



CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chair Pete Woll called the March 27, 2023, Business meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Pete Woll, Chair; John Ellis, Vice Chair; Scott Rumsey, Supervisor; Roger Marsonette, Supervisor; Gordon Ash Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Board members absent: Donna Pridmore, Secretary/Treasurer. Absence is excused.

Also, in attendance were Samantha Tappenbeck, Jessie Walthers, Ginger Kauffman, FCD Staff; Bill Yankee, Associate Supervisor; Bill Meyers, Bayside Marina; Chris Peterson, Hungry Horse News; Tristan Scott, Flathead Beacon; Trent Baker, Attorney for Amblers; Mary T. McClelland; Whitney Pratt, Land to Hand Montana; McKenzie Dey, MSU Extension Office; Sean Johnson, NRCS; Dave Lillard, Glacier High School; Leo Rosenthal, Fish Wildlife & Parks; Steve Wells; Carole Murphy; Bill Myers, Bayside Park & Marine Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Item 1: Signature Authority

- Authorization for Samantha Tappenbeck to sign on behalf of Supervisors attending the meeting virtually.

Consent Agenda Item 2: Minutes

- 2/17/2023 District Operation Audit Meeting Minutes
- 2/27/2023 310-Permit Meeting

Consent Agenda Item 3: Financial

- Check Detail dated 3/15/2023
- Check Detail dated 3/21/2023

Consent Agenda Item 4: Phone Poll

Consent Agenda Item 5: Correspondence

- Updates from Flathead Basin Commission
- DNRC-CDB 310 Law Coordinator

John Ellis motioned “to approve the consent agenda.” Roger Marsonette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MacKenzie Dey, introduced herself and noted that she is the new Ag agent with the MSU Extension office.

NEW BUSINESS

Education Grant Requests: Jessie Walthers explained that the district has received three education grant requests:

1. EG-2023-03 Teachers David Lillard and Jake Deitz from Glacier High School. This request is for Environmental Science Course Supply Kits in the amount of \$2,207.96.

Dave Lillard explained the class curriculum, how the kits would be used, and that classes would do some of their studies at differing sites around the valley. Jessie Walthers listed the types of kits that are being requested. Jessie recommended this for approval.

2. EG-2023-04 Teacher Matthew Ford, Glacier High School Environmental Club. This request is for Weed Eradication/Removal Supply Kit in the amount of \$297.35.

Jessie Walthers explained the application is for the Glacier Environmental Club, which is participating in the Pull Your Share initiative, which conservation districts are involved with. There are approximately 15-20 students in the club from year to year. They will incorporate weed pulls into outdoor activities and outings. Jessie recommended this for approval.

3. EG-2023-05 Whitney Pratt, Education Program Manager for Land to Hand Montana. This request is for field trip funding for class transportation to Wildcat Garden in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Jessie Walthers explained funding would allow approximately 300 students from Glacier Gateway classes to attend classes at the Wildcat Garden near the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Jessie recommended this for approval.

Jessie noted that if all three requests are funded, \$3422.10 is currently left in the Education Grant line of the budget, and the total of these requests would mean a deficit of \$81.23; however, Education Supplies line still has funds available.

John Ellis motioned "to approve all three education requests. Funds for EG 2023-03 and ED-2023-05 will come from the Education Grant budget line, and EG-2023-04 from the Education Supplies budget line." Gordon Ash seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Resignation: Samantha Tappenbeck explained a letter of resignation has been received from Supervisor Angela Jacobs. She is no longer able to serve as an urban supervisor, and the board needs to formally accept resignation.

John Ellis motioned "to formally accept the resignation of Angela Jacobs as a Supervisor of the Flathead CD." Scott Rumsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mail Chimp Subscription: Jessie Walthers explained Mail Chimp is the mechanism through which we send our newsletter, the Local Dirt. Up until last month the district was able to use the free version, however Mail Chimp has changed the plan options and the number of contact that receive our newsletter (824 contacts) exceeds the maximum number allowed under the free plan, and we must now use a paid plan. The next newsletter will be sent out in April. Jessie stated she has researched other similar programs, and Mail Chimp is a little less and an easier program to use. Tier one of the program would cost \$26.50/month or \$318/year, and cost would come from the advertising line in the budget. Samantha Tappenbeck noted that the program has much more utility in managing the contact list and formatting.

