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Powder River News

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Welcoming Katie to Kaycee

My name is Katie Schade and I am the new NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist here in Kaycee. I was fortunate enough to grow up on our family owned and operated cattle ranch in New Mexico. Growing up on a working cattle ranch with my family instilled in me the importance of hard work, integrity, adapting to the changes and challenges of ranch life, and the absolute necessity of two senses...common sense and a good sense of humor. I realize how blessed I am to have grown up the way I did. I take pride in the fact that when I was younger and now I work in and with an industry that provides food and other necessities to not only the United States but the rest of the world as well.

I attended the University of Wyoming where I double majored in Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management / Environment and Natural Resources. For two summers during my undergraduate years I interned with the NRCS in Douglas and Pinedale. After my bachelors I attended graduate school and received my masters in Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management as well as a certification in Reclamation and Restoration Ecology.

In May of 2013 I was placed full-time in Worland, Wy where I worked for two years, mainly on irrigation projects. I transferred to the Kaycee Field Office on May 4, 2015 and am excited to get back to working on rangelands as well as continuing to work with any farmland projects.

I am a member of the Society for Range Management and chair of the Student Activities Committee for Wyoming's state section of SRM. I am Secretary for the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association and enjoy shooting black powder competitively around the state. I also enjoy riding horses, photography, being involved in a local church, dancing, hunting, and fishing.

I am very excited to be in Kaycee and look forward to meeting and working with all of you. If you have any questions about the Natural Resources Conservation Service or are willing to stop by and introduce yourself please do!



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Tenth Annual 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 planted 2 Quaking Aspen at the Meike Bunkhouse, in addition to their annual Adopt a Tree Program with the KES students.



Kaycee's official Arbor Day Celebration occurred on Tuesday, May 5th, when Councilwoman Jennifer Lompe and the kids from the Boys and Girls Club joined PRCD District Manager Anita Bartlett and Kelly Norris with State Forestry to plant the 2 trees and listen to Councilwoman Lompe read the Arbor Day Proclamation. Following the reading of the proclamation Councilwoman Lompe was presented with an award for the Town of



Kaycee as they have completed 9 years as a Tree City USA Town.



The PRCD would like to send out our Thanks to the following people: Meike Bunkhouse, Sandy Dixon, the Town of Kaycee, the Boys and Girls Club, and all of the community members for all of their help, support and efforts on this project. It is because of people like you we are able to do projects like

this to help continually improve our community. Thank You.

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



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**Public Notice
Proposed Budget for:
Powder River Conservation District
Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Expenditures:

Administration:	\$ 70,100
Operations:	\$ 205,266
Indirect Costs:	\$ 17,382
Capital Outlay:	\$ 0
Total Expenditures:	\$ 292,748

Funds to be added to Reserves: \$ 0

Total Cash Required \$ 292,748

Revenue:

Anticipated Cash and Revenue:	\$ 86,626
Estimated Mil Levy:	<u>\$ 206,122</u>
Total Anticipated Revenue:	\$ 292,748

Reserves:

Other Reserves:	\$ 801,688
Emergency Reserves:	<u>\$ 123,000</u>
Current total in Reserves:	\$ 924,688

The Powder River Conservation District will conduct its Annual Public Hearing for the proposed FY2015-2016 Budget on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 6:30pm at the PRCD 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
PRCD 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 \$7.50 a 50% cost-share rate—original price \$15.00.

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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: “Feathered Creatures”, “Native Fur”, “Tremendous Fun”, “Casting for Food”, “Hidden Treasures.” and “Target Practice”.

“Feathered Creatures”, presented by Dustin Downey with the Audubon Rockies taught campers how to safely capture birds and discussed the kind of data taken about the birds they capture. The kids even got to help catch and release the birds caught during the lesson.

Lacey Gurien, with the Weston County Natural Resource District presented “Native Fur” where campers learned about native fur bearing animals and learned how to identify those animals based off their fur and other characteristics.



“Tremendous Fun” with Jesse Halverson, from Project Learning Tree explained to the youth what trees need to survive (soil, water, sunlight, etc). They also learned to age trees off of tree cookies.



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.

“Hidden Treasures” presented by Jeremy Dedic, from State Forestry gave a demonstration in Geocaching, where campers had to utilize GPS units to find 2 cache sites. Geocaching is a treasure hunting game where you use a Global Positioning System (GPS) to hide and seek containers with other participants.

Finally, Blair Gauthier with Campbell County Conservation District, 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, Thunderbird Wildlife Consulting Inc., Pinnacle Bank, L&H Industrial, Inc., and Christ of the King Lutheran Church

The youth from Kaycee that attended the Black Hills Natural Resources Youth Camp: Anita Bartlett, District Manager, Gwen Icanberry, Chelsea Elwood, Ruben Cleveland, Colesea Elwood, Abby Chapman, Harper Garrett, Sondra Cleveland, Mary Cleveland, Greere Icanberry, Jade Maya, Karcee Maya



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PRCD Makes Changes to its E-Waste Program

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. **However, we are no longer accepting TV's.** They can be recycled at the Buffalo Recycling Center. We are sorry for any inconveniences this may cause.

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 almost 2 tons of E-waste (this does not include the 36 computer monitors and 44 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.



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.

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 |
| 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*

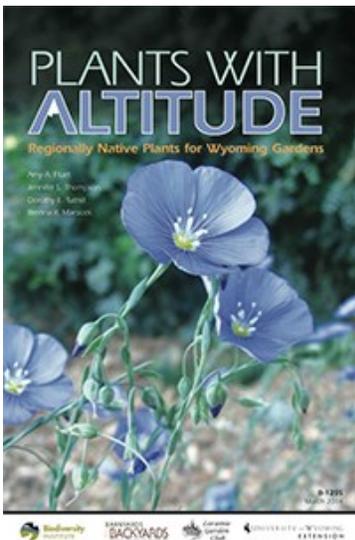
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PRCD Board Meeting-July 9th at 6:30pm at the District Office

Cost Share Applications are Due July 1st at 4pm



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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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