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# Powder River News

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## We Want Your Feedback!

The Powder River Conservation District is interested in holding education workshops and tours and we would like your input. What type of workshops would you like to see (landscaping, trees, range management, reclamation, energy development, etc)? What time of day/year works best (morning, afternoon, evening, all day/half day or spring, fall, summer, or winter)? Is there any particular speaker you would like to hear? Any information you can provide us with would be greatly appreciated. We want to provide you with the best possible educational experience possible.

Past workshops and Tours have included Range Management 101, 301, and 501, Ranching for Profit, Grazing Management, Rangeland management, Holistic Resource



Management, Gardening in Wyoming, Xericaping, and Trees and Shrubs for Wyoming.

To provide us with feed back you can stop in at the district office (350 Nolan Avenue), send us a letter, call us at (307) 738-2321 or e-mail us at [anita.bartlett@wy.nacdnet.net](mailto:anita.bartlett@wy.nacdnet.net).

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## Arbor Day Celebration

This year to celebrate Arbor Day the Powder River Conservation District worked with the Town of Kaycee, Wyoming State Forestry, Boys and Girls Club of Kaycee, and community members to plant 5 Colorado Blue Spruce in the Town Park, in addition to their annual Adopt a Tree Program with the KES students.

Kaycee's official Arbor Day Celebration occurred on Wednesday, May 14th, when Mayor Tom Knapp and the kids from the Boys and Girls Club



joined PRCD District Manager Anita Bartlett and Kelly Norris with

State Forestry to plant 5 trees and listen to Mayor Knapp read the Arbor Day proclamation. Following the reading of the proclamation Mayor Knapp was presented with an award for the Town of Kaycee as they have completed 8 years as a Tree City USA Town.



The PRCD would like to send out their Thanks to the following people: Town of Kaycee, Russell Cohee, Mike Dolbar, Dean Koch, and the Boys and Girls Club for all of their help, support and efforts on this project. It is because of community member like you we are able to do projects like this to help continually improve our community. Thank You.

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## Composter Sales

Our Composters are 60 gallon black plastic. Why use black barrels? Black absorbs heat from the sun better than any other color, and as experienced composters know, the hotter the temperature of the contents, the faster the barrels will produce finished compost. Put in your "greens and browns", give the barrels a spin and you will be well on your way to making your own compost, far better than money can buy.

The PRCD will be selling composters at the significantly reduced price of \$80. Order forms are available at the PRCD office. If you have an interest in purchasing a composter please contact the District at 738-2321 or by email at [anita.bartlett@wy.nacdnet.net](mailto:anita.bartlett@wy.nacdnet.net)



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**Public Notice  
Proposed Budget for:  
Powder River Conservation District  
Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

Expenditures:

Administration:	\$ 72,700
Operations:	\$159,666
Indirect Costs:	\$ 15,462
Capital Outlay:	\$ <u>0</u>
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$247,060</b>

Funds to be added to Reserves: \$200,000

**Total Cash Required** \$447,828

Revenue:

Anticipated Cash and Revenue:	\$195,376
Estimated Mil Levy:	<u>\$251,684</u>
<b>Total Anticipated Revenue:</b>	<b>\$447,060</b>

Reserves:

Current total in Reserves: \$750,935.44

The Powder River Conservation District will conduct its Annual Public Hearing for the proposed FY2014-2015 Budget on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 6:30pm at the PRCO Office located at 350 Nolan Avenue in Kaycee, WY. This Budget Hearing will be held in conjunction with our monthly board meeting. Interested residents are encouraged to attend.

/s/ Anita M. Bartlett  
PRCO Manager

## 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 for \$6.50 a 50% cost-share rate—original price \$13.00.

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## “Conservation: We’re All In”

Area youth gathered once again at Mallo Camp north of Newcastle, WY to participate in the Black Hills Natural Resource Youth Camp June 11-13th. The purpose of this camp is to give youth the opportunity to experience a wide variety of activities and educational sessions teaching them about the natural world and its resources. Other activities included fishing, the Wildman Hike teaches kids about predators and prey relationships, a talent show, a presentation on astrology, and various games.



