

Sample Mill Levy Campaign Key Messages

- ✍ The Blue Sky Conservation District mill levy funding will be on the November 5, 2002 general election ballot.
- ✍ The District Board of Supervisors have chosen to allow the voters to continue to decide on the mill levy funding every four years, although they have the authority to request a petition recall mill levy from voters (this would stay in effect until 10% of the registered voters sign a petition to request the mill levy be placed on the ballot again).
- ✍ For an average Blue Sky homeowner, the mill levy costs just \$8.40, or \$.70 per month. This is based on a home valued at \$109,500.
- ✍ The District is your local voice on natural resource management issues and is managed by a five-member elected board which directs the 2 member staff.
- ✍ There are 34 conservation districts in Wyoming which are governed under Wyoming State Statutes to provide leadership in implementing natural resource conservation programs and projects within their boundaries.

Blue Sky citizen support is critical for the following programs:

Water Resources

- ✍ Initiate water quality program
- ✍ Assist livestock producers with animal feeding operations
- ✍ Address irrigation, pesticide and fertilizer use
- ✍ Promote water development to help mitigate drought impacts
- ✍ Work with neighboring conservation districts to address water quality issues

Education and Information

- ✍ Weed and pest management training to deal with problems such as leafy spurge
- ✍ Educational programs for agricultural producers on state and federal regulations impacting production practices
- ✍ Timely distribution of information on emerging and critical issues such as drought, endangered species and EPA regulations through newsletter and website

Community Enhancement

- ✍ Establishment of wildlife habitat, shelterbelts, living snowfence, etc. to beautify and enhance community
- ✍ Increase natural resource awareness and enhancement of small acreage issues such as pasture management, weed management, protection of water quality and care of livestock and horses

Tree Program

- ✍ Make trees and shrubs available to the public
- ✍ Provide technical assistance for successful plantings
- ✍ Provide tree survival products
- ✍ Promote and provide technical assistance for shelter belts and living snow fences
- ✍ Promote timber management and multiple use
- ✍ Represent local interests in National Fire Plan

Multiple Use/Government Affairs

- ✍ Represent local interest in local, state and federal natural resource issues
- ✍ Work to protect private property and water rights
- ✍ Coordinate an effort to complete a comprehensive soil survey which is vital for proper development of natural resources
- ✍ Create cooperative efforts between local, state and federal government and private individuals on natural resource issues