



CAMPBELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CCCD) FY 2015-2016 SUMMARY



CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

- **Earth Day Bracelets** - 2050 packaged by CCCD for distribution to 12 Districts for activities in partnership with Soil and Water Conservation Society
- **Ag and Natural Resources Expo** - Host 865 3rd grade students representing 19 schools, 2 private and home schools. 22 Gillette and Wright FFA members volunteered all day, 65 exhibitors presenting 30 activities
- **Seedling Tree Program** - sold 3372 seedling trees, 14 rolls of weed barrier and 42 tree protectors
- **4th Grade Free Tree Program** - 460 trees purchased with a CC Parks and Rec 1% grant and presented to students along with an educational activity, 14 schools participated. 20 additional trees were donated to CC Parks and Rec for replacement trees in past project areas
- **Black Hills Natural Resources Youth Camp** - 106 youth attended (9-13 years old), sponsored by CCCD, Weston and Powder River Conservation Districts
- **World Water Monitoring Challenge** - 275 7th grade students from Sage Valley Junior High participated in 6 different natural resource activities
- **Timber Stand Improvement Project** - 199.6 acres of timber thinned on private property in coordination with Wyoming State Forestry Division for fire hazard, wildlife improvement, and insect and disease control
- **Campbell County Forestry Working Group** - Monthly meetings with state and local agencies and landowners to prioritize areas of concern in Forest Health.
- **Deep Pot Cottonwoods for Riparian Restoration Study** - initiate project in partnership with UW Sheridan Research and Extension utilizing 200 locally sourced cuttings and 100 purchased bareroot cottonwoods to be grown in deep pots in a green house for transplanting in 2017
- **Mackey Road Wetland Mitigation Project** - an increase in vegetation was noted and monitoring in partnership with Peabody Energy will continue not to exceed 5 years or until mitigation is determined

CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS:

- Enviroscape model and other water related educational activities were presented to youth, adults and organizations on 22 separate occasions to a total of 2078 individuals
- Nature, Soil and Wildlife educational presentations on 17 different occasions to a total of 814 individuals

WATER QUALITY:

- Water monitoring on Little Powder River - 2 sites and Donkey-Stonepile Creek - 6 sites
- Assist Crook County Natural Resource District monitoring on Belle Fourche River
- Level I Belle Fourche River Watershed Study - 1 Small Water Project in progress
- Monthly meetings to revise Donkey Creek Watershed Plan with Watershed Steering Committee

COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS:

- USFS Interdisciplinary team - Prairie Dog Management Plan
- BLM Resource Management Plan/Land Use Plan Amendments
- USFS National Forest Advisory Board for the Black Hills
- BLM Greater Crossbow Oil and Gas Project

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

- Hosted Local Work Group Meeting with 23 attending
- Provide booth and staff during the Campbell County Fair/Trade Show for 4 days to 212 adults/children
- Co-host 3 Landowner Lunch and Learn workshops with UW Extension having a total of 30 attend
- Co-host USDA Service Center Open House with FSA and NRCS with 37 attending
- Host Estate Planning Workshop, co-sponsored by Plank Stewardship Initiative with 32 attending
- Co-sponsor of Garden and Landscape Education Expo with UW Extension, Master Gardeners, City of Gillette and Campbell County with 800+ attending
- Host Bulbous Bluegrass Field Day in Arvada with 26 attending
- Staff and/or board members attended 40 local meetings/workshops and 42 meetings/workshops out of town

- District updates presented to Campbell County Cattlewomen, Campbell County School District Principals, Gillette City Council, Campbell County Commissioners, and Campbell County Senators and Representatives
- Maintain and update District website and Facebook page
- Publish, print, and mail (in house) 1200 newsletters bi-monthly
- Distribute 300 copies of Barnyards & Backyards quarterly

