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JANUARY 25, 2017
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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and other collaborative
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- ♦ Land Exchange Handbook - BLM
- ♦ Land Transaction Procedure - State of WY
- ♦ Coordinated Resource Management - WDA

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"LAND TRANSACTION
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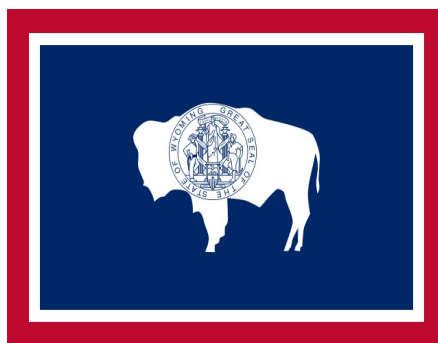
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 14, 2017	CCCD Board Meeting
February 20, 2017	Presidents' Day - office closed
March 14, 2017	CCCD Board Meeting
March 21, 2017	National Ag Day
April 11, 2017	CCCD Board Meeting
April 25, 2017	Ag and Natural Resources Expo
April 29, 2017	Garden and Landscape Education Expo

2017 CCCD Officers

Officers for 2017 will remain the same, as voted on during the Board meeting on January 10, 2017.

They are as follows: Lindsay Wood, Chair; BJ Clark, Vice-Chair; and Casey Elkins, Secretary/Treasurer. Clark Kissack, newly elected County Commissioner has been appointed as liaison to the CCCD board.



Legislative Update

Annually, the CCCD board and staff meet with the legislative members representing Campbell County to discuss District

activities and the upcoming legislation session.

On December 20, Senators Driskill, and Wasserburger; Representatives Barlow, Hallinan, Clem, and Edwards reviewed the following agenda items and other topics:

- ◆ CCCD Annual Report, Plan, and Budget
- ◆ Watershed Updates
- ◆ Forestry Program

The CCCD appreciates being able to visit with the members and discuss the issues of concern prior to the general session convening on January 10th.



WACD and NACD 2016 Annual Conventions

The Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) gathered in Riverton, November 14-17. More than 200 leaders representing local Conservation Districts, state and federal agencies and partner organizations met to develop policy, stay abreast of priority issues, and network with one another. Attending were CCCD staff; Jennifer Hinkhouse, Crystal Kellebrew, and Jay Quintanilla. Board member and Area I Director, Travis Hakert and Associate Board Members Robert Brug and Brenda Schladweiler.

Jennifer and Crystal will be participating in the NACD Convention held in Denver, January 28-February 1, 2017. Representing the CCCD, Crystal Kellebrew will present a session on "Engaging Your Community's Youth".

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) is the nonprofit organization that represents America's 3,000 conservation districts and the 17,000 men and women who serve on their governing boards. Conservation districts are local units of government established under state law to carry out natural resource management programs at the local level. Districts work with millions of cooperating landowners and operators to help them manage and protect land and water resources on private and public lands in the United States.

NACD's mission is to serve conservation districts by providing national leadership and a unified voice for natural resource conservation.

People are the key to the success of Conservation Districts.
Being involved with the CCCD gives you a voice in the state and national associations
made up of people just like you, who have one goal in mind;
supporting their natural resources.

Award presented to Jason and Maureen Oedekoven

The Public Lands Foundation awarded the Jason Oedekoven Family, the 2016 Landscape Stewardship Certificate of Appreciation. The award is to honor private citizens that work to advance and sustain community-based stewardship on landscapes.

Upon purchasing their ranch about 15 years ago, they have worked to restore the creek condition, and reduce heavy juniper growth for wildfire management and to improve wildlife habitat. Because of the Oedekoven family's contacts and sharing of information, there has been increased interest for forest management opportunities on private lands in the county so that numerous agencies are working together to create a forest management strategy for the county.

Jason is a past CCCD board member and he and his family continue to be very active members of the community.

We congratulate the Oedekoven family!



DONKEY CREEK WATERSHED PLAN



The Campbell County Conservation District and the Donkey Creek Watershed Steering Committee approved the Donkey Creek Watershed Plan in December 2016. The document is available for your review in our office or on our website www.cccdwy.net. Thank you to the Steering Committee for their valuable participation!

