

PROJECT EXPENDITURES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Program performance in terms of calendar year 2009 expenditures on projects is summarized on a statewide basis in the following sections.

I. Approximate WGFD funds (figures rounded to the nearest \$1,000) expended for on-the-ground projects primarily for implementation of SHP goals 1-3 and management of WGFC managed lands during calendar year 2009 (these figures do not include personnel salaries and equipment used for routine WGFD maintenance and operation functions) follows:

Department Funds Expended for Goals 1, 2 and 3: \$ 649,000

II. Non-Department funds expended for implementation of SHP Goals 1,2 and 3 for calendar year 2009 from or in collaboration with various sources including, but are not limited to: a) Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust Fund; b) Farm Bill federal government funds; c) Other federal government funding programs; d) Other state and local government funding sources; e) Nongovernmental organizations; f) Wyoming Governors Big Game License Coalition through the Wyoming Wildlife Heritage Foundation; g) Private landowners contribution (including in-kind); h) Corporations and businesses; and i) Private donors follows:

Non-Department Funds Expended for Goals 1, 2 and 3: \$ 9,063,000

III. GRAND TOTAL FOR GOALS 1, 2, and 3: **\$ 9,712,000**

(These figures do not include personnel salaries, supplies, materials, equipment used for routine WGFD maintenance and operation functions and WGFC property taxes).

In other words, the Department was able to secure funding from outside sources amounting to approximately **\$13.96** for each Department dollar expended for on-the-ground fish and wildlife habitat activities. This outside funding is a critical element for implementing the Strategic Habitat Plan and conserving our wildlife resources in collaboration with the many dedicated partners throughout the State.

Overall, personnel directly involved in implementing SHP goals 1, 2, 3 and 5 oversaw spending of approximately \$3,100,000 of WGFD regular maintenance and operating funds, State Wildlife Grants from US Fish and Wildlife Service and Department Trust Fund monies. This figure includes wages, benefits, equipment operation expenses, supplies and on-the-ground improvement material expenses allocated as follows: approximately 54% for personnel, which includes habitat inventories, monitoring, project contact oversight, project design and implementation and promoting collaborative habitat management efforts with the general public, conservation partners, private landowners and land management agencies. Without personnel none of these habitat projects would happen. The remainder of the funding was allocated as follows: 4% for vehicles and heavy equipment and 42% for materials and supplies.

Personnel overseeing the WGFD Education, Information and Publications Programs efforts relative to directly implementing SHP goal 4 during 2009 spent approximately 12.5 % of their time on these activities amounting to approximately \$153,000 of regular WGFD maintenance and operating funds. Information and education are critical for maintaining current and long-term future, social, political and financial future support for wildlife habitat related efforts.

Lastly, personnel within the Lands Administration Branch conduct annual WGFC property rights monitoring and oversee payment of WGFC property taxes in each county. Property taxes paid in 2009 totaled \$397,730 and include taxes on all Commission facilities such as fish hatcheries, game warden stations, regional offices, elk feed grounds and wildlife habitat management areas.

These activities resulted in on-the-ground accomplishments, collaborative habitat efforts, and information, education and publications efforts directed toward habitat during calendar year 2009 as summarized below:

Activity	Accomplishment
Extension Services to private landowner contacts and number of contacts resulting in wildlife habitat enhancement	301 extension contacts resulting in 112 projects
Stream fishery inventories and assessments	60 miles
Stream bank enhancement	1.95 miles
Stream structures (revetments, barbs, diversions, screens, sills, jetties, etc.)	78 installed
Water for fisheries and aquatic habitat	10 instream flow applications filed on 53.6 miles of streams
Prescribed burns (uplands and CRP enhancement) mainly in aspen, conifer, wooded draw, mixed mountain shrub and sagebrush grassland communities	16,621 acres
Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plans	2 Plans
Conservation easements	3 acquired totaling 5,810 acres; 4 being actively pursued
Major Information and Education efforts (formal presentations, articles, booths, radio, television and hosting workshops)	192 Habitat Focused 95 Secondarily Habitat Focus
Herbicide vegetation treatments to control noxious or invasive weeds primarily including cheatgrass, prickly pear, Russian olive and salt cedar	16,096 acres
Herbicide vegetation to thin dense sagebrush communities	240 acres
Mowing, chopping, and Lawson aerator treatments mainly in sagebrush and grassland communities and on meadows	3,076 acres
Mechanical tree removal mainly conifer removal from aspen stands, juniper, Russian olive and salt cedar removal	6,522 acres
Tree and shrub planting mainly willow, cottonwood and sagebrush	9,875 plants
Upland grass, forb and food plot seeding	3,816 acres
Water guzzlers installed	2
Water wells drilled	1
Spring developments	3
Water tanks installed	38
Water pipelines installed	28.8 miles
Fences installed to manage or protect treatment areas, to facilitate livestock grazing management or modified to address wildlife movements	45.6 miles
Wetland development or major renovation	5 projects totaling 7.5 acres
Riparian habitat protection, enhancement and management	7 projects totaling 339.5 acres
USDA Farm Bill Program contract involvement in 2009	EQIP -11; CCRP-8; WHIP-6; AMA-22; WRP-1; FFRP-1 and CRP-6
Livestock grazing management plans	23 projects on 233,336 acres
Upland habitat inventory (landscape analysis scale)	3,517,068 acres
Upland habitat inventory (intensive project level scale)	553,348 acres
Habitat monitoring sites (annual monitoring and treatments)	276
Field research projects	4
Beaver transplants	49
WGFC Managed Lands - Overseeing maintenance and land management activities	413,000 acres of WGFC lands; 36 WMAs; 184 Public Access Areas; 22 feedgrounds; 95 wetlands; 140 miles of ditch and drains; 2,000 acres farmland; 250 acres of food plots; > 1,000 miles fence; 1,100 miles of road 388 parking areas; 45 boat ramps; 25 docks; 196 outhouses; and 6,000 signs.
WGFC Managed Lands intensive livestock/forage reserve/meadow rejuvenation and grazing administered	173,446 acres (Red Canyon and Wick Meadows, Red Rim, Grizzly, Chain Lakes, Renner, Yellowtail, Ocean Lake, Sand Creek and Sunshine)
Land Acquisition	1 parcel totaling 0.45 acres

