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Powder River News

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WACD 76th Convention

This year District Manager Anita Bartlett and District Supervisor Kevin Lund attended the 76th Wyoming Association of Conservation District (WACD) State Convention in Cody, WY. District Supervisors and Staff, State and Federal Agencies, Agricultural Producers and other Natural Resource Professionals gathered from across Wyoming to take part in this event .



During the Convention we listened to speakers including: Mary Scott, Natural Resource Policy Specialist with NACD, Senator Barrasso, Representative Chaney, and Harriet Hageman, regarding the America the Beautiful policy. Presentations regarding Small Acreage/Subdivision Reviews, and Agency updates from WY Department of Ag, WY Department of Environmental Quality, and the Wyoming State Engineers Office. Our Keynote speaker was Jim Davidson, an expert on resilience, who spoke about being resilient in the face of adversity, using examples from his may climbing expeditions including two trips to the Summit of Mt. Everest.

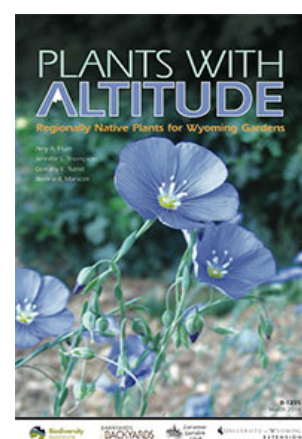
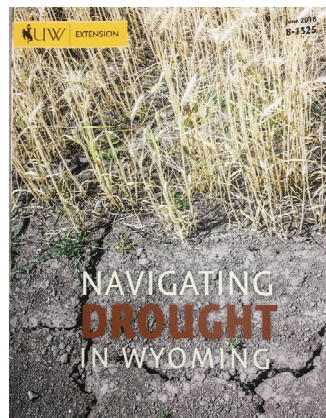
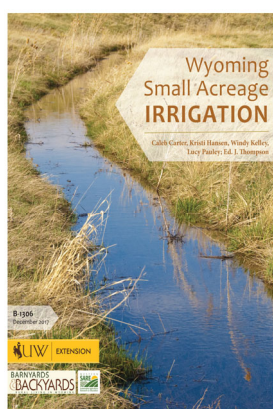
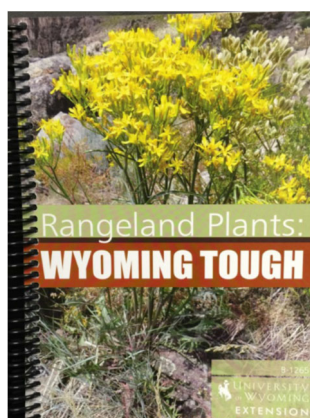
Anita & Kevin also attended committee meetings that discussed Conservation District Education and Wyoming's Public Lands, Wildlife, Forestry, and Water, and the Annual WACD Board Meeting.

The highlight of the Convention for the PRCD was when District Manager Anita Bartlett was recognized for her 15yrs of Service (see pg. 3) and when Bailee Alger and Anita Bartlett were recognized for winning the WACD Photo Contest (see pg. 3).

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.

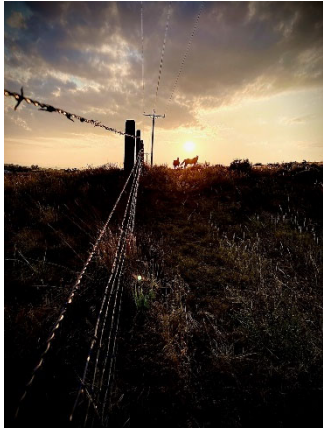
Recycling Bins 18 gal./72 qt. stacking bin with an easy access front flap. Ideal for recycling or dry storage - indoor or outdoors. Stacks with or without the lid. Front lid stays open when desired.



Recycle bins are being offered for \$7.50 a 50% cost-share rate—original price \$15.00.

Alger & Bartlett win WACD Photo Contest

On Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at the 76th Annual Wyoming Association of Conservation District's Convention Bailee Alger and Anita Bartlett were recognized for their photography talent. Bailee won first place in the Conservation in Action category with a picture she had taken of



horses at sunset. Anita placed second in this category. As well, Anita won first place in the Agriculture Across WY with her picture of an alfalfa field being irrigated by side rolls. Anita took second place in this category as well.

The Powder River Conservation District is extremely proud of these two ladies and were very privileged to sponsor their pictures in the WACD Photo Contest. They represented the District well and we await

to hear how they do in the National Association of Conservation Districts Photo Contest in which winners should be announced in late January. We wish them the best of luck.



