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From the District Manager's Desk

Hello Conservation District friends and neighbors!

It's February, we are already well underway into 2025, and love is in the air—along with snowflakes. It's been chilly, but we're hoping for more snow to bring some much-needed moisture this year.

At the District, we've got some exciting projects lined up for the year ahead. On the waterfront, we're looking forward to continuing our monitoring efforts along the Little Powder River and Donkey Creek. Plus, we'll have cost-share opportunities for projects aimed at improving water quality. If you've got a project idea, please let us know or stay tuned for the Request for Proposals.

Also, we are looking into upcoming forestry projects that will support the health and resilience of our local landscapes, and we're planning workshops to engage more with the community. Do you have an idea for a workshop or want us in your classroom? Reach out to our Education Coordinator, Crystal Kellebrew—she'd love to hear from you!

We're also excited to introduce a pollinator garden this spring at our new location, 1414 E Lincoln St. It's a way to support our local pollinators, and we'd love for you to come check it out! Additionally, we'd like to hear from you about your interest in recycling—your input can help shape future initiatives in our District.

The District also has coal seam fires on our radar. We're working closely with local, state, and federal representatives to address these issues and explore solutions. It's a complex challenge, but one we're committed to help tackling.

Thank you for your continued support as we kick off another great year of conservation in Campbell County.

Stay Warm,

Karla Schwartz

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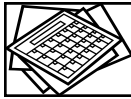
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 11, 2025	CCCD Board Meeting
February 17, 2025	Office Closed—Presidents Day
March 4-6, 2025	WACD Supervisor/Employee Training
March 11, 2025	CCCD Board Meeting
March 9-13, 2025	PLT National Convention
April 8, 2025	CCCD Board Meeting
April 16, 2025	Local Workgroup Meeting

“Awareness Workshop”

The Campbell County Conservation District will be hosting an “Awareness Workshop” in the next couple of months. The goal of this workshop is to cover essential topics such as rangeland, management, wildfire recovery, and invasive weed management. The workshop will have knowledgeable speakers from Wyoming State Forestry, Weed & Pest, UW Extension, WY Game & Fish, BLM and NRCS. We are also wanting to increase the awareness of available resources and sustainable practices within these agencies.

Please watch our Facebook Page and website for more details!



Stop by our office for a copy of the latest issues of the Barnyards & Backyards publication!



November

- November 7, Staff attended Donkey Creek/Dalby Collaborative City Meeting.
- November 11, Holiday, office closed.
- November 12, Staff attended the CCCD November Board Meeting.
- November 14, Crystal attended the State Technical Zoom Meeting.
- November 14-15, Karla attended Wyoming Food Coalition in Casper, WY.
- November 18-22, Staff attended the WACD Convention in Jackson, WY.
- November 25, Crystal conducted an enviroscape presentation for Rozet 4th, 5th and 6th graders.
- November 28-29, Holiday, office closed.

December

- December 2, Karla presented to students at Black Hills State.
- December 3, Crystal attended a NACDEA Webinar.
- December 4, Karla attended a field day with NRCS.
- December 5, Crystal attended the Dalby Lake FEMA Meeting.
- December 9, Crystal attended WY PLT Steering Committee conference call.
- December 10, Staff attended the CCCD December Board Meeting.
- December 12, Crystal attended a NACDEA Webinar.
- December 16, Staff attended FEMA Flood Study Meeting.
- December 16, Staff attended C.C. Commissioner Fire Update Meeting.
- December 18, CCCD hosted Legislative Breakfast, all staff attended.
- December 18, Crystal attended a WY PLT Steering Committee conference call.
- December 19, Crystal attended the WACDEA Training Call.
- December 20, Karla attended a field day with NRCS.
- December 23-25, Holiday, office closed.
- December 31, Karla attended field day with NRCS.

January

- January 1, Holiday, office closed.
- January 6, Staff attended CCNRD WQ update call.
- January 6, attended the Master Gardner's Banquet.
- January 7, Staff attended the NRCS shared position meeting.
- January 9, Holiday, office closed.
- January 9, Staff attended Eggs and Issues Chamber Event.
- January 10, Staff attended FEMA Flood Study Meeting.
- January 10, Karla attended the C.C. Cattlewomen's Rancher's Round-Up Event.
- January 14, Karla attended Rangeland Recovery Workshop in Buffalo, WY.
- January 14, Crystal attended Pollinator Webinar.
- January 14, Crystal attended TBNG Meeting.
- January 14, Staff attended the CCCD January Board Meeting.
- January 16, Crystal attended the WCDEA Training meeting.
- January 20, Holiday, office closed.
- January 22, Crystal attended the WY PLT Steering Committee Meeting.
- January 27, Staff attended the Governors Fire Update Meeting.
- January 28, Staff attended a Bell Fourche Collaborative Meeting.
- January 30, Crystal attended WCDEA Training conference call.
- January 31, Crystal attended a WACD Convention planning meeting.

