

PLATTE COUNTY RESOURCE DISTRICT

2000 Watershed Management plan was approved.

A seven mile segment of Chugwater Creek was listed as threatened due to habitat degradation.

2002 Rock Creek above the Town of Wheatland and Wheatland Creek an undetermined distance above and below Highway 320, were listed as impaired by fecal coliform.

2001 - 2007 The district has monitored Chugwater Creek at seven sites. The district also initiated monitoring Rock Creek at 12 sites.

2004 The district submitted a request to delist Chugwater Creek. This request was denied by DEQ.

2005 The district submitted the Rock Creek Watershed Management Plan to DEQ.

2006 The district resubmitted a request to delist Chugwater Creek. DEQ denied this request. The district appealed the decision to the Water & Waste Advisory Board. The Board recommended DEQ delist Chugwater Creek and recommended that a Technical Review Team review the information. DEQ concurred and proceeded along with the District, to have a technical team evaluate the watershed and existing data and information.

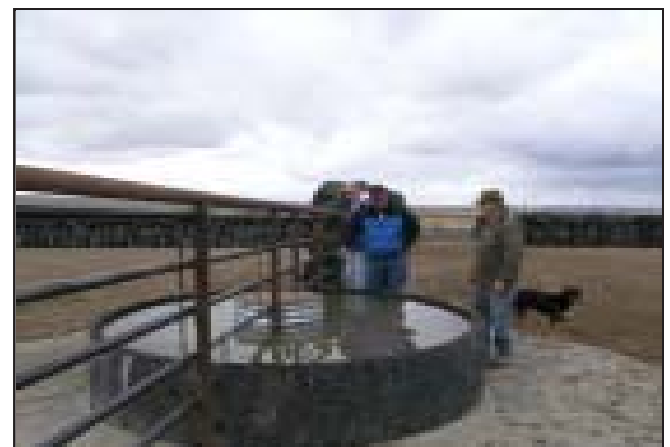
2007 Technical Review Team conducted tour of the Chugwater Creek Watershed and is preparing recommendations to DEQ and the district.
The Rock Creek

On the ground implementation

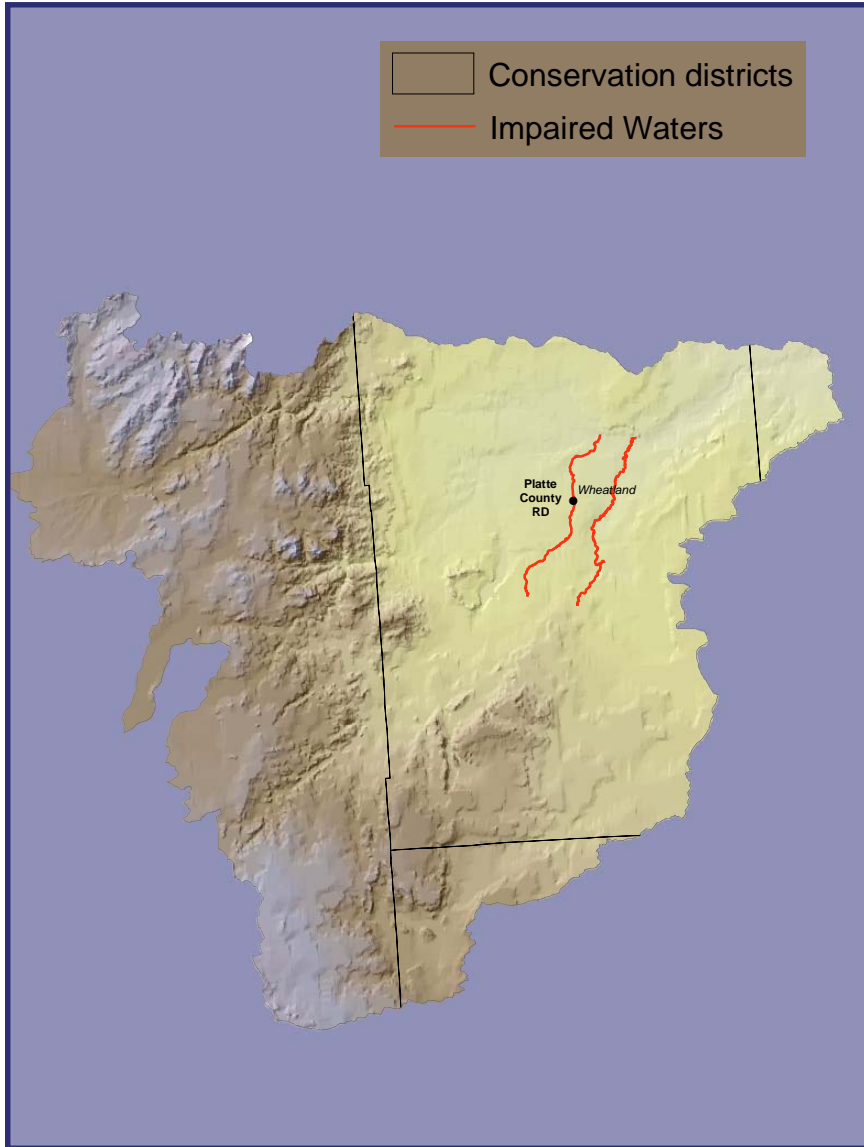
Rock Creek landowners implemented 79 irrigation efficiency practices, 12 water quality practices, 12 grazing management practices, and 32 wildlife habitat enhancement practices. As well, nine landowners are enrolled in the Conservation Security Program and are implementing resource enhancements such as soil sampling, and rotational grazing. Seven landowners on Chugwater Creek have participated in the petition for a review of the listing. Prior to the listing, landowners implemented management practices to enhance riparian habitat conditions. Since 2005, 13 irrigation efficiency practices, 14 range practices and seven wildlife habitat enhancement practices have been implemented. There are also nine landowners in the Chugwater Creek Watershed who are enrolled in Conservation Security Program and are implementing enhancements. There have also been two animal feeding operations relocated within the watershed.

Information & Education Outreach

Ten educational documents have been published and distributed to landowners in the Rock Creek watershed. The district has published two newsletter articles on cost-share funding and septic system information in the summer 2007. In addition, from 2005 to 2007, the district hosted three Day of Monitoring activities. A total of 154 students and teachers participated.



NORTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED



Watershed investment

Local	\$	13,165
State	\$	107,572
Federal	\$	617,178
Private	\$	10,264

Total: \$ 748,179

Contributors

- Landowners
- Platte County Resource District
- Department of Agriculture
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

Partners

15 citizens served on the steering committee that developed the Rock/Wheatland Creek Watershed Plan. Throughout the development of the Chugwater Creek assessment and petition to delist, there were 20 individuals who participated in the investigation process and the development of the final document. Throughout, landowners, citizens, Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Wyoming and Game & Fish Department were involved.

