



The Pondera County Canal and Reservoir Company (PCCRC) operates a gravity irrigation delivery system within Pondera County. The irrigation system was constructed in 1909 and has received a number of improvements and/or rehabilitation measures with the support from the Marias River Watershed. The watershed group has paired with PCCRC on many projects to protect and improve the quality of land and water resources within the Marias River Watershed; to stabilize areas of erosion, reduce sedimentation to the river, prevent further loss of land, and protect structures.



Marias River Watershed

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The Marias River Watershed is a collection of landowners, conservation districts, and tribes with a common purpose of protecting and improving the land,



Marias River Watershed Group works corporately with several groups in an effort to best reach the groups goals and objectives. Just a few of these cooperators include:

- Landowners
- Recreationists
- MT Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
- Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
- Montana Salinity Control Association
- Bureau of Reclamation
- MSU Extension Service
- Marias River Basin Weed Control Association

The Mission of the Marias River Watershed is based on the following four interwoven commitments:

Lifestyle
Resources
Weed Management
Fish/Wildlife



WEEDS

- Use an integrated approach to control the spread of noxious weeds
- Eradicate small infestations /control of large infestations of noxious weeds within
- These Include:
Russian Olive, Knapweed, Leafy Spurge, & other noxious weeds

LIFESTYLE

- Provide support for the way of life known as “ranching and/or farming.”
- Help educate the general public about activities as they relate to economic health of the watershed and the state



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Provide current and pertinent information to residents of the Marias River watershed in the form of:

- News articles
- Newsletters
- Website
- Workshops (youth & adult)
- Speakers at Quarterly Meetings

FISH & WILDLIFE

- Promote sound fish & wildlife management
- Help maintain fish & wildlife numbers



STREAM CORRIDOR HEALTH

- Improve or Maintain water quality and health of streams throughout the watershed
- Increase forage production, fish/wildlife habitats, decrease stream bank erosion, and improve property values

RESOURCES

- Become educated, & educate others, on means of preserving and improving resources within the watershed
- Protect the water quality, grazing lands, riparian, and fish & wildlife habitat to promote sound and



Meetings of the Marias River Watershed are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, held quarterly (January, April, July, October) from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. Please contact one of the participating Conservation Districts to confirm the time/place of the next meeting.