John Ellis motioned “to approve the Mail-Chimp program for \$318/year for our newsletter.” Roger Marsonette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

McDonald Creek Violation, Deadline for Response: Samantha Tappenbeck explained that the district received a request from the attorney representing the landowners on the McDonald Creek violation for clarification of timeline for response to the district’s order on the violation and declaratory ruling or arbitration process. Samantha Tappenbeck explained that she reviewed the Adopted Rules but could not identify a specific timeline or deadline to submit a petition for declaratory ruling, which is the next step in the process if the landowners intend to dispute the district’s finding of jurisdiction or violation. Samantha further explained that she reached out to DNRC legal counsel, and they concurred that there is no specific timeline or deadline to respond in the Adopted Rules. The only deadline that was specified by the board was that corrective action needed to be completed by November 1, 2023. DNRC legal encouraged the board to set a deadline for the landowner to submit an application to do the work.

John Ellis asked what legal counsel advised when it comes to setting a deadline for the landowners to petition for a declaratory ruling. Samantha explained that legal counsel had only concurred that there is no clear deadline for submission of the petition in the Adopted Rules, and that it is the discretion of the Board to set the timeline. John Ellis stated that he thought 30 days would be a reasonable timeline. Roger Marsonette noted that the board had already decided they must submit a 310 application for removal of the structure and restoration of the bank, and that the permit review process can take a significant amount of time.

Roger Marsonette motioned “to set April 3, 2023, as the deadline for submittal of the permit application for removal of the structure and restoration of the streambank.” Motion died due to lack of second.

John Ellis asked Roger Marsonette what his thoughts are regarding the deadline to submit a petition for declaratory ruling. Samantha Tappenbeck clarified that the requirements laid out by the board included that a 310 permit must be in place to do any work, and submission of an application for a permit to do that would indicate acceptance of the board’s finding of jurisdiction and intent to comply with the order to remediate the violation. A petition for declaratory ruling would indicate they do not agree with the finding of jurisdiction and do not intend to comply with the order on the violation. The deadline for response that is set by the board can be the same date for the 310-permit application or the petition for declaratory ruling.

Attorney Trent Baker stated that one of the issues for the Amblers is that no one has produced the data necessary for them to conclude or make decisions with respect to their agreement with the district's findings of jurisdiction. There is little existing data in terms of stream flow, location of mean highwater mark, there is no floodplain map for that area to designate 100-year floodplain elevation, and the Amblers are requesting the time to gather that information. The Amblers have retained a consultant who advised that there is a period of time between when ice and snow comes off the bank and when the water begins to rise when they can do a survey and measurements necessary to produce those data. That timeframe generally occurs at the end of May or beginning of April, weather dependent.

Samantha Tappenbeck noted that the information that would be provided by the consultant would need to be presented during the declaratory ruling hearing per the district's process. The board has already determined this to be a violation, and the only way to hear and consider evidence to the contrary is during the declaratory ruling proceedings. John Ellis agreed but pointed out that Mr. Baker is requesting time needed to gather that information, which may not be feasible once a petition for declaratory ruling is filed. John Ellis read the relevant timeline from the Adopted Rules and concurred that the timeline laid out for the declaratory ruling process should allow adequate time for the consultant to collect the needed information.

Gordon Ash indicated that he is having a hard time understanding why allowances should be made for gathering additional information when that should have already been done prior to applying for permits and doing the work.

Additional discussion about the timeline relevant to the permit application process and compliance with the order to remediate the violation.

Roger Marsonette motioned "to set a deadline of April 3, 2023, for submission of a 310-permit application or a petition for declaratory ruling." Scott Rumsey seconded. Motion carried 3 to 2.

