



# Lower South Platte River Watershed

**The Lower South Platte River Watershed totals 3,051,720 acres.**

It includes all of Logan, Morgan, Phillips, and Sedgwick Counties, as well as a portion of eastern Weld County.

NRCS natural resource specialists are staffed at the Fort Morgan, Holyoke, Julesburg, and Sterling USDA Field Service Centers to provide assistance to watershed residents.

Resources at work from October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010

## The Colorado Watershed Approach

Instead of the traditional statewide approach in addressing priority resource issues like soil erosion, water quality, grazing lands, wildlife, and animal waste, NRCS looks to Colorado's ten watersheds to identify their particular local resource needs and priorities.

Watershed work groups meet annually to determine which natural resource concerns are most prevalent in their communities.

In turn, Colorado NRCS focuses its resources on addressing those concerns. Colorado's local conservation districts provide leadership in this effort to foster increased decision making at the local level.

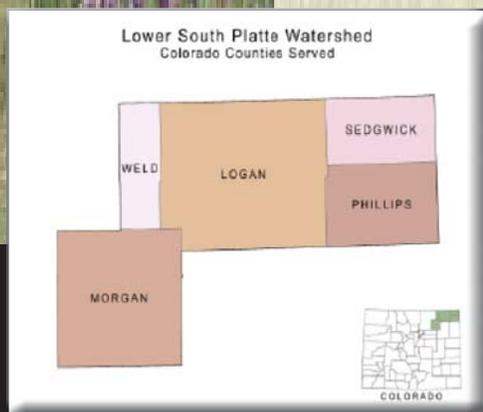
## High Priority Resource Concerns in the Lower South Platte River Watershed

- Water Quantity
- Rangeland Health
- Water Quality
- Erosion
- Invasive Species

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Healthy Environment

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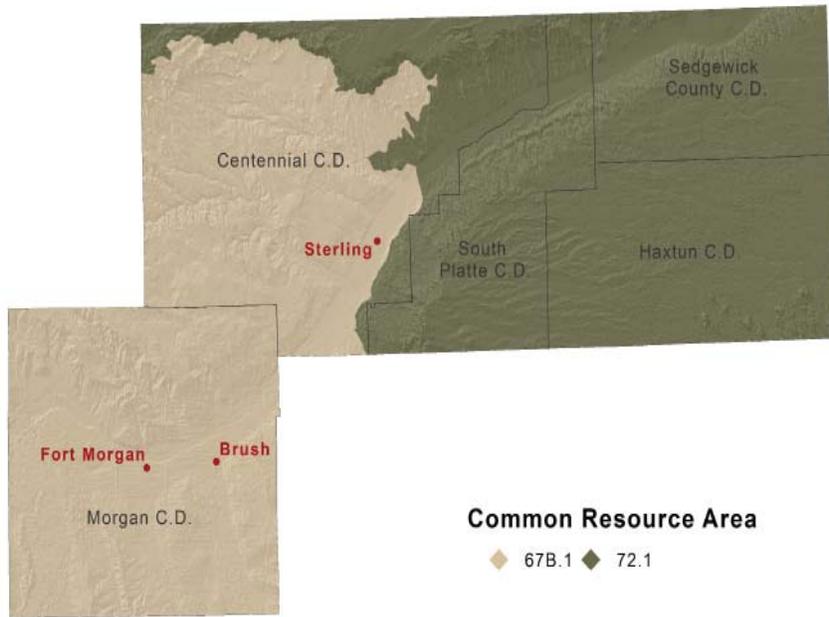


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**75** A Legacy of Conservation  
Years Helping People Help the Land

