



Centennial Valley Association — April 2023

CVA Program Updates

Invasive Species Management Program

Even though the Centennial Valley is completely covered in snow, it isn't too early to start thinking about weed season! CVA is excited to have a full weed crew this year. We are ecstatic to welcome back Shannon Wilkey, who was on the Team last summer, and Anna Haight, who is coming for her first Centennial Valley work experience this upcoming season! Both will be starting their Field Technician duties at the end of May. A full crew, which includes CVA and The Nature Conservancy in Montana staff, will allow us to continue our noxious weed management efforts throughout the Centennial Valley, particularly in areas managed under our Wildlife Habitat and Improvement Program (WHIP) grant with Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks.

Last fall, the weather went from summer-like temperatures right into winter, foiling our WHIP reseeding project on Long Creek. Fortunately, we secured the native grass, forb, and fescue seed mixes and can do the planned reseeding this spring! Reseeding disturbed, bare-ground areas after herbicide treatment helps prevent invasive species from re-establishing and promotes intact, native plant communities able to support both wildlife and livestock.

This year, CVA will once again sponsor three Spray Days, in coordination with the Beaverhead County Weed District. Red Rock Pass, Lima Dam, and Wolverine, all in August, will be hosted by CVA. We will provide a homemade lunch, dessert, and drinks to those who come and participate for the day! More information about each Spray Day can be found on the final page of the newsletter. We will also be leading four Weed Weeks this summer, which allow us to intensively target noxious weed infestations throughout the Valley. We hope you will join us at one or more community Spray Days this year!

As always, if you have any questions or would like more information about Spray Days, Weed Weeks, or other noxious weed management efforts in the Centennial Valley, please contact Clare Ols, Invasive Species Coordinator, by phone at (708)218-6889 or via email at invasiveweeds@centennialvalleyassociation.org.



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Water and Drought Awareness Program

After a few years of drought conditions and mediocre winters, this year it seems spring is far off! The Centennial Valley is still covered in snow, and the roads are impassable unless by snowmobile. This is excellent news for water availability! Fingers crossed that the melt off is slow and steady. Currently, the Jefferson River Basin is at 113% of median for snow water equivalent, and the Red Rock sub-basin is at 120%. As of the start of the day on April 17th, 2023, the SNOTEL sites surrounding the Centennial Valley have the following snow water equivalent percent of median values:

- * Beagle Springs: 127%
- * Divide: 123%
- * Short Creek: 165%
- * Clover Meadow: 118%
- * Lakeview Ridge: 155%
- * Tepee Creek: 138%
- * White Elephant: 137%



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The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's (DNRC) Watershed Management Grant has helped CVA survey the community for feedback and needs within the Water and Drought Awareness Program. In addition, the grant has allowed us to explore other helpful avenues, such as expanding the rain gauges to mid-elevation sites and adding a soil moisture monitoring project. We will also be running a small awareness and fundraiser campaign for the Water and Drought Awareness Program in the next week, so stay tuned for that! Please reach out to drought@centennialvalleyassociation.org with any questions or to receive the Water Reports directly in your inbox!

-Kara Maplethorpe, Executive Coordinator

CVA Program Updates (continued...)

Range Rider & Wildlife Program

James Waxe



Greetings from the still-very-wintery Centennial Valley! Although it doesn't feel like it yet, our range riding season is just around the corner. This season our team will consist of Wildlife Coordinator Erika Nunlist, returning Range Rider Taylor Jackson, and new Range Rider Cody Albrecht. Cody has grown up working on family ranches, and more recently has worked cowboying just south of Cooke City. He is familiar with rural communities, monitoring cattle herds, working in remote areas, and identifying grizzly bear and wolf depredations. We are excited to have him on the team this year!

Our 2022 season was productive and flew-by. Range Riders worked with six (6) producers, covering almost 55,000 pasture-acres plus adjacent terrain. By and large, everything seemed to go well and most of our observations and reports were positive. Producers reported a total of four (4) confirmed depredations (3 grizzly bear, 1 wolf) and six (6) suspected depredations, which is on par with recent years. All of the depredation activity documented occurred August 15 – September 15.