The Campbell County Conservation District would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to two departing members of our Board of Supervisors, Richard Hauber and Jeff Boardman.

Your wisdom, dedication, and countless hours of service have made a lasting impact on the District and our mission to conserve and protect our natural resources. Though your terms on the board have concluded, we are thankful for your continued service and commitment to our community.

This isn't goodbye, and your influence will remain a guiding light as we move forward. Thank you for everything you've done and continue to do for Campbell County!



Welcome to Our New Board Members!

The Campbell County Conservation District is excited to welcome our two new members to the Board of Supervisors!

BJ Clark is returning to the Board and will serve as the Vice-Chair. With his previous experience on the Board of Supervisors and his strong commitment to conservation, we are thrilled to have him back to help guide our efforts.

Jennifer Sams joins us as a new member of the Board of Supervisors and our Employee Liaison. Jennifer brings a wealth of rural experience and conservation knowledge, and we look forward to her insights and leadership.

Both BJ and Jennifer share a passion for conserving natural resources and supporting our community. We are grateful for their dedication and service to the District, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on our work.

Please join us in welcoming BJ and Jennifer!



Sadie Ward is a Pheasants Forever Range and Wildlife Conservationist working alongside NRCS. Sadie specializes in sustainable agriculture with an emphasis on wildlife and conservation initiatives. She is from a ranching family in Central Montana and attended CSU, receiving a degree in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics with an emphasis in Sustainable Agriculture. Previously working as an Agricultural Manager in Montana, Sadie focused on wildlife co-habitation efforts through wildlife-friendly fencing and habitat restoration; promoting holistic land use practices that increased rangeland health and productivity. As a fifth-generation rancher, she has a passion for livestock production and works to ensure the continuation of agriculture with conservation practices. Sadie college rodeoed in goat tying, breakaway, and barrels. Now she trains horses and team ropes with her husband, continuing to raise livestock and Australian Koolies. Sadie is excited to be in Wyoming and working with Pheasants Forever and NRCS to further conservation in agriculture.



Annual Legislative Breakfast

CCCD had the privilege of hosting an educational function for our elected officials, bringing together representatives from both local and state levels. We shared a summary of the Conservation District’s budget and activities, and engaged in meaningful discussion about upcoming legislative items.

This event showcased the strength of our relationships and the impactful work we are accomplishing together.



In March, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department will host annual season setting public meetings across the state. At these meetings, wildlife managers present initial proposals for the fall hunting season to the public, as well as get feedback from hunters about the proposals and local management issues of concern. These proposals are for big game, wild turkey, upland game birds, small game, migratory game birds and light goose conservation orders.

Seasons are set annually, allowing wildlife managers the ability to adjust season dates, lengths or license allocations based on the most current status of wildlife populations.

The development of hunting season proposals incorporates data gathered over the past year from ground and aerial population surveys, hunter harvest surveys, from harvested animals at check stations and field checks the previous hunting season and other sources.

Game and Fish also considers landowner and hunter comments gathered through surveys and in-person conversations. Private lands provide much of the wildlife habitat in the Sheridan Region. As such, wildlife managers work closely with landowners to manage towards a mutually desired goal. Landowners are surveyed annually for their thoughts on wildlife numbers as well as season structure.

All of this information helps managers know if they are moving towards established objectives with current hunting strategies or if changes need to be made.

The first season setting meetings are a series of open houses held throughout the region. At these events, printed copies of the proposals are provided but no formal presentation is made. Instead, hunters, landowners and other participants can stop in anytime during the scheduled hours and visit one-on-one with their local Game and Fish game wardens and biologists. Attendees can then provide written comments or submit online comments later.

Hunters or other members of the public who are unable to attend an open house, have the opportunity to review draft proposals online. Additionally, recorded presentations of the proposals from each wildlife biologist district will be posted in mid-March at www.wgfd.wyo.gov.

A final meeting will be held at the Sheridan Regional Office at 5:30 p.m. on March 31. At this meeting, a formal presentation of the region's season recommendations will be made.

All written and online comments are reviewed by local wildlife managers after the initial meetings. If appropriate, changes to the proposals based on these comments may be made before they are presented to the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. All written and online comments from the public are also given to Commissioners for their consideration. The Commission finalizes the seasons at its April meeting.

This year's season setting open houses in the Sheridan Region will be as follows:

- March 24 - Sheridan - Game and Fish Regional Office from 4 to 6 p.m.
- March 25 - Buffalo - Johnson County Library from 5 to 7 p.m.
- March 25 - Gillette - Campbell County Library from 4 to 6 p.m.
- March 26 - Kaycee - Kaycee Branch Library from 5 to 7 p.m.