REPORTS

Flathead CD Staff: Attached.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) & MOA Review: Attached.

Sean Johnson, NRCS, reviewed the existing MOA between USDA, NRCS, FCD, and MT DNRC with the board that was signed 5/28/2020. It was noted that contact information on page 8 for MT DNRC and NRCS will be updated to current personnel. The partner checklist was reviewed, and the Affirmation of Review was signed by Chair Pete Woll.

DNRC Conservation Districts Bureau: Attached. It was noted that Jason Garber accepted a new position, and Hailey Graf is now the new DNRC 310-law Coordinator for the state.

Flathead County Planning Board (FCPB): Attached. Bill Yankee noted that he does not feel he is qualified as a voting member, but that it is still in the best interest of the district to have a voting member on the FCPB. Samantha Tappenbeck added that it must be a supervisor or associate supervisor, not staff.

Haskill Basin Watershed Council (HBWC): Samantha Tappenbeck noted the next meeting will be held in early May, and that there is an effort for a planning meeting together regarding the Whitefish Water Treatment Plant and forthcoming application to the Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program.

Flathead Basin Commission (FBC): Scott Rumsey reported that there had not been a meeting since the last report. FBC & UC3 consolidation into the Western Montana Conservation Commission (WMCC) was discussed, and the bill's current status as it has progressed through the Legislature. Samantha Tappenbeck noted that there was an amendment added to the bill to sunset the WMCC after 6 years to assess if it is working. Samantha heard differing accounts of what would happen after the sunset period if the WMCC is determined not to be working: MACD staff indicated that then it would revert back to FBC and UC3, but FBC staff indicated that it would not revert back to FBC and UC3 and would be dissolved. Samantha Tappenbeck provided testimony in opposition to the merger to the House Natural Resources Committee, Flathead CD was the only one that expressed opposition, but it was very impactful. There were a lot of substantive questions from the committee members which was encouraging.

Flathead River Commission (FRC): Samantha Tappenbeck reported that FRC has not met since last report. FRC is waiting to hear from the Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the spring flood forecast meeting date, and the next FRC meeting will coincide with that. The spring flood forecast meeting is hosted annually for many stakeholders and relevant agencies. OES is thinking they need a more dedicated working group to meet more regularly regarding emergency response plans for various situations. Mark Siderius (chair for FRC) feels it is very important that Flathead CD (FCD) have a seat on the working group. Public meeting afterwards. Mark Siderius would be open to serving as an Associate Supervisor for the FCD to maintain that seat on the working group. Donna Pridmore could also fill that role. Mark Siderius would be happy to attend an upcoming meeting and provide detail on the working group. Pete Woll asked to have Mark Siderius attend the next business meeting. The Flood forecast meeting is tentatively scheduled for end of March/early April. Pete Woll would like to know what the date is.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

District Insurance Update: Samantha Tappenbeck explained that PayneWest is our local broker for the district's policy through MACo. Kim Thomas let us know she is not able to put together an individual policy for Flathead CD, and we now need to submit paperwork to Rocky Mountain Insurance Services (RMIS) for a policy quote. RMIS works with nearly 300 special districts (water, sewer, fire, etc.) in Montana and is familiar with the process of insuring special districts and familiar with the statutory requirements for covering conservation districts. They have found it is the preference of districts to work with a local broker. Samantha asked if the board has a preference. John Ellis stated that we should use whoever gives the best coverage for the best price.

Family Forestry Expo (FFE): John Ellis asked if a response had been received from FFE as the district provided funds for the workbook. Samantha Tappenbeck stated she had talked with Deb Starling at a recent planning meeting. Deb had been unable to attend the district meeting, but they were very appreciative of the funds for the workbook and will be sending a letter. Jessie

Walthers noted that the Riparian Station will be staffed 9:00 – 3:00 each day, May 8-12. A sign-up sheet will be provided next month.

