

# Fall 2018 Newsletter



## Calendar

### November

- 12 Office closed for Veteran's Day
- 20 Board Meeting
- 22 Office closed for Thanksgiving

### December

- 18 Board Meeting
- 25 Office closed for Christmas Day

### January

- 1 Office closed for New Year's Day

#### CCCD Staff

Zach Byram—District Manager  
Amanda Hulet—District Clerk ~ Education Coordinator

#### NRCS Staff

Allison McKenzie - District Conservationist  
Kassie Camino - Range Conservationist

The CCCD Board of Supervisors meeting is the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm and is open to the public.

All the worry and wait is finally over! We have a new location! We are now residing at 500 W Lott Street, Suite B.

For those of you who have no clue as to where Lott Street is, we are located across the street from the Johnson County Healthcare Center and Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center. We are directly behind the Oil Barn on Fort Street.

At this very moment, our suite isn't quite finished so we are bunking with the NRCS folks until our spot is finished. It is cozy at the time and we are looking forward to the finished product. Feel free to come in and check out our new office, though temporary. We always enjoy seeing our wonderful constituents and soon we will always have the coffee on!

# FALL ACTIVITIES

Here's what we've been up to...

## Russian Olive Project

Earlier this year, we were able to secure funding from the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust to help us get finished with the first phase of the project, which was removal. We were able to get two Wyoming Conservation Corps crews to get all of the Russian Olive trees removed. Johnson County Road and Bridge employees were exceptional in the removal of the cut trees and branches. We owe them a deep, heartfelt, huge thank you! Once the removal was finished, we were able to work with Jake Evans' plant science class to go back in and respray stumps and sprouts that weren't sprayed during removal. We had a couple of great days with the kids and getting the spraying finished. Now we are onto Phase 2 of the project, which essentially is completion. Native trees and shrubs have already been planted back into the project with more planting to happen this spring as well as signage to explain what this project is about. We are also going to be doing weed abatement and more education as time moves on.



## Elected Officials Tour

Every year, as part of our base appropriation funding, we are required to have a meeting with our local elected officials and inform them of what we have been up to! This year, we had about 12 attendees that met at the Johnson County Fire Hall where Zach did a presentation on our happenings this year and some information on the projects we were going to visit. We started at the I90 fish passage project where Travis Cundy of Wyoming Game and Fish gave us the run down on how this project would look in the future. From there we went up to the high school to visit the Russian Olive Project. We were able to show the elected officials what we started with and where we have ended up. After that, we took a drive out to Piney Creek where there is a large stand of Ventenata that Rod Litzel of Johnson County Weed and Pest found. Rod explained how Ventenata works and why it is such an incredibly invasive weed. The weather was a bit on the cool and snowy side but the tour went well. Thanks to all who were able to come!



## 8th Grade Mountain Science Day

Zach, Allison and Kassie spent a day at Mosier Gulch with our current 8th grade class. During this event, 8th graders have a number of stations that they visit that all have something to do with the great outdoors. State forestry, BLM, Game and Fish, NRCS/Conservation District plus many others are there to show the kids a number of fun things! We put together a station with soil profiles where we discuss the soil particles and layers then have the kids make a soil profile out of pudding, cereal and candy that they can eat. They loved our station the most!





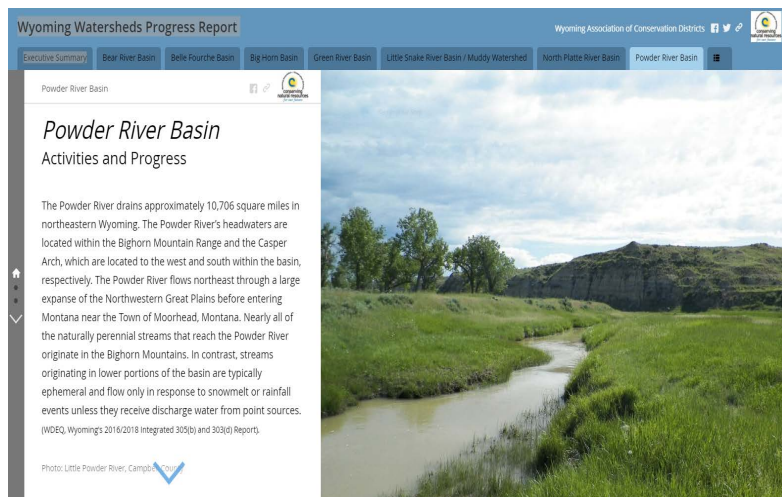
## Fall Soil Test Results

For those of you that brought soil samples into the office, your results are in! Amanda has emailed, called and sent but if you haven't heard a peep or may have forgotten, please let her know! She will be glad to get those results to you ASAP!

The Federal Clean Water Act requires states, where they have assumed responsibility for implementing the Act, to first designate what uses the waters in the state are capable of supporting. These uses include drinking water, recreation, irrigation, cold water or warm water fisheries and others. The Act then requires states to assess the conditions of the waters and determine if they are meeting their designated uses. Waters that are not meeting their uses due to elevated levels of pollutants are identified as "impaired" and placed on the state's 303(d) list of impaired waters.

Since the early to mid 1990s Wyoming's local conservation districts have convened and led local watershed groups to address these impairments through additional assessment, best management practice (BMP) implementation, and follow-up monitoring.

