



Republican River Watershed

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

The Republican River Watershed totals 6,236,164 acres.

It includes all and/or parts of Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Washington, and Yuma Counties.

NRCS natural resource specialists are staffed at the Akron, Burlington, Cheyenne Wells, Hugo, and Wray USDA Field Service Centers, as well as at the Flagler and Yuma Conservation District Offices to provide assistance to residents.

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.

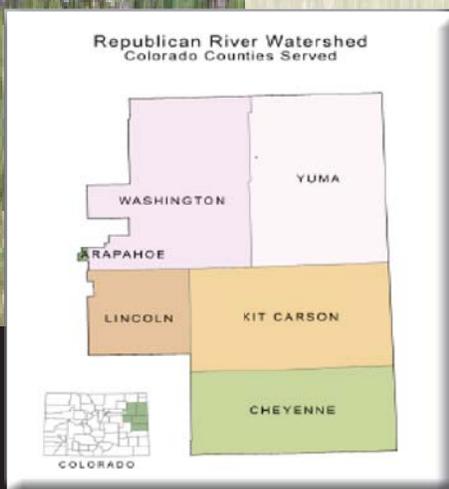
High Priority Resource Concerns in the Republican River Watershed

- Rangeland Health
- Erosion
- Water Quantity - Aquifer Overdraft/Inefficient Use
- Water Quality
- Invasive Species

