

Summer 2019

Powder River News

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Fourteenth Annual Arbor Day Celebration



This year to celebrate Arbor Day the Powder River Conservation District worked with the Town of Kaycee, Wyoming State Forestry, the Johnson County Cemetery District, and community members to plant 42 trees at the Kaycee Cemetery, in addition to their annual Adopt a Tree Program with the KES students.

Kaycee’s official Arbor Day Celebration occurred on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, when Council Member Tori Hill and the Cemetery District joined PRCD District Manager Anita Bartlett and Kelly Norris and Jacob McCarthy with Wyoming State Forestry to plant the 42 trees and listen to Council Member Hill read the Arbor Day proclamation. Following the reading of the proclamation Ms. Hill was presented with an award for the Town of Kaycee as they have completed 13 years as a Tree City USA Town.



The PRCD would like to send out our Thanks to the following people: the Town of Kaycee, the Johnson County Cemetery District, Wyoming State Forestry, and all of the community members for 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.

**Public Notice
Proposed Budget for:
Powder River Conservation District
Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

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| <u>Expenditures:</u> | |
| Administration: | \$ 73,766 |
| Operations: | \$ 127,100 |
| Indirect Costs: | \$ 18,285 |
| Capital Outlay: | \$ 0 |
| Total Expenditures: | \$ 219,151 |

Funds to be added to Reserves: \$ 0

Total Cash Required \$ 219,151

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| <u>Revenue:</u> | |
| Anticipated Cash and Revenue: | \$ 18,349 |
| Total General Fund: | \$ 78,802 |
| Estimated Mil Levy: | \$ 122,000 |
| Total Anticipated Revenue: | \$ 219,151 |

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| <u>Reserves:</u> | |
| Reserves: | \$ 705,000 |
| Current total in Reserves: | \$ 705,000 |

The Powder River Conservation District will conduct its Annual Public Hearing for the proposed FY2018-2019 Budget on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:30pm at the PRCO 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
PRCO Manager

Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation Raffle

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

1st place– 2019 John Deere XUV 560E Gator

2nd place–2019 STIHL MS362 Chainsaw

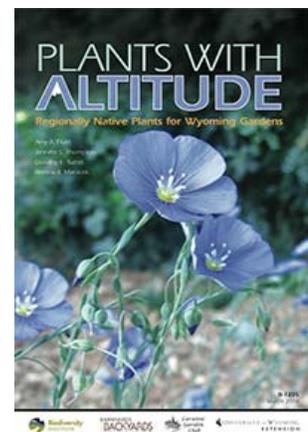
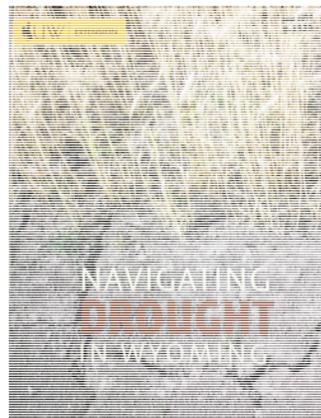
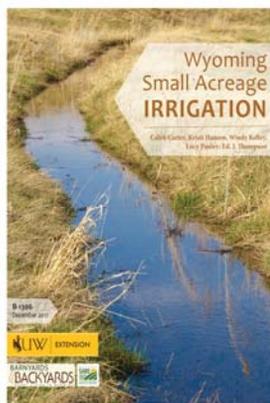
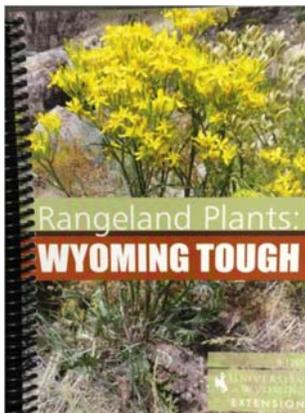
This drawing will be held on November 14, 2019 in Buffalo, WY at the WACD/WNRF state convention. To get your ticket stop by the PRCO Office at 350 Nolan Avenue in Kaycee.



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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.

“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 12-14th. 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 which teaches kids about predators and prey relationships, a talent show, and various games.



Each child participated in six educational sessions they included: “Bears, Bears, Bears”, “Soils”, “Tremendous Trees”, “and Casting for Food”, “Wilderness Scavenger Hunt”, and “Target Practice”.

“Soils” presented by Lacey Sloan with the Weston County Natural Resource District taught campers about different types of soils and soil profiles. Jessie Halverson, with Project Learning Tree presented “Tremendous Trees” where campers learned about the parts of the tree and what trees need to survive.

In the session “Bears, Bears, Bears” Christina Schmidt; WY Game and Fish; explained to the youth how bears interact with each other, their habitat, how much food they need to survive, and showed the kids different bear hides.

John Marshall & Danny Helwig 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.

“Wilderness Scavenger Hunt” presented by Jessica Weathers, a Private Lands Biologist, had the kids search nature for items related to animals and their habitats. Items the kids found included a woodpecker hole, bird nest, items animals would eat (seeds, insects, berries), and other animal homes.

Finally, Bob Pollo and Karsen Kellebrew 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 the Campbell County Conservation District, the Powder River Conservation District and the Weston County Natural Resource District.



We would also like to express our thanks to the Campbell County Community Public Recreation District for the grant they awarded us for camp.

NRCS Program Spotlight High Tunnel Systems

A high tunnel system is an enclosed polyethylene, polycarbonate, plastic, or fabric covered structure used to cover and protect crops from the sun, wind, excessive rainfall, or cold, to extend the growing season in an environmentally safe manner.



This practice applies to land capable of producing crops where sun or wind intensity may damage crops or where an extension of the growing season is needed due to climatic conditions. The practice does not apply to crops not grown in the natural soil profile. Raised beds are limited to 12 inches in depth but can be installed to improve soil conditions, fertility, and access. This program does not include greenhouses or low tunnel systems and does not allow plants to be grown in pots, on tables, hydroponically, or in raised beds on top of weed barrier fabric.



The high tunnel structure must be planned, designed, and constructed from a manufactured kit in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations. The high tunnel frame must be constructed of metal, wood, or durable plastic; and be at least 6 feet in height at the peak of the structure. The high tunnel covering material shall have a 4-year-minimum lifespan. For polyethylene covers, a minimum 6-mil greenhouse grade, UV-resistant material should be used.

This practice has a minimum expected life of 5 years. Operation requirements for the facility depend on the type of facility chosen by the producer and will include provisions for proper disposal of residual material. Routine maintenance is needed to ensure that the facility operates as designed.

NRCS Update

Charlie Bradshaw has decided to retire this fall, with this upcoming retirement, beginning in July Allison McKenzie will be working in the Kaycee field office one day a week to begin facilitating this transition of Charlie's retirement and the hiring of a new staff member. If you would like to meet with Allison on her Kaycee work day please feel free to contact either the Kaycee FO or the Buffalo FO to make an appointment. As we work through the transition period we hope to set a week day that Allison will be in the Kaycee FO. As always, we appreciate your patience and we strive to do our best to serve the landowners in Southern Johnson County.



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PRCD Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the District Office

PRCD Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the District Office

PRCD/NRCS Office Closed: July 4, 2019 for Independence Day



The PRCD is an equal opportunity employer.

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