Weed Barrier Information

DeWitt Sunbelt™ woven ground cover consists of 3.2 oz. polypropylene, which resists tearing, puncturing and weed penetration. **Sunbelt™** is ideal for greenhouses, outdoor displays and as a weed barrier for plantings without topical coverings where a weed free environment is a must. **DeWitt Sunbelt™** is striped every 12 inches for aid in plant alignment and is UV stabilized to last even in direct sunlight.

This product is offered on the seedling tree order form only and is not kept in stock. The last day to order is March 1.

Look for the tree order form inside this publication, on our website at cccdwy.net or call our office for an order form.



Rockpile Museum Trivia

The doughnut shaped rock near the museum's caboose was created from mud and silt hardening around a tree trunk over time. When the tree decomposed, the circular rock was left behind.
Plant a tree - it may become famous someday!



If you ordered seedling trees from the CCCD they are scheduled to arrive:

May 4, 2017 at the Rockpile Ice Arena
121 4J Road .

Please pick up your trees from 10am until noon!

This is the only delivery time so please make arrangements if you can not pick up your trees. ***Agriform planting tablets 20/10/5 (two year planting tablets for root zone feeding of trees, shrubs and ground covers) will also be available at that time. They are packaged 30 tablets for \$5.00. There is also a limited amount of the tree protectors (used with conifers) available at \$3.50 each.

NOVEMBER

- Jennifer and Jay attended the Forestry Work Group meeting held on November 3.
- All staff attended the Board meeting on November 8.
- Staff members; Crystal, Jay, and Jennifer, Board member, Travis, and Associate Board members Robert Brug and Brenda Schladweiler attended WACD convention in Riverton Nov. 14-17.
- "Are you a Grasshopper?", was the theme on November 21 when Crystal worked with 19 home-school students.

DECEMBER

- On December 1, Jay and Debbie checked the Timber Stand Improvement project progress.
- The USDA Holiday Open House was held December 8, with 40 guests attending.
- On December 12, Jennifer and Jay traveled to the Timber Stand Improvement project for a status report.
- Crystal provided the Enviroscape activity for 11 homeschool students on December 12.
- The Board meeting on December 13 was attended by all staff.
- Jay and Jennifer traveled to the Timber Stand Improvement project on December 14 for a final inspection of the project area.
- December 20, CCCD hosted the annual Legislative Breakfast. Attending were 6 legislators, 2 board members and the CCCD staff.

JANUARY

- Jennifer traveled to Rapid City, SD for the National Forest Advisory Board meeting on January 4.
- Eggs and Issues, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce was held January 5. Bob Maul, Jennifer Hinkhouse and Brenda Schladweiler attended.
- All staff attended the Board meeting held on January 10.
- On January 10, a meeting was held in Sheridan by the UW Sheridan Research and Extension Center concerning invasive weeds in Wyoming. Jay participated by video-conference.
- "Animal Camouflage", will be taught by Crystal on January 23 to Homeschool students.
- The Land Exchange Process And Other Collaborative Natural Resource Tools Workshop will be held January 25 at the CC Public Library.
- Crystal and Jennifer will be attending the National Association of Conservation Districts annual convention in Denver, January 28 through February 1.

The CCCD Annual Report 2015-2016 and Annual Plan of Work 2016-2017 are available on our website www.cccdwy.net for your review. Along with information about the Seedling Tree Program, Water Quality, Educational Information and more!

How can you use knowledge of insect winter habits as an aid to pest control?

Scott Schell, University of Wyoming Extension assistant entomologist

If you have consistent problems with certain insect pests in your yard or garden, you may be able to use cultural control to disrupt their overwintering habitat. An example would be performing late fall tillage on your garden to expose the pupa of variegated cutworms to severe winter air temperatures and burying the young larvae of the army cutworms in the soil to starve. This is a form of cultural control used in integrated pest management. Conversely, if you have a butterfly garden with host plants for the caterpillars of pretty butterflies, you will want to leave the stalks, stems, and fallen leaves in place for the winter. Many butterfly species use that "messy" habitat as a place to pupate and wait out the winter.

