Grants overlapping in 07 will report in 08

Participate(d) In:

- Farm Fair, 2007
- Conservation Tree program
- Noxious Weed Summit
- Hosted MACD Convention, Nov 2007
- Area 6 Meeting in Butte
- Agency MOU meetings
- Irrigation Tour; GPS Training
- Big Sky Realtor workshop
- Local Work Group
- Local weed board meetings and Statewide noxious weed meetings.
- Gallatin Valley Fair booth

Conservation Plans Approved:

Other Ongoing Activities:

- Local Water Quality District (*member*)
- Missouri River Conservation District Council (*member*)
- County planning board, Manhattan city planning board (*members*)
- Gallatin Valley Agriculture Committee (*member*)
- Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D, Natural Resources Committee (*member*)

2007 Annual Banquet:

The Annual Banquet was held at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center on March 14, 2008. The event hosted a talk from Wally Congdon of Dell, MT and entertainment was provided by Implied Harmony, a barbershop quartet from Bozeman. Raffle items included two "Beef & Tator" packages, and a 'Couples Retreat' package including lodging, dinner, and entertainment. Many door prizes were given out including a subscription to the Belgrade News, eight Colorado Blue Spruce seedlings, and two subscriptions to *Big Sky-Small Acres, Rural Living in Montana*. A wine and beer social was sponsored by UAP of Belgrade. Congratulations to Ron and Lani Chaney of Manhattan, recipients of the 2007 Outstanding Conservationist Award.