

## FY 2019-2020 SUMMARY

### CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Water Monitoring  
at Mallo Camp

#### **Natural Resource Program**

With the potential risks COVID-19 presented, the CCCD was unable to host the Agriculture and Natural Resources Expo for all third grade students in April 2020. The Black Hills Natural Resources Youth Camp co-hosted by CCCD annually scheduled in June was also cancelled. Donkey Creek Festival was cancelled in June. In the past, the three activities educated over 900 students and adults.

**Mallo Camp with Campbell County School District** - Water monitoring with 5th grade students, 733 total in a 12 day time frame in August/September 2019.

**Seedling Tree Program** - Sold 3,135 seedling trees, and 10 rolls of weed barrier.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Free Tree Program** - 570 trees sponsored by a CC Parks and Rec 1% grant and CCCD. 205 delivered to 6 schools, 335 handed out at drive through along with an educational activity. 30 donated to CC Parks and Rec for windbreak project.

**Earth Day Bracelets** - 500 packaged by CCCD for distribution to 5 Districts for activities in partnership with Soil and Water Conservation Society.

**Northeast Wyoming Forest Resiliency Project** - Partnered with NRCS to contract and implement to date, 1.08 million dollars of projects within Campbell, Crook, and Weston counties to address forest resource concerns to improve forest stand conditions, increased forage production for livestock producers and wildlife, decrease wildfire risk, and enhance wildlife habitat. This project is projected to treat 2,868 acres.



#### **Deep Pot Cottonwoods for Riparian Restoration Study**

- final year in a 3 year study, in partnership with UW Sheridan Research and Extension Center. Planted 3 types of cottonwood stock totaling 120 trees on 2 separate landowners utilizing a Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resource Trust grant.

**Mackey Road Wetland Mitigation Project** - A 5 year project, where development of wetland species and hydric soils was fully achieved in partnership with Peabody Energy.

**Small Acreage Issue Team Seeding Project** - A study of 3 separate seed mixes in 9 plots planted in the spring and fall of 2019 to provide recommendations to small acreage landowners. This project will also provide a vegetative buffer for Donkey Creek.

**Rangeland Renovation Project** - A partnership study with USFS to restore and renovate ecosystems dominated by crested wheat and bulbous bluegrass.

**Subdivision Reviews** - Provided to Campbell County Planning and Zoning Division as required by Wyoming Statute 18-5-306 (b).

### CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

Enviroscape model and other water related educational activities presented to youth, adults and organizations on 13 separate occasions to 764 individuals.

Nature, Soil and Wildlife educational presentations on 1 occasions to 100+ individuals.



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### WATER QUALITY

Water monitoring on Little Powder River - 2 sites and Donkey-Stonepile Creek - 5 sites, May through September.

Four Best Management Practice projects completed for the Donkey Creek Watershed. Total cost of \$76,512 with \$43,414 in cost share funds.

Three Best Management Practice projects approved for the Little Powder River Watershed. Total cost of \$156,435 with \$104,811 in cost share funds.

### COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS

Thunder Basin National Grassland Cooperative Working Group -  
Prairie Dog Management Plan  
BLM Resource Management Plan/Land Use Plan Amendments  
BLM Greater Crossbow Oil and Gas Project

### BOARD/COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board  
National Association of Conservation Districts -  
Forestry Resource Policy Group  
Campbell County Natural Resource and Land Use Plan  
Small Acreage Initiative Team  
Project Learning Tree  
Wyoming Conservation District Employee Association



Rain Garden at  
Gillette College

### PUBLIC OUTREACH



Assisted with Plant Identification Workshop hosted by Bird Conservancy of the Rockies.  
Provided assistance and education activity during Wyoming State Fair.  
Placed 205 storm drain stickers on City of Gillette storm drains.  
Co-hosted USDA Service Center Open House with FSA and NRCS with 37 attending.  
Presented Project Learning Tree Training with 6 attending during WCDEA winter training.  
Presentation of "How to enhance conservation education programs" at NACD annual meeting.  
Promote Crayola Color Cycle Program

Staff and/or board members attended 28 local meetings/workshops and 15 meetings/workshops out of town, and 18 by teleconference.

District updates presented to Campbell County Cattlewomen, Campbell County School District Principals, Gillette City Council, Campbell County Commissioners and Campbell County Senators and Representatives.

Maintained District Facebook page and website.

Published, printed, and mailed (in house) 1,100 newsletters quarterly.

Distributed 300 copies of Barnyards & Backyards quarterly.