



## May Admin Report

Spring is finally here and it seems like we just met and here we are again!

April has been an incredibly busy month! We have closed the whitetail grant and are working on the new grant agreement with Linda Holtom and Angela Mallon at DNRC. It should be signed and ready to go by the end of May.

Our workshop on April 19<sup>th</sup> went well. It was a beautiful day out and we did have a good attendance. Dave Davenport MC'ed the event and did a great job. Laurie Zeller and DNRC would like to have a workshop focused on the legalities and technical aspects of the 310 Law for supervisors and conservation districts. Byron Hould was unable to attend and Amy Adler provided the presentation for the applicator points. We were not able to go onsite for the 310 portion and instead opted for a panel discussion. Laurie Zeller, DNRC; Caleb Bollman, FWP; Ronda Burns, Confluence Inc. ; and Dave Davenport, RCD were all on the panel. We had a power point presentation and handouts for all of the participants.

Trees are arriving and will be distributed by Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. This year we sold 533, our lowest tree sales since I have been here.

Conservation Days is scheduled and will have happened before the meeting. I predict sunny days and a great success☺ We did move the Colstrip site to the Surge Pond. I requested permission from PPL Montana and they said not a problem. We will be distributing Colorado blue spruce to all of the kids. I will be helping with Fishing Day's in Colstrip on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Arbor Day at the Forsyth School is on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. NRCS will be instructing the k-3 and I will be working with Scott Kaiser on the 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are sponsoring the Rolling Rivers Trailer.

Fair is coming and they don't have a theme yet, our décor will build around the fair theme. I asked Angela Stahl at Treasure county DC to visit with her board on what they would like to see incorporated into soil health. I have been trying to find time to look up different promotional items to give away during the fair. I have found cups, water bottles, small American flags, armbands. I think all are excellent options; of course I am partial to anything red white and blue! I think that we should have some bags of seed or buckets of seeds used in cover crops and give away bags to producers who visit the booth. I am still working on how to plant some in advance and have them on display at the booth. They are doing a lot of renovating down at the fairgrounds in the exhibition hall and they were able to save the sign that we made a few years ago so we will be using that again. I am still working on ideas and it will all come together when the fair arrives.

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