We believe habitat is the key to maintaining wild and healthy populations of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. Without the support and partnerships of private landowners, public land managers, conservation groups and the public these habitat management and enhancement projects would not be possible. We greatly appreciate your assistance and support and look forward to working with you to ‘Conserve Wildlife and Serve People’ in the years ahead.

A Huge Thank You

The following is a partial list of major funding partners and approximate amounts expended by each source during calendar year 2009. This is not a complete list, nor does it reflect all partner contributions and we apologize for anyone who may have been inadvertently missed. Any contribution missed will be noted in the 2010 SHP report.

Funding Partner	Approximate Amount for 2009 (rounded to nearest \$100)
Private Landowners and Volunteers	\$ 2,447,500
Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust Board	\$ 1,629,100
Federal USDA Farm Bill Program Funds (NRCS and FSA)	\$ 1,486,600
US Forest Service	\$ 544,600
Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative	\$ 493,200
Jonah Interagency Office	\$ 479,400
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	\$ 349,000
Bureau of Land Management	\$ 306,100
US Fish and Wildlife Service – Private Lands Program	\$ 174,600
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$ 150,400
Wyoming Governor’s Sensitive Species Fund	\$ 125,000
Wyoming Governor’s Big Game Coalition through Wyoming Wildlife Heritage Foundation	\$ 112,300
US Fish and Wildlife Service – Landowner Incentive Program	\$ 74,900
Sage Grouse Local Working Group – State of Wyoming Funds	\$ 67,000
Platte and Goshen County Weed and Pest Districts	\$ 60,000
Mule Deer Foundation	\$ 50,800
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$ 45,000
Pesticide Registration Grant	\$ 40,000
City of Laramie	\$ 40,000
Bureau of Reclamation	\$ 37,100
US Environmental Protection Agency	\$ 36,100
Washakie County Weed and Pest District	\$ 35,600
Sand County Foundation	\$ 33,200
Pheasants Forever	\$ 30,200
National Wild Turkey Federation	\$ 26,500
National Park Service	\$ 20,000
Wyoming Wetland Society	\$ 20,000
Laramie Rivers Conservation District	\$ 20,000
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality - Fine Funds	\$ 18,000
Albany County	\$ 15,000
Trout Unlimited	\$ 12,000
BASF - The Chemical Company	\$ 10,900
Ducks Unlimited	\$ 10,000
Platte County Resource District	\$ 9,000
Hot Springs County Weed and Pest District	\$ 8,000
Bighorn County Weed and Pest District	\$ 6,000
Laramie Economic Development Corporation	\$ 5,000
Wyoming Foundation for North American Sheep	\$ 5,000
UW Foundation	\$ 5,000
Groathouse Construction	\$ 5,000
Water for Wildlife Foundation	\$ 3,700
Bighorn County Road and Bridge	\$ 3,000
Agricultural Research Service	\$ 2,000
Laramie Rotary Club	\$ 2,000
Wyoming Department of Transportation	\$ 1,800
Powell-Clarks Fork Conservation District	\$ 1,200
Wyoming Wildlife Federation	\$ 1,000
Devon Energy	\$ 1,000
Lovell High School	\$ 1,000
Shoshone Conservation District	\$ 1,000
Washakie County Conservation District	\$ 400
South Bighorn County Conservation District	\$ 400
Hot Springs County Conservation District	\$ 400
2-Shot Goose Hunt Member	\$ 300
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks	\$ 300
Grand Total	\$ 9,062,600