Game camera data, community reports, and range rider observations were helpful in assessing predator activity in the Valley last season. We estimate that 17-29 unique grizzly bears and 12-20 wolves were documented. Although activity was dispersed throughout the valley, we observed the most consistent activity in the north-central part of the Centennial Valley, spanning from Eureka Basin to Elk Lake.

Our 2023 season will start mid-May (if the snow melts by then!), and the first bi-weekly report will be out around June 1. Wildlife reports from the community are a valuable addition to our efforts, so please consider reporting your wildlife sightings (big or small!) to us this coming season.

As always, look out for our red and white '86 Dodge or gold '05 Chevy; we will try to stop and say 'hi' if we see you in the Valley! If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or just want to chat, please feel free to reach out anytime.

-Erika Nunlist, Wildlife Program Coordinator, wildlife@centennialvalleyassociation.org

Wildlife Speaker Series

The Ruby Habitat Foundation, Ruby Valley Watershed Council and Conservation District, Beaverhead Watershed Committee, Big Hole Watershed Committee, Madison Valley Ranchlands Group, Jack Creek Preserve, and CVA are hosting the Wildlife Speaker Series this summer.

CVA is excited to host Jim Williams, formerly with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, who will be teaching us about mountain lions while looking back at 30 years of mountain lion ecology and management in Montana and Patagonia! Join us on June 28th at the Taft-Nicholson Center in the Centennial Valley. A potluck dinner will begin at 6pm, with the presentation to follow at 7pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kara at (715)681-0795 or communityorg@centennialvalleyassociation.org.



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Livestock Loss Board Grants Open

Montana's Livestock Loss Board is currently accepting loss prevention grant applications. This year LLB's grant process has changed including a new application. New grant guidelines were adopted by the board in January and is the primary driver for a new application process. Applications will be first be screened to see if application meets the guidelines and scored by a grant committee consisting of two board members. The entire board will review screened applications during a regular board meeting. Applications must be received by the board office by 5:00 p.m. on May 31st. Late applications will be rejected. Applicants will be notified when the board holds their board meeting and will be encouraged to attend. Applications are available on the board's website www.llb.mt.gov. Our board's executive director will be unavailable until May 15th due to medical reasons. If you need an application mailed to you, please contact Brian Simonson at (406) 444-4994 or by email at Brian.Simonson@mt.gov.

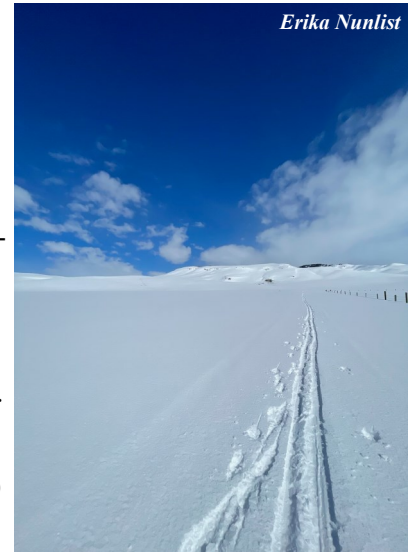
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Partner Updates

The Nature Conservancy

Winter still has its grip on the Centennial Valley, with 2-3 feet of snow remaining on the North Valley Road. April is the heart of Greater sage-grouse breeding season and when annual lek surveys are conducted. On April 10th, we surveyed three (3) leks along the North Valley Road and didn't see a single sage-grouse. The lack of breeding sage-grouse could be due to the fact that most individuals migrated out of the valley and have yet to return because of lack of forage. There was virtually no exposed sagebrush on the north side of the valley prior to the 50-degree weather that arrived on April 10th. The warmer temperatures melted some south facing slopes and ridges exposing large areas of sagebrush, so it will be interesting to see if we document any sage-grouse on leks this upcoming week. Aside from sage-grouse lek counts, we are busy getting the facility ready and planning projects for the upcoming field season. We have hired all our seasonal technicians and most of them will be starting the third week of May. Some projects we have planned for the summer include wildlife friendly fencing, stream restoration, cheatgrass control, rare-plant monitoring in the Sandhill's, and evaluating the effects of grazing methods (electric fencing, virtual fence, herding, and traditional rest rotation) on vegetation structure and songbird diversity and abundance. We look forward to a meaningful and productive field season even if it seems like summer may never arrive in the Valley.

