

2010

# Eastern Plains RC&D Council

## Annual Plan of Work

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Eastern Plains RC&D verifies that this FY 2010 Plan addresses the Chief's Priorities

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## **VISION**

The Eastern Plains Resources Conservation and Development Area, Inc. council's vision for eastern Montana is to assist in maintaining viable, self-reliant rural communities and businesses supported by a sustainable and diversified economic base, with an adequate and reliable taxable valuation to afford the public services declared essential by the area's citizens.

## **THE MISSION**

Eastern Plains RC&D is to improve the quality of life in Carter, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux counties through a comprehensive and coordinated effort of local citizens; and to provide local decision makers with technical information and assistance and the necessary access to resources to better manage, conserve, protect, and utilize the area's natural and human resources.

Eastern Plains RC&D helps secure technical, financial, educational and other assistance required to develop and carry out an Area Plan. The RC&D cooperates with other organizations whose purpose and goals parallel those of this organization.

GOAL A:		Help with business and industry development, retention and expansion, including value-added agriculture				Estimated FTE Weeks Required to Accomplish						
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE Priority (1 high - 3 low)	STRATEGIES		2010	Key People or Sponsors	Other	RC&D	Prog Asst	Coord	Budget	Notes	
A1 Assist with MonDak regional efforts to develop new irrigation												
Water Mgt-Irr	1	A1a	Assist conservation districts by promoting new irrigation projects using reserved water rights and the Montana DNRC loan and grant program. Projects include Sidney Water Users' conversion to buried mainline for water conservation.	>	Coord/Pat Riley/BPIC				1.25			
Water Mgt-Irr	1	A1b	Assist Tribes by promoting new irrigation projects using reserved water rights and the Montana DNRC loan and grant program. Projects include Ft. Kipp Irr. Project for irrigation development.	>	Coord/Pat Riley/BPIC				1.25			
Water Mgt-Irr	1	A1c	Work with Richland County to keep up to date on Intake Project and its progress	>	Coord/Pat Riley/BPIC				1.25			
A2 Improve visibility and utilization of RC&D and other programs available in eastern Montana												
Comm Dev-Ed	1	A2a	Eastern Plains RC&D website improvement, update and maintenance	>	Prog Asst and Vice Chair			0.80		\$ 480.00		
Comm Dev-Ed	1	A2b	Meet with minimum of eight conservation districts on EPRC&D projects and activities	6/2010	Coord				3.00			
Comm Dev-Ed	1	A2c	Meet with minimum of eight county commissioners on RC&D assistance and programs	6/2010	Coord				1.00			
Comm Dev-Ed	1	A2d	Meet with minimum of eight city/town councils on RC&D assistance and programs	6/2010	Coord				1.00			
Comm Dev-Ed	1	A2e	Publish four newsletters per year	6/2010	PA			2.00		\$ 200.00		
Comm Dev-Ed	1	A2g	Provide training of executive board members, new staff persons, and council members relating to responsibilities and duties	4/2010	Coord & PA			1.00	0.38			

A3 Improve business climate											
Com Dev	1	A3a	Seek funding for community projects. - Search for foundation grants - Search for corporate funding - Big Sky Economic Development Program - Monitor Stimulus Pkg. for econ. dev.	>	PA, Coord				1.00	1.50	
Com Dev	1	A3b	Coordinate with SBDCs, Montana Department of Commerce and other state, regional and local entities in assisting existing businesses in the area.	>	EDD		0.50	0.50	0.25	\$	2,500
Com Dev	1	A3c	Support the Revolving Loan Fund for EDD CRDC Area in cooperation with SE Mt. Development Corporation and E.P. EDD Revolving Loan Fund. Evaluate Funding Mechanism	>	PA			1.00		\$	2,500
A4 Promote cooperation and alliances for marketing and adding value to crops, conserving energy and developing alternative energy sources											
Lmgt, Energy Dev	1	A4a	Provide technical assistance and three meetings for groups promoting conventional and alternative crops to add value & market existing agricultural products and new ideas	>	Coord & Bpic				1.25	\$	37,000
Lmgt, Energy Dev	1	A4b	Participate in and co-sponsor the MonDak Ag Open	8/2010	Coord, PA, BPIC	1.25		2.00	1.25	\$	6,500
Lmgt, Energy Dev	1	A4c	Maintain potential wind energy site data in eastern Montana and monitor transmission and community power generation opportunities.	>	Coord & EDD		1.25		0.63		
Lmgt, Energy Dev	1	A4d	Assist with the development of Eastern Montana Wind energy projects	>	Coord & EDD		1.25		0.63		
Lmgt, Energy Dev	1	A4e	Be aware of potential for beef marketing and assists with promising projects.	>	BPIC & Coord				1.50		
Lmgt, Energy Dev	1	A4f	Assist Eastern Montana group in developing Bio-fuel production/utilization in eastern Montana	>	BPIC & Coord				1.50		
Lmgt, Energy Dev	1	A4f	Assist Eastern Montana group in conservation of energy in eastern Montana including support for Precision Farming.	↳	BPIC & Coord				1.50		

