Management Area: Lower John Day

Meeting Date(s): February 17, 2017

LAC Members Present: Christina Kirwan, Corey Wade, Bob Martian (Chair), Wally Powell

Progress Measurement: Gilliam SWCD: Middle Rock Creek Focus Area: By June 30, 2017: Increase [Tree (31.0) + Shrub (40.0) + Grass (20)] to 91.0 acres. Current conditions: [Tree (30.0) + Shrub (37.8) + Grass (16.9)] = 86.9 acres

Sherman SWCD: The SWCD is currently working on completing the SVA. Results will be provided during the 2019 Biennial Review.

Management Area Wide Assessment: The SWCDs developed assessments for the Management Area to help achieve the Area Plan purpose and goal. They include Soil Erosion, Riparian Vegetation, and Livestock Operations.

Soil Erosion:
- Due to uncertainty of Farm Bill and other funding, measurable objectives were not developed. However, the goal is to keep soil loss below soil loss tolerance.

Riparian Vegetation:
- 2016: Current status of perennial streams are:
  
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<th>Sherman Co.</th>
<th>Gilliam Co.</th>
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<td>Class I: Fully provided</td>
<td>102.38</td>
<td>234.5</td>
<td>336.9</td>
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<td>Class II: Partially provided, not impaired by agricultural activities</td>
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<td>Class III: Likely not provided due to agricultural activities</td>
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<td>20.9</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>132.20</td>
<td>397.4</td>
<td>529.65</td>
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- By June 30, 2027, assuming funding is available, 75% of perennial streams in agricultural areas will have streamside vegetation that likely provides the full suite of water quality functions the site is capable of (i.e., shade, bank stability, filtration of overland flow).

Livestock Operations:
- 2016: Ten livestock operations were identified likely to pollute perennial streams.
- By June 30, 2022, reduce the number to 50%, through voluntary efforts.
- By June 30, 2037, reduce the number to 0%, through voluntary efforts.

Outreach and Education:
- Sherman County
  - Quarterly Newsletters
  - 1,500 Sherman County residents and landowner contacts
  - 4 Neighborhood meetings
  - K-6th grade - monthly presentations, 120 total participants,
  - Outdoor School with 6th graders
  - Participated with the local crop hop
  - Annual Meeting
- Gilliam County
  - Public Outreach: Quarterly Newsletter, 12 news articles in local paper, info booth at Gilliam County Fair.
  - Student Education: 6 in-school presentations with stream demonstration table, plant identification field trip to Cottonwood Canyon State Park, 6 presentations at Tri-County Outdoor School, designed and procured funding for Condon School District Farm to School Program, procured funding for Tri-County Outdoor School to allow for expansion to full week of activities, collected and distributed willow plantings at multiple sites.
    - Project Tours: Rock Creek, Lonerock Creek, Thirtymile Creek, and Hay Canyon.

Planning and Projects:
- Sherman County
  - 9 OWEB small grants
    - 433 acres direct seed
    - 30 acres pasture seeding/ weed management (with additional 10 acres of control)
    - 1 spring development
    - 10 WASCB
    - 14 owl boxes
3 raptor perches
7.5 acres juniper removal
6,864 feet pasture fence
13,436 feet terrace

- OWEB Large grants
  - 9,273 feet terrace
  - 8 WASCB
  - 1 hybrid WASCB

- Gilliam County
  - Promoting, Planning, and Implementing CREP Program – 14 landowners, 34.6 miles of stream
  - Design, Apply for Large Grant Funding for Olex Diversion - $65,463
  - Design, Apply for Large Grant Funding for Harper Diversion - $41,457
  - Design, Apply for Large Grant Funding for Hewes Diversion - $116,724
  - Design and Apply for Large Grant Funding for Scott and Hay Canyon Wildfire Restoration Weed Control and Reseeding - $150,000
  - OWEB Small Grants: one irrigation improvement, six spring developments, three juniper removal projects, and one fire restoration - $240,000
  - OWEB FIP - $190,000
  - OWRD PBP - $150,000

Monitoring:
- Sherman County
  - 2-year project monitoring
- Gilliam County
  - Thirtymile Creek Steelhead Monitoring
  - Design and Apply for Large Grant Funding for Lonerock Juniper Removal Monitoring - $75,224
  - Design and Apply for Large Grant Funding for Rock Creek Habitat Assessment - $27,692
  - Two-year monitoring of all project sites

Funding and Grants:
- Sherman County
  - Conservation Awareness Grant
  - Lower John Day small grant
  - Riparian Restoration
  - SWCD capacity
- Gilliam County
  - OWEB – 216-8100 CREP Technical Assistance - $33,220
  - OWRD – Lower John Day Integrated Water Resource Place Based Planning - $190,000
  - ODE – Condon School District Farm to School Program - $36,000
  - OWEB – John Day Partnership Focused Investment Partnership Strategic Planning
  - Gilliam County – SWCD Program Support - $50,000
  - CTWSRO – Lower Basin Program Support - $100,000
  - OWEB – 216-6000 Harper Diversion T.A. - $29,559
  - OWEB – 216-6001 Hewes Diversion T.A. - $46,042
  - OWEB – 216-6002 Olex Diversion T.A. - $38,931
  - OWEB – 216-6037 Thirtymile Creek Steelhead Monitoring - $222,075
  - CTWSRO – TC-10079 Harper Diversion Restoration - $93,810
  - CTWSRO – TC-10079 Hewes Diversion Restoration - $102,294
  - CTWSRO – TC-10079 Olex Diversion Restoration - $106,403
  - CTWSRO – TC-10079 Thirtymile Steelhead PITT Monitoring - $22,120
  - Gray Family Foundation – Outdoor School - $5,000

Summary of Impediments: Support more funding for noxious weeds; biological control for weeds should not be cut; add someone from this region to the AgPAC group.

Recommendations for Modifications: Funding for weed control and for district capacity.

DEQ Recommendations: See DEQ survey.

Compliance - Complaints throughout the management area

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Total Complaints: 0

Notes: