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# South Douglas Conservation District

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## Other Accomplishments

- Through a Bureau of Land Management grant, we were able to provide each fire district in the county with two GPS units for use during fire emergencies. These units will help communications between fire personnel and help map fire locations.
- Provided cost-share to a young orchardist converting from impact to micro sprinklers.
- Continued to develop the Firewise program in Douglas County through education and assessments.
- Established a website with current information and news of the district.

## 2016 Feature Accomplishment Range fencing replacement

**RESOURCE CHALLENGE** After a summer wildfire destroyed all the fencing and habitat on their property, a local landowner contacted South Douglas Conservation District for help designing and implementing recovery projects.

A landowner needed to install fences before their cows could be put back on the range. Fencing would allow them to manage livestock foraging, giving plants time to re-establish and become strong enough to sustain livestock once again in the spring. However, the fire that destroyed the landowner's rangeland was started by a neighbor's combine, and insurance would not pay to replace the fencing.

**PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS** South Douglas Conservation District used our cost-share program to help the landowner cover 75 percent of the fire recovery project costs. The landowner followed best management practices set by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and was able to replace the fencing, meeting standards higher than the original structure. Defining the boundaries of the rangeland will help the rancher manage his range to maximize benefit to both the cattle and habitat.

**KEY PARTNERS:** USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service



Before: Habitat and fencing is destroyed by fire, leaving the landowner with a great loss and expense



After: With the fencing replaced, the landowner has management tools to help rangeland and habitat recover

## More work to do!

- Implement a Firewise program for Douglas County and increase awareness of fire risks and prevention.
- Create a cost-share program for cooperators implementing best management practices.
- Promote natural resource conservation through education for all citizens, urban and rural.