-James Waxe, Land Steward & Science Manager, james.waxe@tnc.org



Erika Nunlist

University of Utah — Taft-Nicholson Center

The Taft-Nicholson Center is finalizing its 2023 season calendar. We are excited to be welcoming seven (7) new Artist-in-Residence throughout the summer and 9 new Faculty Fellows for the month of July. Once again, we will host the Centennial Valley Historical Society annual BBQ the first Saturday in August. In September, we will have music in the valley as we host a conducting retreat for the University of Utah's School of Music. This year, in addition to our Science Wednesday lecture series, we will be sponsoring a Documentary Night where we will screen nature films in Rosie's once a month. Our Director Mark Bergstrom will be coming into the valley as soon as South Valley Road will allow in May. Please stop by and say hello and stay for a cup of coffee.

Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

Oxygen sampling for Arctic grayling conservation efforts in Upper Lake in mid and late March showed ice thickness averaging between 28 and 31 inches and low levels of oxygen.

Moose surveys conducted in early March by the State showed 128 total moose present on the Refuge and eastern Centennial Valley.

The Refuge will be planting 750 aspen tree seedlings up Odell Creek Trail on Saturday, May 20th from approximately 10AM-3PM, weather permitting. Volunteers are welcome to help. Bring a lunch and drink. The Refuge will provide trees and spades.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

The Dillon BLM's range program will have 2-3 field crews of 6-8 folks camping in the Centennial Valley, beginning in June through the end of September, collecting range trend data in the upland and riparian habitats on BLM lands. The BLM may be hauling a camper down for crews to stay in on BLM lands, otherwise crews will be tent camping near the monitoring locations for that week. The crews will be revisiting trend studies that were established in the 80's and have been re-read on a 10-year cycle. Plant data, wildlife use, livestock use, human use, soil

integrity, hydrology, and other information is collected along riparian reaches on BLM lands. Riparian and upland sites are compared with historic data to determine the overall health trend of the allotments. If allotments do not pass land health standards, then a group of specialists revisit these locations to determine what management techniques can take place to improve the condition of the riparian or upland sites.

-Melanie Finch, Monitoring Lead,
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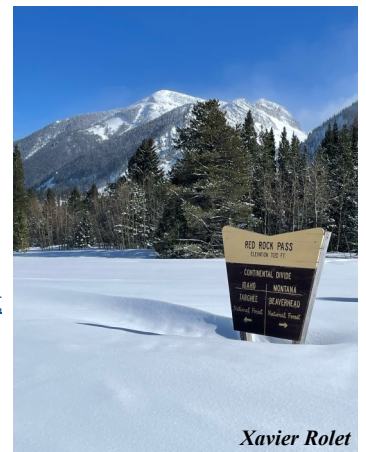
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Beaverhead County Weed District

What a winter 2023 has been! Now's the time to start planning for noxious weed management in the coming months. I will guarantee that before too long the weeds will be growing if they haven't started already. The Weed District will soon start getting equipment ready. Currently, we are hiring for seasonal weed crews. An application can be picked up at the Weed District office or online at beaverheadcounty.org on the human resources page. There are grant funds available through the Upper Red Rock Noxious Weed Project. Please reach out to the weed district if you have questions about cost share or need to purchase herbicides. We have completed our spray day schedule. Spray Days include Lima, Lima Dam, Big Sheep Creek, Little Sheep Creek, Snowline, Monida, Wolverine, and Red Rock Pass.

-Amber Burch, Coordinator,
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Partner Updates (continued...)

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Shane Mills



Dean Waltee, Wildlife Biologist, completed six moose population trend surveys in February and March with FWP Pilot, TJ Reynolds. Individual Trend Area surveys included Blacktail Deer Creek (Hunting District 332), Sage Creek (HD 332), Ruby River (HD 330), East Gravelly Mountains (HD 330), East Centennial Valley (HD 334), and the West Centennial Valley (HD 332). Moose surveys are conducted when resources and conditions allow. Desired conditions include snow accumulation that facilitates moose concentration within willow-dominated habitats where observability is highest. These surveys are designed to monitor population and recruitment trend through time. They don't provide population census because only portions of populations are surveyed. Centennial Valley survey summaries:

