



2010 Annual Report

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

This report contains fiscal year activity for the state of Colorado from the time period of October 2009 to September 2010.

Who We Are

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help agricultural producers and others care for the land. NRCS has six mission goals that include high quality, productive soils; clean and abundant water; healthy plant and animal communities; clean air; an adequate energy supply; and working farms and ranchlands.

Vision

Productive Lands -
 Healthy Environment

Mission

Helping People Help the Land

“Healthy wetlands play several critical roles in protecting our environment, including improving water quality, preventing flooding and soil erosion, and creating and maintaining the best possible wildlife habitat.”

NRCS District Conservationist



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Fiscal Year 2010 Wetlands Reserve Program *Statewide Activities*

Number of Applications Approved	2
Dollar Amount Approved.....	\$949,875
Acres Enrolled	728

The Program

WRP is a voluntary land-retirement program that provides technical and financial assistance to eligible landowners to address wetland, wildlife habitat, soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on private lands.

The Partnership

The program provides landowners and Tribes an opportunity to receive financial incentives to restore and enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring this land from agriculture.

Landowners and Tribes may file an application for a conservation easement or a cost-share restoration agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to restore and protect wetlands.

The Assistance

Participants voluntarily limit future use of the land, but retain private ownership. WRP offers landowners three enrollment options:

- Permanent Easement
- 30-year Easement
- Restoration Cost-Share Agreement
- 30-year Restoration Agreement (tribes only)

Permanent Easements

Permanent Easement is a conservation easement in perpetuity. USDA pays 100 percent of the easement value and up to 100 percent of the restoration costs.

30-Year Easements

30-Year Easement is an easement that expires after 30 years. USDA pays up to

- 75 percent of the easement value and up to 75 percent of the restoration costs.
- For both permanent and 30-year easements, USDA pays all costs associated with recording the easement in the local land records office, including recording fees, charges for abstracts, survey and appraisal fees, and title insurance

Restoration Cost-Share Agreements

A Restoration Cost-Share Agreement is an agreement to restore or enhance the wetland functions and values without placing an easement on the enrolled acres. USDA pays up to 75 percent of the restoration costs. Duration of the agreement is 10 years plus restoration period.

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