# Watershed Profile

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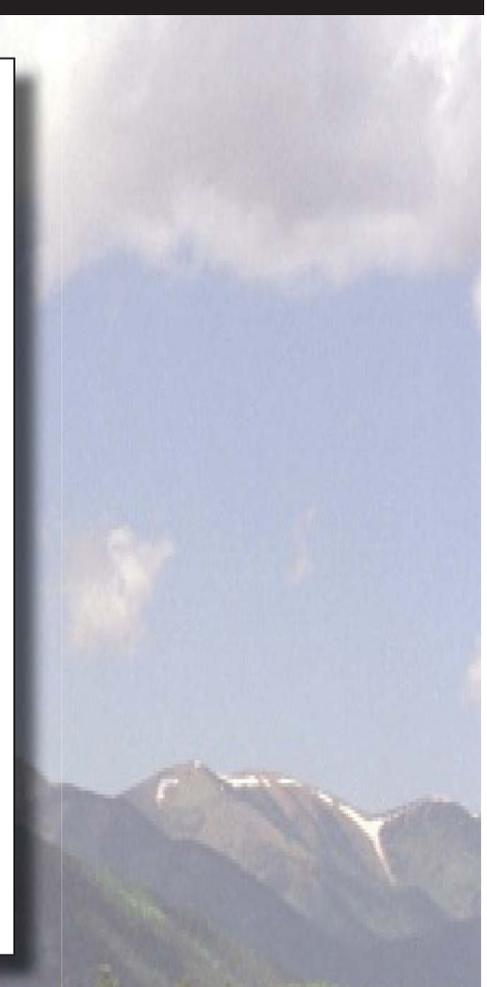
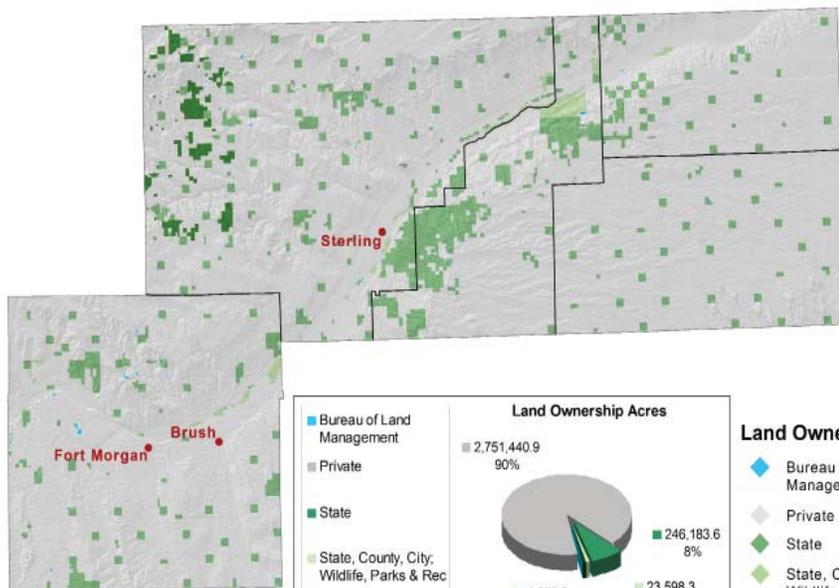


### Common Resource Area

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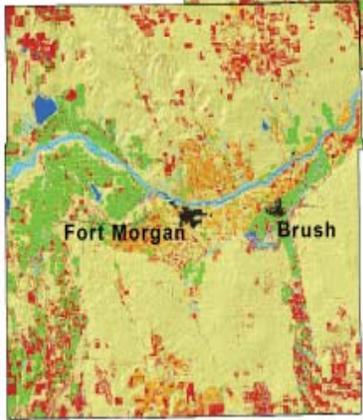
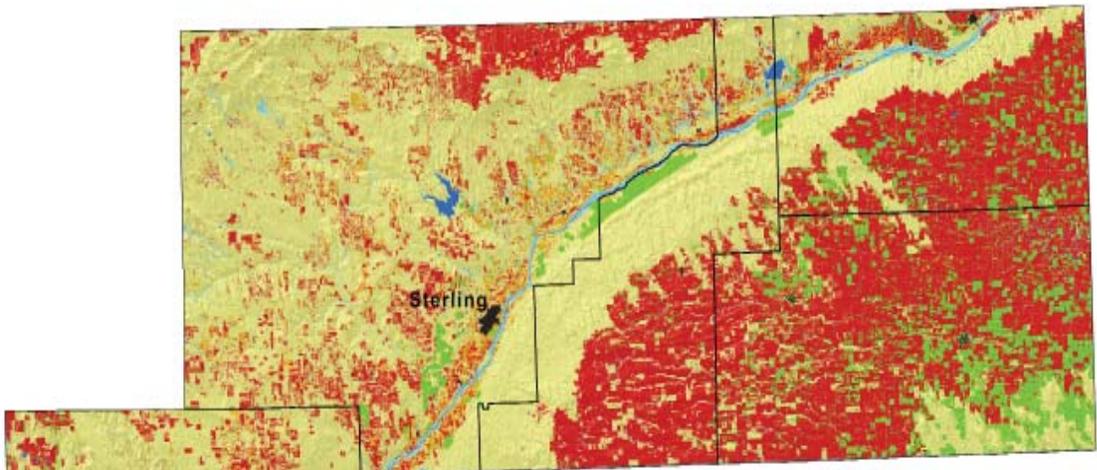


