



# Spanish Peaks- Purgatoire River Conservation District

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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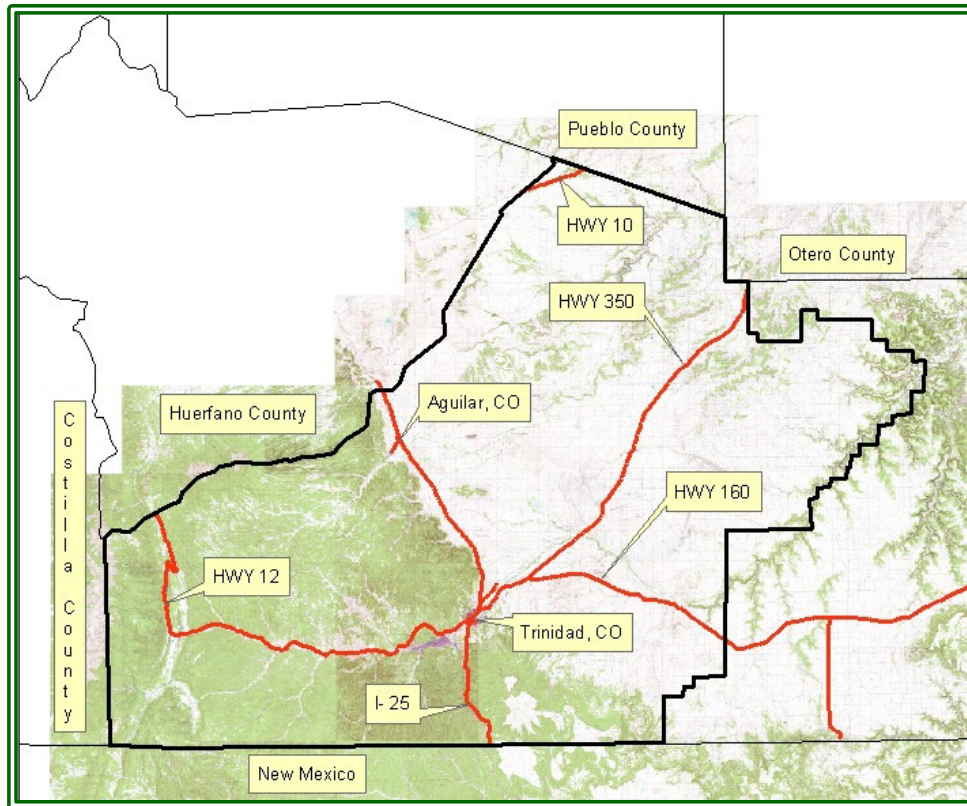
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*Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays @ Noon*

# MAP



# MISSION

*The Spanish Peaks–Purgatoire River Conservation District works with local landowners, the Natural Resource Conservation Division (NRCS), Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) and other partners to conserve and enhance natural resources. Through technical assistance, education, and collaboration, the District helps to preserve and enhance the natural resources profile of our lands while maximizing production to the benefit of landowners, the general public, and Colorado’s bountiful wildlife.*

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Bill Wilkinson  
President

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Member

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*\*new member*

## DISTRICT STAFF

Lori Chatterley  
District Manager

Keith Mantelli  
District Conservation Technician

Donna Albertson  
District Noxious Weed Technician

*Special thanks to Keith and  
Donna who both retired in  
December. Also thanks to  
Karen Salapich for her service  
on the board.*

# ESTABLISHED

May 7,

# 1996

## Land Ownership (in acres)

Private Land....964,625  
Federal Land.....282,765  
State Land.....64,372  
Military Res Land.....245,550

## Land Use (in acres)

Rangeland.....735,897  
Irr. Crop.....27,000  
Non-Irrigated.....1,000  
Woodland.....135,000  
Recreational.....37,215  
Subdivided.....130,000

# ON-THE-GROUND WORK

## 2025 District Conservation Cost Share

\$50,000 in District funding (supported in part by local tax revenue)

\$50,000+ in landowner contributions (cash match with materials and labor)

\$100,000+ investment



*water control device*



*solar powered pump*



*water tank*



*irrigation pipeline*



*Brush management*



*livestock fencing*

# ON-THE-GROUND WORK



## 2025 CSCB Matching Grant Conservation Cost Share (Fencing)

\$25,000 in District funding through  
CSCB Matching Grant

\$25,000+ in landowner contributions  
(cash match with materials and labor)

