

Fall 2018

Powder River News

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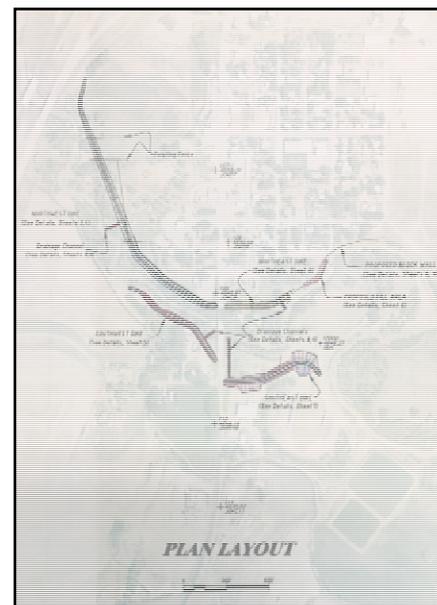
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Kaycee Flood Prevention Project Update

In June of 2018 the Powder River Conservation District worked with the Town of Kaycee and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to submit an application to obtain funding to assist with the reaffirmation of the watershed plan and the Environmental Assessment, the completion of the design for the Kaycee Flood Prevention Project and the installation of 4,400 feet of flood dike. These flood dikes would begin at the Interstate Bridge and run through the Town of Kaycee.

At this time the PRCD has received \$452,500 in federal funding to reaffirm the Watershed Plan and the Environmental Assessment and to complete the design for the Kaycee Flood Prevention Project. This funding will pay for the entire cost of these items and at their completion the PRCD will work with the Town of Kaycee and NRCS to pursue additional funding to install the flood dikes. As the District receives more information on this project we will be sure to keep the community updated.



FY 2017-2018 Accomplishments

Administration

- Attended Area I meeting and the WACD State Convention
- Acted as a cooperating agent to Buffalo BLM Resource Management Plan revision meetings.
- Attended the WCDEA Winter Training, Cowboy Ethics Training and Project Learning Tree & Flying Wild
- 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

Education

- Adult Education
 - City Council & County Commissioners Presentation
 - Legislative & Commissioner Tour of EWP Projects
 - Leadership Johnson County Presentation
 - Soil Health Workshop
 - State Forestry Field Day Presentation
 - Youth Education
 - 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
 - ✦ Plant Cells/Plant Kingdoms
 - ✦ Animal Adaptations and Habitats
 - ✦ Black Hills Natural Resource Youth Camp
 - ✦ Johnson County 3-4th Grade Rendezvous
 - ✦ Boys and Girls Club Nature Hike on the MF Powder River
 - ✦ Monthly KES Incentive Day Science Projects



Special Projects

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day w/ Clear Creek C.D.
- Tree Program
- Completed work on a Non-Exigency Emergency Watershed Protection Projects
- Tree City USA/Arbor Day Celebration
- E-waste Recycling
- Assisted the Johnson County Cemetery District with the installation of 26 trees

Water Quality

- Offered a free private well water testing day to landowners for them to test their wells for bacteria and Domestic/Irrigation/Livestock use.
- Conducted World Water Monitoring Day with the KES 4th Grade Class and the KHS Wildlife Class

Rangeland Management

1 Rural Cost Share project was completed this past year. It included the installation of a water pipeline and stock tanks.

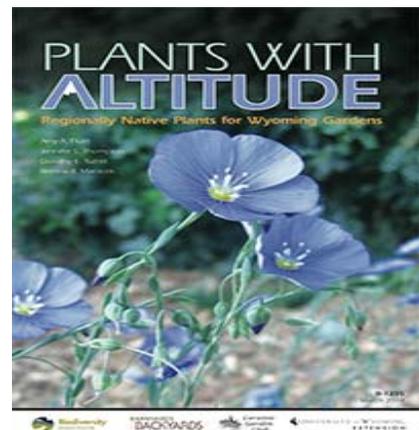
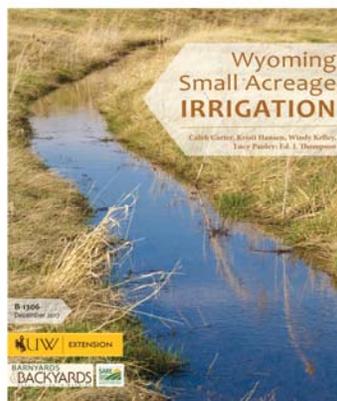
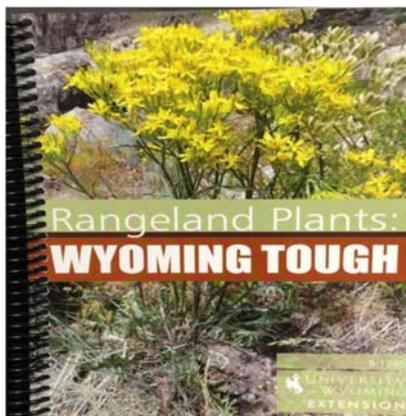


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FREE WILDLIFE ESCAPE RAMPS **FOR STOCK WATER TANKS**

PLEASE CONTACT US AT 738-2321 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLACING 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.

Did You Know?

- ◆ That the PRC D has been serving Southern Johnson County for 63 years.
- ◆ That Pete Meike was the longest serving PRC D Board Supervisor, he served for 42 consecutive years.
- ◆ That the PRC D appreciates the 41 people who have served and currently serve as District Supervisors.
- ◆ That the PRC D appreciates the hard work and dedication given by the 8 people who have worked for the District.
- ◆ That the PRC D wants to thank everyone for their continued support of all the District's Programs and Activities.

Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation Raffle

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

1st place– 2018 John Deere XUV 560E Gator

2nd place–Homak Pro Series Rolling Tool Cabinet

This drawing will be held on November 15, 2018 in Evanston, WY at the WACD/WNRF state convention. To get your ticket stop by the PRC D Office at 350 Nolan Avenue in Kaycee.



TREE SALES

The Powder River Conservation District is taking orders for trees.

Tree orders will be accepted until Friday, March 22, 2019. The PRC D has available large stock trees, shrubs, fruit trees, and seedling trees. A full list of trees can be obtained from the PRC D. 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 a variety or bundle sizes so please stop in for an order form. Please contact the PRC D as soon as possible if you are interested in ordering trees.



PREPARING FOR WINTER

As days grow shorter and nights cooler, it becomes clear-winter is almost here. Are your perennial plants ready? If not, here are a few helpful tips to get you ready.

Roses: Prune canes back to 10-12 inches and mulch the plants. Hardy shrub-type roses do not need fall pruning.

Bulbs: Gladiolus, dahlias, some lilies and other tender bulbs won't survive winter. Dig them up and store them in a cool dry place. Tulips, narcissus, and other hardy bulbs can be planted until you can't get through the soil to get them in the ground. In fact, it's actually better to plant them later, rather than earlier, as they can sometimes break dormancy if the wrong weather patterns occur.

Autumn Lawn Care: Tree leaves are a major hindrance to proper grass growth, if they get too thick on your lawn, they can actually kill even a healthy turf by not allowing the grasses to store enough energy for winter survival and proper dormancy. You should also trim any grass that does not normally get cut. Especially around tree trunks, shrubs, and perennials. Longer grass provides shelter for mice, which will make wintertime meals of the bark on such plants.

Trees: If you have young trees, protect the trunks from rodent and rabbit damage with hardware cloth. Tree wraps can also be used to protect the trunks of young and smooth-barked trees from winter sun injury, but the tree wraps need to be taken off in the spring. Winter sun injury happens when the sun warms and thaws the bark on the southwest side of the trunk. Cold night temperatures then freeze and kill the cells on that side of the tree. To protect the roots of recently planted trees, spread mulch two to four inches deep around the base as the soil freezes.



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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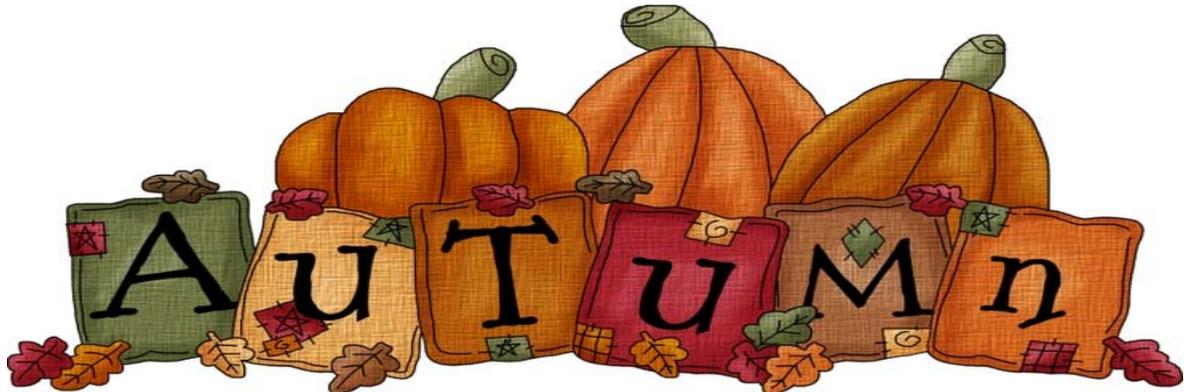


PRCD Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the District Office

Office Closed: Monday, October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day

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

Office Closed: Monday, November 12, 2018 in observance of Veterans Day



The PRCD is an equal opportunity employer.

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