Anita Bartlett, Bailee Alger and WACD President Todd Heward



Congratulations

Bartlett Recognized for 15 Years of Service

At the 76th Annual WACD Convention the Wyoming Conservation District Employees Association recognized District Manager Anita Bartlett for her 15 years of service to the



Powder River Conservation District and to the WCDEA. Anita began working for the PRCD in April of 2006 and has been a valuable asset to her District and Community ever since.

Over the years Anita has implemented new Ag in the Classroom materials in the Kaycee Schools, completed 12 Emergency Watershed Protection Program projects, numerous cost share projects. A Douglas Fir tree thinning project, and helped receive and retain the Town of Kaycee's Tree City USA status. As well she has served as the WCDEA Area I representative, Secretary, Vice-President and President during her 15 years working hard to fulfill her duties in those positions while completing her normal job duties. We at the PRCD, know these are just a few of the things that Anita has done within the aspects of her time at the Powder River Conservation District and we know there will be much more to come from her, suffice to say we are blessed to have her as our District Manager.

Emergency Watershed Protection Program Update

Since the flood of 2019 on the Middle Fork of Powder River the PRCD has been working to find funding for and complete five Emergency Watershed Protection Projects through the NRCS's EWP Program. These projects include the stabilization/reinforcement of the 15 Mile Syphon Overflow Structure, the bank stabilization of a part of the Middle Fork of Powder River through the town of Kaycee, and three diversions (Moffet, Gosney & Harlan) on the Middle Fork of Powder River. At this time the 15-Mile Syphon Overflow Structure and the bank stabilization of the Middle Fork of Powder River through the Town of Kaycee have been completed and the other 3 in various stages of construction.



Moffet Irrigation Diversion and Bank

Stabilization Project: This project had a rough start, between headwalls being incorrectly fabricated and a bout of COVID through the construction crew we are happy to say that this project has turned out beautifully. While not 100% complete (seeding and willow stakes need to be planted), the construction portion of installing cross vanes, toe wood, flood plain, headwall, and irrigation pipe is complete. This new diversion structure will insure landowners get their irrigation water and provide fish passage and habitat for wildlife.

Gosney Irrigation Diversion and Bank

Stabilization Project: This project is currently under construction and we hope that it will be done (with the exception of seeding and willow stakes) by early January. At this time the new headwall, irrigation pipe and syphon have been installed. As well, construction has begun on the cross vanes, toe wood, and other streambank stabilization measures.



Harlan Irrigation Diversion and Bank

Stabilization Project: This final project is just getting under way. Currently the old structure has been removed and preparations are being made to set the new head wall. It is our hope that this project will be completed by early to mid-February.

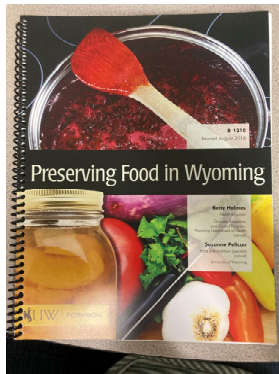
Due to the scope and size of these projects, additional funding sources to supplement the NRCS's EWP program funds has been secured from the following grant partners: Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation, the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Resource Legacy Fund. We are extremely thankful to be working with these partners in order to be able to complete projects like these in our community. We are also grateful to our other partners: Private Landowners, Town of Kaycee, JC Commissioners, NRCS, WYDOT, PR Irrigation District, Sahara Ditch Company, Trout Unlimited, and WACD for their continued support of our efforts and willingness to work with the PRCD.

TREE SALES

The Powder River Conservation District is taking orders for trees.

Tree orders will be accepted until Friday, March 18, 2022. 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 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 PRCD as soon as possible if you are interested in ordering trees.



Preserving Food In Wyoming

The PRCD has free copies of this publication available in their office. Please stop by and pick up your copy today.

Preserving a variety of foods through canning. Includes the special considerations needed to can at the higher elevations of Wyoming.

We also have many other free publications and educational materials available. Don't hesitate to inquire on the information we can obtain for you. We love providing any assistance we can to you.

The Year 2021

This year once again brought many challenges for many of us and the PRCD and Johnson County NRCS staff would just like to thank each and everyone of you for your continued support of our programs and projects. We have had to adapt and change in the ways that we do business and you all have adapted right along with us.

It is our hope that while 2020 & 2021 have had their own unique challenges that we were able to meet your needs and assist you to the best of our ability. We look forward to our continued partnerships and please feel free to contact us for any assistance we can offer.

The PRCD Crew
Bill, George, Kevin, Wade, Dan & Anita

The NRCS Crew
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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PRCD Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm in the District office

PRCD Office closed Monday, January 17th for MLK Day

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



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