The next 310-Stream Permit meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2023, 7:00 P.M. in person.

Adjournment: John Ellis motioned “to adjourn.” Scott Rumsey seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Submitted By:
Ginger Kauffman
Administrator

Reviewed By:
Samantha Tappenbeck
Resource Conservationist

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

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| <u>4/24/2023</u> | <u>Pete Woll</u> | <u>Chair</u> |
| (Date) | (Signature) | (Title – Chair etc.) |

Staff Report: March 2023

Samantha Tappenbeck, Resource Conservationist
Jessie Walthers, Conservation Program Manager
Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Office and Administration

310

- The office received six new 310's; 2023 total 310's to date = 36
- Processing of 310's
- Scanning of older 310-files continues

Bookkeeping

- Processed daily bookkeeping items including payroll, payroll reports & payments, invoices, credit card receipts, deposits, grant billing/vendor invoices, program payments
- Updates to district files are made as needed.

Office Support

- Staff meetings held weekly per staff availability
- Staff discussed reorganization of office space and furniture to meet needs and better utilize space

Big Sky Watershed Corps

- Camryn assisted FCD this month by judging at the Flathead County Science Fair and hosting an information tables at:
 - Free the Seeds event
 - Water Quality Awareness Event at the Capitol Rotunda

Projects

Trumbull Creek Restoration & Aquifer Protection Project

- Project is inadequately funded and will require \$150K-\$160K in additional funding for the project as designed
- Grant #: RRG-20-1750 extended through 12/31/2023
- Planning to host landowner meeting to review project designs and answer questions/address concerns

Study of Erosion on the Flathead River/SJ28

- Draft final report received from Tetra Tech on 3/9/23
- Presented summary of results at Water Quality Awareness Event at Capitol Rotunda

Krause Creek Restoration Project

- Produced and submitted final report and vendor invoice for DNRC grant RRG-21-1782

Programs

College Scholarships

- 14 college scholarship applications received
- Applicants are from Flathead, Glacier, Columbia Falls, Whitefish, and Bigfork High Schools and one Home School Student
- Applications are currently being reviewed and ranked by Jessie and Supervisor Ash

Conservation Grant Program

- In-office consultations with three interested landowners for upcoming grant cycle
- Multiple responses to program inquiries over email and phone
- Final Conservation Grant deadline is approaching: April 30th

Education Grant Program

- Three Education Grant applications were received in March for:
 1. Invasive Weed Pull Supplies for Environmental Club - GHS
 2. Environmental Science course supply kits - GHS
 3. Field Trip Transportation Support – Land to Hand

Pollinator Initiative

- Partner meeting held in Ronan at Lake County CD for planning, coordination, training
- A Pollinator Seed Pick-up day is being planned for April 22, Earth Day
- Discussions held with Grizzly Bear Recovery Program/U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for education materials and pollinator seeds for outreach, to discourage bird feeder use and encourage pollinator-friendly plants

Rain Garden Initiative

- Planning and outreach conducted for Rain Garden Workshop scheduled for May 17th at Center for Native Plants
- Meeting planned for 3/28/23 with teacher Sarah Connor from Glacier High School for planning a rain garden at the school with Botany Class
- Site visit planned for 3/31/23 for Rain Garden Consultation in Whitefish

Seedlings & Native Seed Program

- Processed additional orders for seedling nursery
- Consultations on seedling program and grass seed cost-share program for interested participants via phone, email, and office walk-in inquiries, and integration with Conservation Grant Applications
- Last day to order from the Nursery this season is April 1st
- Seedling Delivery Date is planned for April 18th at DNRC in Kalispell.
- Planning with MCSN staff for Conservation Seedlings 101 webinar

Watershed Support Program

- Program funding is currently allocated to support of the Trumbull Creek Restoration & Aquifer Protection Project and the Flathead River Erosion Study

Youth Camp Sponsorships

- Payments distributed for youth camp sponsorships awarded in February – three families, five students total
- Received one additional inquiry for Land to Hand camp sponsorship, family may wait until after July 1st to apply, for start to new fiscal year

