

**WHITE PINE COUNTY**

**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

744 E North Industrial Way  
Ely, Nevada 89315  
(775) 289-4065 x 104

**Annual Work Plan**

**FY 2018**

The annual work plan for the White Pine County Conservation District (WPCCD) was developed and adopted by the WPCCD board of Supervisors on May 30, 2017.

The plan contains the following key components to be addressed by the WPCCD in FY 2018.

- Management and Administration
- Education and Outreach
- Conservation Efforts (soil, water, wildlife habitat)
- Noxious and Invasive Weeds

**MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:**

- Pay yearly dues to NVACD and NACD as funding allows.
- Post meeting notices in accordance with Nevada's open meeting law.
- Submit minutes and agendas within 30 days to the Nevada Division of Conservation Districts and State NRCS office.
- Submit financial statements, budgets and reports as required by state directives to ensure eligibility for grant funding.
- Maintain a list of projects that can be implemented as funding opportunities become available. Work with other state and federal agencies to identify high priority areas and projects.

**EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:**

- Develop a list of outreach opportunities to better inform the public of what the conservation district is doing on their behalf.
- Work with Cooperative Extension to visit with junior high and high school students that are interested in agricultural and natural resource fields and support local attendance at the Nevada Youth Range Camp.
- Provide judging support at the White Pine County Fair for the crops and gardens division.
- Set up a booth at the White Pine County Fair to update the public on CD activities.
- Organize a kid's day at a local ranch.
- Request to be added to the City Council and County Commission meeting agenda's to provide an update on CD activities.
- Work with local high schools relative to scholarships for deserving students in agriculture/natural resource related majors.
- Provide leadership for conservation week.
- Organize the annual meeting and present the award for the cooperator of the year.
- Attend annual Nevada Conservation Meeting.
- Work with Coordinated Resource Management planning, actively engaging in the CRM process.
- Utilize grant programs to help facilitate, promote and finance Conservation District resource programs.

## **CONSERVATION EFFORTS:**

### **Soil**

- Assist county and city governments with land use, natural resource and well head protection planning.
- Work to finalize the county ordinance for "Fugitive Dust Control".
- Fire Rehabilitation
- Cover crop project and work with producers to improve crop production practices.
- 9 mile fire erosion control project.

### **Water**

- Monitor activities by Southern Nevada Water Authority and help to evaluate impacts on agriculture and conservation in White Pine County.
- Well head protection.
- 9 mile fire erosion protection project.

### **Wildlife Habitat**

- Begin implementation and provide oversight for the 2nd Duck Creek Basin / Uhalde project.
- Identify additional wildlife and sage grouse enhancement projects that are ready to be implemented when grant opportunities or other funding becomes available.

## **NOXIOUS AND INVASIVE WEEDS:**

- Support local Coordinated Weed Management Areas (CWMAs).
- Pursue grant opportunities as they become available.
- Help keep County and City officials apprised of noxious weed and pest infestations and control efforts in cooperation with the County Extension Office, Tri-County Weed Control and the Nevada Weed Management Association.
- Research mowing and herbicide treatments in White River Valley.

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

<b>RECIPT SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
White Pine County Conservation District (Balance as of 5/30/2017)	\$2,851.91
State Funds	\$3,500.00
County Funds	
City Funds	
Other Government Funds (Specify)	
Administrative Income	
Interest (CD Checking)	
Grants for Projects (Uhalde PJ Removal Project)	\$34,500.82
Rental Income	
Contributions	
Building/Property Rental Fees	
Other Sources of Income	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,852.73</b>

**WHITE PINE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES**

For the Fiscal Year Ending on June 30, 2018

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Employee Salary/Contract Labor (\$150.00/Mtg)	\$900.00
Fringe Benefit Expense	-
Travel (Fuel Expenses)	\$200.00
Property Lease	-
Telephone	-
Insurance – Building	-
Postage	\$100.00
Copying Expense	-
Office Supplies	\$200.00
Education & Information Expenses	-
Equipment Purchase (specify)	-
Building Expenses (maintenance, repair, operation)	-
Dues – NvACD	\$600.00
Dues – NACD	\$255.00
Dues - Other	-
Mileage	-
Investments (specify)	-
Internet	-
Bond and Insurance Expenses	-
Project Costs:	-
Uhalde PJ Removal Project (State Funds)	\$34,500.82
Support of State Vice President Travel and activities	\$200.00
Support of White Pine County Youth (2 @ Range Camp)	\$400.00
Support of Local Work Groups (CWMA)	\$2,000.00
Other Expenses (specify)	-
Utilities	-
Annual Dinner	\$500.00
Conference Registration Fees	\$500.00
Building Upgrades	-
Staff Support	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	
Projected Receipts	
Extra for Additional Expenses	\$40,355.82