Campbell County Weed and Pest

News & Notes:

By Aaron Ide, CCW&P

Early Detection Rapid Response-Dalmatian Toadflax Program-In our second year of implementing this free program, we saw landowner participation double from the 2015 season. Naturally this led to a large increase in treatment acres, going from about 90 acres to almost 375 acres. With recent budget cuts, we have decided to dissolve this exact program, but treatment will be available at a cost share price in our new Small Acreage Program.

Black Tailed Prairie Dog Control Project-Campbell County Weed and Pest recently finished a control project in the area of Elk Creek/Olmstead Roads (About 45 miles NE of Gillette) and SA Road (About 45 NW of Gillette) for black tailed prairie dogs. There were roughly 4,500 acres treated for this project. This project completes three consecutive years of fall prairie dog control projects, which have combined to treat over 21,000 acres.

Leafy Spurge Control Program-Our summer crews continued its fierce fight against Leafy Spurge. This year's backpack crews treated almost 150 acres of infestations. About 25% of these acres were new infestations, while our known infestations saw a population drop by almost a third. If you have this problem weed on your property please contact us for control options.

Small Acreage Program-Starting in 2016, the district will have a small acreage crew that will primarily treat infestations of Dalmatian Toadflax, Knapweeds, and Whitetop. These species are of the upmost concern for our district, in our attempt to eradicate small populations and stop the species before they become widespread throughout the county. This will be a cost share program, which likely will be a flat fee based on acres treated. If you have these species, please contact us this spring for further details.

Website-Don't forget about our website. This is an excellent resource for multiple pieces of information including Pesticide Profiles and Weed Species Profiles. The website address is www.ccgov.net/189/Weed-Pest

Private Applicators Course-Reminder to all private applicators that the application class for new/renew applicator licenses will be sometime in late January to early February, please call our office (682-4369) for more details.



Campbell County
Weed & Pest

2017 CCCD Seedling Tree Order Form

Conditions of Sale

1. This nursery stock must be used for conservation purposes only.
2. No plant purchased from the CCCD may be resold as a living plant.
3. Bareroot stock is available in multiples of 25 per species only.
4. Tube stock is available in multiples of 30 per species only.
5. **Payment must accompany the order.**
6. If trees ordered are not available, a full refund will be provided unless a substitution is requested.
7. No guarantee of survival.

Order No. _____

8. TREES WILL BE DELIVERED TO GILLETTE MAY 4th. We will contact you prior to delivery.

I have read and agree with the above "Conditions of Sale".

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Daytime phone: _____
 Evening phone: _____
 E-mail address: _____

Acres of ownership _____ County _____

How did you learn of the CCCD tree sale? CCCD website CCCD facebook page
 Newspaper Ad CCCD Newsletter Other _____

Send order form and check made payable to:

**Any questions call-
 (307) 682-1824**

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SHRUBS

BUFFALO BERRY: native, good drought resistance
 CARAGANA: medium to tall, does well on poor soils, excellent drought resistance, rapid growth rate
 CHOKECHERRY: tall shrub, can be poisonous to livestock, rapid growth rate
 COTONEASTER: good drought resistance, rapid growth rate
 COYOTE WILLOW: suckers, rapid growth rate on moist soil
 GOLDEN CURRANT: small to medium shrub, good drought resistance, good wildlife value, edible fruit
 LILAC: excellent cold hardiness, rapid growth rate
 N.M. PRIVET: very tall, alkaline tolerance, native
 NANKING CHERRY: rapid growth rate, Fruit edible
 NATIVE PLUM: tall shrub or short tree, does well on most soils, rapid growth rate
 RED-OSIER DOGWOOD: small to medium shrub, not suited for dense clays
 SASKATOON SERVICEBERRY: tolerates many soil types
 SKUNKBUSH SUMAC: excellent drought resistance, rapid growth rate
 WAX CURRANT: very good drought resistance, rapid growth rate, edible fruit, native
 WOODS ROSE: Low shrub; rapid growth rate, suckers

