

UINTA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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The East and West Fork Smiths Fork and Willow Creek all were listed as threatened for habitat degradation.

2000 Blacks Fork and Smiths Fork Rivers were listed as impaired. The Blacks Fork is impaired for fecal coliform and the Smiths Fork for habitat degradation.

2002 Fecal Coliform was added as an impairment of the Smiths Fork.

2002 - 2006 The district conducted chemical, physical and biological monitoring, including fecal and E.coli monitoring, in the Blacks Fork and Smiths Fork watersheds. Monitoring continues for E.coli and baseline chemistry on 12 sites.

2005 A watershed management plan on the Blacks Fork/Smiths Fork Rivers and tributaries, including Willow Creek, was completed and approved.

2006 DEQ monitored the East Fork and West Fork of Smiths Fork. Data indicated an improvement in habitat and DEQ delisted it from the 303(d) list.

On the ground implementation

Implementation on Willow Creek occurred from 1996 through 1999. Practices included water developments and maintenance, sage brush control, snow fences, conifer removal, fencing and seeding. Implementation in the Blacks Fork and Smiths Fork wa-

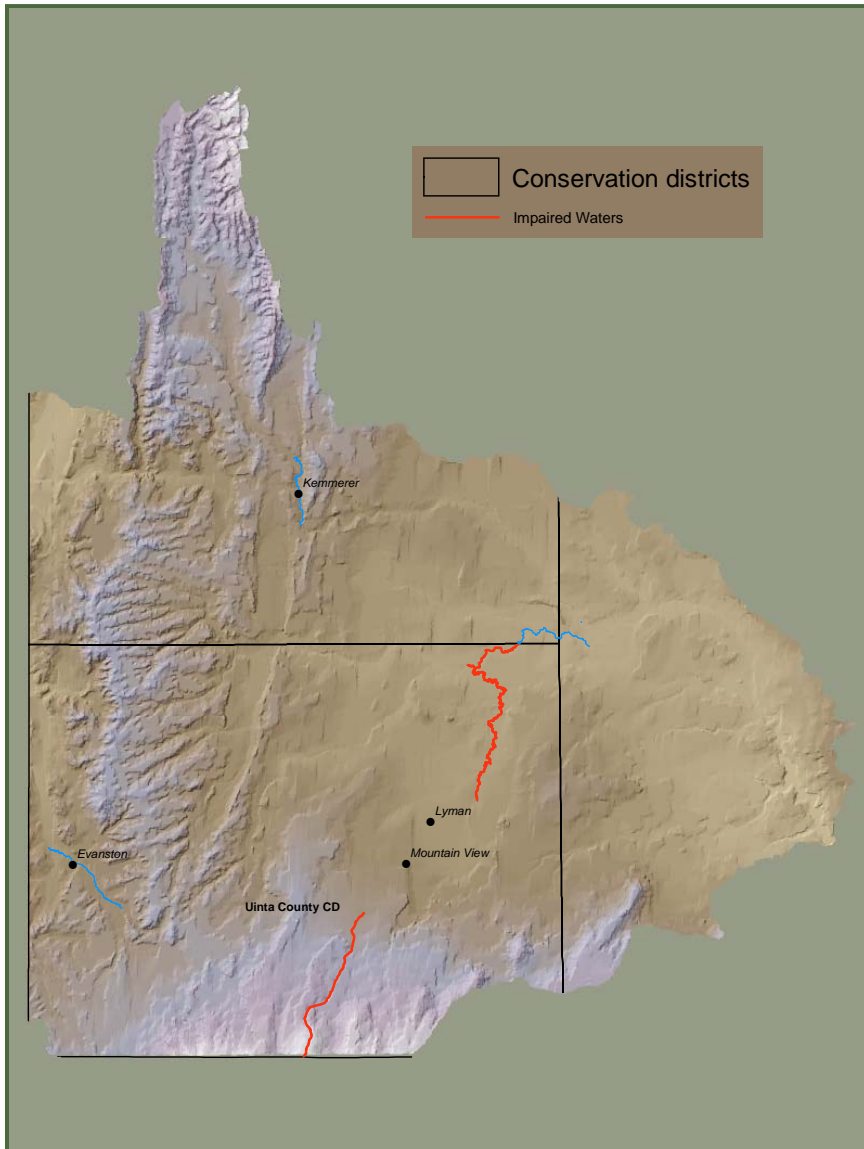
tersheds in 2005 included one animal feeding operation, several grazing plans, sage brush control, cross fencing, water developments, riparian fencing, and irrigation conversion from flood to sprinkler. In 2006, five septic remediation projects on the Blacks Fork, one on Willow Creek and one on the Smiths Fork were completed, along with one AFO project on the Smiths Fork. A wetland project on the Smiths Fork was initiated and is ongoing.

Information & Education Outreach

In 2006 and 2007, workshops were held on septic systems, irrigation technology, Lawson Aerator/Range Renovation, Living on a few acres, rangeland management, water management and an outdoor classroom workshop with a total of 138 participants. Septic brochures were distributed to 300 homeowners and cost-share notices were sent to 78 producers in the Blacks Fork watershed. Articles on cost share availability were also published in the local paper. A brochure was developed and distributed on options in irrigation technology. Ads were published highlighting the watershed planning, recreation impacts and water quality monitoring activities. Youth education included World Water Monitoring Day for 4 years with over 500 students, teachers and volunteers participating. A new website was created including information on watershed efforts.



GREEN RIVER WATERSHED



Watershed Investment

Local	\$227,500
State	\$ 5,500
Federal	\$280,178
Private	\$ 54,524

Total **\$567,702**

Contributors

Landowners & Homeowners Uinta County CD
 Game & Fish Dept.
 DEQ/EPA

Partners

The Blacks Fork/Smiths Fork Water Quality Steering Committee consists of 33 members representing landowners, municipalities, the State Engineer's Office, Water and Sewer Districts, Conservancy District, Joint Powers Board, Economic Development Board, County Commissioners, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Resource Conservation & Development.