Education & Outreach

Education Events

- Outreach Events:
 - Supervisor Marsonette, Jessie, and BSWCM Camryn Gamble participated as Judges at the Flathead County Science Fair, March 9th
 - Jessie assisted Whitefish Legacy Partners in leading a field trip for 80 Second Graders on the Whitefish Trail on March 10th to teach them about local wildlife, winter adaptations, tracks and habitat
 - Samantha and Jessie presented to the Flathead Chapter of the Montana Native Plants Society on March 22nd, on FCD programs and projects
- Tabling events:
 - Supervisors Ellis and Pridmore, Samantha and Jessie staffed the FCD booth at the Home & Garden Show March 4&5; Over 6,000 people attended the event
 - Camryn Gamble, BSWC staffed a table at Free the Seeds, March 4th
- 2023 education event planning:
 - FCD staff met to finalize schedule for 2023 events and developed education program/event calendar to hand out at tabling events.
- Rolling Rivers Trailer:
 - Scheduled spring presentations at three schools/events (Russell Elementary, Heritage Way Academy, Viking Creek Wetlands 5th Grade Field Trips)
- Legislative outreach:
 - Samantha tabled at the Water Quality Awareness Day in the Capitol Rotunda in Helena on 3/10/23

Demonstration Garden

- Spring Wake-up scheduled for Earth Day, April 22.
- Developing priorities for upcoming growing season, maintenance planning, and events in the garden
- Meeting with Forestration and Center for Native Plants staff to discuss priorities, challenges, and needs for upcoming season
- Outreach to engage and recruit support for Demonstration Garden management:
 - Flathead County MSU Extension Master Gardener Program
 - Kalispell Public Schools, Director of Work Based Learning – development of student internship

Advertisements

- Flathead Beacon:
 - College Scholarships (3/8/23)
 - 310 Permits (3/22/23)

Website

- Updated links for upcoming workshops and Septic Cost share partner contact information
- Updated website archive of meeting agendas, posted 2023 meeting agendas
- Website visited by 1.4K users (↑42%); Impressions = 53K; Total Clicks = 829

Social Media

- Facebook: Page followers = 873 (↑1%); Post Reach = 303; Post Engagement = 20
- Instagram: Page followers = 732 (↑6.3%); Accts Reach = 251; Accts Engaged = 26

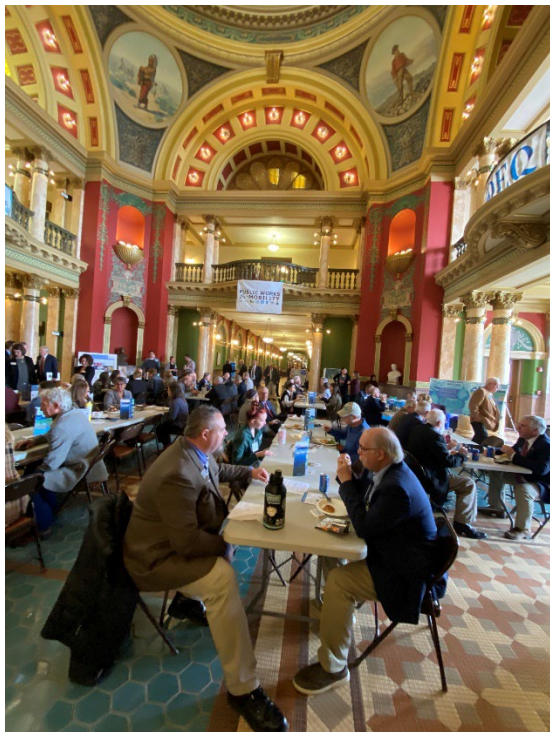
The Local Dirt eNewsletter

- Distributed on 3/6/23 to 807 recipients (↑33 subscribers or 4.3%). Large increase of new sign-ups from the Home & Garden Showcase.
- Subscription update required prior to April newsletter.

