

# Black Hills RCD

2009 Annual Plan of Work

October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010

Goal A: Assist the public to understand the benefits of reducing soil erosion and sedimentation.

Element: Land Conservation

**Objective A1: Provide assistance to local weed management organizations to control noxious weeds.**

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A1b: Deerfield/Hill City Weed Management Area A1b1 Provide grant writing and management assistance to promote the control of noxious weeds in the weed management area.	Scott Guffey	12/18/2003	9/30/2012	40	\$5,000.00
A1c: Educate the public on Noxious Weed Control A1c1 Distribute books that identify noxious weeds and methods of control.	Scott Guffey	2/6/2007	9/30/2009	20	\$5,000.00

**Objective A2: Inform the public on the use of forest products and BMPs in harvesting operations.**

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A2b: Alternative Energy Education A2b1 Promote the use of forest products for energy use by holding one alternative energy workshop by June 1st.	Arvid Meland	1/24/2008	9/30/2010	40	\$500.00
A2c: Forestry Best Management Practices A2c2 Partner with the Black Hills Forestry Association to disseminate the results of the Forest BMP Audit by March 1st.	Carson Engelskirger	1/24/2008	9/30/2010	30	\$300.00

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Goal B: Assist the public to improve water quality, water use and water conservation.

Element: Water Management

**Objective B1: Promote activities and programs that result in better management of the areas water resources.**

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B1a:	Spring Creek/Sheridan Lake Watershed Management	Arvid Meland	8/20/2009	9/30/2012	100	\$350,000.00
	B1a1 Act as a co-sponsor for an EPA 319 grant proposal to be submitted on October 1st for implementation of Phase I in the Sheridan Lake/Spring Creek Watershed.					

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Goal C: Assist communities with community development.

*Element:* Community Development

**Objective C1: Cultivate a philosophy of sound land use management by the community leaders through the use of science based natural resource information and economic studies.**

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C1a: Community Leaders Natural Resource Workshop	Don Hausle	8/20/2009	9/30/2010	60	\$400.00
C1a1 Explore the possibility of conducting an informational workshop by February 2010, targeting community and county leaders, to educate them on natural resources and how it pertains to growth and development.					
C1b: Cost of Community Services	Don Hausle	1/24/2008	9/30/2010	60	\$20,000.00
C1b1 Assist Pennington and Custer counties with the distribution and public outreach of the completed Cost of Community Services study by May 2010 through two public meetings and presentations of the information at the Black Hills Association of County Commissioners. In addition the local television and newspapers will be notified of the meetings.					

**Objective C2: Work with two businesses to expand and gain funding by June 2010.**

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C2b: Organic Produce	Glen Reaser	7/16/2009	9/30/2010	30	\$40,000.00
C2b1 Assist Marty Elmore obtain financial assistance through Rural Development to expand his organic business under the Value Added Ag Program by January 2010.					
C2d: Keep Hot Springs Beautiful Recycling	Glen Reaser	1/24/2008	9/30/2010	80	\$10,000.00
C2d1 Continue to work with the Keep Hot Springs Beautiful organization to gain funding and public support for a recycling program.					

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Goal D: Assist the public to implement land management actions that support sustainable and diverse communities.

Element: Land Management

**Objective D1: Promote the improvement of wildlife habitat by partnering with the Wild Turkey Federation, The Nature Conservancy, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, and the Weed & Pest offices for the Black Hills RC&D Area.**

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D1a: WHIP Salt Cedar Special Project	Glen Reaser	1/24/2008	9/30/2010	150	\$190,000.00
D1a1 Follow up on the success of the Fall River County Special WHIP project by conducting follow-up spray applications and continue with the three established photo plots by September 2010.					

**Objective D2: Evaluate and plan for the natural resource and community needs through the planning process.**

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D2a: Cheyenne River Social Profile	Don Hausle	5/24/2008	9/30/2012	80	\$120,000.00
D2a1 Partner with South Dakota State University and Conservation Districts on conducting a Social Profile of the South Dakota portion of the Cheyenne River Watershed by providing input on a SARE grant by November 2009.					
D2b: Black Hills RC&D 2011 Area Plan	Don Hausle	1/24/2008	9/30/2010	200	\$1,000.00
D2b1 Obtain public input on the needs and concerns of the Black Hills RC&D six county area through surveys and public meetings. By September 2010 develop a final draft of the Black Hills RC&D area plan for submission to the South Dakota State Conservationist for approval.					

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## **Objective D3: Promote alternative energy production through support to local wind associations and workshops.**

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D3a: Alternative Energy Education	Dave Hazeltine	1/24/2008	9/30/2010	50	\$500.00
D3a1 Conduct one alternative energy workshop by May of 2010.					
D3b: Fall River Wind Association	Glen Reaser	9/18/2008	9/30/2010	60	\$1,000.00
D3b1 Assist the Fall River Wind Association with the development of an RFP as requested.					

## **Objective D4: Assist one community based group that promotes the firewise concept of fire management.**

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D4a: Urban Fire Management	Dave Hazeltine	8/20/2009	9/30/2010	40	\$15,000.00
D4a1 Work directly with the Great Plains Fire Safe Council to establish themselves as a non-profit 501 c 3 organization that promotes sound "Firewise" principles.					

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Goal E: To be a dynamic and visible public-supported organization.

Element: Other Black Hills Goals

**Objective E1: Actively market the Black Hills RC&D Association as a non-profit community based organization.**

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E1a: Black Hills RC&D Website	Chris Redden	8/20/2009	9/30/2010	30	\$400.00
E1a1 Revise the current website by updating old information and adding new data to reflect the active nature of the organization. In addition, improve the look of the site to make it more inviting for web based users. Complete the website restoration by May 2010.					
E1b: Black Hills RC&D Newsletter	Chris Redden	8/20/2009	9/30/2010	80	\$1,000.00
E1b1 Produce a Bi-Annual Newsletter and distribute it to sponsors, the general public and state and federal legislators. The newsletter will be ready for distribution on March 1st and September 1st 2010.					
E1c: Black Hills RC&D Annual Report	Chris Redden	8/20/2009	10/1/2009	30	\$50.00
E1c1 Produce a two page annual report that reflects our most active projects and accomplishments from the 2009 fiscal year by November 1, 2009.					

**Objective E2: Implement capacity building strategies that will inform, educate, and encourage new members to join the organization.**

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E2a: Board Member Education	Don Hausle	8/20/2009	9/30/2010	30	\$1,000.00
E2a1 Incorporate six short training sessions into board meetings to address non-profit management, Roberts Rules of Order, fund raising and marketing.					

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E2b:	Annual Board Meeting	Don Hausle	8/20/2009	11/1/2009	40	\$1,500.00
	E2b1	Conduct the annual Board Meeting in October and actively seek out new and semi-active sponsors to attend.				
E2c:	Council Members Handbook	Chris Redden	8/20/2009	9/30/2010	30	\$200.00
	E2c1	Upgrade to current council members handbook to reflect current information by March 1, 2010.				