

The Rocky Mountain area is composed 14 offices. The offices are divided into 3 Divisions.

Description of the boundary for the Rocky Mountain area.

DIV I – composed of Big Horn, Park and Washakie counties

DIV II-composed of Fremont and Hot Springs counties

DIV III-composed of Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton and Uinta counties.

Initial Division allocations:

DIV I - \$573,081

DIV II-\$535,944

DIV III- 781,611

Ft Washakie which is the Wind River Indian Reservation received an initial of \$425,000.

Update on all the divisions and some of the projects that are ongoing.

In DIV I – which is Park, Big Horn and Washakie counties.

In Big Horn County we have been working with AFO/CAFO and have tied up about 284,000.

In Big Horn and Washakie County our Field offices have been working with the National Water Quality Initiative for the Nowater and Alamo Creeks. We are installing Center Pivots for increased irrigation efficiency.

In Park County, our folks have been working with producers with the Climate Change funds. Producers are installing conservation practices such as conservation crop rotation, residue management and conservation cover to address soil health concerns by increasing soil organic matter and microbial activity on HEL lands.

In DIV II which is composed of Fremont and Hot Springs counties. Besides working with producers with EQIP in Fremont County, we have been working with producers and the SGI to some Cheatgrass control. With the big rains and snow melt that occurred over a month ago in the Lander area, we will be working with producers using EWP to try and stabilize some of the streambanks and possibly redo water control structures.

In Hot Springs County, we are working with the Windriver Reservation on the Arapaho ranch to install some livestock watering facilities as well as do some spring developments to increase the grazing distribution on the ranch.

In DIV III which is composed of Lincoln, Sublette, Teton, Sweetwater and Uinta counties.

In Lincoln county we are working with some streambank stabilization projects.

In Sublette county we are doing work with the SGI and installing some fencing, watering facilities and prescribed grazing.

In Sweetwater, we are utilizing the Colorado Salinity Project money to install Center pivots and irrigation pipelines.

As Astrid mentioned, we have a DC position in Riverton that we should be getting ready to select.

We also have to summer pathway students. Jesus Vargas Lopez is a soil conservationist stationed in Powell. Elizabeth delacruz Torres is an engineer student in the Riverton Area Office. Both students are from Puerto Rico.