

SARATOGA-ENCAMPMENT-RAWLINS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1996

Sage Creek was listed, from the confluence with North Platte River to State Highway 71, as threatened for habitat degradation.

1995 – 2006 The district has monitored a number of parameters for the past 11 years on Sage Creek. Sampling was also conducted on up to three sites on the North Platte River.

Based on the results of monitoring data and implementation of practices, the district has prepared a Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) and submitted to DEQ to reclassify Sage Creek from a 2AB game fishery to a 2C nongame fishery. A decision on the UAA should be rendered by the end of 2007.

On the ground implementation

Implementation activities occurred over an 8 year period from 1998 to 2006. Implementation to address grazing management included six spring developments, 12 wells, eight permanent, wildlife-friendly fencing projects consisting of over ten miles of power fence, two pipelines and one board snow fence for capturing water in a livestock watering pit. One grazing allotment management plan was completed.

To address impacts from roads, 29 culverts were installed.

Irrigation management projects included two grade control structures, six irrigation reservoirs and three

irrigation diversion rehabilitation projects.

Information & Education Outreach

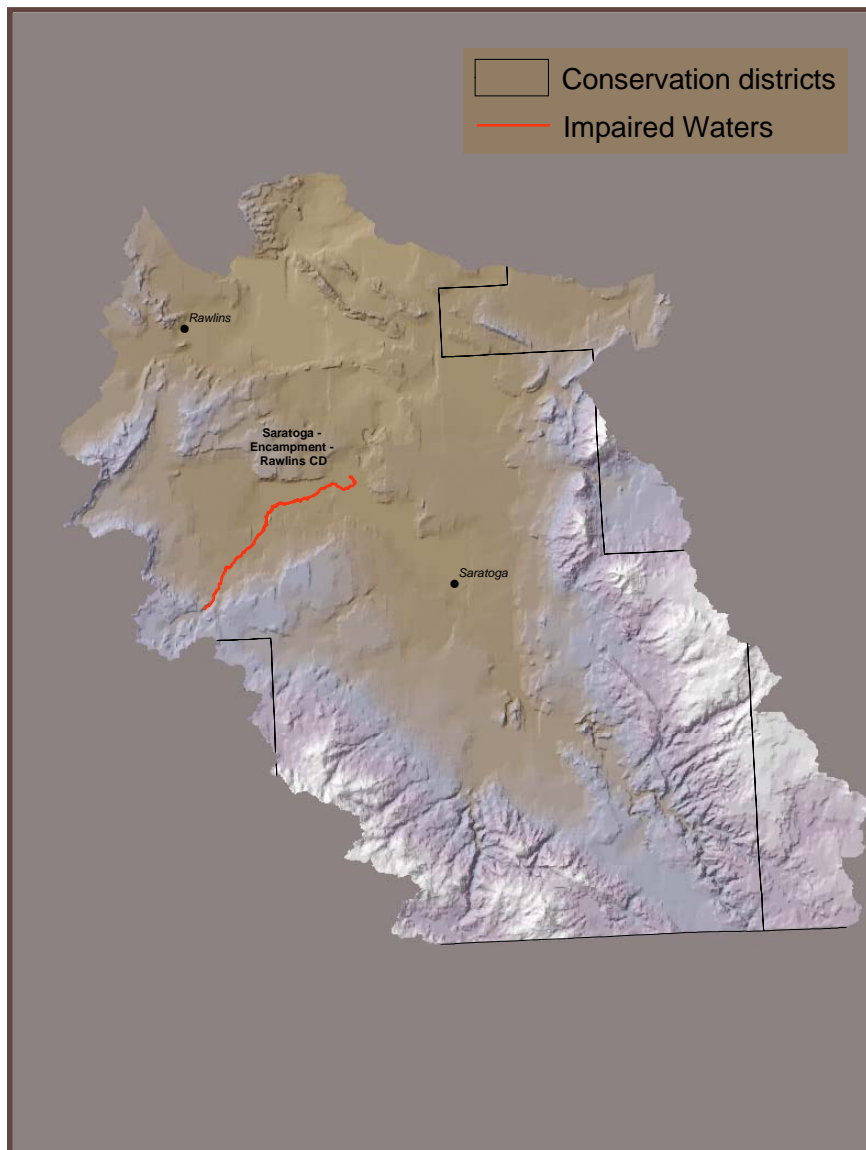
Articles and updates on the watershed effort were included in four district newsletters. Tours of the watershed with the Non-Point Source Task Force, DEQ Water Quality Division Managers, and a Congressional member were conducted.

A fair booth display was provided and included information on the Sage Creek watershed restoration effort. Presentations were made to the Saratoga High School and Saratoga Middle School Science Classes.

The district's data analysis and interpretation project served as the basis for a University of Wyoming graduate student thesis.



NORTH PLATTE RIVER WATERSHED



Watershed Investment

Local	\$ 42,475
State	\$ 10,491
Federal	\$311,651
Private	\$184,082

Total: \$ 548,699

Contributors

Private Landowners & Permittees
 SER Conservation District
 Game & Fish Dept.
 DEQ/EPA
 Bureau of Land Management
 Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

Participants

Five private landowners, BLM, Wyoming Game and Fish, University of Wyoming Extension and Range and Watershed Departments, NRCS, Carbon County Road and Bridge, Wyoming Water Development Commission, Cowboy Three Shot, Wyoming Outdoor Council, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Wyoming DEQ, Wyoming Non-point Task Force and the City of Rawlins have participated in the Sage Creek project