DECIDUOUS TREES

ASPEN: Tall, poor drought resistance
 BUR OAK: Hardy, drought resistant, slow growth rate
 COTTONWOOD, FREMONT (Cotton): rapid growth rate, medium drought resistance, fair cold hardiness
 COTTONWOOD, KREMMLING: for higher elevations
 GAMBEL OAK: slow growth rate, adapted to coarse soils
 GOLDEN WILLOW: requires moist soil
 HACKBERRY: Tall tree, good drought resistance
 HONEYLOCUST: good drought resistance, rapid growth
 MANCHURIAN APRICOT: Small, fast growing, drought resistant, winter hardy
 NORTHERN CATALPA: medium growth rate, wide range of moisture conditions tolerated
 PEACHLEAF WILLOW: Poor drought resistance, rapid growth
 PRAIRIE SKY POPLAR: (USUALLY COTTONLESS) rapid growth rate, cottonwood cross

CONIFER TREES

AUSTRIAN PINE: Tall, excellent drought resistance
 BRISTLECONE PINE: Native, slow growth rate
 COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE: Tall, slow growth rate
 EASTERN RED CEDAR: Medium, excellent drought resistance, very adaptable to site conditions
 LODGEPOLE PINE: native, good for high altitude
 PONDEROSA PINE: Tall, rapid growth rate
 ROCKY MOUNTAIN JUNIPER: excellent drought resistance

2017 CCCD Seedling Tree Order Form

**ALL PAYMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER FORM. INVENTORY CHANGES DAILY!!!
LAST DAY TO ORDER IS APRIL 3, 2017. TREES WILL BE DELIVERED MAY.**

Bareroot Trees—lots of 25 only Height varies by species, all bareroot trees will be 5 inches or taller				Large Tube Trees—lots of 30 only Height varies by species, all large tube trees will be 6 inches or taller				
Species	# Lots	Cost/25	Total	Species	# Lots	Cost/30	Total	
01 Caragana		\$31.00		200 Austrian Pine		\$91.00	Sold out	
02 Cotoneaster		\$31.00		201 (GU) Aspen		\$91.00		
03 Gambel Oak		\$31.00	Sold out	202 Colorado Blue Spruce		\$91.00	Sold out	
04 Chokecherry		\$31.00		205 (SI) Ponderosa Pine		\$91.00		
05 Lilac		\$31.00	Sold out	210 Rocky Mountain Juniper		\$91.00	Sold out	
06 Native Plum		\$31.00		218 Fremont Cottonwood		\$91.00		
07 Skunkbush Sumac		\$31.00	Sold out	220 Northern Catalpa		\$91.00		
09 Nanking Cherry		\$31.00		224 Saskatoon Serviceberry		\$91.00		
11 Woods Rose		\$31.00		226 Lilac		\$91.00		
12 Buffalo Berry		\$31.00	Sold out	232 Coyote Willow		\$91.00		
14 Golden Currant		\$31.00	Sold out	236 Honeylocust		\$91.00	Sold out	
17 Red-osier Dogwood		\$31.00		241 Kremmling Cottonwood		\$91.00	Sold out	
18 N.M. Privet		\$31.00		XL Potted—individual 1 gallon only Minimum 12" height				
19 Wax Currant		\$31.00	Sold out	400 Austrian Pine		\$11.00	Sold out	
24 Golden Willow		\$31.00		402 Colorado Blue Spruce		\$11.00	Sold out	
25 Hackberry		\$31.00		405 Ponderosa Pine		\$11.00	Sold out	
30 Bur Oak		\$31.00		406 Eastern Red Cedar**		\$11.00	Sold out	
32 Coyote Willow		\$31.00		410 Rocky Mountain Juniper		\$11.00	Sold out	
34 Peachleaf Willow		\$31.00	Sold out	425 Black Hills Spruce**		\$11.00	Sold out	
35 Prairie Sky Poplar		\$31.00		442 Plains Cottonwood**		\$11.00	Sold out	
37 Honeylocust		\$31.00		** low inventory— order ASAP				
40 Manchurian Apricot		\$31.00		Sunbelt Weed Barrier- Last day to order is March 1st				
105 Ponderosa Pine		\$31.00	Sold out	4' x 300'		\$75.00		
106 Eastern Red Cedar		\$31.00		6' x 300'		\$95.00		
110 Rocky Mountain Juniper		\$31.00	Sold out					
Small Tube Trees—lots of 30 only Height varies by species, all small tube trees will be 5 inches or taller								
305 (SI) Ponderosa Pine		\$78.00	Sold out					
306 Eastern Red Cedar		\$78.00	Sold out					
310 Rocky Mountain Juniper		\$78.00	Sold out					
312 Bristlecone Pine		\$78.00						
							Total Before Tax	\$
							Sales Tax 5%	\$
							Total Amount Due	\$



