

Project Manager Report Approval Form

Purpose: Document public dollar investment to protect and restore healthy watersheds and natural habitats that support thriving communities and strong economies.

Date of Report: 6/27/2023 Grant #: 218-6008-15623 Project Manager: Amy Charette

Report type: PISR # 1 Progress#: _____ Quarterly # _____ Other: _____

Checklist

If NO, explain:

1) Review requirements noted in Special Conditions (Exh B) of the grant agreement to identify additional and/or different reporting requirements.

Did Grantee meet these requirements?

- Yes
 No
 n/a

Progress Report indicates grantee will not be able to meet project objectives described in grant scope of work.

PISR special conditions were not met.

Other:

EXPLAIN WHY:

2) Review PISR requirements noted in Exhibit D of the grant agreement.

Did Grantee meet these requirements?

- Yes
 No
 n/a

PISR report did not provide sufficient documentation to determine the status of OWEB investment.

Other:

EXPLAIN WHY:

3) Photo points: Did Grantee fulfill the requirements for photo point monitoring (i.e. before and after photos located at consistent photo points, including a current photo.

Did Grantee meet these requirements?

- Yes
 No
 n/a

Photo points do not include all major project components.

Photo points do not include project location on each landowner site.

Grantee is unable to locate photo point site(s).

Grantee is unable to access photo point location.

Other:

EXPLAIN WHY:

4) Other requirement(s):

EXPLAIN WHY:

REPORT APPROVAL

Progress report demonstrates a trajectory for success in meeting project objectives. If not, report sufficiently indicates Grantee is taking action to increase likelihood for project success

PISR sufficiently describes project status to determine OWEB investment is in place and functioning as intended. If not, report sufficiently documents why, so to inform future OWEB decisions.

JUSTIFICATION: Briefly explain how you resolved issues documented in the checklist and/or attach relevant communications. If you need more room, continue on reverse side

Report approved by:



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Circle Bar Ranch Restoration Project

Grant Number- 218-6008-15623

Post Implementation Status Report #1

6/16/2023

1. To date, this project continues to meet the goals specified in the grant agreement:
 - Improve water quality/quantity.
 - Improve riparian buffers.
 - Improve steelhead habitat.
 - Improve streamside vegetation and soil erosion.
 - Improve protection of Aspen stands.
2. As of this report there has been no maintenance done on this project. Streamside vegetation is flourishing leading to improvement in soil erosion. Spring developments remain in good condition. Juniper was cut, piled and burned along streamside. Native grass communities continue to improve after juniper removal. Aspen stands continue to thrive with exclusion fencing. Reporting costs come to \$1,000.00 per report, which includes transportation and report compilation.

3. Aspects of this project have been featured in displays presented at the Wheeler SWCD's annual meeting, and at the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo.
4. Lesson learned were discussed in the completion report.
5. Photos are attached below.

Project name: Circle Bar Ranch Restoration Project

Grant Number: 218-6008-15623

Site Location: This project is located SW of the town of Mitchell in the Bridge Creek Watershed in southern Wheeler County.

Date: June 16, 2023 Time: 8:00am Weather: Sunny 70degrees



Above: Landscape overview of juniper treatment.



Above: Overview of juniper removal along northern aspect.

Below: Close up of juniper and bunchgrass communities.





Above: Overview of juniper removal in Carroll Creek CREP project area.

Below: Landscape view of juniper treatment in Carroll Creek floodplain.





Above: View of juniper removal along West Branch Creek.

Below: OWEB funded spring development.





Above: View of watering troughs through OWEB funded spring development.

Below: Spring development by match through in-kind.





Above: Spring development by match from NRCS.

Below: Overview of Aspen stand protected with exclusion fencing.





Above: View of Quaking Aspen and saplings protected with fencing and HD caging.

Below: Overview of Quaking Aspen stand protected with exclusion fencing.