GOAL B		Assist groups working through consensus for conserving, developing and managing natural resources				2010	Key People or Sponsors	Other	RCD/ED D	Prog Asst	Coord	Budget	Notes
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE Priority (1 high - 3 low)	STRATEGIES											
B1 Encourage resource management process and recycling													
Land Cons	1	B1a	Assist Yellowstone and Missouri River Cons Dist Councils in planning and seeking grants for river restoration and water conservation projects.	>	Staff				0.38	0.63			
GOAL C		Help local organizations and government identify needs and seek grants for addressing infrastructure needs				2010	Key People or Sponsors	Other	RCD/ED D	Prog Asst	Coord	Budget	Notes
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE Priority (1 high - 3 low)	STRATEGIES											
C1 Improve rural infrastructure; i.e., roads and bridges, water systems, fire protection, and other facilities.													
Comm Dev	1	C1a	Support effort to pave highway 323 in Carter County	>	Coord					0.13			
Comm Dev	1	C1a	Support communities in efforts to maintain and improve community facilities.	>	Staff					2.00			
Comm Dev	1	C1b	Assist Dry Redwater Rural Water Project in eastern Montana	>	Staff				0.25	0.13			
GOAL D:		Help local communities assess housing needs and provide programs for assistance				2010	Key People or Sponsors	Other	RCD/ED D	Prog Asst	Coord	Budget	Notes
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE Priority (1 high - 3 low)	STRATEGIES											
D1 Help local communities assess housing needs and provide programs for assistance													
Comm Dev	1	D1a	Cooperate with Neighborhood Housing Services of Great Falls on the statewide homebuyer program	>	PA				1.00				
Comm Dev	1	D1b	Complete 12 homebuyer education classes per year	>	PA				5.75		\$ 1,800		
Comm Dev	1	D1c	Maintain funding for part-time housing assistant for our First-Time Homebuyer Education Program	>	Coord					0.25	\$ 7,000		
Comm Dev	1	D1d	Remain aware of new Programs for housing development.	>	Coord & PA				0.50	0.25			

				Estimated FTE Week's Required to Accomplish							
GOAL E		Assist eastern Montana residents ready, willing and able to deal with local issues on a regional scale		2007	Key People or Sponsors	Other	RCD/ED D	Prog Asst	Coord	Budget	Notes
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE Priority (1 high - 3 low)	STRATEGIES									
E1 Expand local leadership											
Comm Dev	1	E1a	Assist three economic development groups in holding organizational meetings and planning	>	Coord & EDD		1.50	1.00	1.00		
Comm Dev	1	E1b	Provide information to individuals and groups on grant availability and review proposals	>	Coord, EDD, BPIC		1.50	1.00	1.00		
Comm Dev	1	E1c	Colaborate with EDDs utilizing CDBG/EDA funding on community and economic development projects.	>	EDD		1.50	0.50	0.50	\$ 33,334	
Comm Dev	1	E1d	Transfer Montana Certified Regional Development Corporation to EPEDC for five counties to provide technical and planning assistance to entrepreneurs.	<=	EDD		1.50		1.00		
Comm Dev	1	E1E	Promote and staff BPIC (Bio-Products Innovation Center) as funded by MT Department of Agriculture through 2009 and assist transfer to Food and Agriculture Development.	<=	Coord				0.50		
				Estimated FTE Week's Required to Accomplish							
GOAL F		Provide support and encourage development of the RC&D Organization		2007	Key People or Sponsors	Other	RCD/ED D	Prog Asst	Coord	Budget	Notes
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE Priority (1 high - 3 low)	STRATEGIES									
F1 Conduct usual and customary functions of the RC&D											
Lmgt, Land Cons, Wres, Econ Dev, Energy	1	F1a	Setup and attend Board meetings, record minutes, and conduct other support functions of the Board.	>	PA , Coord, RC&D Board		3.00	3.50	1.20		
"	1	F1b	Provide financial services for support of the organization	>	PA , Coord, RC&D Board		1.00	7.50	1.00		
"	1	F1c	Reorganize and update the paper and electronic filings system as necessary	>	PA & Coord			1.00	0.50		
F2 Attend training for Coordinator, PA, and Board as opportunities arise											
Lmgt, Land Cons, Wres, Econ Dev, Energy	1	F2a	Attend Concepts, Area Planning Course and other required NRCS courses	>	Coord				3.25		
"	1	F2b	Attend necessary Homebuyers, Quickbooks, etc. training	>	PA			1.00			
"	1	F2c	Provide informal and formal training for Board members	>	PA , Coord, RC&D Board		3.00	1.00	0.60		
F3 Pursue income streams that help make the RC&D self-sufficient											
Lmgt, Lcon, Wres, Cdev	1	F3a	Provide for transfer of the Endowment fund to appropriate entities following requirements and to best fulfill intended objectives.	<=	PA , Coord, RC&D Board		1.00	0.50	0.50		
Lmgt, Lcon, Wres, Cdev	1	F3b	Seek ways to develop an income stream	>	PA , Coord, RC&D Board		1.00	1.00	0.40		
Lmgt, Lcon, Wres, Cdev	1	F3c	Maintain Accountability for RC&D and NRCS through POINTS	>	Coord				1.00		

Legend of Symbols							
Element		Symbol	Meaning		Fraction of a week	Hours	
Energy Dev	Energy Development	>	Starting year		0.05	2	
LMgt	Land Mgt	>	continuing through the year		0.10	4	
Land Cons	Land Conservation	- -	occasional/poss. assists through the year		0.13	5	
Wres	Water Resources	<	ending year		0.25	10	
Water Mgt	Water Management	X	periodic accomplishment		0.38	15	
Econ Dev	Economic Development	2,3, etc	number per year		0.50	20	
Irr	Irrigation Mgt				0.75	30	

Fiscal Year 2010 Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday October 21, 2009
- Wednesday January 20, 2010
- Wednesday April 21, 2010
- Wednesday July 21, 2010