We know that food and fiber doesn't just arrive at the grocery or clothing store . . . or magically appear on our dinner table or in our closet. There's an entire industry dedicated to providing plentiful and safe food for consumption . . . as well as a wide range of comfortable, fashionable clothing choices. We rely on agriculture for the very necessities of life. From beef and pork to cotton and corn, agriculture is working harder than ever to meet the needs of Americans and others around the world.

And it's important to remember that American agriculture is not just doing it, but doing it better and more effectively! Consider this:

- Each American farmer feeds about 144 people. Agriculture is America's #1 export.
- New technology means farmers are more environmentally friendly than ever before.

That's really what this day is all about . . . recognizing the role of agriculture - and celebrating it.

USDA Announces Applications Available for Conservation Stewardship Program

NRCS has made several updates to the program this year to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications will help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These new tools also allow producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.

NRCS offices will begin processing applications for the program on November 14, 2016, with sign-up running through **February 3, 2017**. People interested in the additional opportunities the updated CSP will offer can find information on the new CSP portal, located at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp>. This one-stop shop, which provides information to help producers determine whether CSP is right for them, will be continually updated as more information becomes available. Changes that producers can expect to see include nearly double the enhancements and conservation practices offered and better reporting tools to tell producers the results of their conservation efforts on their land.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, ecologically-based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat – all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques such as precision agriculture applications, on-site carbon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rate, and new soil amendments to improve water quality.

NRCS has addressed producer and stakeholder input requesting greater flexibility to address local resource concerns. Now, NRCS will more effectively utilize input from farmers, ranchers and partners in State Technical Committees and local workgroups to inform and expand conservation strategies under the program. Producers will be better prepared to apply because they will know these local ranking priorities and targeted resource concerns in advance.

CSP is for producers who are already established conservation stewards, helping them to deliver multiple conservation benefits on working lands, including improved water and soil quality and enhanced wildlife habitat. Information about CSP, including national and state ranking questions and enhancement descriptions, is available at www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp. Producers interested in the program should visit their local USDA Service Center to submit an application.

Little Powder River *E.coli* Source Project (LPRESP)

Goals and Outcomes

By Jay Quintanilla, Water/Range Technician

Identifying and prioritizing the sources of *E.coli* within the Little Powder watershed will improve the *E.coli* reduction effectiveness, per dollars spent on BMP implementation. The 2006 Little Powder River Watershed Plan indicated that wildlife, livestock and septic systems may contribute to the *E.coli* load in the Little Powder River. From 2005-2007, CCCD successfully completed 8 Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) BMP projects and 12 septic system BMP projects within the Little Powder Watershed. Evidence of livestock and wildlife activity in and near water sampling locations continues to be documented throughout the 2015-2016 monitoring project. While finding evidence of faulty septic systems, which may contribute to the *E.coli* load has been more difficult.

The goal of the LPRESP was to collect and report *E.coli* concentrations, and to quantify a presence of human DNA markers in the Little Powder River Watershed. To accomplish this goal, the District collected credible water quality data including *E.coli*. The District also collected MST samples that were analyzed through the use of qPCR to determine if human sources of fecal material are present in the surface waters. Although *E.coli* exceedances occurred during the 2015-2016 monitoring project, no human markers were found in any of the water samples collected. The absence of human DNA markers may indicate that the previous septic system BMP's may have successfully removed human related *E.coli* sources from the Little Powder River.

