District Conservation Technician (DCT) Keith Mantelli

2025 Overview: Driving Local Conservation Through Boots On-the-Ground Project Management

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1. District Cost-Share Program

DCT Keith Mantelli oversees the District's Cost-Share Program, which successfully leveraged:

- **$50,000 in District funding** (supported in part by local tax revenue)
- **$50,000 in landowner contributions** (cash match with materials and labor)

This $100,000 investment supported essential conservation practices. Keith's leadership ensures that taxpayer dollars, local funding, and landowner participation result in **effective, on-the-ground resource improvements** across the Spanish Peaks-Purgatoire River Conservation District.

water control device

solar powered pump

water tank

irrigation pipeline

Brush management

livestock fencing

2. CSCB Matching Grant Cost-Share Program

Keith implemented the District's **Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) Matching Grant Cost-Share Program**, which recently funded approx. **17,484 feet of livestock fencing for 13 landowners.**

- A combined project investment of **$25,000 in grant funds** with **$25,000 in landowner match**, totaling **$50,000 in on-the-ground improvements,**

This program highlights Keith's ability to coordinate and deliver strong conservation outcomes that benefit local producers and natural resources.

3. CSCB Supplemental Matching Grant Cost-Share Program

Keith is currently implementing a **second CSCB Supplemental Matching Grant**, valued at:

- **$50,000 in CSCB funds**
- **$50,000 in landowner match**

This ongoing $100,000 project includes a wide range of conservation improvements planned or underway throughout the District.

Keith Mantelli's work as our DCT for the past several years has been invaluable.

In 2025 he implemented $250,000 in cost-share program projects.

We will miss him in his retirement! Best wishes and thank you, Keith!

*SP-PRCD would also like to thank **CSCB for the DCT Grant funding** which pays 80% of the DCT position.*