\$50,000+ investment

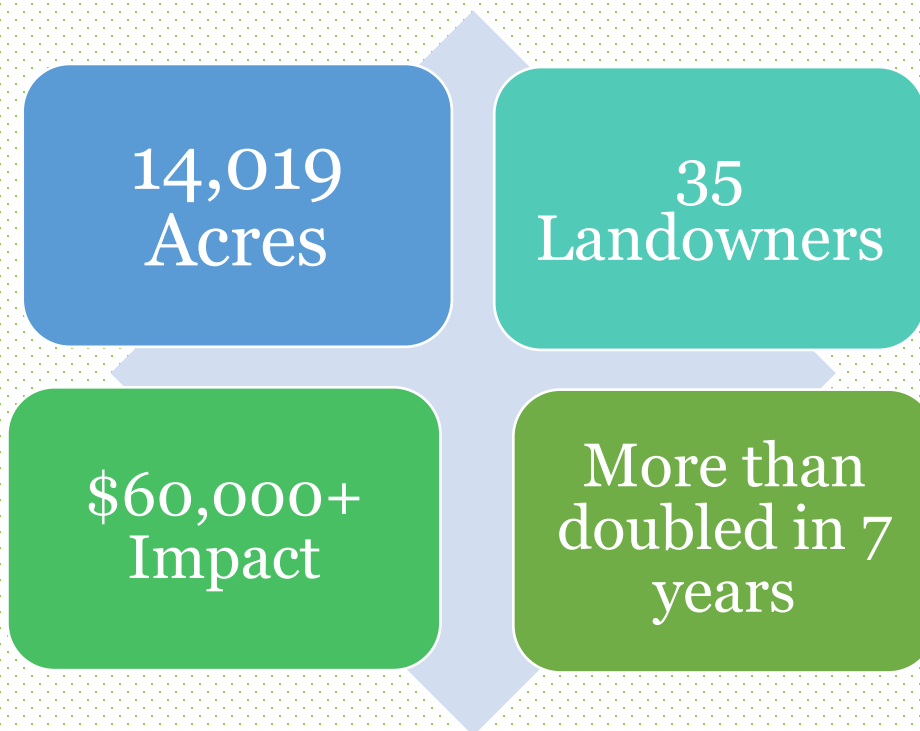
# BATTLING NOXIOUS WEEDS

The District sponsors a very popular Noxious Weed Cost Share Program with 42 landowners and over 70,000 acres already enrolled for the 2025-2026 season.

The reimbursement is a tiered 50/50 match with individuals owning over 2500 acres reaping a \$2,500.00 incentive to control List B & C weeds.

Biological agents are also utilized within district boundaries for Musk, Canada thistle, Russian and other knapweeds, along with bindweed. With the greatest success being the Bindweed mite.

## 2025 District Noxious Weed Cost Share Program



# SUPPORTING YOUTH



- Fair Market Sale
- Range Day Sponsorship
- Las Animas 4H Livestock Quiz Bowl Nationals Trip
- Ag in the Classroom materials
- 4H Ag Trip to Italy
- Accepted a donated Riparian Trailer (for water education)
- Trinidad Water Festival
- DCT at Youth Conservation Day

## VIRTUAL FENCING WORKSHOP

On October 10, 2025, the District co-hosted a Virtual Fencing Workshop with NRCS (led by our new district manager due to the federal shutdown). The workshop was held in Walsenburg, CO, near the presenting landowner, Grady Grissom of Rancho Largo. The event drew 18 attendees. Two Virtual Fencing companies, Halter (who sponsored food) and Vence, also presented and distributed materials. The workshop featured a data-rich presentation by Anthony Vorster from Colorado State University. It was well-received, and we may host a similar event closer to Trinidad next year.



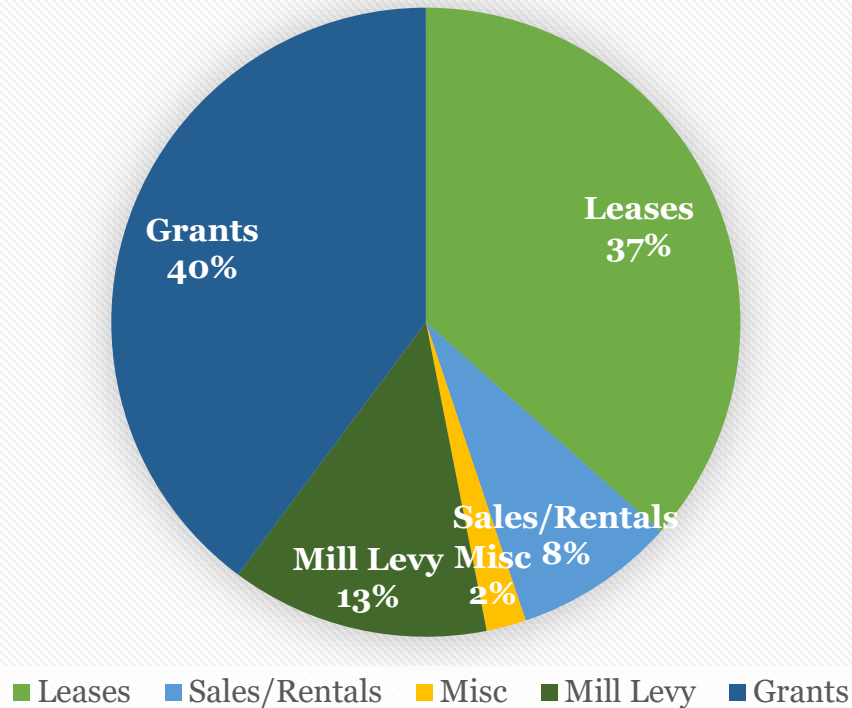
### EQUIPMENT FOR RENT

Truax No Till Drill  
Perc Machine  
Land leveler  
Sprayer (slide in)  
ATV Sprayer  
Backpack sprayers

Sign up for our Noxious Weed Program to **purchase herbicides.**

# 2025 FINANCIALS

## REVENUE \$423,649



## EXPENSES \$ 694,595

