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# Powder River News

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## PRCD Offering Cost Share Programs

The PRCD is offering two Cost Share Programs: the first is for large rural projects that make a positive difference on the land. This is a cost share program where the PRCD matches 65% up to \$20,000, on a reimbursement basis. Projects will be reviewed by staff, then it must be approved by the PRCD board before they are initiated. The deadline to turn in applications is 4pm on Friday, June 29, 2018. Some examples of projects that qualify under this program are: Solar pumping units, fencing for implementing rotational grazing systems on pastures, or fencing riparian areas to reduce impacts of livestock grazing.

The second cost share program provides incentive for residents and businesses to conserve soil, water and energy. The program also encourages beautification of the landscape. This program matches 50% up to \$1000, on a reimbursement basis. Some examples of projects that qualify under this program are: planting trees and shrubs, xeriscaping to replace traditional lawns, and installation of efficient drip systems for trees and shrubs. These applications are reviewed monthly and can be applied for at any time during the year.

For more information on these cost share programs or for an application please contact the PRCD office at (307) 738-2321 or stop by the office at 350 Nolan Avenue, Kaycee, WY.

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## **Charlie Bradshaw Joins NRCS Staff in Kaycee**

My name is Charlie Bradshaw and I am the new Soil Conservationist here in the Kaycee field office. I am new to the office but certainly not new to resource management. I grew up on a ranch in western South Dakota and then attended South Dakota State University where I majored in Range Science and Animal Science. I started with the US Forest Service as Rangeland Management Specialist student trainee in Nebraska and South Dakota. I was hired permanently with the FS in Northwestern Colorado where I lived for about 10 years. Then I transferred to Douglas, WY and worked for the FS there for about 20 years. My husband and I purchased a ranch east of Kaycee in 2013 and live there now.

My husband Harlan and I have two sons, Weston and Justin. Our oldest son, Weston is currently in the Marine's based in Camp Pendleton, CA in the Third LAAD. Our youngest son, Justin is a senior in Kaycee HS and signed up in the delayed entry program for the Marines. He will go to boot camp shortly after graduation.

My family's operation is cow/calf and we put up our own hay. The Powder River has been my biggest learning curve. I knew learning the river would be an adventure and it certainly has been since the river flooded the second year we owned the place. I have already learned quite a bit about the hydraulics of water since starting this job and I look forward to learning much more.

I like helping people and learning new things in the agricultural arena so I look forward to meeting new people and helping them out with any projects they may have. Harlan and I are very happy to be in an area where agriculture is important.



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## ***New Board Member Joins the PRC D***

In December of 2017 Amy Icanberry resigned from the PRC D Board of Supervisors due to a move to Germany. Amy served on the PRC D Board for 13 years and her wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed. This resignation brought about the Board selecting Wade Curuchet to fill this vacant position. The Wyoming Board of Ag. made this selection official during their January 17, 2018 meeting.



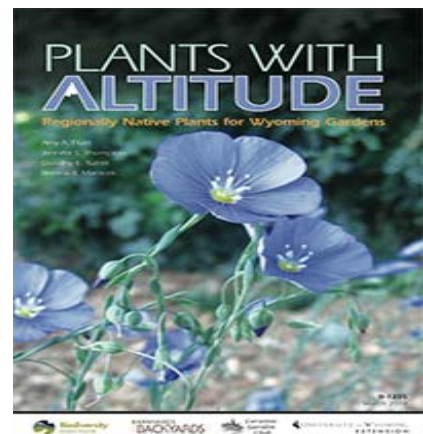
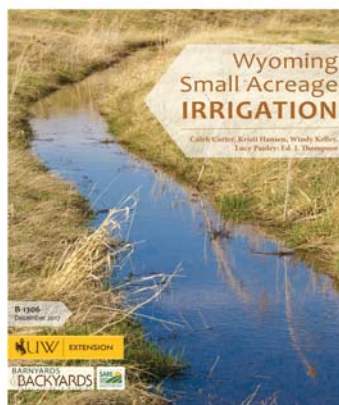
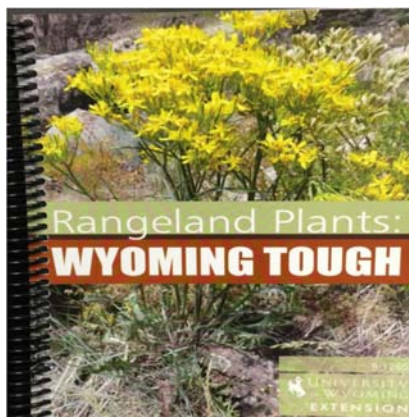
Wade assists with the running of his family ranching operation which runs sheep and produces hay. Wade is primarily in charge of the ranch's crop production. Wade brings to the board a variety of knowledge to the board on topics such as sheep production and irrigation practices. Wade will also be an asset to the Board as he already has knowledge of the workings of a special district as he serves as the Vice-Chairman for the Dull Knife Irrigation District.