- West Centennial Valley (HD 332), March 8th: The survey quality index was 8.0 of a possible 10. That compared to 7.0 last year and an average of 7.4. Tracks in the snow indicated a high percentage of moose were distributed within willow-dominated habitats. They observed 25 moose, compared to 20 last year and the long-term average of 23.3. The 25 observed moose were classified as 21 adults and 4 calves. The observed calves to 100 adults ratio was 19.0, compared to 14.3 last year and a long-term average of 21.4.
- East Centennial Valley (HD 334), March 8th: The survey quality index was 8.0 of a possible 10. That compared to 8.0 last year and an average of 7.2. Tracks in the snow indicated a high percentage of moose were distributed within willow-dominated habitats. They observed 128 moose, compared to 158 last year, a ten-year average of 140.1, and the long-term average of 79.9. The 128 observed moose were classified as 102 adults and 26 calves. The observed calves to 100 adults ratio was 25.5, compared to 27.9 last year and the long-term average of 32.1.

Two license allocation changes are being considered for the 2023 hunting season. In response to summer classification data showing a downward trend in adult bull to cow ratio, and hunter reports of difficulty finding large-antlered bulls to harvest, the recommendation is to reduce the antlered bull license quota in HD 330 from 11 to 8 and lower the antlered bull quota in HD 332 from 10 to 8. The annual harvest success rate for antlered bull licenses across those areas averages 90%. At that rate, a reduction in five licenses would increase bull survival by 4 or 5 animals per year. In response to high population on winter range across the east Centennial Valley, and the results of winter browse evaluations completed by the Red Rocks Lakes National Wildlife Refuge indicating intense use by wintering moose, the recommendation is to increase the antlerless license quota from 7 to 9. This recommendation was developed in partnership with staff from the Red Rocks Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. From a moose population perspective, the addition of two antlerless licenses is currently sustainable. Another consideration of increasing licenses is hunter congestion on the wildlife refuge. Recent increases in antlerless licenses have been recommended incrementally to allow the refuge to monitor their ability to safely accommodate additional hunters.

Dean would appreciate any thoughts on these proposals. If you have questions or would like to discuss them further, feel free to contact him anytime (DWaltee@mt.gov). Dean would also appreciate reports of moose observations you make during April and May. He needs the observation date, location, and animal classification as an adult or calf born during spring 2022.

Beaverhead Conservation District & Beaverhead Watershed Committee

The Beaverhead Watershed Committee and Conservation District continue to work with a local group on Wilderness Study Area designations. We're close to a draft agreement on Hidden Pasture WSA and we're starting to look at Bell-Limekiln WSA. We encourage anyone interested in these local proposed wilderness and wilderness study areas to reach out with questions or input. Our meeting minutes are posted on the Conservation District website. Anyone driving I-15 lately has probably already noticed the invasive species boat check station near Kidd is back up and running for the year. The Beaverhead CD runs that station with assistance from FWP, and has already found a mussel-infected boat this year. Honk and wave or stop in and give them some snacks when you pass through! Their job is alternatively really boring sometimes, busy, tense and confrontational other times. It can be a tough job, but a really important one. If you've seen what irrigation equipment looks like in mussel-infested waters, you know how important it is to prevent this in Montana.

The Conservation District is also giving out **FREE** pollinator seed for our bees, butterflies, and other pollinators! Check out their Facebook page or website (www.BeaiverheadCD.org) to see the three (3) seed mixes they are offering. The next seed pick-up day is Tuesday, April 25th, from 9am-Noon and 1pm-4pm, at 420 Barrett Street in Dillon (NRCS office). First come, first serve!



MSU Pollinator Garden: Montana.edu

Partner Updates (continued...)

Southwest Montana Sagebrush Partnership

A Youth Employment Program employee maps cheatgrass near Clover Divide. -Heidi Anderson, HRI



Who or what is the Southwest Montana Sagebrush Partnership (“Sagebrush Partnership” or the “SMSP”)? First, the SMSP is nobody new! That is, it’s not a new entity doing work independently in the Centennial or southwest Montana. The Sagebrush Partnership is a name given to a collective philosophy that has existed in southwest Montana and been particularly effective in the Centennial Valley for many years. It is a name given to the collaborative spirit of a network of partners dedicated to the stewardship of our rangelands. This partnership includes federal and state land managers, nonprofits, local businesses, and landowners throughout the sagebrush sea of southwest Montana.

