



# Range Improvement Loan Program (RILP)

- ◆ Started in 1979 as part of the Rangeland Resource Program,
- ◆ Low-interest loans to Montana's farmers and ranchers for rangeland improvements and development,
- ◆ An incentive for private landowners to undertake range improvement practices and projects,
- ◆ Loan applicant applies initially to the local conservation district where only the conservation plan is reviewed,
- ◆ Loan application is then reviewed by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).
- ◆ If approved by the director of DNRC and the Rangeland Resource Committee, the loan is dispersed.

## At a Glance:

- ◆ Current interest rate = **3.5%**
- ◆ Max. loan amount = **\$100,000**
- ◆ Repayment Term = **10 years**
- ◆ **Annual** installments



## Eligibilities:

- ◆ Must be a private landowner
- ◆ Example projects include: stock water developments (tanks), implementation of grazing methods/program, reseeding, and mechanical restoration.

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