

CD NAME: Yellowstone, YEAR: 2022

**YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESERVED WATER ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

I. Reservation Data

A. Amount, source, and purpose of reservation as granted by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC):

1. Amount 57,963 acre/feet (ac/ft)
2. Flow 378.2 cubic feet per second (c.f.s.)
3. Source(s) Yellowstone River and Tributaries
4. Purpose Agricultural Irrigation

B. Total number of applications and amounts for use by DNRC:

1. Total number of applications currently approved for use by DNRC 17
2. The total amount of reserved water currently approved for use by DNRC:
8104.70 ac/ft
72.45 c.f.s.
3. The amount of reserved water undeveloped and available for future use
49,858.30 ac/ft
305.75 c.f.s.

II. Action on applications in the last year by Conservation District (CD):

- A. Number of new applications received 0
- B. Total number of applications approved by CD 0
1. Amount of water approved _____ ac/ft _____ c.f.s.
 2. Number approved by CD but pending DNRC approval 0
 3. Amount of water approved _____ ac/ft _____ c.f.s.

Number of applications denied and reasons for denial 0

Number of applications received pending CD approval 0

III. The Yellowstone Conservation District Water Reservation brochure is displayed at public meetings and district projects

- Articles are printed in local media outlets
- Yellowstone County Legislators were updated on water reservation use in the county.

IV. Legal Activities – none

V. Long Term Project Development Activities

- Working with outlying communities for future water use that may involve changing the use of a portion of our water. Off-stream storage development is a high priority for the YCD

VI. Future Activities and Anticipated Progress -

- Offer the Water Reservations to develop a strategic plan for Yellowstone County and adjacent watershed areas.
- Working with the City of Billings to utilize a portion of YCD water, if needed, to supplement the new West End Reservoir water demands. The area is currently in the planning phase.

VII. Water Conservation Measures -

- Water measuring devices are required on all water reservation projects
- Every project on irrigated land is evaluated for water conservation by the NRCS & DNRC staff

VIII. Other Points of Interest or Problems with the Reservation

