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Area I Meeting

This year Board Supervisor Kevin Lund and District Manager Anita Bartlett represented the Powder River Conservation District at the Area I meeting hosted by the Lake DeSmet Conservation District at the HF Bar Ranch. Speakers for this year's Area Meeting included Brian Lovett with Wyoming DEQ who discussed the Spill Prevention Control Countermeasure Regulations. These regulations are specific to ag facilities and clearly spell out what levels of certification each ag facility would need, and the safety measures need to be taken base on the level of certification required. Leanne Correll, with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association informed attendees on the Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances program. (More information on this program is can be found in on page 2 of this newsletter). As well, during the meeting updates were given by the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, and the Wyoming NRCS.

During the Area Meeting luncheon the Wyoming Conservation Districts Employees Association President Anita Bartlett handed out the Area I Employee Awards. These awards included Longevity Awards given to Debbie Hepp, Campbell County CD(10yrs), Kelly Booth, Lake DeSmet CD (5yrs) and Cathy Rosenthal, WACD (5yrs) and this years Area I Outstanding Employee of the Year went to Amy Doke, Sheridan County CD. The PRCD would like to congratulate each out you for your hard work and dedication towards improving Natural Resources and Conservation in Area I.



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Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) Basics

- ◇ A CCAA is a voluntary agreement between private landowners and the Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS) whereby private landowners agree to manage their lands to remove or reduce threats to species at risk of being listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- ◇ The Wyoming Umbrella CCAA allows participants to identify issues and opportunities unique to their operation that may be addressed by specific Conservation Measures.
- ◇ A CCAA is voluntary and may be terminated by the landowner with 30 days prior written notice to the FWS.
- ◇ The decision whether or not to enter into a CCAA with the FWS will vary by landowner. Each landowner should carefully consider legal/confidentiality issues and financial/conservation plan/monitoring obligations.
- ◇ If public lands are included in your operation, you may also want to consider a Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) on the public land. Work closely with the FWS and federal land management agency to develop.
- ◇ There are requirements for reporting and monitoring lands enrolled in a CCAA and/or CCA which will take time.

For More Information Contact:

- ◇ Wyoming Stock Growers Association: (307) 638-3942; www.wsga.org
- ◇ Your local Conservation District Office: In Kaycee- (307) 738-2321
- ◇ Wyoming Field Office, Fish and Wildlife Service: (307) 772-2374; www.fws.gov/wyominges
- ◇ Your Local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Office: In Johnson County- (307) 684-2526 ex. 3

Each of these office should have a CCAA/CCA Information Packet which includes legal analysis, FAQs, and forms/templates associated with the program.

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 PRCO will be selling composters at the significantly reduced price of \$80. Order forms are available at the PRCO 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



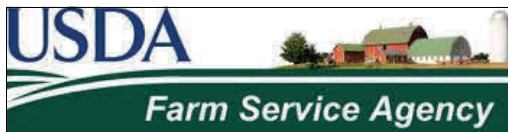
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**ATTENTION: SHERIDAN AND JOHNSON COUNTY
LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS
LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM**

USDA Farm Service Agency is offering Disaster Assistance for 2012 and 2013 grazing losses due to the drought conditions.

The signup deadline for the program is fast approaching.

If you experienced a loss, please contact Linda or Janet at the FSA office in Sheridan by the end of September to schedule an appointment for this fall.



Phone No: (307) 672-5846
Toll Free: (866) 262-4396

Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation Raffle

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

1st place— 2014 John Deere XUV 550 Gator

2nd place—1/2 of a Grass Fed Beef

This drawing will be held on November 19, 2014 in Sheridan, WY at the WACD/WNRF state convention. To get your ticket stop by the PRCD Office at 350 Nolan Avenue in Kaycee.



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.

FY 2013-2014 Accomplishments

Administration

- Attended Area I meeting and the WACD State Convention
- Acted as a cooperating agent to Buffalo BLM Field Office Resource Management Plan revision meetings.
- Attended the WCDEA Winter Training, WY Department of Audit Budget Training, and the CCAA/CCA Workshop.
- Participated in the Local Working Group Meetings, NCDEA Conference Calls, and WCDEA Conference Calls and meetings.
- Served as the Wyoming Conservation District Employees Association President
- Public Outreach- Publish articles in local newspaper & published 4 district newsletters, continued to maintain & update the district website



Education

- Adult Education
 - Native Landscaping Workshop
 - Host Site for the Drought Contingency Webinar
 - City Council & County Commissioners Presentation
- Youth Education
 - World Water Monitoring Day
 - Adopt A Tree Program with the Kaycee Elementary School
 - Ag in the Classroom Activities
 - The Miraculous Seed and Transplanting
 - What Is a Mineral?
 - Flower Dissection
 - Microscopes
 - Animal Adaptations/Habitats
 - Johnson County 4-H Livestock Clinic & Judging Contest
 - Ice Cream in a Bag with the Kaycee Boys and Girls Club
 - National Ag Day
 - Black Hills Natural Resource Youth Camp
 - “Seeds of Success” with Kaycee Elementary



Special Projects

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day w/ Lake DeSmet C.D.
- Tree Program
- Collected and recycled over a ton of electronic waste
- Boys and Girls Club Community Garden
- Small Project Cost Share Programs—three Small cost share projects were completed this year; they included a two native/xeriscaping projects and a wind break project.
- Tree Plantings at Kaycee Schools
- Middle Fork Stream Bank Stabilization Project
- Tree City USA/Arbor Day Celebration
- Assisted the North Fork Water Users Association form and irrigation district
- Installed staff plates on the bridge of Middle Fork of Powder River in Kaycee



Water Quality

- Offered a free private well water testing day to landowners for them to test their wells for bacteria.



Rangeland Management

- 6 Rural Cost Share projects were completed this past year. They included installing solar panels/pump, stock water pipelines and tanks, salt cedar removal, fencing project, and the repairing of a reservoir.

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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 32 inches.**



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:

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.

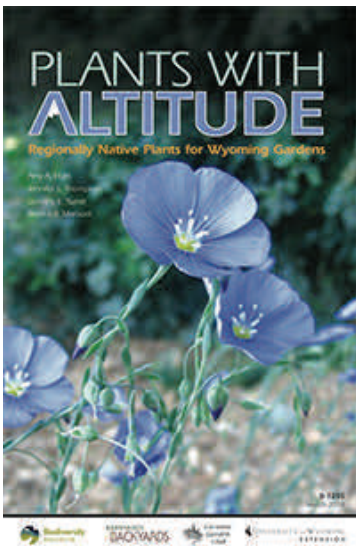
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Reclamation Workshop: October 8, 2014 –More information to come

PRCD Board Meeting-October 9th at 6:30pm at the District Office



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.

The PRCD is an equal opportunity employer.

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