



2011 WYOMING NATURAL
RESOURCE FOUNDATION
Annual Report





WNR Board of Directors

Left to right front: Curtis Grandstaff, South Goshen CD; Roger Coles, Star Valley CD; Wayne Garman, Crook County NRD; Hardy von Forell, Platte County RD; Back Left to Right: Dave Fraley, Lake DeSmet CD; Shaun Sims, President, Uinta County CD; Bobbie Frank, Executive Director; Kelly Brown, Program Specialist; Pete Jachowski, Cody CD; Dan Rice, Washakie County CD; Jack Berger, Vice President, Saratoga Encampment Rawlins CD. Rawlins CD. Not pictured- Ralph Brokaw, McFadden and Mack Frost, Cody.

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Olin Sims Endowment

The Endowment Board continued to work towards reaching the short-term goal set in 2008 of building the endowment to \$100,000. In August 2010, the first ever “Cowboy Chuck & Chip” golf tournament was held in partnership with the Wyoming FFA Foundation and in conjunction with the Wyoming State Fair. Due to the enthusiasm of our sponsors and the 23 participating teams, an additional \$4,219 was added to the endowment. In addition, a number of individuals continued their annual contribution to the endowment fund, bringing the total to just over \$73,000. Plans are underway for the 2nd annual “Cowboy Chuck & Chip,” again with the Foundation’s portion of the proceeds dedicated to the endowment fund.



1st place team: Curtis Grandstaff, WNRF with John Warren, Jerry Hammack, Dode Hammack and Dave Vacek, Catlin Caines, FFA Officer Candidate and Val Andreen, FFA Foundation.



2nd place team: Val Andreen, FFA Foundation with George Cleek, Nephi Cole, Jim Griffin and Dick Bostwick, Curtis Grandstaff, WNRF.



3rd place team: Val Andreen, FFA Foundation with Levi Clark, TJ Lockman, Brooks Shepard and Bryce McIntosh, Curtis Grandstaff, WNRF.



4th place team: Val Andreen, FFA Foundation with Brady Irvine, Duncan Irvine, Scott Prussia and Hardy von Forell, Curtis Grandstaff, WNRF.

Sponsors and supporters of the golf tournament

A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO

Proceeds benefit the Wyoming FFA Foundation and the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation Olin Sims Endowment

2010-2011 Endowment Contributors include:

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Beach Scholarship

Thanks to contributions of the Gary Beach family, the Foundation again awarded the Gary Beach Memorial Scholarship. The recipient was University of Wyoming Civil & Architectural Engineering student, Sarah Dunne. Dunne is interested in the field of water resources, specifically water treatment and dam structures. Dunne hopes to stay in Wyoming and get a job learning more about water resources.



Programs

The Foundation assisted in sponsoring the **Medicine Bow Conservation District building dedication** in honor and memory of Olin Sims. Senator John Barrasso delivered a keynote message to the more than 75 friends and family attending the dedication.



Photo: Senator John Barrasso with the Medicine Bow Conservation District board of supervisors and staff.

The Foundation was awarded a **Wyoming Forestry Urban and Community Forestry** grant, and with matching funds will publish a statewide publication highlighting the outstanding Community Forestry and Natural Resource enhancement projects being implemented by Conservation Districts and their partners from across the state. This publication is set to go to print in August 2011.

In September 2010, the Foundation, in coordination with the Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins CD and the Old Baldy Club, was approached to sponsor a **fishery enhancement project on Trout Run Stream** near Saratoga, a side channel to the North Platte River. The project is aimed at enhancing habitat conditions by creating additional pools and riffles to increase brown trout spawning habitat. This project should result in increased fish populations within the stream and the North Platte. Thanks to the generous support of the Trout Run project donors, construction is slated to start when the high water levels recede in the fall of 2011.

Trout Run, also known as Cadwell Slough, was improved in the late 1800's and floated ties and logs to the Saratoga mill.

Participating in land use and natural resource planning activities is a priority for many districts. Thanks to the support of donors in and around Park County, the **Cody CD**, which currently does not receive any local funding, will be able to enhance their participation in these types of activities.

The Foundation is proud to be one of the sponsors of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association

Environmental Stewardship Tour and awards program. This year the award was presented to Ryan Fieldgrove and family of Buffalo Wyoming.