Partnerships

- Flathead Waters Clean-up Partner Meeting 3/22/23
- Nutrient Work Group meeting 3/13/23
- Family Forestry Expo Planning Meeting 3/22/23
- Samantha and Jessie met with new Flathead County Extension Agent MacKenzie Dey 3/22/23

Photos



NRCS DC Report – 3/27/2023

Sean Johnson

➤ Programs

- EQIP and Joint Chief
 - Initial allocations received on March 10th for application funding. Currently working on developing contracts for signatures
- CSP
 - No active applications for FY23

➤ Review Items

- Attended an AgroClimate and Forestry meeting in Billings
- Attended PODS meeting with Hungry Horse/Glacier View FS District to help determine boundaries on units for fire suppression efforts
- Attended North Fork Fire Mitigation Committee meeting to update on the Wedge Canyon TIP
- New Forester, Parker Olson, started on March 13th

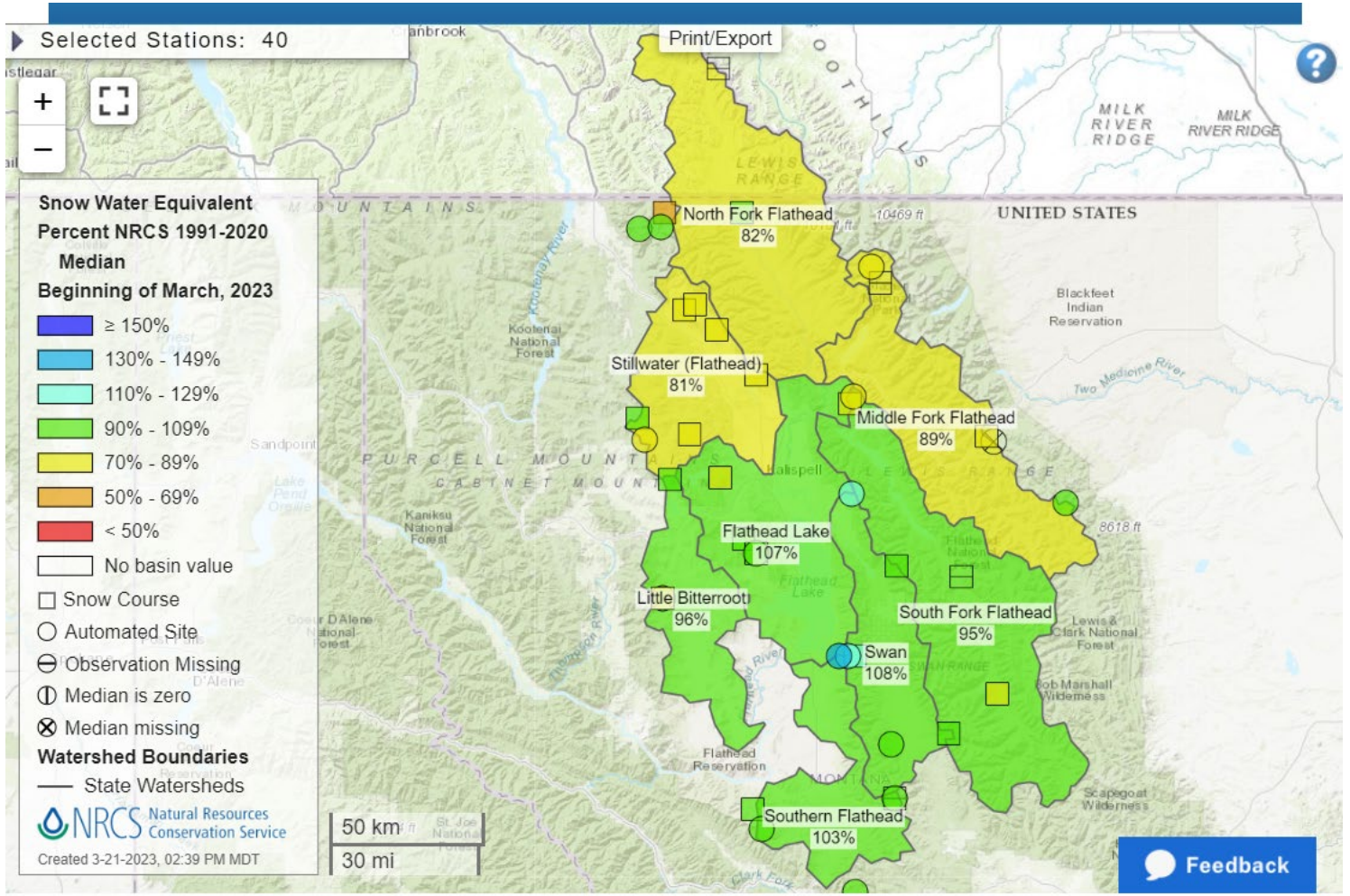
➤ Upcoming Items

- Attending USFWS Northwest MT Conservation Plan Workshop on April 4th
- FireSafe Flathead meeting on April 19th

➤ Miscellaneous

- MOU Review
- Snow Report
 - Slight increase in Flathead Basin Snow Water Equivalent from 90% up to 94% as of March 1st. Sub-basins range from 81% - 108%
- Drought – Most of Flathead still in “Moderate Drought” status. Overall improvement across the state
 - None – 16%, D0 – 27% , D1 – 38% , D2 – 16% , D3 – 3.11% , D4 – 0% - March
 - None – 5%, D0 – 27%, D1 – 44%, D2 – 20%, D3 – 3.71%, D4 – 0% - February
 - None – 8%, D0 – 31%, D1 – 24%, D2 – 25%, D3 – 11%, D4 – 0% - January
