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Powder River News

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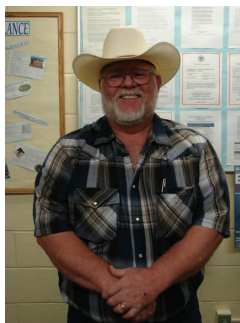
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Area I Meeting



This year Board Supervisors Kevin Lund and Bill Jones and District Manager Anita Bartlett represented the Powder River Conservation District at the Area I meeting held in Wright, WY. At the meeting Kevin Lund was elected to serve as the Area I Council member, and George Renkert was awarded a pin for having served as a District Supervisor for five years; The PRCD would like to recognize Sarah Anderson, District Manager and Wayne Garman, District Supervisor from the Crook County natural Resource District as well, for being named the 2013 Outstanding District Employee and 2013 Outstanding District Supervisor for Area I. Congratulations to you both.

Updates were also given during the meeting by the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, and the Wyoming NRCS. Through these updates we were amazed to find out that the Wyoming NRCS funded 13 million dollars in contracts in the Fiscal Year 2013. A Legislator to the Wyoming Senate was also on hand to give us an update on bills and budget concerns that could be coming up in this years legislative session. He encourage anyone who has comments or concerns to contact their legislators so that they can make the best possible decision on your behalf.



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E-Waste Collection Continues

The Powder River Conservation District wants to thank everyone who has brought in their E-Waste and encourage anyone who has E-Waste to please bring it in to us. So far we have collected approximately 1,367 pounds of E-waste (this does not include the 21 computer monitors and 13 TVs collected as well). The E-waste we collect is donated to Cutting Edge Industries a division of NOWCAP Services in Casper. NOWCAP & Cutting Edge Industries exist to create employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities or people who have experienced a brain injury.



Please feel free to drop of your E-waste at the District Office located at 350 Nolan Avenue in Kaycee, WY. Below you will find a list of items that we can e-recycle:

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| Answering Machines | Batteries (Not Car Batteries) |
| Cable Boxes (analog & Digital) | Cables & Wire |
| Calculators | Cameras |
| CD-rom Drivers | Cell Phones |
| Circuit Boards | Computers |
| Computer Towers | Connectors |
| Consumer Electronics | Electronic Components |
| Floppy Drives | Hard Drives |
| Insulated Cable (copper & aluminum) | Keyboards, Mice, etc. |
| Laptop & Notebook Computers | Stereo Components |
| Surveillance Equipment | Telecommunications Equipment |
| Security Systems | Servers |
| Video Equipment | Video Game Equipment |
| TVs | Computer Monitors |



Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation Raffle

Your \$25 tax deductible donation to the WNRF enters you in a drawing to win:

1st place– 2013 Polaris Sportsman 500 ATV

2nd place–Steel Tool Cart

This drawing will be held on November 20, 2013 in Jackson at the WACD/WNRF state convention. ONLY 600 TICKETS will be distributed. To get your ticket stop by the PRCD Office at 350 Nolan Avenue in Kaycee.



FY 2012-2013 Accomplishments

Administration

- Acted as a cooperating agent to Buffalo BLM Field Office Resource Management Plan revision meetings.
- Attended the WCDEA Winter Training, WACD Recertification Training, the Cooperative Agency Training, and WAIC Natural Resource Institute.
- Participated in the Local Working Group Meetings
- Public Outreach- Publish articles in local newspaper & published 4 district newsletters, continued to maintain & update the district website



Education

- Adult Education
 - Deseret Workshop
 - Oil Field Reclamation Tour
- Youth Education
 - World Water Monitoring Day
 - Adopt A Tree Program with the Kaycee Elementary School
 - The Miraculous Seed and Transplanting
 - What Is a Mineral?
 - Mapping Skills/ Soils
 - Flower Dissection
 - Animal Adaptations
 - Johnson County 3-4th grade Rendezvous
 - Johnson County 4-H Livestock Clinic & Judging Contest
 - Colonial Day
 - National Ag Day
 - Black Hills Natural Resource Youth Camp
 - Livestock Carcass Quality Seminar



Special Projects

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day w/ Lake DeSmet C.D.
- Tree Program
- Free Well Water Testing Day
- Collected 1,140 pounds of E-waste and 15 computer monitors and 9 TVs
- Boys and Girls Club Community Garden
- Town of Kaycee Beautification Project
- Small Project Cost Share Programs-two Small cost share projects were completed this year; they included a landscaping and a tree planting project.
- Tree Plantings at Kaycee Schools
- Middle Fork Stream Bank Stabilization Project
- Dull Knife Reservoir Emergency Action Plan



Water Quality

- Continued Water Monitoring efforts for selenium on 3 impaired streams.
- Continued water monitoring on the Powder River for and impairment of the arsenic standard.

Rangeland Management

- Worked cooperatively with the Kaycee Stock Trail Users to complete a spring restoration at the base of the Big Horn Mountains to improve the reliability of the water source for stock trail users.
- 10 Rural Cost Share projects were completed this past year. They included installing solar panels/pumps, drilling wells, cross fencing pastures, putting in stock water pipelines, storage tanks and irrigation pipelines.

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Drought Contingency Plan Workshops for USFS and BLM Permittees

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture will be hosting a series of workshops across the state to help USFS and BLM permittees develop drought contingency plans for their grazing permits. The workshops will be held in eight communities across Wyoming during September and October, 2013. Partners for this project include the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, the Wyoming Association of Conservation District, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service,

The goals of the workshops are to help participants understand the role drought contingency plans play with respect to their grazing permit and the importance of developing a plan. Participants will also learn about improving dialogue with federal agencies and better understanding the financial impacts of proactive planning for drought by comparing cost-savings of contingency plan to costs for emergency feed, transportation, etc. Presentations and panel discussions will provide an opportunity to hear from other permittees about best management practices and resources in their own region to help address these issues.

Agenda topics will include:

The financial impacts of proactive drought planning

- Basic components of drought contingency plans including sample plans, agency policies and other factors to consider
- Communication strategies between permittees and federal agencies
- What's in your agency file?
- Panel presentations featuring local agency staff and permittees discussing effective drought contingency strategies

Learn more about the resources in your area to address range management and monitoring assistance, technical expertise, the roles of your local Cooperative Extension Service and Conservation Districts, and more

More information about the workshops is available on the WDA website at <http://wyagric.state.wy.us/divisions/nrp/mediation-program/drought-workshops>. If you'd like more information, contact Lucy Pauley by phone (307) 777-8788 or email lucy.pauley@wyo.gov. The workshops are made possible in part by a grant from the Western Center for Risk Management, through work supported by USDA/NIFA under Award Number 2010-49200-06203.

Workshop Dates (all programs run from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.)

September 24: Rawlins – Carbon County Library

September 26: Douglas – Wyoming State Fairgrounds

October 1: Buffalo

October 2: Sundance – Crook County Library

October 15: Worland

October 16: Lander – Fremont County Library

October 22: Pinedale – Sublette County Library

October 23: Kemmerer

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Here's Looking at 2014



The time of year has come where we are finishing up fiscal year 2013 and getting geared up for fiscal year 2014. NRCS would like to encourage agriculture producers to **submit applications** for cost-share assistance. The new Farm Bill is still being worked on so the exact name of the programs and timeline is unknown but here's what will hopefully be available:

- Financial assistance to install or implement structural and management conservation practices. Examples include: increase grazing distribution through fences or water development or improving irrigation systems.
- Financial incentives to create high quality wildlife habitat. Examples: riparian area improvements, fish passages, and stream restoration.
- Financial incentives to improve existing sage-grouse habitat by using grazing deferment to improve ground cover. In addition to the incentive payment for grazing deferment there is also the option to install practices that will better help grazing distribution. Examples: stock and wildlife water development and cross fencing.
- Financial assistance to restore and protect wetlands and associated uplands through easements and cost-share only.
- Conservation easement.

***Please stop by the USDA-NRCS office if you are interested in more information.



RECYCLING BINS

Powder River Conservation District is offering stackable recycle bins to promote recycling efforts that will increase our landfill's life span.

Recycling Bins 18 gal./72 qt. stacking bin with an easy access front flap. Ideal for recycling or dry storage - indoor or outdoors. Stacks with or without the lid. Front lid stays open when desired.

Recycle bins are being offered at a 50% cost-share rate—original price \$12.50.

FREE WILDLIFE ESCAPE RAMPS FOR STOCK WATER TANKS

WE HAVE TWO TYPES OF RAMPS AVAILABLE: EXPANDED METAL AND FIBERGLASS. PLEASE CONTACT US AT 738-2321 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLACING THE RAMPS IN YOUR STOCK TANKS.

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Calendars!!!

PRCD Board Meeting—Thursday, October 10, 2013 @6:30 PM

Drought Contingency Plan Workshop—Thursday, October 1, 2013 @ 2:00 PM in Buffalo



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