**The PRC D would like to thank Amy Icanberry for her years of service to the Powder River Conservation District and welcome Wade Curuchet to the Board.**

## **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.

Stop in and get your Free copy of these great books!!!



## **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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# How to Kill a Tree 24 Ways

Bonnie Appleton, Extension Specialist, Hampton Roads AREC

Few residential trees die of “old age.” Mechanical damage and improper tree care kill more trees than insects or disease. Avoid making these tree-damaging mistakes! Few of these items alone would kill a tree, but multiple problems will certainly stress and could eventually kill a tree.

1. “Top” tree to encourage watersprouts that weaken tree and encourage pests.
2. Leave co-dominant leaders to encourage “v” growth and splitting during winds and storms.
3. Leave crossing branches to rub protective bark and create wounds.
4. Ignore insects or disease damage.
5. Coat pruning cuts with paint or sealer to slow healing and promote pest problems.
6. Leave broken branches unpruned to encourage pests.
7. Spray unapproved herbicides over tree root area to weaken tree.
8. Damage roots and trunk with lawn equipment.
9. Rib through roots when digging trenches.
10. Plant close to house or obstacle to reduce adequate tree and root growing space.
11. Attach items to tree to damage bark or girdle branches with wire and rope.
12. Prune randomly to leave branch “stubs.”
13. Make pruning cuts flush to stem to reduce wound closure.
14. Leave tree staked until guy wire girdles trunk.
15. Leave wrap on to constrict trunk growth and rot bark.
16. Pile up excessive mulch to encourage rodent damage and bark rot.
17. Put non-porous black plastic under mulch.
18. Stack items atop roots to cause soil compaction.
19. Leave ball robing on to girdle trunk.
20. Plant near downspout to assure excessive water or water light to encourage shallow root growth.



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## 24 Ways Continued.....

21. Leave top of wire basket in place to girdle roots.
22. Leave treated or synthetic burlap on to prevent root growth.
23. Dig hole too narrow and over amend backfill to discourage proper root spread.
24. Dig hole too deep or fill with gravel to collect water and drown roots.

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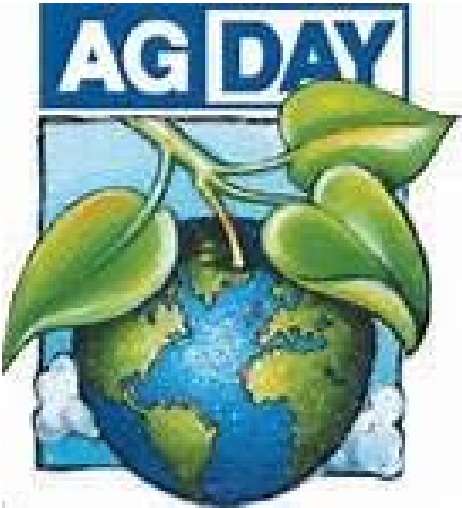
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PRCD Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the District Office

PRCD Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm at the District Office

Office Closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day



*March 20th or National Ag Day is about recognizing - and celebrating - the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The PRCD wants to recognize and thank all of our local Ag Producers for their contribution to our community, state, and nation.*

*THANK YOU*

The PRCD is an equal opportunity employer.

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