 - None – 12%, D0 – 21%, D1 – 26%, D2 – 25%, D3 – 16%, D4 – 0% - November

March Snow Report

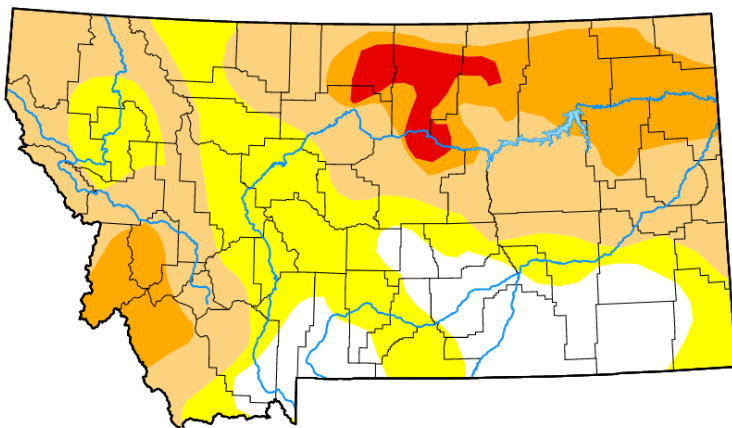


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March Drought Monitor

Map released: Thurs. March 16, 2023

Data valid: March 14, 2023 at 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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REPORT TO WESTERN CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
MARCH 2023

310 LAW: NEW CONTACT AND REQUEST FOR TRAININGS

Hopefully word is starting to get around that Jason Garber accepted a new position and I will be taking over the Stream Permitting Coordinator duties. If you have questions or there are 310 Law related issues I should be aware of, please let me know. If I am not able to answer your questions, I will loop Caitlin Overland in.

Also, if your CD is interested in a 310 training, either virtual or in person, please let me know right away. I am in the process of developing a 310 training schedule and updating the 310 training materials for this spring.

CDA GRANTS AND BUDGETING

Now is the time to start your budget planning process for fiscal year 24. We know there are still a lot of unanswered questions regarding the current legislative session and CD funding. At this time, the CD Administrative application will remain the same as in past years, but we have extended the deadline through May 1. All applications must be sent through Submittable. If you have any questions, please let me know and I will walk you through the process.

