

Resolution 06-03: Landowner Input on Elk Hunting Seasons

- Year: [2006](#)
- Committee: [Education](#)
- Topic: [Elk Feeding](#)
- Area Originating From: Area 5
- General Session Action: Did Not Pass
- Submitted by: Meagher County Conservation District

THIS RESOLUTION DID **NOT** PASS

WHEREAS, feeding the ever increasing elk population effects landowners; and

WHEREAS, feeding the elk causes damage to landowners by creating problems with weeds, fences and reduced forage; and

WHEREAS, the present elk herd was introduced (planted) and would not be as large as it is, if it had populated naturally; and

WHEREAS, landowners are more familiar with when the elk move/come in and local situations that effect/change elk feeding patterns, etc.; and

WHEREAS, better collaboration with landowners will improve the management of the herds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that MACD shall support and assist in the development of procedures, & policy that would support the idea that FW&P include landowners input from each local area before seasons are structured.

Resolution 09-11: Cooperation With Montana Association of Realtors

- Year: [2009](#)
- Committee: [Education](#)
- Topic: [310 Permitting](#)
- Area Originating From: Area 6
- General Session Action: Passed
- Submitted by: Ruby Valley Conservation District

WHEREAS, administering the streamside protection act, commonly referred to as the 310 law, is one of the major responsibilities of Montana's Conservation Districts; and,

WHEREAS, many Montanans want to protect the rivers and streams of our great state; and,

WHEREAS, many Montanans are not aware of the 310 law; and,

WHEREAS, Montana Realtors are often the initial contact for prospective landowners that may not be familiar with the responsibilities associated with properties containing perennial streams; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Association of Realtors provides a model Buy/Sell Agreement for use by realtors;

WHEREAS, realtors often use the model agreement in their day-to-day transactions with people interested in owning land;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MACD work with the Montana Association of Realtors to include a disclosure outlining the 310 law and riparian protection in the model Buy/Sell Agreement.

Resolution 10-08: Wake Zones on Rivers

- Year: [2010](#)
- Committee: [Education](#)
- Topic: [Erosion, Wake Zones](#)
- Area Originating From: Area 5
- General Session Action: Passed
- Submitted by: Flathead Conservation District

WHEREAS, watercraft use on our rivers have increased and;

WHEREAS, the wave action from watercraft wakes continue to cause erosion to our river banks;

WHEREAS, river front landowners are experiencing financial hardship;

AND WHEREAS, there are no regulations to control or impose “no wake” zones on rivers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to have MACD coordinate with other regulatory agencies and the Legislature to pass legislation authorizing wake zone regulations for Montana Rivers.

Resolution 10-09: Aquatic Invasive Species

- Year: [2010](#)
- Committee: [Education](#)
- Topic: [Invasive Species](#)
- Area Originating From: Area 5
- General Session Action: Passed
- Submitted by: Lake County Conservation District

WHEREAS, the waterways in the United States are quickly becoming populated with a variety of non native aquatic species;

WHEREAS, the cost of operating agriculture irrigation systems, electrical power generators, municipality drinking water systems and other surface water dependent usage is irreparably and significantly impacted when an aquatic invasive species is introduced;

WHEREAS, an aquatic invasive species introduction into a waterway often threatens the existence of native aquatic species, thus having the potential of invoking an onerous and costly threatened or endangered species designation;

WHEREAS, the primary and most common method of spreading aquatic invasive species is through transportation of recreational and commercial watercraft.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that MACD petition the Montana Legislature to promulgate, pass and fund legislation that requires mandatory watercraft inspections for all watercraft that are traveling into Montana and all watercraft within Montana that are traveling from waterway to waterway.

Resolution 12-07: Encourage NRCS to Provide Technical Support for Montana Range Days

- Year: [2012](#)
- Committee: [Education](#)
- Topic: [Education & Outreach, NRCS](#)
- Area Originating From: Area 6
- General Session Action: Passed
- Submitted by: Ruby Valley Conservation District

WHEREAS, Montana Range Days is the most significant youth range education events in the State of Montana, and other important natural resource educational events take place throughout the State;

WHEREAS, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Range and Soil Conservationists play a significant role in the development and implementation of the curriculum and program for Montana Range Days and other natural resource outreach and education events;

WHEREAS, budget shortfalls have placed significant constraints on NRCS personnel for outreach support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, NRCS State Conservationist and her staff are encouraged to continue their technical support to all natural resource outreach and educational events to the fullest extent possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MACD Board of Directors work with the NRCS State Conservationist and staff to ensure that adequate support is available for NRCS to continue to assist with Montana Range Days and all other natural resource educational activities and outreach events.