Through the continued cooperation and partnership with landowners, CCCD continued to successfully operate a water quality monitoring program. The water quality program allows CCCD to continue to collect historical data and aid in evaluating trends in water quality results. Sites continued to be at or near historic sampling sites in order to maintain consistency and to strengthen relationships previously established with landowners. Currently the *E.coli* concentrations do not have a significant trend but instead continue to fluctuate, as in years past. There was a decrease in bacterial counts for the 2016 sampling season; however it is difficult to determine if these reductions can be attributed to the current climatic conditions, changes in land management practices, or previous BMP implementation. MST samples taken in the area were able to quantify an absence of human associated bacteroides, which will allow CCCD and the Little Powder River Watershed Steering Committee to make targeted decisions on future BMP implementation.

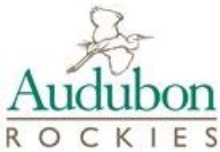
***Barnyards & Backyards* featured video:**

Managing grazing animals on a few (or more than a few) acres

Want to attend a workshop but find it hard to get away? This full length presentation video on managing grazing animals was filmed at a workshop in Riverton. (There will be a longish delay with a blank screen as the video loads to your computer, be patient.) <http://blocksofsuccess.uwagec.org/products/Videos/DMount/DMount.htm>

This and other publications, videos, etc. on grazing and pastures in Wyoming can be found on the B&B 'Resources' page 'Forage/Pastures/Grazing'. <http://www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/info.asp?p=10456> (7/17/09)





117th CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

By Dusty and Jacelyn Downey, Education Office

Each Christmas season tens of thousands of volunteers will count and record each individual bird and bird species they encounter during one calendar day, within a 15 mile diameter circle. The results are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken data on trends of early-winter bird populations across the Americas. The censuses provide valuable data about the number of bird species and numbers of each species occurring within set geographic areas on an early winter day.

BLM FINAL PLANNING RULE A MIXED BAG FOR LOCAL PARTICIPATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 2016 – Last week, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published its [final planning rule](#), commonly referred to as “Planning 2.0,” in the Federal Register. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) submitted [comments](#) on the proposed version of the planning rule in May 2016, and while it recognizes the agency has made improvements to the rule in its final form, it is still concerned the regulation inadequately acknowledges the critical importance of local involvement in the planning process.

“We commend the BLM for rising to the challenge and taking on a tremendously important topic: local participation in the management of public lands,” NACD President Lee McDaniel said. “That said, we are still concerned the final Planning 2.0 rule does not adequately foster local stakeholder participation in the planning process.”

“For one, the BLM’s rule would require that all land management plans used in the agency’s planning process be approved by local, state, or tribal governments. As an organization that represents thousands of local entities, we know just how resource-intensive and time consuming developing and approving these plans can be, and fear this provision could disincentivize local participation,” McDaniel continued. “In the past, local governments with policies and programs for public lands management were included in the BLM’s planning process, but now, unless they have an ‘official’ plan, these entities won’t be able to participate at the same level.”

NACD was also disappointed the final rule will not undergo a National Environmental Policy Act assessment, and it did not include a comprehensive update to the protest procedures.

NACD was pleased, however, with two major improvements made in the final rule. First, BLM upped the minimum durations for public comment periods on draft Environmental Impact Statements and Resource Management Plans from the proposed rule. It also designated BLM state directors the default “deciding officials” on multi-state projects on BLM managed land, allowing the BLM representative with the most intimate, local knowledge of the project area to manage the planning process.

“The BLM set out to increase local involvement in the planning process with this rule, and in part, has delivered on that mission,” NACD CEO Jeremy Peters said. “NACD believes a comprehensive, locally led-strategy is the best approach to public-lands management and will continue to work with BLM to enhance local governments’ contribution to the planning process.”

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*Mark your calendars for
The Garden and Landscape Education Expo
April 29, 2017 at the Cam-Plex in Gillette*

The Expo is so much more than gardening. The Expo is a day long event that features a Farmers Market and workshops geared toward outdoor living. You can come and go as you please and its FREE. There is something for everyone. For more information call the Campbell County Extension office at 682-7281 or visit their website at <https://www.ccgov.net/282/Master-Gardener>.