

UINTA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2002

The Bear River was listed in 2002, from Woodruff Narrows Reservoir up to Sulphur Creek, as impaired due to habitat degradation caused by excess sediments.

2005-07 The district monitored 5 sites on the Bear River in 2005 and 2006, two times per year, once during high flow in the spring and again in late fall during low flow. In the spring of 2007 sampling was done at eight sites for a number of parameters. Sampling is conducted two times per year, during spring runoff and in the fall during low flows.

2005 Watershed Plan submitted and approved by DEQ

On the Ground Implementation

In 2004, two projects to increase irrigation efficiency were completed. In 2005 one animal feeding operation project and three irrigation improvement projects were implemented including the lining of 2,000 feet of a major irrigation delivery system with polyacrylimide within the City of Evanston. In 2007, a stream bank erosion project, including sloping and vegetating banks, willow plantings and vertical bundles, was completed on a 150 foot section of the Bear River that runs through the Town of Bear River.

Information & Education Outreach

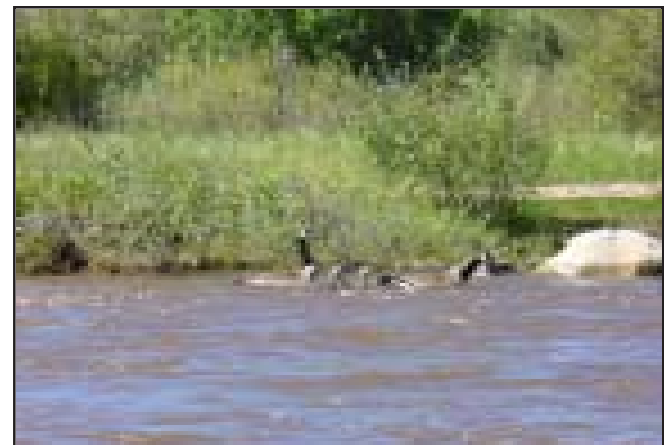
In 2006 a small acreage workshop, water management semi-

nar, mechanical rangeland renovation treatments for livestock grazing workshop, and outdoor classroom were held with approximately 100 attendees. In 2007, another small acreage workshop, an irrigation technology workshop, the outdoor classroom workshop and rangeland management school were held with 100 attendees.

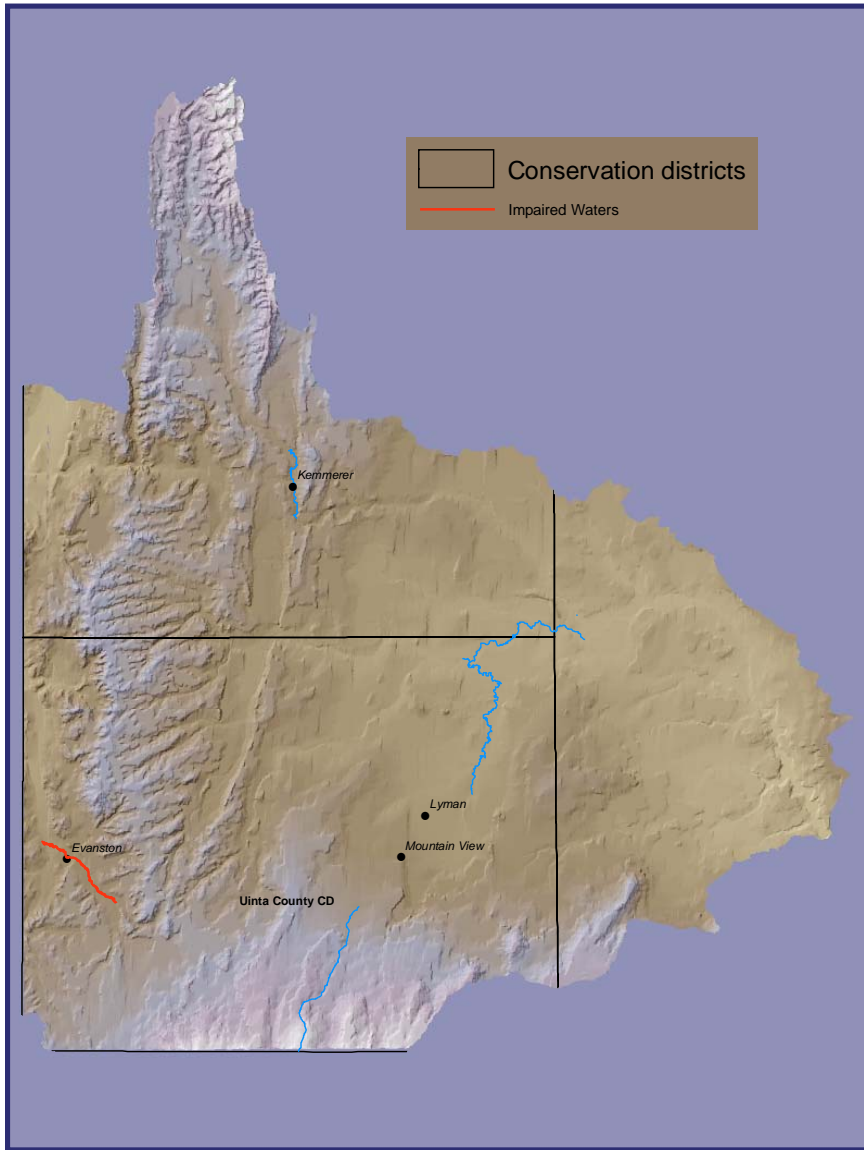
Outreach to announce cost share funding included a direct mailing to 53 agriculture producers within the Bear River watershed along with articles in the local paper in 2006 and 2007.

Also, between 2005 and 2007 recreation education efforts included Tread Lightly ads in the Southwest Wyoming Outdoors Edition, 200 Tread Lightly postcards in the Chamber welcome packets, and 100 of the same postcards in Evanston Chamber bags that were handed out at the SnoWest Snowmobile Expo in Salt Lake City. In addition Tread Lightly banners were added to the districts website.

Bear River watershed articles have been included in the district's quarterly newsletter for the past 5 years. Over 500 students, teachers and volunteers have participated in World Water Monitoring Day activities from 2004 to 2007. In 2006, the district launched a new website that includes information about the Bear River watershed, the watershed plan and cost share opportunities. In 2007, a showcase article in the Uinta County Herald was published highlighting the Bear River watershed activities and opportunities.



BEAR RIVER WATERSHED



Watershed Investment

Local \$12,569

Contributors

Uinta County Conservation District

Partners

The Upper Bear River Water Quality Steering Committee consists of 35 members representing landowners, local citizens, municipalities, County Commissioners, County Planning and Zoning, the B.E.A.R. Project, Resource Conservation & Development, Conservation District, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Department of Agriculture.