Why the name? In 2017, there was a realization among local land managers that the scope and scale of the threats to our sagebrush steppe ecosystem warranted a very deliberate and equal scaling up of efforts to address these threats. It was also clear that a more coordinated effort could increase the pace and scale of our efforts to preserve our rangelands. In response, in 2018 the partnership gathered funds and hired a Conservation Coordinator, a position dedicated to assisting all partners do more, regardless of land ownership. This galvanized the partnership and created a need to capture this collaborative effort succinctly with one name: The Southwest Montana Sagebrush Partnership.

The SMSP now has two full-time shared staff based out of Dillon to support partnership efforts: Sean Claffey, whose position is hosted through The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and Heidi Anderson, whose position is hosted through Heart of the Rockies Initiative (HRI). The Partnership’s shared, on-the-ground restoration efforts focus on four primary threats to the sagebrush steppe ecosystem: conifer encroachment, riparian and wet meadow degradation, invasive annual grasses, and barriers to wildlife movement. With this added capacity, the partnership has now treated over 33,000 acres of conifer expansion, restored fire to over 15,000 acres of high elevation sagebrush steppe, built over 1,200 structures to slow and spread water within 10 miles of drainage, and improved over 60 miles of fence to improve wildlife passage.

In the Centennial, the SMSP has assisted with wet meadow restoration projects identified by Kyle Cutting on Tepee Creek and Snowshoe Creek, as well as the removal of conifer encroaching into sagebrush habitat above Culver Ponds. In early 2022, we started working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, TNC, BLM, and CVA to support and increase ongoing cheatgrass mapping and treatment in the valley. This year, we’re extending our mapping efforts beyond the Centennial into adjacent watersheds with the goal of informing a region-wide plan to treat cheatgrass invasion across land ownership boundaries.

In addition to the ongoing cheatgrass work in the valley, we are partnering with Montana DNRC, BLM, Beaverhead Watershed Committee, and CVA to implement the first stage of a low-tech stream restoration project on Fish Creek. The idea behind this project is pretty simple: use hand-built structures made of wood and mud to induce natural processes such as erosion and deposition, encourage riparian vegetation to take expand, and promote beaver colonization in currently unoccupied stretches of the stream. Because these structures are simple to make, we’re planning to engage with local folks to get work done, including young adults from Dillon’s Youth Employment Program and volunteers with the local Mule Deer Foundation chapter.

If you have any questions about any of our projects or the SMSP in general, feel free to reach out.

-Heidi Anderson, SMSP Project Manager, heidi@heart-of-rockies.org, (406) 596-2001

SMSP staff scout the Fish Creek project area. Sarah Lindsay, TNC



Montana State University (MSU)

Montana State University’s Animal & Range Sciences released a video entitled “Snowbanks to Grassbanks” earlier this month. The film describes a project to restore high-elevation sagebrush meadows using small, low-cost dams to hold water onsite and prevent rapid runoff that was the result of a collaboration between private livestock producers in the Centennial Valley, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, US Fish and Wildlife Service, University of Montana – Western and Montana State University.



Western Sustainable and Research Education (WSARE) awarded a grant to Andrea Litt, associate professor in the MSU Department of Ecology, and Bok Sowell, professor in the MSU Department of Animal and Range Sciences, to evaluate the effectiveness of these structures. This grant supported three graduate students, Thomas Sutton (Ecology), Laura Robison (Animal and Range Sciences) and Nicholas Lowing (Animal and Range Sciences).

The short film (less than 15-minutes) can be viewed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KIWIDfIXro> Enjoy!

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Madison Valley Ranchlands Group (MVRG)

It's a fact that my brain sometimes ties itself in knots trying to unravel acronyms for agencies, programs, and groups (A, P&G's) that MVRG works with. And once one is casually mentioned in a conversation my mind diverges and plays with it until I throw up my hand to interrupt and ask - WHO? So, here is a short list, in no particular order, of a few letters that define and reference a few A, P&G's. Enjoy, and I promise there are more...