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Productive Lands -
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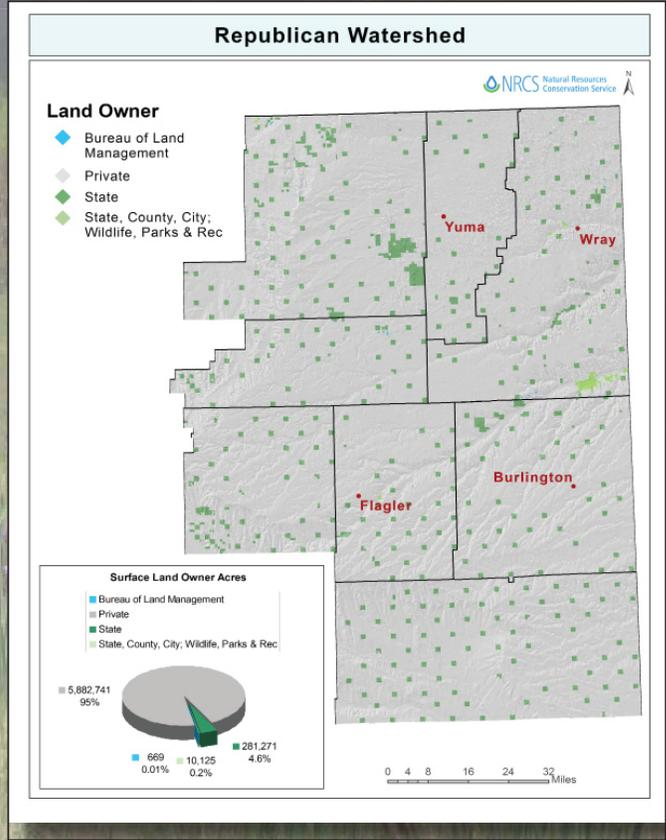
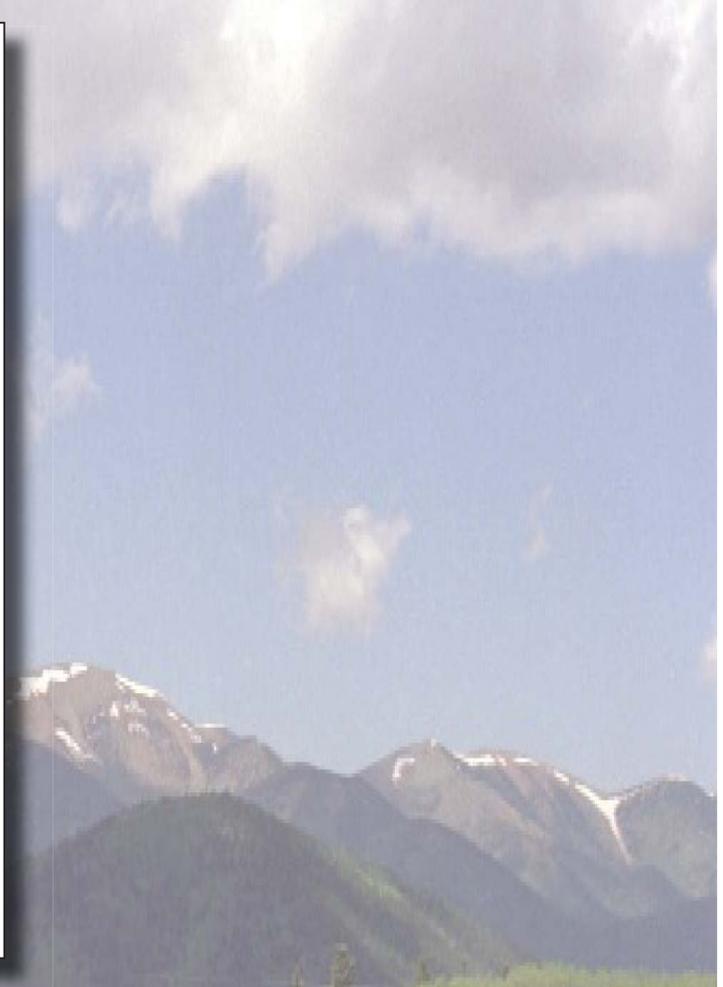
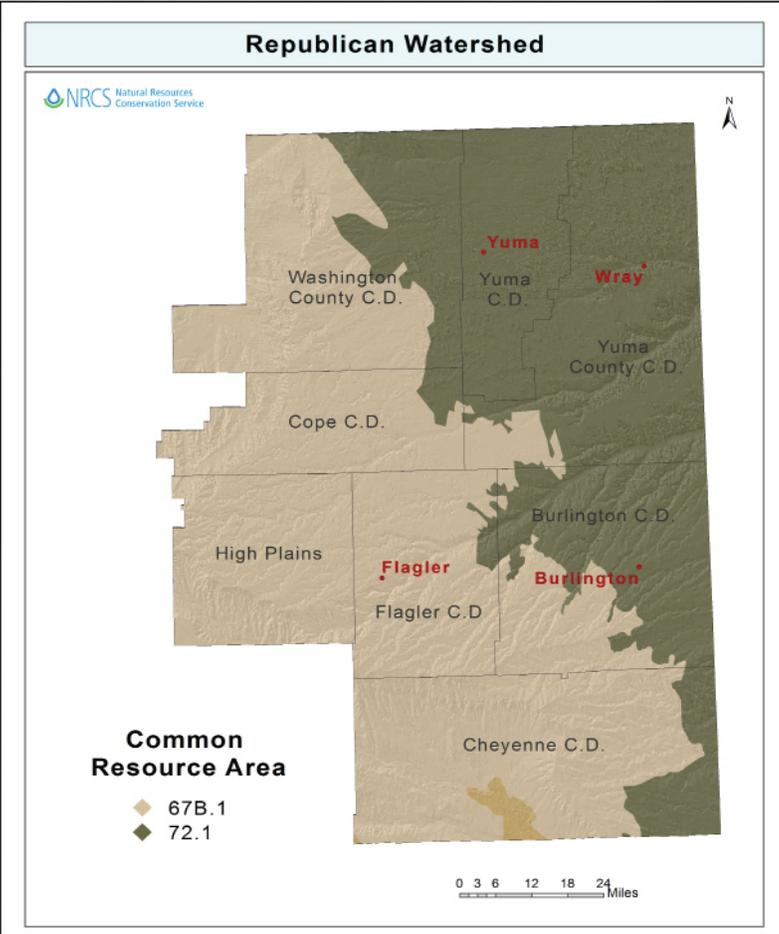
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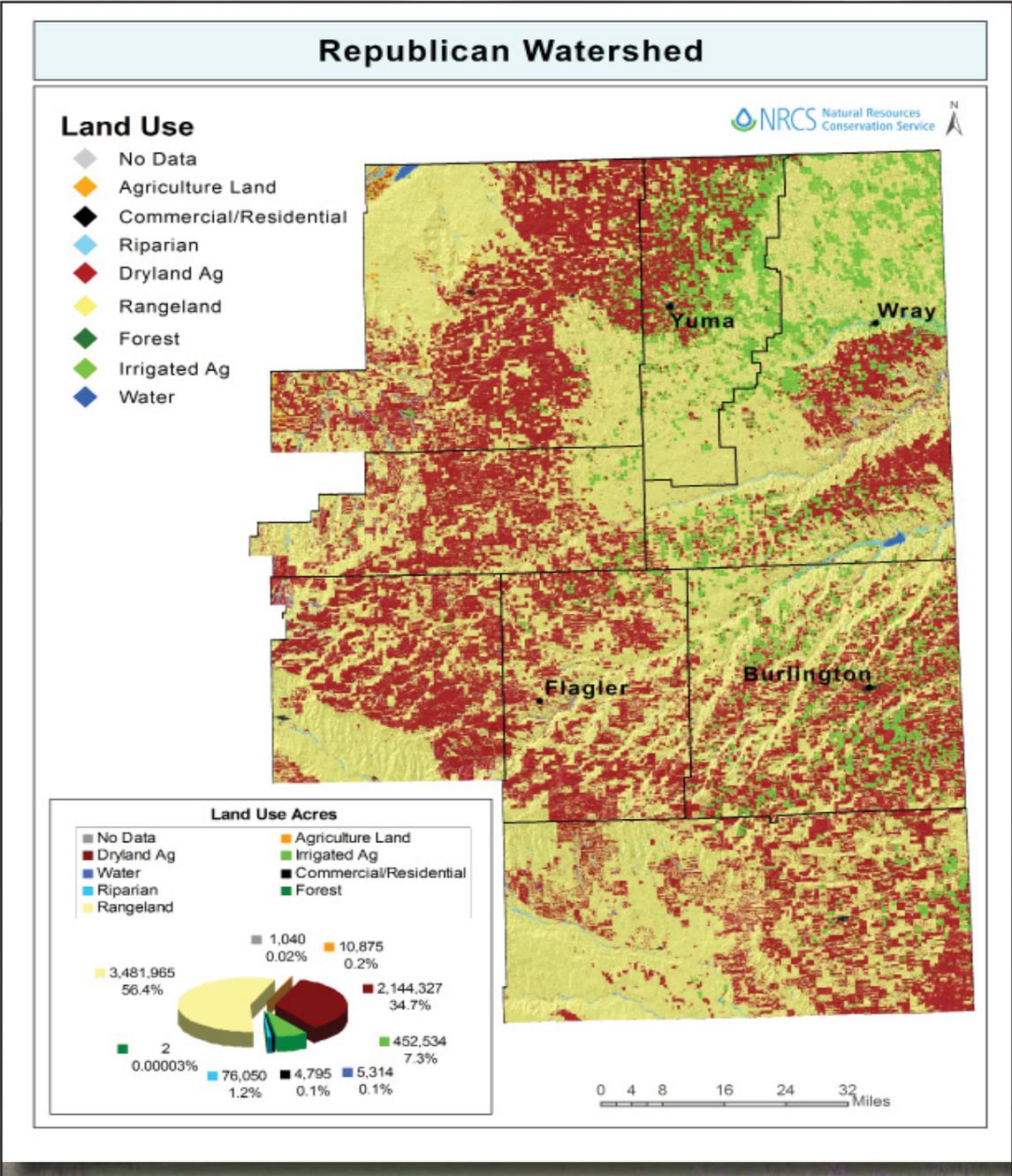
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75 A Legacy of Conservation
Years Helping People Help the Land

Watershed Profile



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Fiscal Year 2010 Environmental Quality Incentives Program Summary



Republican River	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Republican - Agro-Forestry	15	12	\$53,967	1,038
Republican - All Lands/Animal Waste Management	1	1	\$42,697	30
Republican - All Lands/Wildlife	3	2	\$14,971	722
Republican - Cropland/Soil Management	14	10	\$372,536	9,142
Republican - Cropland/Water Quality/Quantity	3	3	\$56,590	1,893
Republican - Grazingland	43	25	\$800,102	27,055
CO Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative	1	1	\$152,135	26,398
CO Ogallala Initiative	1	1	\$4,308	130
Conservation Partnership Program	7	4	\$104,310	175
Totals	88	59	\$1,601,616	66,582

Farm Bill Program Activities Summary Republican River

NRCS Program	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)	7	5	\$236,866	792
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	117	92	\$3,172,792	227,611
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	3	0	\$0	0

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