Each child participated in six educational sessions they included: “Bird Banding”, “Trivia”, “All About Trees”, “Casting for Food”, “Rain, Rain, Rain” and “Target Practice”.

“Bird Banding”, presented by Jacelyn Downey with the Audubon Rockies taught campers how birds are captured, what data is taken when they are captured, how they are banded and released back into nature. The youth at camp had the opportunity to see bird capturing in action as Jacelyn set up her bird nets and

captured birds at camp.

Lindsay Wood with Wyoming Ag in the Classroom presented “Trivia” where campers learned about beef nutrition, by products, animal facts, and safe animal handling.

“All About Trees” with Jesse Halverson, from Project Learning Tree explained to kids the importance of trees to our communities and ecosystems, what trees can be harvested for, and types of hazards to trees (disease, fire, bugs, and humans/wildlife).

Campbell County Conservation District Technician Kevin Quick and Todd Caltrider, Habitat Biologist with WY Game and Fish taught campers all about “Casting for Food”. This activity taught campers how to cast, fish, and properly care for caught fish. Campers were allowed to practice their casting skills and catch fish.



“Rain, Rain, Rain” presented by Tim Kellogg, Campbell County District Conservationist, and Cameron Clark, Area Resource Soil Scientist with the Wyoming NRCS. Their rainfall simulator showed the effects of rain on different types of vegetation/soil types. Each type of vegetation/soil showed erosion in some way and this evidence is detected by collection the runoff in containers and examining the color and quality of the water and the amount of sediment that was displaced into each container.

Finally, Bill Kohlbrand with WY State Forestry and Brad Jones with Cambria Bowhunters of WY, had “Target Practice”. They taught youth how the correct way to shoot a bow and arrow, safety while shooting and let the kids do a little “target practice”.

Sponsors for the Black Hills Natural Resource Youth Camp were Weston County Natural Resource Districts, Niobrara, Campbell, and Powder River Conservation Districts, the WY Department of Agriculture, and BKS Environmental.

The youth from Kaycee that attended the Black Hills Natural Resources Youth Camp: Chesney Malson, Nathan Largent, Eric Cleveland, Connor Mali, Mary Cleveland, Ruben Cleveland, Josh Cleveland, Karcee Maya, Greere Icanberry, and JD Cleveland



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## PRCD Continues to Collect E-Waste

E-waste (electronic waste) is the fastest growing form of toxic waste in the world. It is probably no surprise that considering our current age of technology and computers, e-waste makes up a significant portion of waste on the Earth. However, what is surprising to most people is that e-waste is toxic. Some of the toxic substances of e-waste include the heavy metals, Mercury, Cadmium and Lead.

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 just over **2150 pounds of E-waste** (this does not include the 28 computer monitors and 23 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. **The PRCD is no longer accepting TVs larger than 48 inches.**



Please feel free to drop off 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:

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

### **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.

*Powder River Conservation District  
P.O. Box 48  
Kaycee, WY 82639*

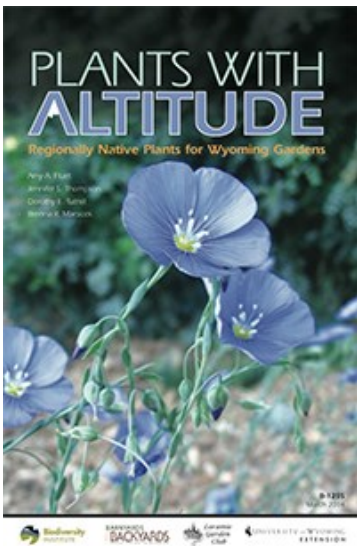
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Kaycee, WY  
Permit #1



FY 2014-2015 Budget Hearing– July 17th at 6:30pm a the District Office

PRCD Board Meeting-July 17th at 6:30pm at the District Office

Cost Share Applications are Due July 11th at 4pm



## Plants with Altitude

Regionally Native Plants for Wyoming Gardens

This booklet highlights many native tough, well-adapted plants that are suited for our climate.

Stop in the Powder River Conservation District Office and pick up your FREE copy today.

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