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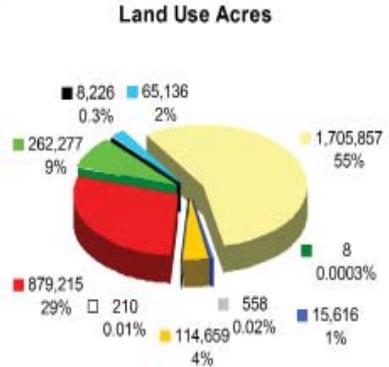
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- No Data
- Agriculture Land
- Other
- Dryland Agriculture
- Irrigated Agriculture
- Commercial/Residential
- Riparian
- Rangeland
- Forest
- Water



- ### Land Use
- ◆ No Data
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  - ◆ Commercial/Residential
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## Fiscal Year 2010 Environmental Quality Incentives Program Summary



Lower South Platte River	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Lower South Platte - Agro-Forestry	18	15	\$86,241	2,325
Lower South Platte - All Lands/Animal Waste Management	4	3	\$104,920	99
Lower South Platte - All Lands/Wildlife	3	2	\$35,749	22
Lower South Platte - Cropland/Soil Management	10	7	\$232,144	4,736
Lower South Platte - Cropland/Water Quality/Quantity	55	17	\$1,019,930	1,761
Lower South Platte - Grazingland	36	18	\$343,337	19,866
CO Ogallala Initiative	18	12	\$967,202	1,622
CPP	4	3	\$47,361	3,158
Organic-Transition	1	1	\$80,000	935
Planning - CNMP	2	0	\$0	0
Planning - Grazing	1	0	\$0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$2,916,884</b>	<b>34,525</b>

### Farm Bill Program Activities Summary Lower South Platte River

NRCS Program	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)	1	0	\$0	0
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	230	152	\$7,453,608	329,264
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP - Easements)	1	0	\$0	0
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP - Rental Contracts)	4	2	\$717,360	4,846
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	11	4	\$94,612	1,902

### Farm Bill Program Activities Statewide Summary

#### Environmental Quality Incentives Program

*Contracts: 768*

*Acres: 615,000*

*Financial Assistance: \$27.2 Million*

#### Agricultural Water Enhancement Program

*Contracts: 12*

*Acres: 1,705*

*Financial Assistance: \$941,296*

#### Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

*Contracts: 19*

*Acres: 5,610*

*Financial Assistance: \$537,742*

#### Grasslands Reserve Program

*Rental Contracts/Easements: 8 / 4*

*Acres: 25,315 / 8,161*

*Financial Assistance: \$2.8 Million / \$3 Million*

#### Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

*Properties/Entities: 14 properties, 7 entities*

*Acres: 15,752*

*Financial Assistance: \$6.5 Million*

#### Wetlands Reserve Program

*Easements: 2*

*Acres: 729*

*Financial Assistance: \$949,875*

#### Conservation Stewardship Program

*Applications: 471*

*Acres: 1.3 Million*

*Financial Assistance: \$11.8 Million*