March 31 - Final information gathering meeting and presentation of region-wide proposals at 5:30 p.m. at the Game and Fish Sheridan Regional Office.

Campbell County Weed & Pest District
 P.O. Box 191 * Phone 307-682-4369 * Fax 307-686-8167
 Gillette, Wyoming 82717-0191

Winter is a great time to work on Prairie dog control but, time is beginning to run out to control prairie dogs with rodenticides. Zinc oats may be applied from July to February, and Rozol prairie dog bait may be applied from October to March 15th so hurry in and get your bait before it's too late. These are restricted use pesticides, so an applicator license is needed for purchase. If you do not have a license or would like a commercial applicator to do the work, we have a list of applicators at the office we would be glad to pass on.

As the winter season ends, please help us spread the word that the CCWP is now hiring for our Summer seasonal positions. We have multiple positions available with competitive wages and 4-day work weeks. You must be at least 16 years of age to apply. For a full job description and an application stop in at our office or go to our website at CCWPD.net.

The Campbell County Conservation District attended the 79th Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting in beautiful Jackson, WY. With this year's theme, "Mindful Choices Protect Resources," we were inspired to think BIG about conservation while keeping things as local as a sagebrush.

It was wonderful connecting with conservationists from all corners of Wyoming, sharing ideas and swapping stories. We're already counting down the day to next year's 80th celebration of an organization that's been championing conservation in Wyoming and beyond for eight decades.

Here's to protecting resources, building partnerships, and always choosing to do good for the land we love!



The Campbell County Conservation District (CCCD) Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide an update on our cost-share program through funding made possible by our optional 1% sales tax allocation. We are proud to support both rural and urban conservation projects with our funding that address soil erosion, enhance water quality and quantity, and improve wildlife habitats.

Success Stories

This program has already made a positive impact in our community. Here are a few examples:

- Expanding water pipelines to provide alternative sources for livestock along the Little Powder River.
- Planting trees, shrubs, and native grasses to improve wildlife habitat and reduce invasive weeds.
- Supporting high tunnels to extend the growing season in Wyoming.
- Mitigating soil erosion with improved drainage and additional tree planting.

Eligible Projects

Rural projects may include:

- Installing wildlife-friendly fencing for rotational grazing or riparian exclusion.
- Adding solar-powered stock pumps to improve livestock distribution.
- Developing water sources to benefit livestock and wildlife.
- Building high tunnels or planting windbreaks.

Urban projects may include:

- Conservation education initiatives or events.
- Tree planting, pollinator spaces, or greenway projects.
- Implementing rain gardens or xeriscaping to conserve water.
- Addressing soil erosion through streambank stabilization or water bars.
- Constructing high tunnels to extend the growing season.

Who Can Apply?

Landowners in Campbell County are eligible to apply. For urban projects, residents, businesses, schools, museums, service organizations, churches, and others located within the city of Gillette or the town of Wright are also encouraged to participate. Each applicant is limited to one grant per fiscal year.

Funding Details:

- **Rural projects:** Receive 50% reimbursement, up to \$15,000.
- **Urban projects:** Receive 50% reimbursement, up to \$2,500.

We're excited to see more projects that contribute to the conservation and enhancement of Campbell County's natural resources. Whether you're a rancher improving your land or a resident transforming your urban space, we encourage you to apply for this impactful program!

For more details, including application timelines, visit us at 1414 E Lincoln St. in Gillette or call us at (307) 682-1824. Let's work together to preserve and protect the natural beauty of Campbell County!

2025 CCCD Seedling Tree Order Form

**ALL PAYMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER FORM. INVENTORY CHANGES DAILY!!!
LAST DAY TO ORDER IS APRIL 1, 2025. TREES WILL BE DELIVERED IN MAY.**

Bareroot Trees—lots of 25 only Height varies by species, all bareroot trees will be 10-24 inches			
Species	# Lots	Cost/25	Total
<i>SHRUBS-</i>			
Caragana		\$40.00	
Chokecherry		\$40.00	
Common Lilac		\$40.00	
Golden Currant		\$46.00	
Nanking Cherry		\$40.00	
Skunkbush Sumac		\$46.00	
<i>DECIDUOUS-</i>			
American Linden		\$46.00	
Amur Maple		\$46.00	
Bur Oak		\$46.00	
Siouxland Cottonwood		\$46.00	
<i>CONIFERS-</i>			
Black Hills Spruce*		\$33.00	
Colorado Blue Spruce*		\$33.00	
Ponderosa Pine*		\$33.00	
* 6-15 inches tall			
Method of Payment (CCCD use only)			
Check #			
Cash			
Card Payment (Contact Us) 3.5% Processing Fee			

