

Partnerships Producing Possibilities



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Background of Montana Saltcedar Team

- 2011 Floods on Missouri and Musselshell Rivers
- Partnership approach to on-the-ground projects
 - CMR NWR Community Working Group
- First meeting in Jordan, April of 2014



Montana Saltcedar Team



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- Partners

- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- NRCS
- DNRC
- Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks
- MSU University Extension
- Lower Missouri CRM
- Conservation Districts
- County Weed Boards
- Friends of the Missouri Breaks
- Musselshell Watershed Coalition
- Missouri River Conservation Districts Council





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MST Work Plan

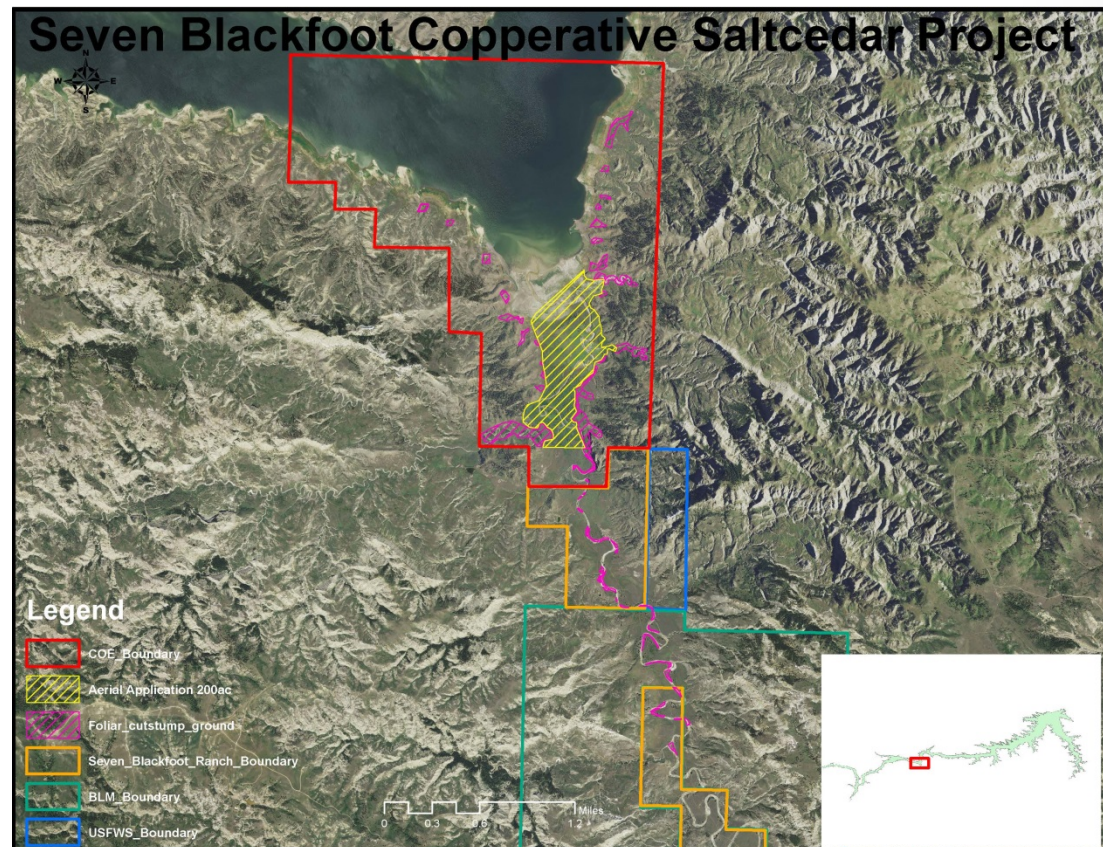
❖ 2 Priorities for the Team

- Identify focus area and coordinate treatment application across land ownerships
 - Blackfoot Drainage, Garfield County
- Secure and Leverage Funding

Seven Blackfoot Project

- ❖ 4 different landowners
- ❖ 6 miles of drainage
- ❖ 56,000 acres in the watershed

- Willing private landowner
- access
- Variety of funding sources
- Partnership provided support for funding
- Phase 1 (private land complete)
- Phase 2 planned for 2016



MRCDC River Rendezvous

❖ Tour of proposed treatment site



MST Awarded Big Sky Watershed Corps Member



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- ❖ Americorps Member - 10 months
 - ❖ Hosted by Petroleum Co CD
 - ❖ Funded by partnership with BLM, PCCD, Musselshell Watershed Coalition and MRCDC.
 - ❖ Tasked with creating map of current saltcedar distribution on Missouri and Musselshell.
 - ❖ Map turned into a full-blown database.

2016 Plans



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- ❖ Update database with 2015 survey info
- Organize saltcedar pulls
- ❖ Cooperate on efforts to increase and distribute *Diorabda* in MT.



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