

BEARTOOTH RC&D

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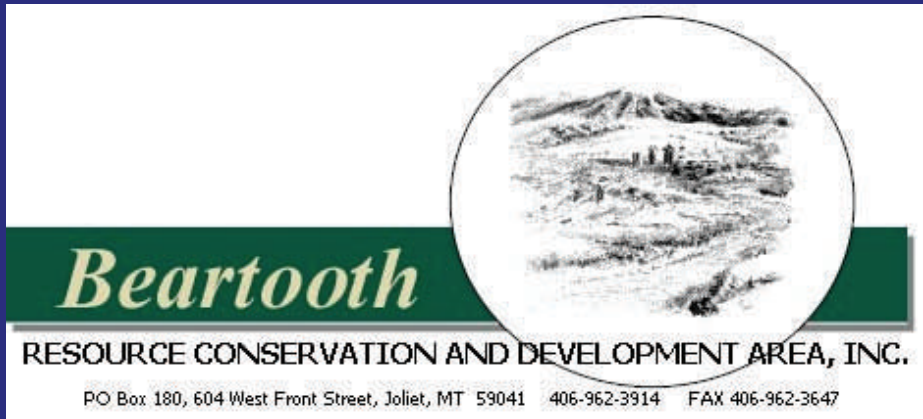
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The Communicator



Beartooth RC&D Area, Inc. remains a viable and productive unit that serves the citizens of our five county area. The project list continues to grow which is proof that we are helping a lot of people struggling through tough economic times as well as changes in community structure. We are proud to serve as a catalyst for change and ideas.

Our staff is dedicated to helping our business community, agricultural interests, towns and counties as they struggle to reach agreement for expansion and retention. There are numerous examples of assistance that come to mind. Many businesses reach a point where financial issues become serious and with the BEAR program, an interview team followed by discussion by a team of experts, we are able to provide analysis and direction that may provide answers to critical questions.

Excitement prevails when there are reports of new opportunities for industry and business development. We live in a country of innovation and following a dream. Think of the development that has gone ahead in your community when someone tries a new enterprise or expands an existing operation. We often are hung up on solving problems and give less attention to preparing for the future by improving, expanding or trying something new.

Our board of directors come from counties, towns, business, industry, agriculture, federal and state agencies and elected officials. We look at issues from a variety of angles which is an advantage for everyone. It is of vital importance that we consider the options as we contemplate change. We must consider the cause and effect that may be important to communities and individuals.

We have an excellent staff that is dedicated, knowledgeable, sincere and energetic. Should anyone have an idea, concern, opportunity or project in mind, please call our office in Joliet at (406) 962-3914 or contact a member of the board of directors in your community.

Chuck Egan, Chairman

THE ONLY LIMIT TO OUR REALIZATION OF TOMORROW

WILL BE OUR DOUBTS OF TODAY.

- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



Jillann's new arrival

Congratulations to Kris & Jillann on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl! She arrived in May weighing 7 lbs 11oz and was 19 1/2" long.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

HOMEBUYER ED

JULY 11 & 25, 2009

JOLIET COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE

WED, JULY 8, 2009

JOLIET COMMUNITY

CENTER 3:00 - 6:30 PM

BOARD MEETING

THURS, JULY 16, 2009

RED LODGE PIZZA CO.

TOUR OF RED LODGE

ALES AT 5:00 PM

MEETING AT 6:00 PM

Projects in Process

Mountain View Colony Eggs—Broadview

Unfortunately, the Growth Through AG (GTA) committee approved a loan, which the Colony declined. We will be assisting them with submitting a new application for the August meeting that further demonstrates their need and level of indebtedness.

Krug and Sons Gravel—Laurel/Silesia

Staff discussed financial planning with the owners to finance some new equipment purchases. We also connected them with the Mountain View project above, which resulted in the purchase of a "mountain" of gravel.

Custer Trading Post

The funding amount was doubled for this project for planning. The owners are very excited and poised to move forward. They are working with a local bank, who is interested in financing the project.

Hardin Fire Station

This project received another \$150,000 in Coal Board funding, which brings the total contribution from the Coal Board to 25% of the project. We have recently applied for USDA-RD and FEMA funding as well.

GTA (Dept of AG) Hearing in Havre

Staff assisted both the Mountain View Colony and Pioneer Meats with preparing for and presenting to the grant committee. Mountain View was offered loan funding while Pioneer Meats received a grant.

Hardin Rail Study

We will meet with representatives from Senator Baucus' office to discuss funding opportunities for this project. It's become a bit of a chicken and egg project, between project construction and recruitment of business users of the line.

Happy 4th of July !

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine!

O Beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Lyrics by Katharine Lee Bates 1913

NRCS News

New Supervisor Named for RC&D Coordinators:

~Tim Ouellette has been selected as the Assistant State Conservationist (ASTC) for Operations. Tim has worked in Montana for many years and currently is the Resource Conservationist for the Bozeman Area.

Tim will start in this position on July 20, 2009. As the ASTC-Operations, Tim will supervise the eight RC&D coordinators across the state. Jodi Hastings, who has been serving in this position since Randy Phelan retired, will be leaving Montana to take a position with NRCS in Brighton, Colorado, and will be the district conservation in the field office.

NEW Coordinators:

~Teresa Koper, has been selected as the RC&D Coordinator for Northern Rocky Mountain, and replaces Josh Kellar, who went to work for the National Health Institute in Hamilton.

~Bob Nansel, has been selected as the RC&D Coordinator for Eastern Plains, and replaces Dick Iversen, who retired from NRCS this past January.

We welcome Teresa and Bob and look forward to working with them when they report to their respective offices in mid-July.

Western Regional Conference to be hosted by Bitter Root RC&D:

~The Bitter Root RC&D headquartered in Hamilton, Montana will be hosting the Western Regional RC&D conference in Missoula, MT at the end of January, beginning of February of 2010. The Western RC&D conference is an annual event which rotates across the western United States. Stay tuned for details! Mark your calendar for this event !

NEW NEWS!

STI Stirrup Company has been granted an Rural Business enterprise grant for \$37,000.00 for marketing and promotion activities. Saddle Technology Incorporated was started by horseman and cattle broker Mike McCoy and they began developing safety stirrups approximately ten years ago. Today, this Laurel, MT business has sold these stirrups all over the world and are now beginning a business expansion project that will include a larger location and increased marketing efforts with the help of this funding.

We are working on developing a proposal for a website, point of sale system and mobile cooler equipment for the Community Food Campaign. This would assist in the expansion of the business model to include a larger portion of the region.



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