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YRCDC Area Report for MACD Convention

The **Yellowstone River Conservation Districts Council** is comprised of eleven member districts along the main stem of the Yellowstone River. The Council also has two At-Large members representing the upper and lower river and a member representing the MACD.

Our purpose is to provide local leadership, assistance, and guidance for the wise use and conservation of the Yellowstone River's natural resources.

This purpose is founded on three fundamental precepts:

- The need for scientific information on which to base management decisions.
- The need for broad-based local, regional, and national input.
- The need for technical and financial assistance to address sustainable use issues on the Yellowstone River.

During the past year, Council staff has been busy working with our partners at USDA-NRCS, Montana DNRC, Montana FWP and MACD to assist local Conservation Districts and their constituents by providing technical assistance, education and outreach information, grant writing services all meant to benefit natural resource conservation in the Yellowstone River Corridor.

The Council has established two working groups to assist with implementation of the Yellowstone River Cumulative Effects Analysis – Recommended Practices.

The Invasive Woody Plant Control work group provides technical assistance and support to local districts who are working in collaboration with local weed districts to control Salt Cedar, Russian Olive and Common Buckthorn. YRCDC assisted in a pilot project on the Yellowstone east of Livingston that removed Russian Olive from more than 100 acres of infestation along the river channel.

The Irrigation Water Management work group has been very successful by providing technical assistance to local irrigation districts in MACD Areas 2, 4 & 6 affecting more than 33,000 acres of irrigated lands within four Irrigation Districts and watershed areas. Through our technical assistance efforts seven grants have been secured for these irrigation districts funding engineering studies and infrastructure replacements. The Irrigation Water Management work group has completed a 10-year strategic conservation plan for Tongue & Yellowstone Irrigation District in Custer County and is in the process of developing plans for Yellowstone Irrigation District and Hammond Irrigation District in Treasure and Rosebud Counties.

For more information or to request assistance, please call Dan Rostad at 406.930.0594