Resolution 13-11: Montana Conservation Practices Month

- Year: [2013](#)
- Committee: [Education](#)
- Topic: [CD Outreach](#), [Education & Outreach](#)
- Area Originating From: Area 6
- General Session Action: Passed with Amendment
- Submitted by: Madison Conservation District

WHEREAS, Conservation Districts and Watershed Groups in Montana actively work throughout the state to address local natural resource concerns through a wide range of projects and programs.

WHEREAS, the mission of CDs and Watershed Groups in Montana is often unknown because of limited marketing resources and a lack of an organized promotion effort throughout the state.

While groups are often very active at the local level, they often do not speak in a collective voice at the statewide level.

WHEREAS, the general public, news media, and political figures would benefit from an increased understanding and appreciation of the ongoing work of CDs and Watershed Groups by witnessing their successful projects and programs.

WHEREAS, an effort to showcase local projects and programs in an organized campaign can demonstrate how the Montana CDs and Watershed groups as a whole are making a difference in the state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Montana CDs and Watershed Groups work to establish August as Montana Conservation Promotion Month starting August 2014. Participants will work with Montana Association of Conservation Districts and Montana Watershed Coordination Council to develop marketing materials (press release, logo, etc) and promote their own local event. Participants agree to organize and host a tour of a successful project or program in their area during the year.

UPDATE 11/2014: MACD has coordinated a survey, series of meetings and coordination with FWP to borrow video footage to create online, shareable videos about conservation. A small grant from the 223 program was secured to assist with this effort. 13 groups participated in this effort this first year, and there were a wide array of activities under the Conservation Month umbrella. Considering that this was our first year, there was a substantial amount of interest and press coverage.

Resolution 14-03: Recognition of Local Ecological Knowledge in Natural Resource Management

- Year: [2014](#)
- Committee: [Education](#)
- Topic: [Local Ecological Knowledge](#)
- Area Originating From: Area 1
- General Session Action: Passed
- Submitted by: Garfield Conservation District

WHEREAS, since their authorization by the Montana Legislature in 1939, the Montana Soil and Water Conservation Districts have amassed a rich history of locally driven and implemented restoration and conservation activities,

WHEREAS, Montana is a large State with immense diversity of climate, soils, geology and vegetation,

WHEREAS, this diversity demands local knowledge to implement adaptive management to properly address the ecological, economic, and social issues of the region,

WHEREAS, long-term residents, land owners, and land managers have unique experience of local climate events that impact current land conditions and success of conservation activities,

WHEREAS, the personal involvement and observations of the effects of conservation and restoration activities by Conservation District Supervisors and other multi-generational local residents provides first-hand knowledge of how local ecological systems have responded to conservation activities or have evolved under current management strategies,

WHEREAS, this history, knowledge, and experience provides invaluable, practical information for agency planning efforts on public and private lands,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts support the development of a Local Ecological Knowledge (LEK) program in Conservation Districts and promote the value of local ecological knowledge to agencies and the importance of local support for conservation activities and management of public lands.

Resolution 16-05: Pollinator Outreach

- Year: [2016](#)
- Committee: [Education](#)
- Topic: [Education & Outreach](#), [Pollinators](#)
- Area Originating From: Area 5
- General Session Action: Passed
- Submitted by: Lake County CD

WHEREAS Pollinators, both native and domestic, are key to the continued productivity of many agricultural crops as well as the health and beauty of our landscapes;

WHEREAS Healthy pollinator habitat may also enhance soil health and fertility, improve water quality, control agricultural pests and support wildlife populations

WHEREAS Pollinator populations have declined because of disease, parasites, exposure to pesticides and herbicides, and degradation of food sources; and

WHEREAS human activity is able to mitigate these stresses by enhancing the number and diversity of flowering plants in our environment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NACD and MACD continue their support of Pollinator projects, through:

- Educational and outreach materials with specific emphasis on the relationship between pollinators and agriculture;
- Funding for habitat establishment, monitoring, and restoration;
- Development of ideas and templates for pollinator projects;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MACD encourage collaboration with other agencies and organizations to further develop local and regional plans for pollinator habitat enhancement; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MACD encourages individual Conservation Districts to include pollinator projects in their annual goal setting.

Resolution 18-02: Promoting Workshops on Invasive Weeds

- Year: [2018](#)
- Committee: [Education](#)
- Topic: [Invasive Species](#)
- Area Originating From: Area 1
- General Session Action: Passed
- Submitted by: Big Horn CD

WHEREAS, it is a concern of all Montanans to limit the spread of invasive weeds; and

WHEREAS, education is an important tool in helping farmers, ranchers, and landowners in identifying invasive weeds; and

WHEREAS, several invasive grass species, such as Medusahead and Ventenata, have been found in Montana and pose a significant concern to rangeland health and local rural economies if allowed to spread unchecked.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) help facilitate informational workshops with County Weed Boards as requested by Conservation Districts regarding these invasive grass species in order to educate the public on how to identify and differentiate these weed species from other grasses on their ag lands, and provide education on control methods for these species.