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Powder River News

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WACD 72nd Annual Convention

This year District Manager Anita Bartlett and District Supervisor Kevin Lund attended the 72nd Wyoming Association of Conservation District (WACD) State Convention in Casper, WY on November 27-30th held in conjunction with the annual Stock Growers meeting. Approximately 225 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: Disaster Preparedness for Ranchers, Animal Behavioral Management, NEPA for Ranchers, From Mapping to Monitoring, Ag Leasing, Factors Affecting Feed Efficiency, Management Succession, Soil Health, Agricultural Taxation, Sage Grouse-Livestock Interactions, Beef Checkoff Challenges, and a Legislative Breakfast where we heard from our Congressional Delegation and State Legislators.

Anita & Kevin also attended committee meetings, the Wyoming Conservation Districts Employees Association (WCDEA) meetings, and the Annual WACD Board Meeting. During the WACD Awards Luncheon Senator Dave Kinsky was named the 2017 WACD Outstanding Elected Official. He was nominated by the Powder River Conservation District. (More Information on these awards can be found on pg. 2)



WACD OUTSANDING ELECTED OFFICIAL Senator Dave Kinskey, Senate District 22

Senator Kinskey was appointed to fill this position on July 15, 2014 following the passing of Senator John Schiffer. Once appointed Senator Kinskey jumped into his position with both feet and never looked back. Within, first few months on duty, Senator Kinskey made his presence known by: attending scoping meetings for the Dull Knife Reservoir, as the Dull Knife Irrigation District worked to obtain funding to repair the reservoir; setting up a meeting with the 3 Conservation District in his senate district to ensure he knew our purpose, and how he could assist us, attending the Area I WACD meeting, and the Johnson County Cattlemen's Association meeting; naming just a few ways he dove into his position. Senator Kinskey is a strong voice for ranchers, co-sponsoring legislation to protect them from groups that enter their property and threaten their livelihood. In another effort to strengthen the agriculture industry, Dave supports programs critical to our agricultural economy, such as predator control and water development. As well, Senator Kinskey took time out of his busy schedule this summer to visit the PRCD and participated in a tour of the District's EWP Projects.



Senator Kinskey truly cares for his senate district. Rarely does an event happen that he does not try to attend; from the Kaycee Ranch Rodeo, Friday Night Rodeo, a benefit for a child with cancer, town council meetings, the opening of a new library addition, or the Sheridan WYO Rodeo, you can almost guarantee he will be in attendance to support the local community. The PRCD is very grateful and thankful for his continued support of not only our agriculture and natural resources but for the people in his senate district.

Senator Kinskey was nominated by the Powder River Conservation District for this award and we are truly grateful for his advocacy of Conservation Districts and the improvement of our natural resources and our agricultural communities.

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.

PRCD Cancels E-Waste Program



The Powder River Conservation District wants to thank everyone who has brought in their E-Waste over the past few years. However, we are sad to say that we will no longer be accepting e-waste. We are canceling this program do to a lack of venues to be able to dispose of the waste. For those who still have e-waste that needs to be disposed of the Buffalo and Casper Landfills do take e-waste for a fee. We are sorry for the inconveniences this

TREE SALES

The Powder River Conservation District is taking orders for trees.

Tree orders will be accepted until Friday, March 23, 2018. 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 then others.

In order to purchase seedling trees you must own at least 2 acres of land. They come in a variety or bundle sizes so please stop in for an order form. Please contact the PRCD as soon as possible if you are interested in ordering trees.



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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Marlon Winger Brings Soil Health to Life!

**“Is dirt the same thing as
soil?”**

Marlon Winger would reply,
“Soil contains life and is abundant of living
organisms, Dirt is simply neglected soil.”



Natural Resources
Conservation Service

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 / 10:00 - 2:00 pm

Red Wall Community Center

Lunch Provided

R.S.V.P. to the Powder River Conservation District: 307.738.2321 ext. 3 by Jan. 25th.

“If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Anita Bartlett at 307-738-2321 ext. 3, or by e-mail at Anita.Bartlett@wy.nacdnet.net by January 19, 2018. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

FY 2016-2017 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, the WACD Water Quality Recertification Training, and Project Wet/Wild/Learning Tree
- Participated in the Local Working Group Meetings, Johnson County Commissioners meetings, Dull Knife Irrigation Meetings, Special District Task Force Meetings, Johnson County Wyoming Public Lands Initiative Committee Meetings and WY Conservation District Employee Association 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
- Named Area I Employee of the Year and the WACD Employee of the Year



Education

- Adult Education
 - City Council & County Commissioners Presentation
 - Legislative & Commissioner Tour of EWP Projects
 - Wyoming Dam Owners Workshop
- Youth Education
 - Adopt A Tree Program with the Kaycee Elementary School
 - Sponsored Peterson Farm Brothers
 - Ag in the Classroom Activities
 - ◆ The Miraculous Seed and Transplanting
 - ◆ What Is a Mineral?
 - ◆ Flower Dissection
 - ◆ Microscopes
 - ◆ Plant Cells/Plant Kingdoms
 - ◆ Animal Adaptations and Habitats
 - ◆ Black Hills Natural Resource Youth Camp
 - ◆ Johnson County 3-4th Grade Rendezvous
 - ◆ Middle School Outdoor Day
 - Boys and Girls Club of Kaycee Earth Day Celebration
 - Build a Better World Presentation with Kaycee Community Library

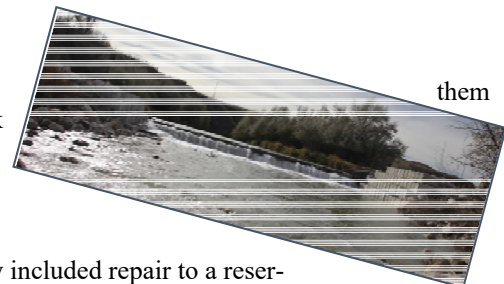


Special Projects

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day w/ Lake DeSmet C.D.
- Tree Program
- Collected and recycled electronic waste
- Two Small Cost Share Projects were completed this year; they included a native/xeriscaping project and a wildlife habitat planting project
- Tree Plantings at the Welcome to Kaycee Sign
- Completed work on two Non-Exigency Emergency Watershed Protection Projects
- Tree City USA/Arbor Day Celebration
- Installed Drip Systems for Elderly Community Members

Water Quality

- Offered a free private well water testing day to landowners for to test their wells for bacteria and Domestic/Irrigation/Livestock use.
- Hosted the Murphy Creek Watershed Tour with EPA/WYDEQ to review the site specific criteria UAA submitted



Rangeland Management

- 7 Rural Cost Share projects were completed this past year. They included repair to a reservoir, stock water pipeline, stock tanks, storage tanks, drilling a well, solar pump conversion, and an irrigation project.

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Calendars!!!

PRCD Board Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the District Office

PRCD/NRCS Office Close December 25, 2017 for Christmas

PRCD/NRCS Office Closed January 1, 2018 for New Years

PRCD/NRCS Office Closed December 26, 2017-January 5, 2018 Anita is out on Leave

PRCD/NRCS Office Closed January 15, 2018 for Martin Luther King Jr Day

*Merry
Christmas*



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