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Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts
74th Annual Convention
Hosted by Clear Creek CD
“Champion”ing Conservation along the Big Horns”

November 13-15, 2019
Buffalo, WY

Tuesday November 12, 2019

1 p.m. – 5p.m. WACD Board of Directors meeting – *Hampton Inn, French Creek Room*

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Convention office – Mead Lake Room - *Small Gym, Bomber Mountain Civic Center*

7 a.m. Registration Opens – *Bomber Mountain Civic Center*

Pick up your Buffalo Chamber Poker Run Card and enter to win prizes!

8 a.m. -12 p.m. WACD Board of Directors Meeting – Hampton Inn

8 a.m. Trade Show Set-up – *Small Gym – Bomber Mountain Civic Center*

10 a.m. Trade Show open – Small Gym – *Bomber Mountain Civic Center*

8 a.m. WCDEA Executive Committee Meeting –*Band Room, Bomber Mountain Civic Center*

10 a.m. WCDEA General Membership Meeting - *Band Room, Bomber Mountain Civic Center*

12 p.m. Luncheon – Speaker TBA

1:00 p.m. **PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE TOUR YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE**

Fort Phil Kearney- (Largest fort built on the Bozeman trail and near two major battles) Visit <https://www.fortphilkearny.com/about-hours>

Visitors will be introduced to the context of the Indian Wars and Bozeman Trail and guide through a viewing of the Fort diorama that depicts, to scale, the complete fort as it would have looked in the fall of 1866.

TA Ranch (Johnson County Cattle War final shootout) – Visit <http://www.taranch.com/taguetranch-history> for more information

In the cold spring of 1892, a battle pitching homesteading ranchers against the might of the Cattle Barons who had controlled the open range and their hired gunmen in the area reached its peak. After Baron assassins killed rancher Jones and rancher Tisdale in December 1891 near

the Ranch, the Barons and their gunmen set out to eliminate any threat to their control of the Powder River Range by invading the area in April 1892, hunting down and eliminating the homesteading rancher "rustlers" and community public officials and leaders, deemed "rustlers" by such association. These hunters quickly became the hunted. An angry posse of hundreds of Johnson County residents/ranchers got wind of the plan and surrounded the invaders at their refuge at the TA Ranch. So began the climactic battle of the famous Johnson County War--a conflict which pitched cowboy and neighbor against the Barons and their gunmen, a western episode that continues to intrigue western historians to this day.

Mountain Meadow Wool – Visit <https://mountainmeadowwool.com/> for more information

Nestled at the foot of the Bighorn Mountains along the western plains of Wyoming, Mountain Meadow Wool is a family-operated mill dedicated to supporting local ranchers and raising awareness about ranching culture across the American West. They are committed to revitalizing the American wool industry through eco-friendly operations and fair prices for our ranching partners.

6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception hosted by Clear Creek Conservation District – **Hampton Inn, Buffalo**

Thursday, November 14, 2019

8 a.m. **General Session – Large Gym, Bomber Mountain Civic Center**
Opening Ceremonies
Call to Order: Todd Heward, President, Wyoming Association of Conservation

Districts

Posting of the Colors
Invocation
Welcome Johnson County and Buffalo, WY
Commissioner Bill Novotny III
Mayor Shane Schrader

Welcome to the Clear Creek Conservation District
Ryan Fieldgrove, Chairman, Clear Creek CD

President's Remarks: Todd Heward, President, WACD

9:00 a.m. **Keynote Address: Chief Matt Lohr, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service**

10 a.m. **Break – Please visit our Trade Show Exhibitors – Small Gym, Bomber Mountain Civic Center**

10:20 a.m. **TBA**

11:30 a.m. WACD Annual Awards Luncheon

2:00 - 5 p.m. **Committee Meetings**
Conservation Forestry – Stan Mitchem, Chair - **Flat Iron Room**

District Operations & Education – Ryan Fieldgrove, Chair Michelle Huntington,
Staff/Advisor – **Fortress Room**

Private, State and Federal Lands – Coke Landers, Chair Joan McGraw, Staff/Advisor –
Band Room

Cathy Water Resources – Shanon Sims, Chair Carrie Rogaczewski, Sheridan County CD &
Rosenthal, WACD Watershed Coordinator, Staff/Advisor – **Upper Frozen**
Wildlife – Dan Rice, Chair Amanda Hulett, Staff/Advisor – **Soldier Park**

2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting – **Band Room,
Bomber Mountain Civic Center**

3 p.m. Break - **Please visit our Trade Show Exhibitors - Small Gym, Bomber Mountain Civic
Center**

4 p.m. Trade Show ends
Please visit the downtown businesses for your Poker Run cards!

5:30 p.m. Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation Social Hour & Auction – **Large Gym, Bomber
Mountain Civic Center**
**Drawing for the Gator and Chainsaw – Special thanks to Tracy Motors, Sundance and
Shively Hardware, Saratoga**

Friday, November 15, 2019

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. WACD Business meeting – **Large Gym, Bomber Mountain Civic Center**

9 a.m. WCDEA Silent Auction Ends

12 p.m. Convention Adjourns – Save Travels!