

SOUTH DOUGLAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishments



Fuels reduction on Badger Mountain

The forest on Badger Mountain, south of Waterville, is the only forest in Douglas County. Wildfire risk is high, impacting not only the forest and wildlife, but also the increasing number of homes in the area. By providing cost share dollars South Douglas Conservation District improved forest health and reduced wildfire risk for homes in the area. 140 acres were treated for ten landowners.

Photo Caption: Fuels reduction on Badger Mountain.



Livestock water facility

Creating a rest-rotation grazing system, designed by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, this pipeline with three troughs will allow efficient grazing of the shrub steppe and pasture used by cattle. By developing the facility, trucking of water will be eliminated, reducing fuels and other trucking costs.

Photo Caption: Livestock Water Facility in Palisades



Irrigation efficiencies project

Drought and old equipment impacted the water efficiency on the pasture and field crop acreage. Replacing the well pump and irrigation lines will improve the productivity of the water for both livestock and crops. This project was funded by the State Conservation Commission's Irrigation Efficiencies Grant Program.

Photo Caption: Irrigation Efficiency project in Palisades.

Other accomplishments



Cost share support to replace a cattle guard across a county road to move cattle while protecting shrub steppe acreage and providing grazing.



Cost share support to upgrade an orchard irrigation system from impact to micro sprinklers for efficient use of water.



Biannual chipping program to both urban and rural residents to reduce wildfire risk.

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