Over the past two years, 2015-2017, the WDA has receiving Range Health Assessment Program (RHAP) project Updates and Final Reports describing project accomplishments and outcomes. The following information and comments have been selected as examples signifying how the programs funding is serving Wyoming producers and Federal Land Managers.

**Project: Medicine Bow Conservation Districts - MBCD Reclamation Project RHAP (16-18)**

**Project Description:** The partnership is working towards developing a monitoring plan and data set for the grazed and un-grazed reclaimed mine lands in the Shirley Basin. This information will be used to determine if the area is suitable for grazing, and to support the bond release from DEQ, and subsequently determine stocking rates for BLM grazing permits. The total project area is 8,270 acres, 4,500 acres of BLM, 2,550 acres of Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and 1,220 of private lands.

**Accomplishments:**
- Historical vegetation and soil data compared to current ambient vegetation
- Established monitoring sites on intact and reclaimed mine rangelands
- Monitoring conducted, establishment of a temporary grazing plan, fencing installed for pastures
- Grazing allowed for the first time in 20-plus years on a section within the project area

**Project: UW Extension - Arapahoe Creek Common Allotment**

**Project Description:** The project area contains 239,809 acres of BLM, 14,966 acres of OSLI, and 3,933 acres of private lands. This common allotment required additional monitoring via a court decision mandating the collection of range data within a three year time period. The goals of this project are to collect credible rangeland data while furthering the relationship between the permittee’s, and the permittee’s and BLM, and that the improved relationships extend the cooperative monitoring beyond the funding.

**Accomplishments:**
- 2015 through 2017 a contractor the permittee’s, UW-Ext, and BLM conducted monitoring
- 2017 partnership met to discuss 2018 grazing goals, along with future actions

**Project: Sublette County Conservation District (SCCD) - Sherman Allotment Cooperative Monitoring**

**Project Description:** This project involves evaluating current monitoring sites and cooperatively identifying additional sites as needed. Vegetation objectives will be identified so that monitoring and management objectives are coordinated, ecological site and plant community phase will also be defined. To satisfy requirements of the Sherman Grazing Appeal Resolution all cooperators must participate in collection of data.

**Accomplishments:**
- Monitoring sites were located and mapped; both upland and riparian sites were inventoried with all cooperators participating in the collection of data
- Newly established sites were read by transects and correlated to their respective ecological site
- There is interest in “resolution” monitoring for toads with 12 sites monitored

**Project: University of Wyoming Extension - UW – Hay Creek Land & Cattle**
**Project Description:** The partnership is working towards permitting un-issued grazing allotments; BLM requires monitoring data to begin the review process to issue permits. Project objectives include gathering soil and vegetation data, establishing new and reading existing monitoring sites.

**Accomplishments:**
- Permits have been issued for lower elevation winter grazing for winter (16-17). Monitoring for mid and higher elevation pastures will begin this summer of 2017 after snow has melted.