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### **Annual Report & Final Financial Report For July 2017 - June 2018**

**Submitted:**

## Annual Report

### Board of Supervisors during fiscal year 2018

Darren Jensen	Vice Chair	Lund (Resigned)
Jeff Weeks	Chair	Lund
Wade Rosenlund	Member	Lund (Resigned)
Gracyne Backus	Member	Ely
Juan Carlos Cervantes	Member	Ely
Carol McKenzie	County Apt. Rep (VC)	Lund
Kurt Carson	City Apt. Rep	Ely
Shane Boren	Member	Lund (Appointed to seat CC)

### Other entities that participate with the conservation district

Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition  
Tri-County Weeds  
White Pine County Extension Educator  
Nevada Division of Forestry  
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Bureau of Land Management  
United States Forest Service  
Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Farm Services Administration

### Completed FY2018 Annual Work Plan Items

#### Management and Administration:

- Meeting notices were posted in accordance with the Nevada State Open Meeting Law.
- Minutes and agendas for all district meetings were submitted to the Nevada Division of Conservation Districts and State NRCS Office and provided to all entities that participated with the district.
- Dues paid to NVACD.
- Supervisor elections were held per state and federal guidelines at the annual dinner/meeting.

#### Education and Outreach:

- Worked with cooperative extension to promote and support 2 students attendance at the Nevada Youth Range Camp. See Enclosure 1 for write-up.
- One board member attended the annual Nevada Association of Conservation Districts meeting.
- CD chair worked with the White Pine Coordinated Resource Management Steering Committee and participated with the CRM. Provided information on the ongoing effort to

complete Resource Needs Assessments in White Pine County and requested participation from the CRM Steering Committee.

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#### **Soil Conservation:**

- Conservation applied to the land in cooperation with NRCS.
  - Brush management applied – 366.8 acres.
  - Critical area planting – 1.50 acres.
  - Fence installed – 336,667 ft.
  - Irrigation pipeline installed – 11,318 ft.
  - Obstruction removal - .7 acres.
  - Sprinkler systems installed – 234.2 acres.
  - Livestock pipeline installed – 377 ft.
  - Prescribed grazing – 14,676.5 acres.
  - Solar pumping plants installed – 2.
  - Livestock water wells installed – 2.
  - Livestock watering facilities installed – 6.
  - Forage Harvest Management – 50 acres.
  - Range planting – 190.3 acres.
  - Upland Habitat Management – 2,311.5 acres.
  - Continued support in help people helping the land.
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#### **Weeds:**

- The conservation district partnered with Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition to have Tri County Weed Control treat 82.5 acres for bull, musk and scotch thistle in Berry Creek as part of the second Uhalde Ranch project.

#### **Water Conservation:**

- Board members continue to monitor activities by Southern Nevada Water Authority and help to evaluate impacts on agriculture and conservation in White Pine County.

#### **Wildlife:**

- The grant funds for a second Uhalde Ranch Pinyon-Juniper Removal project was received in June 2017. A total of 38.6 acres has been completed this fy. The CD doesn't have funds to complete the remaining 15 acres.
- The CD board working with the Lincoln County CD utilized grant programs to help facilitate, promote and finance a joint project in Cave Valley for the betterment of sage grouse and other wildlife species. This project includes the building of a 5 acre fence around a spring and the removal of fence within a meadow and relocation of the fence along the main road through Cave Valley. The project will be completed in FY2019.
- The Conservation District worked with NDOW to obtain funding thru the Habitat Conservation Fee Grant for the Douglas Canyon project. This grant has also been awarded for the full amount of \$15,000 for fy19.

**FORM 6**

**Year End Financial Report**

White Pine County Conservation District

**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

<b>RECEIPT SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
State Funds	4,542.86
County Funds	
City Funds	
Other Government Funds (specify)	
Administrative Income (specify)	
Interest – CD, Savings and Checking	
Grants for Projects (specify)	
Rental Income (equipment, etc.)	
Contributions	
Building/Property Rental Fees	
Other Sources of Income - Annual dinner auction	360.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,902.86</b>

**Submit by September 30<sup>th</sup> to:**  
State Conservation Districts Program

**FORM 6 (Continued)**

White Pine County Conservation District

**SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30. 2018

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Employee Salary – Secretary/Treasurer	900.00
Fringe Benefit Expense	
Travel and annual NvACD meeting registration	647.80
Building Rent	
Telephone	
Insurance	
Postage	73.50
Copying Expense	
Office Supplies	
Education & Information Expenses	
Equipment Purchase (specify)	
Equipment Expenses (maintenance. Repair, operation	
Dues – NvACD	600.00
Dues – NACD	
Dues – Other	
Mileage	
Investments (specify)	
Internet	
Bond and Insurance Expenses	
Project Costs:	
Grant #1	
Grant #2    NV Forestry – Uhalde PJ Removal payments	15,394.08
Other Expenses (specify)    Range Camp participants	400.00
Other Expenses (specify)    Insurance premium (NPAIP)	986.00
Annual Dinner	641.75
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>19,643.13</b>

