

# ROUTT COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

#### **OFFICE**

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of each month

## **District Established**

December 7, 1942

## Mission Statement

To encourage stewardship of our natural resources which will ensure the preservation and sustainability of working landscapes through education, financial and technical assistance.

# Land Ownership

Routt County – 2,368 sq.mi. Federal Land – 775,000 acres State & County Land – 69,000 acres

Private Land - 672,000 acres

#### Land Use

Rangeland – 730,000 acres Irr. Crop - 63,000 acres Non-Irr. pasture - 86,000 acres Woodlands - 535,000 acres Recreation – 47,000



#### **2021 Annual Report**

2021 saw much progress on working toward the RCCD Long Range Plan.

#### Some of the highlights include:

- Soil Health Initiatives:
  - Obtained a grant to continue the soil health initiative started in spring of 2019. Worked with local ranchers to assist them in learning about soil health. Ten samples were taken at multiple ag operations and comprehensive soil analysis provided useful data to be utilized in the development of management strategies. The result – a number of best practices were implemented and will continue to be monitored.
  - Participated in the Colorado Department of Agriculture STAR program, Saving Tomorrow's Agricultural Resources.
- Weed Sprayer Rental Program
  - Received a grant to help fund the purchase of a 200 gallon pull behind weed sprayer. The goal is to rent out the sprayer starting in spring of 2022.

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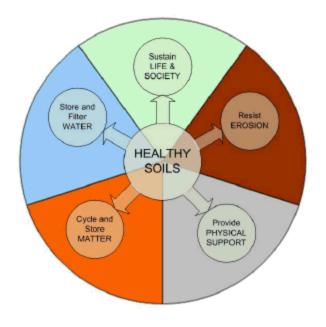


#### Taking Soil Samples at Local Ranches



- Continued to Renew Partnerships
- Hosted an Annual Landowner's Meeting in February with Local and Regional Speakers on pertinent topics
- Continued to participate in Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable Integrated Water Management Plan development
- Attended Wildfire Mitigation Council meetings
- Participated in the County Master Plan Update
- Participated with North Platt/White/Yampa Watershed Association
- Supported the Western Colorado Range Management Teachers Workshop
- Participated in the Soroco High School Rangeland Field Day / Judging Contest
- Worked with the Upper Yampa River Watershed Group on Sourcewater Project focusing on nutrient and sediment loading in the upper basin headwaters
- Hired a part time Acting District Manager/Consultant
- Outreach/Education
  - o Continue to improve the RCCD website
    - Post information, minutes, agendas, events, etc.
    - Videos
    - Provides a resource guide housed on the RCCD website for agency guidance
    - Noxious weed page
  - o Articles in local newspaper
  - o Created a new RCCD outreach brochure

RCCD has been severely restricted by the COVID pandemic. The Board carried on virtually but was unable to host planned events in the summer.



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Resource
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## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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