LCD: Landscape Conservation Design
EQUIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program
NRCS: Natural Resource Conservation Service
FSA: Farm Services Agency

WLA: Western Landowners Alliance
RVSA: Ruby Valley Strategic Alliance
RSA: Rancher Stewardship Alliance
MDoL: Montana Department of Livestock
LLB: Livestock Loss Board
CD: Conservation District

NPCA: National Parks Conservation Association
HRI: Heart of the Rockies Initiative
COWL CIG: Conservation on Working Lands

The MDoL Brucellosis DSA meeting is May 17th at **Headwaters Livestock Auction Building**, west of Three Forks MT at 1:30 PM. These meetings are to review brucellosis biology at a high level, discuss the control program designed to protect the marketability of Montana cattle, and get the ground-level perspective of ranchers and veterinarians.

Western Landowners Alliance and 18 other organizations from across the American West delivered [a letter to the U.S. House and Senate Appropriations Committees](#) requesting full funding for conflict prevention and depredation compensation provisions included in the [America's Conservation Enhancement Act \(ACE\)](#) of 2020. If funded, the ACE Act program would provide \$10 million annually in grants to state agencies to supplement existing livestock depredation compensation programs and \$5 million annually in grants for non-lethal conflict reduction work. These funds would provide critical support to producers stewarding working lands in the face of expanded wildlife-livestock conflict. Madison Valley Ranchlands Group and CVA are working members of this coalition since its inception.

-Linda Owens, Project Director



Erika Nunlist

Ruby Valley Conservation District

Ruby Valley Conservation District's

2023 Annual Banquet

April 22nd At The Round Barn
Twin Bridges

Live Music From The Ruby Valley Boys and Barbwire!

Catering By The Blue Anchor!

5 PM Cocktails; 6 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM Raffle Prizes; Dancing to Follow

Tickets Are Available If You Search "RVCD Annual Banquet" On EventBrite.com

Dinner Tickets \$40; For dancing only, \$10 tickets sold at the door starting at 8 PM.



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104, we will schedule a pick-up for your carcasses and put them in our site, where they will safely break down into an effective fertilizer to be used on local lands. The site has received 240 animals since 2021!

-Tim Weighart, Big Sky Watershed Corps Member

Come to the Round Barn in Twin Bridges for our Annual Fundraising Banquet, a fun-packed night full of dinner, dancing and drinks with your favorite local community! We will be holding a raffle, with several door prizes to potentially be won. Tickets are \$40, and all proceeds will support local conservation actions. Conservation actions include, but are not limited to, restoring impaired reaches of the Ruby River and its tributaries with project work, treating invasive/noxious weeds, performing education and outreach to raise awareness of conservation practices in local communities, and monitoring the discharge of rivers and creeks in the valley to ensure the health and quantity of local water sources. We hope to see you for a fine night of feasting!

Also, we have partnered with the Madison Conservation District to premiere a brand new winter speaker series! These events all feature conservation professionals who come in to discuss a variety of topics related to preserving Montana's natural resources. We have just one more event planned for this year. Kaleena Miller, an MSU Natural Resources Agent, will be coming by to talk about Soil Health at 5 PM on April 26th in Virginia City at the Madison County Administrative Building, 103 West Wallace Street, and beverages and refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Finally, our Carcass Composting Site is still thriving and open for business. Lots of carcasses may be piling up on your ranch this time of year, which can be harmful to both your livestock and your land. If you contact RVCD at info@rvcd.org or (406) 842-5741 x



Xavier Rolet

2023 Safety Reminder

Summer is just around the corner, which means many of us will be making the trek into the Centennial Valley! The Valley is very remote and it's always good to plan ahead before visiting. Here are some friendly reminders/tips for your adventures:

- * Bring a spare tire or two and all necessities to change/fix a flat.
- * Always enter with a full tank of gas.
- * Have extra food, water, blankets, etc. in case of overnight breakdown. Don't forget extras for your four-legged companions!
- * Weather changes frequently; there is even some snow in July!
- * Carry a First Aid Kit.
- * Verizon is the most reliable cellular service that work in the Centennial Valley, however there is little to no cell service on the south side of the Valley.
- * The Centennial Valley is grizzly bear country. Grizzlies are not only found in the forested sites of the Centennial, but also in the sagebrush, grassland, and wetland landscapes. While out adventuring, birding, bicycling, etc., please remember to carry bear spray and follow proper bear safety protocols.
- * SLOW DOWN!