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**FORM 6 (Continued)**

White Pine County Conservation District

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:  
(Must Equal Funds Reported From End of Previous Fiscal Year)
  - a. List of Bank Accounts:
    - Certificate of Deposit ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    - Checking Account ..... \$ 37,052.73
    - Savings Account ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Cash on hand ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Total fund balance ..... \$ 37,052.73
  - d. Accounts receivable grants ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Accounts payable ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Total funds available ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE
  - a. List of Bank Accounts:
    - Checking Account ..... \$ 22,312.46
    - Savings Account ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Cash on hand ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Total fund balance ..... \$ 22,312.46
  - d. Accounts receivable grants ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    1. Grant #1 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    2. Grant #2 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Accounts payable ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    1. Item #1 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    2. Item #2 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Total funds available ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. SUMMARY:
  - a. Beginning of year fund balance (1.c. above) ..... \$ 37,052.73
  - b. Plus total receipts (from Receipt Summary) ..... \$ 4,902.86
  - c. Less total expenditures (from Expense Summary) ..... \$ 19,643.13
  - d. Must equal end-of-year fund balance (2.c. above) ..... \$ 22,312.46
  
4. ASSETS: List all assets (equipment, land, buildings, etc.) and estimate their value:
  - a. .... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. .... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. .... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM 6 (Continued)**

**USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED MONEY**

White Pine County Conservation District

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Amount of State Appropriated Money: \$ 4,542.86

Carryover: \$ 6,682.72

Money Spent:

Category (specific) \$ 4,249.05

Balance Remaining: \$ 6,976.53

*Jeffrey A. Weeks*

*06 September 2018*

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Authorized Signature:

Date

Name and Title Jeff Weeks - Chair - White Pine County Conservation District

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## Enclosure 1

The White Pine County Conservation District has a stake in the development of the next generation of natural resource professionals. As part of its Annual Work plan, to educate the public about natural resources and natural resource stewardship, White Pine County Conservation District sponsors two White Pine County youth to attend the annual Nevada Youth Range Camp.



Nevada Youth Range Camp offers an opportunity for high school-age youth to learn about Nevada rangelands and to learn firsthand how resource professionals go about their work protecting and enhancing natural resources in Nevada using science-based tools. The Camp focuses on relationships between people and rangeland. Campers learn that land managers need information about plants, wildlife, water, and soil to make good decisions about rangeland management and use. They learn basic skills about rangeland and resource management and explore career opportunities in these fields. The camp challenges youth to explore resource problems and to create logical solutions.

White Pine County Conservation District is a proud supporter of Range Camp because the curriculum used targets the often-overlooked importance of people-relationships that are so fundamental to natural resource management. Campers learn that the fun science behind the interactions between wildlife and the habitat that supports the wildlife is only one of the skills required of natural resource management professionals. A one-week camp does not create rangeland managers out of campers; however, it helps future leaders develop the perspective to understand rangeland resources and their relationship to society. Each year since its inception in 1961, Range Camp grows its list of participants who either choose a natural resource field as a career or simply improve their knowledge of environmental topics covered by the range camp curriculum. In 2009, an evaluation of the camp program showed an increase in in all areas tested, ranging from 10% to 54% increase in test scores between the pre-test and post-test.

<b>Subject Area Tested</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Rangeland Management	<b>+30%</b>
Land Navigation	+17%
Rangeland Soils	<b>+49%</b>
Water Quality	+54%
Rangeland Plants	<b>+31%</b>
Sagebrush Rangeland	+24%
Proper Function Condition of Riparian Areas	<b>+10%</b>
Wildlife Management	+17%

Each year, Range Camp counselors and instructors select Trail Bosses based on the camper's enthusiasm for learning and the camper's ability to inspire other campers to do the same. Trail Bosses get to attend and represent their respective state at the Society for Range Management International Annual Meeting (SRM). The Nevada State SRM Chapter financially sponsors the Trail Boss's cost of attendance. Trail Bosses in turn present a range-management research topic of their choosing. For the past two years, White Pine County Conservation District sponsored-youth earned the prestigious Range Camp Trail Boss award. For

the past two years, White Pine County Conservation District sponsored-youth have won the prestigious Trail Boss award. In 2017, Chris Reil won the Trail Boss award. This year Haley Reil won the Trail Boss award