

Powder River News

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PRCD to Begin Long Range Planning

The Powder River Conservation District wants to hear from you. Every five years the District is charged with the task of developing a new Long Range Plan. This plan becomes the foundation on which our future plans and projects will be based. The PRCD is locally funded and as a local taxpayer we feel you should have an invested interest in our planning process. We would appreciate your recommendations on where and what the natural resource problems are in the district and how we can work together to solve them. We encourage you to fill out the Long Range Plan Survey that will be sent out to you in the next few weeks and return it to us so we can benefit from your opinions.



It is the intent of the PRCD to send a survey to every household within the District, if for some reason you or someone you know do not receive one and would like to give us your opinion additional surveys will be available at the District office.

Please feel free to contact the PRCD office or any of the District Supervisors with questions or comments.

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NACD wants EPA to withdraw its 'Waters of the U.S.' proposal

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 30, 2014- The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) asked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw its proposal to re-define "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

NACD submitted comments today on the EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposal, noting that it would substantially expand CWA jurisdiction. The rule would grant EPA broad authority to regulate wetlands and other water bodies remote from traditionally navigable waters, NACD said.

"We support the mutual goal of clean water and acknowledge the successes of the Clean Water Act throughout its 40 year existence," said NACD President Earl Garber. "While we appreciate the opportunity to provide our input on the proposed rule, we are asking the EPA and Army Corps to take additional time to obtain local input for any rule making. To that end, we are requesting that the current version of the rule be withdrawn."

NACD noted that EPA and USACE have estimated the rule would result in a three-percent increase in CWA jurisdiction.

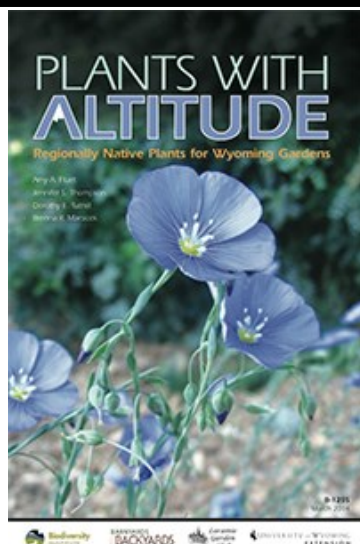
"The amount of expansion is difficult to predict with any meaningful precision; however, if the rule were to encompass all adjacent waters and most isolated wetlands and ditches, NACD estimates it would be significantly greater than three-percent," the organization said. "Regardless, even a three-percent increase in jurisdictional areas would be significant, considering the total number of acres affected and the associated potential economic impacts."

The conservation group concluded that an expansion of CWA jurisdiction would take away from the current voluntary approach to conservation and that the government should not make a final ruling until EPA and USACE "have vetted and approved clear provisions that are predictable when applied on the local level."

In its comments, NACD also requested additional clarification on the following definitions: tributaries, adjacency, other waters, and significant nexus.

"It is our philosophy that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," said Garber.

"Less-costly preventative measures are being implemented on the ground every day due to



Plants with Altitude

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

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TREE SALES

The Powder River Conservation District is taking orders for trees.

Tree orders will be accepted until Friday, March 27, 2014. The PRCD has available large stock trees, shrubs, fruit trees, and seedling trees. A full list of trees can be obtained from the PRCD. Orders are subject to availability as some types of trees sell out faster than others.



In order to purchase seedling trees you must own at least 2 acres of land. They come in bundles of 25 or 30 each. Please contact the PRCD as soon as possible if you are interested in ordering trees.

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



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 \$7.00 a 50% cost-share rate—original price \$14.00.

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“Working for the Wyoming Way of Life”

This year Board Supervisors Amy Icanberry and Kevin Lund and District Manager Anita Bartlett attended the Wyoming Association of Conservation District (WACD) State Convention on November 18-20th in Sheridan, WY. This year’s convention focused on “Working for the Wyoming Way of Life”. Approximately 200 District Supervisors, District Staff, State and Federal



Agencies, Agricultural Producers and other Natural Resource Professionals gathered from across Wyoming to take part in this event.

Trainings and workshops held during the Convention included Microbial Source Tracking, Sustaining Livestock, Water Quality, Habitat, and Sensitive Species on Rangeland Watershed, Waters of the US, Groundwater Monitoring and Oil & Gas Development, 2014 Farm Bill,



Social Media and the Black Footed Ferret Status. We also heard from Brent Van Dyke, 2nd Vice President, National Association of Conservationist, our Wyoming Congressional Delegation and from the Keynote Speaker Dan Dagget who spoke on going from Eco Radical to Conservation Environmentalist.

Amy, Kevin and Anita also attended committee meetings, the Wyoming Conservation Districts Employees Association (WCDEA) meetings, and the Annual WACD board meeting.

Powder River Conservation District: Who We Are and What We Do

In March 1941, the State Legislation passed an enabling act which established conservation district in Wyoming. Conservation Districts are subdivisions of state government, much like school boards and are the only local government charged specifically by state statute with natural resource management.

The Powder River Conservation District was established in August of 1955. For the past fifty-nine years the PRCD has been and will continue to be committed to representing the people of Southern Johnson County at the local level. We strive to provide leadership to initiate the necessary programs that will meet the peoples’ needs for the conservation of their natural resources and the improvement of the environment.

Many services are offered through the PRCD for people to take advantage of, these include: the sale of large and small stock trees, drip irrigation, weed barrier, irrigation dam materials, rain barrels, composters, and recycling bins, hazardous/household waste collection days, well water testing, and educational workshops and materials. As well, we also have an extensive water quality program, youth education program, and small projects and rural projects cost share program to promote the enhancement of our natural resources.



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 a **ton of E-waste** (this does not include the 34 computer monitors and 33 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

THE POWDER RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HAS FREE EXPANDED METAL ESCAPE RAMPS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT US AT 738-2321 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLACING THE RAMPS IN YOUR STOCK TANKS.

*Powder River Conservation District
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PRCD Office will be closed: December 26-26th in observance of Christmas Day

PRCD Office will be closed: January 1st in observance of New Years Day

PRCD Board Meeting-January 8th at 6:30pm at the District Office

PRCD Office will be closed: January 19th in observance of MLK Day



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Find us on the web: www.powderrivercd.org