Erika Nunlist

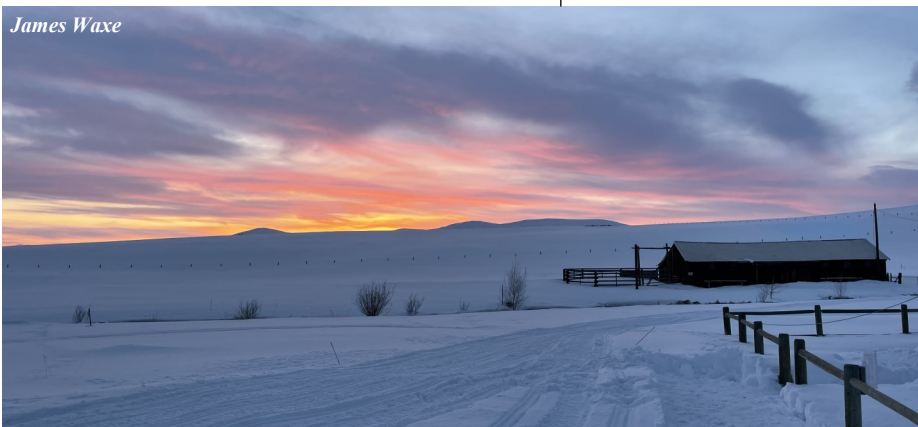
CVA Membership

The CVA is fortunate to have staff, partners, and members that are committed to ensuring programs and projects in the Centennial Valley are sustainable and have long-term investments for future generations. Member dues support the CVA, its programs, and our staff, so we can provide effective programs and resources for the greater community. Thank you to those that have sent in your dues! If you have not sent your dues in yet, not to worry, there is still time! Feel free to contact Kara Maplethorpe, Executive Coordinator, at (715)681-0795 if you have questions or want to learn more about CVA membership. We appreciate your future support of the Centennial Valley. Thank you!

Centennial Valley & Surrounding Area Spray Days

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time & Meeting Spot</i>
Lima Dam	June 27 th	8:00am @ Lima Dam Spillway
Lima	June 28 th	7:30am @ Lima Rest Area
Big Sheep Creek	June 29 th	8:00am @ Sheep Shearing Pens
Little Sheep Creek	July 5 th	8:00am @ Straight Creek Cabin
Monida Hill/Price Peat	July 6 th	8:00am @ Top of Monida Pass
Snowline	July 11 th	8:00am @ Snowline Gravel Pit
Medicine Lodge	July 25 th	8:00am @ Hansen Creek Turn-Off
Snowline	August 8 th	8:00am @ Snowline Gravel Pit
Red Rock Pass *CVA Day*	August 9 th	9:00am @ Top of Pass
Lima Dam *CVA Day*	August 10 th	8:00am @ Lima Dam Spillway
Wolverine *CVA Day*	August 16 th	9:00am @ Wolverine Gate

James Waxe



CVA Board Members

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 Jerry Scheid (Advisory)
 Jim Berkey (Advisory)

Scott Huntsman
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 Bill West (Advisory)

CVA Committees

Weeds: Scott Huntsman
 Wildlife: Yvonne Martinell, Bill West
 Hunting: Jerry Scheid, Scott Huntsman

Friends of the CVA

CVA strives to build and utilize working relationships with numerous agencies and organizations, such as:

- * Federal, State, and County Agencies
 - * The Nature Conservancy
 - * Taft-Nicholson Center
 - * Future West
- * Madison Valley Ranchlands Group
 - * Heart of the Rockies Initiative
 - * USFWS Partners Program
- * Montana Watershed Coordination Council
 - * Cross Charitable Foundation
 - * Greater Yellowstone Coalition
 - * Defenders of Wildlife
 - * Livestock Loss Board
- * Missouri Headwaters Partnership
- * Friends of Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge and the Centennial Valley
- * Fish, Wildlife and Parks WHIP Program
 - * Montana Native Plant Society
 - * Western Landowners Alliance
 - * And Many Others!

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