Plug Tree—lots of 25 only Height varies by series, all plug trees will be 6-15 inches tall			
Species	# Lots	Cost/25	Total
<i>CONIFERS-</i>			
Black Hills Spruce		\$41.00	
Colorado Blue Spruce		\$41.00	
Ponderosa Pine		\$78.00	
<i>Weed Barrier</i>			
6' x 300'		\$107.00	
Anchor Pins (box 500)		\$82.00	

Total Before Tax	\$
Sales Tax 5%	\$
Total Amount Due	\$

2025 CCCD Seedling Tree Order Form

Conditions of Sale

Order No. _____

*This nursery stock must be used for conservation purposes. Plants purchased may not be resold as living plants and are intended to be used within Campbell County, WY. Payment must accompany order. Seedlings generally arrive at the beginning of May; however, due to shipping variability, pickup dates and times will not be set until CCCD receives shipping confirmation from the nursery. Please ensure your contact information is provided to ensure CCCD can notify you of pickup dates and times. Nursery inventory fluctuates throughout the season due to a variety of reasons outside of our control. Please keep substitutions in mind in the event that an item becomes unavailable. If a substitution is not available or desired, a refund can be issued. Plant materials are subject to countless variables that may impact their overall health and success. CCCD does not guarantee plant survival, and there is **no warranty** on purchased plant materials. **CCCD is not responsible for weed growth, plant death, or any factor affecting the longevity of stock.***

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
 CCCD Newsletter Other _____

Send order form and check made payable to:
Any questions call-
(307) 682-1824

Campbell County Conservation District (CCCD)
PO Box 2577
Gillette, WY 82717

SHRUBS

- CARAGANA:** medium to tall, does well on poor soils, excellent drought resistance, rapid growth rate
- CHOCKECHERRY:** tall shrub, can be poisonous to livestock, rapid growth rate, prefers well drained soil
- COMMON LILAC:** excellent cold hardiness, rapid growth rate, good alkaline tolerance, grows well in most soils
- GOLDEN CURRANT:** drought resistant, rapid growth rate, hardiness to cold
- NANKING CHERRY:** rapid growth rate, Fruit edible
- SUMAC:** excellent drought resistance, rapid growth rate

DECIDUOUS TREES

- AMERICAN LINDEN:** not drought tolerant, medium to large in size
- AMUR MAPLE:** small in size, attractive colored leaves
- BUR OAK:** excellent drought resistance, can live more than 200 years
- SIouxLAND COTTONWOOD:** large in size, greater drought and alkalinity tolerance

CONIFEROUS TREES

- BLACK HILLS SPRUCE:** cold resistant, prefers well drained soil, drought and alkaline tolerant, native to the Black Hills region
- COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE:** slow growth rate, fair drought resistance, cone shape
- PONDEROSA PINE:** excellent drought resistance and cold hardiness, moderate growth rate, tolerates alkaline, long needles

The Campbell County Conservation District is seeking volunteers for the Black Hills Natural Resource Youth Camp (BHNRYC). The Black Hills Natural Resource Youth Camp is cooperatively hosted by the Campbell County Conservation District and Weston County Natural Resource District. BHNRYC will be held June 11-13, 2025 at the Mallo Camp facility located in the Black Hills of Weston County for 9-13 year olds. This camp provides the youth of Wyoming with an opportunity to learn about natural resources and careers in related fields in an outdoor classroom setting. The camp focuses on hands on lessons designed to explore soil, water, plants, animals, air, and human influences on the environment. Volunteers will receive a mandatory background check that is to be completed by the end of March.

If you are interested in volunteering at the BHNRYC please contact Crystal Kellebrew, Camp Director with the CCCD at (307) 682-1824 or kellebrew.cccd@gmail.com.



BINGO

Attend a CCCD Board of Supervisors Meeting.	Take a walk with a friend	Volunteer	Get 8 hours of sleep
Take a walk around the Gillette Fishing Lake	Call a friend or family member to catch up	Stretch your brain, learn something new	Attend a Complex Event
Pick up trash	Visit a local shop or restaurant	Attend a UW Extension Office Event	Attend a Library Event
Take a picture of your favorite place in town	Visit the Rockpile Museum	Check out a book from the CCPL	Visit the Rec Center

Bring your completed Bingo card to our office at 1414 E Lincoln by **March 1st** for your prize, only **5** prizes available!!



Prize will include a CCCD Bag, CCCD rain gauge and a soil moisture and pH meter!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WY NRCS CCAMPBELL COUNTY LOCAL WORKING GROUP

April 16, 2025 10 .A.M - 2 P.M.

Wyoming Room

CC Public Library (2101 S 4-J Road, Gillette, WY 82718)

Insight from the community assists the Conservation District and NRCS to better serve the area and improve the sustainability of valuable local natural resources.

Lunch provided with RSVP. Please RSVP to CCCD by April 11, 2025

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