



WASHAKIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUMMER 2009 NEWSLETTER

WCCD Provides Cost Share Assistance



If you're interested in implementing natural resource improvement projects, the Washakie County Conservation District (WCCD) is currently accepting applications for cost share assistance from Washakie County residents. Successful applicants will be awarded 50% cost share, with a maximum of \$10,000.00.

All proposals submitted must identify at least 50% in matching funds. This match can be either project installation labor and/or materials. Applications are available at the WCCD office and interested residents must complete an application, which includes the following questions:

1. How will the resource benefit from this project?
2. Have you considered alternative treatments? If so, what were they?
3. Will this proposed project provide public educational resource conservation opportunities? (news media, photos, tours, school field trips, etc.)
4. Will there be other partners involved with this project? Explain.
5. Are you willing to provide all necessary operation and maintenance to maintain the project after completion? Explain.
6. How do you plan to monitor your project?

Eligible projects are required to fall under the following three categories: Would this project have a significant impact on water quality? Would this project enhance or protect the soils resource? Would this project enhance wildlife habitat/fisheries?

Irrigation Technology Tour Planned

The Washakie County Conservation District (WCCD) will be hosting a tour of a new irrigation water management technology using soil moisture sensors, being utilized by Washakie County Ag producers!

In 2008, WCCD and five local Ag producers began using this new technology in beet fields, under center pivot irrigation. The funds for this project were obtained by the WCCD from a Western Sustainable Agriculture, Research and Education (WSARE) grant. With a year under our belt, we would like to showcase the project and share what we have learned with other area Ag producers. We will be providing demonstrations on installation of the moisture sensors and will also show attendees how to download their data with a laptop computer and how to utilize the data to improve their irrigation water management/scheduling.

This event will be held after Barley harvest in late August or early September, and will begin at 8:30 and end at noon with a lunch, which will be provided by the WCCD. We will soon be sending out flyers to notify you of the date, time, and location of our upcoming event, so watch for it in your mailbox and in the Daily News!

Funding Available For Inadequate Septic Systems

Of course you realize the importance of clean water and the potential health risk of E. coli contamination! That is why the Washakie County Conservation District's Board of Supervisors have allotted funding in their budget specifically for septic system remediation. The funding is available to anyone who feels their system may be inadequate and potentially contaminating surface water. Applications are available at the District office and will continue to be until funding is expended.

Approved septic projects will be cost shared at \$2500.00. The project must involve a single family dwelling.

Don't miss out! This program provides you an opportunity to get your septic system up to code at a lesser cost to you, if your application is approved.

Call our office at 347-2456 ext. 191, or email us at wccd@rtconnect.net for more information.

Taking Orders for Tire Tanks

The Washakie County Conservation District is currently taking orders for tire tanks for livestock water. We have the opportunity to obtain 6 large tires (56" tall x 12' wide x 26" deep), which will be cut in half after they are hauled. The tank will hold approximately 1300 gallons of water. We would like to get an order together for our area producers as soon as possible! The approximate cost of each tank will be \$625.00 depending upon gas prices at the time of delivery. Please call our office at 347-2456 ext. 191 for more information.



Wildlife Escape Ramps Available

Stock Water Wildlife Escape Ramps are still available to producers in Washakie County. The ramps will help prevent birds and other wildlife from drowning in stock water tanks. The ramps are being provided free of charge to Washakie County producers for installation in their existing watering facilities on private, state or federal owned land. Installation costs (hardware and labor) are the producers contributions to the projects. This project was made possible by the coordination of Niobrara Conservation District and was funded by Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust, Wyoming Private Grazing Lands Team, Sage Grouse Working Groups, and Water for Wildlife. If you are interested, please call Beverly Lane at 347-2456 ext. 105.

Rain Barrels Available for Less

The Washakie County Conservation District plans to host an urban lawn management workshop in the Spring of 2010 and plan to purchase rain barrels and sprinkler rain gauges for workshop participants. However, we will need to find out how many Washakie County residents would be interested in attending the workshop and purchasing a 50-gallon rain barrel in conjunction with the workshop. The rain barrels will be offered at \$60.00 to \$70.00, depending upon delivery charges at the time of purchase. The workshop will consist of hands-on activities to teach you how to manage your lawn watering and also how to conserve and use rain water. Information will also be available on pesticide and fertilizer application use and a basic composting lesson will be demonstrated. Please call us at 347-2456 ext. 191 or email us at wccd@rtconnect and let us know if you are interested in attending such a workshop, and if you would be interested in purchasing a rain barrel.



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