CD FUNDING SURVEY

Thank you to every CD that submitted a response to the CD Funding Survey. The information is extremely timely and very valuable. We are currently working to review the responses and hope to provide a preliminary report of findings soon.

CD INSURANCE UPDATES

We recently learned that Payne West Insurance will not be able to provide coverage to CDs. However, Rocky Mountain Insurance Service is. RMIS has been very helpful throughout this process and is willing to answer questions and attend board meetings to talk with CD supervisors. Unfortunately, the quotes CDs have been getting so far are substantially higher than what MACo offered, generally around \$3,000-\$4,000. Please budget accordingly and include this in your CDA application. If anyone is working with another company, please let us know so we provide multiple insurance options to CDs.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions, concerns, or ponderings.

-Hailey Graf



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**Report to Flathead Conservation District re: Flathead County Planning Board Meeting held
March 8, 2023**

Item 1: FZC-22-27

A request for a zone change on 10 acres at 590 Addison Square within the Evergreen Zoning District. From SAG -10 to R-1. Landowner wants to supplement retirement income but still be able to keep horses and might possibly divide property into a maximum of 3 lots sometime in the future.

Public Agency Comment: None *

Public Comment: None*

Action: The Board voted unanimously to forward a positive recommendation on this request to the County Commissioners.

Item 2: FZC-22-28

A request for a zone change on 1.26 acres at 26 Sunrise Drive near Kalispell from R-2 to B-2.

Public Agency Comment: None*

Public Comment: 18 different people spoke, all neighbors and all in opposition to this request. Their concerns ranged from impact on the community wells, drainage, increased traffic through the residential neighborhood and what type of businesses might be allowed under a B-2 designation. The requestee was not present for rebuttal.

Action: After a motion by a Board member approve the Zone change request, discussion among Board members led to several stating they would vote against the request. Reasons were concerns about impact to wells, spot zoning, and belief that current zoning designation was appropriate. Board voted to forward a negative recommendation to the County Commissioners, with one no vote.

Item 3: FPP-22-19

A request for preliminary plat approval of Whitefish Ridge Estates to create 18 lots (17 residential and 1 dry commercial) on 382.4 acres located off Highway 93.

Public Agency Comment: None*

Public Comment: One neighbor questioned if lots could subsequently be sub-divided and expressed concerns regarding increased trespassing to Murray Lake. Requestee addressed the Board, answering these concerns.

Action: Board voted unanimously to forward a positive recommendation to the County Commissioners.

Item 4: FPP-22-33

A request for preliminary plat approval for property at 251 and 253 Shepherd Trail near Kalispell to be divided into 3 residential lots on 20 acres.

Public Agency Comment: None*

Public Comment: One neighbor had questions regarding layout of lots but was not in opposition to request.

Action: The Board voted unanimously to forward a positive recommendation to the County Commissioners.

Item 5: FPP-22-34

A request for a preliminary plat approval for the Fire Hall Subdivision which is to create 7 residential lots on 10.78 acres on Fire Hall Lane near Columbia Falls.

Public Agency Comment: None*

Public Comment: None*

Action: Board voted unanimously to forward a positive recommendation to the County Commissioners.

Old Business:

The Planning Board discussed Subdivision Regulations concerning dust abatement rules for both large and small subdivisions. Language is being examined and possibly reworked concerning vehicle trips per day, feet required to be paved, level of service definitions, etc.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding Gordon Ash resigning from Planning Board as the Flathead Conservation District representative. It was stated that until the time the Conservation District appoints a new representative to the Planning Board, Bill Yankee will attend the Planning Board meetings and report to the Conservation District, but that he does not want to be a voting member due to his lack of experience with, and knowledge of, Flathead County planning and zoning issues.

*-indicates None at Meeting. Public Agency Comment and Public Comment might have been submitted in writing to the Planning Board prior to the meeting.

Submitted by: Bill Yankee, Associate Supervisor