The Foundation was awarded a Clean Water Act section 319 grant from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/US EPA. This grant will allow the Foundation, in partnership with WACD, to publish a **2012 Watersheds Progress Report** capturing the progress being made in improving water quality in Wyoming, produce videos depicting management practices Wyoming citizens can implement to protect water quality, as well as coordinate a statewide Day of Monitoring with

Wyoming's youth. These activities are slated to occur starting in the fall 2011 and spring 2012 pending release of funds.

The Foundation, along with WACD, has participated in the **“Pathway to Water Quality”** project being implemented on the Wyoming State Fairgrounds. This project will serve as a demonstration to the more than 50,000/year visitors of the Wyoming state fair grounds on measures that can be taken to protect water quality. The Foundation will be taking a leadership role in the next year on this project. The project was initially spearheaded by the Southeast Wyoming RC&D, but when RC&D federal funding was eliminated the Foundation agreed to assume responsibility for the project.

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Photo: L to R: Michelle Huntington, Converse County CD, Bobbie Frank, Foundation; Tom Cannon, Cameco, Paul Goranson, Cameco; Jim Rodgers, President of the Southeast Wyoming RC&D; Grand Stumbough, RC&D Coordinator; James Goodrich, State Fair Director, Jennifer Zygmunt, DEQ.



The foundation would like thank all of the contributors to their **annual fundraiser**. In exchange for their \$25 donation, contributors are entered into a drawing for an ATV. This year's ATV was purchased from

J&M Sports of Worland. Thanks to the generous donation of NAPA Stores of Wyoming and Cabelas, 2nd and 3rd prizes were offered for the first time.



Wayne Garman, Foundation Board member with a representative of Tracy Motor Company of Sundance.



Curtis Grandstaff, Foundation Board member pictured with the 2010 ATV winner John Borelli of LaGrange.



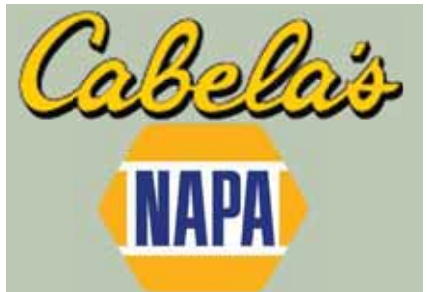
Travis Hakert, Campbell County CD presents Dan Coolidge, Gillette with the NAPA tool set.



Lisa Shaw, Niobrara CD presents Jake Reed of Lusk with the Cabela's tent.



WNRF fundraising booth at State Fair.



Our thanks go to NAPA and Cabelas!

Youth Education

The Foundation was proud to once again help sponsor the FFA Ag & Natural Resource contest at the state FFA convention. The winning team hailed from Meeteetse FFA.

The Foundation is pleased to also support youth education efforts through Project Learning Tree (PLT.) PLT is part of the American Forest Foundation, provides balanced environmental education and sets itself apart by teaching kids how to think, not what to think.

The Wal-Mart Foundation again provided grant funds to support the Dubois Crowheart CD annual Kids Fishing Day program. This event provides youth outdoor education

Below: Jeffrey Allen, Advisor Joey Johnson, Clayton Webster, Jessica Maurer and Sheana Guthrie.



in partnership with the Wyoming Game & Fish and the US Forest Service as well as local volunteer groups. Kids have the opportunity to learn to fish and spend the afternoon trying out their newly acquired skills. Kids are taught fish identification, fish species identification, fly or spin casting, and a science based activity.



Dubois Crowheart CD annual Kids Fishing Day.





Our Supporters

The Foundation would like to thank the following individuals and entities for their support of the Foundation's programs and projects:

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**Special thanks to all that
participated in the annual
4-wheeler fundraiser and gun
drawing!**



Summarized Financial Information JUNE 30, 2011

Assets

Cash & equivalents	\$ 438,338.42
Receivables	\$ 10,240.73
Investments	
Sims Endowment	\$ 72,755.93
Beach Scholarship	\$ 2,000.00

Total current assets **\$ 523,334.35**

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

Payables	\$ 0
Grants Payable	\$ 382,116.25

Total Liabilities **\$ 382,116.25**

Unrestricted	\$ 64,549.92
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 74,668.18
Restricted	\$ 2,000.00

Total Net Assets **\$ 523,334.35**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$ 523,334.35**

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