

Conservation Land Steward	Agency/Program #: 52010-02-11	
	Division:	Field Services
	Program:	Block Management
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Program or Project Description:

Field Services division is responsible for implementing the department's land program, construction projects, the landowner sportsman's relations program, aircraft unit, living with wildlife program, game damage program, and hunting access enhancement program, including block management. <http://fwp.mt.gov/insidefwp/goals/default.html>

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of October 31, 2007
	2008		2009		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					<i>See Data sheet for more detail</i>
State Special	54,834				
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$54,834	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Goal(s):

Work cooperatively with private landowners to ensure delivery of the habitat conservation benefits and associated public recreational opportunities acquired through FWP conservation easements.

Performance Measures :

1. Monitor all conservation easements annually, completing field monitoring no later than October 15 of each year.
2. Review easement monitoring reports with appropriate Division staff (Wildlife, Fish or Parks), and send the reports and cover letters to all landowners no later than December 15 of each year.
3. Develop a chronological tracking log for all notices pertaining to landowner requests for approval of activities or operational changes, and send the landowner a letter of receipt no more than 10 days after the landowner's request is received. Provide case information to Division staff and, when appropriate, to the Legal Unit no more than 10 days after receipt of the landowner's notice, and resolve all requests within the time frame provided for in the conservation easement.
4. Coordinate with the landowner, Division staff and Legal staff to develop the department's position on all pending landowner requests for conservation easement amendments by August 1, 2008.
5. Work with Wildlife Division staff to refine, implement and document monitoring techniques for those conservation easement properties exceeding 5,000 acres in size and managed as commercial forestry operations.
6. Transition by October 2008 from a conservation easement monitoring program run by an FWP contractor to a program directed by the Conservation Easement Land Steward, with contract assistance on a limited, as-needed basis.
7. Develop by December 2008 an easement-by-easement list of public recreational rights on the easement property, along with the status of public recreational use of each easement property.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
1 The Conservation Easement Land Steward will be hired by December 15, 2007.	12/15/2007	
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Performance Report:

LFD Narrative:

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