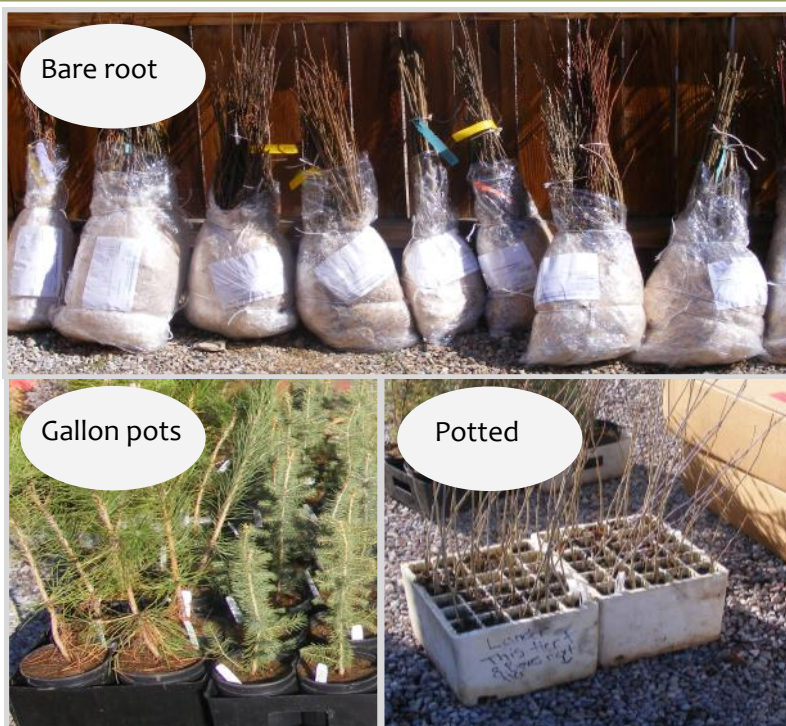
The Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) has done an outstanding job of compiling this report of the grassroots efforts to restore water quality in Wyoming's impaired and threatened water-bodies. Due to size limitations, this report only includes progress on impaired waters.



There are numerous other water quality improvement efforts implemented by districts across the state, on non-impaired water-bodies. For the 2017 report, WACD has moved to an online Story Map. This report contains a summary of the watershed restoration efforts that have been conducted within Wyoming's watershed by landowners, local districts, and numerous local, state and federal partners. These partnerships are vital to water quality restoration efforts across our state.

We invite you to view the report available on WACD's website at <http://conservewy.com/WATERSHEDREPORT18.htm>

*April 6, 2019 Save the Date*  
**3rd Annual Buffalo Garden  
 & Rural Living Expo**



## THINK TREES

### Now is the time to plan for spring planting!

CCCD offers not just seedlings but mature trees that are balled & burlapped as well as container grown trees. Order forms will be available online and in the office in mid November. Please contact Amanda this year as she is in charge of the tree program now! Order forms can be emailed as well.

Please know that the availability is better the sooner you order. Payments are due when the trees arrive in the spring.

**We will begin taking orders  
 November 19th.**



## Marlon Winger Brings Soil Health to Life!

**“Is dirt the same thing  
as soil?”**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 / 10:00 - 2:00 pm**

**Johnson County Fire Hall**

**Lunch Provided**

**R.S.V.P. to the Clear Creek Conservation District: 307.684.2526 ext. 3002 by Jan. 11th.**

If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Amanda Hulet at 307-684-2526 ext. 3002, or by e-mail at [amanda.hulet@clearcreekcd.org](mailto:amanda.hulet@clearcreekcd.org) by January 9, 2019. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

## Composters, Rain Barrels, Weed Barrier

In thinking forward to spring, don't forget that we have these items available to you at a reduced cost.

We also have a number of publications available as well. Come on into the office and see what we've got for you!



**Enter Today to Win A  
2018 John Deere Gator!**

**Donate \$25 to WNRF  
for your chance to win!**

Your \$25 tax-deductible donation to the WNRF enters you in a drawing to win a 2018 John Deere XUV 560E Gator, or Homak Pro-Series Rolling Tool Cabinet. The drawing will be held on November 15th, in Evanston at the WACD/WNRF state convention.

**1st Prize**  
2018 John Deere XUV 560E Gator

**2nd Prize**  
Homak Pro-Series Rolling Tool Cabinet

**ONLY 650  
TICKETS**  
will be distributed

To make a donation, please contact  
Marlon Winger at 307-684-2526 ext. 3002 or  
Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation  
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info@wyrnrf.com

Donations can be made online on our website [www.wyrnrf.com/donate](http://www.wyrnrf.com/donate)

**The WNRF is working with conservation districts to:**

- Planting trees on the Wyoming State Fairgrounds through the Living Legacy Program
- Protect water quality in the North Platte River and provide water quality education activities on the Wyoming State Fairgrounds
- Award an annual Gary Beach memorial college scholarship to Wyoming students
- Stream and fishery restoration
- Coordinate Wyoming World Day of Monitoring activities for over 1,200 Wyoming students and educators
- Promote watershed health and water quality conservation
- Grow the Old Sara Memorial Endowment

**Special Thanks to:**  
Sundance Equipment Company and Shively Hardware

## Support Natural Resource Conservation Across Wyoming

In exchange for a \$25 donation, Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation (WNRF) will enter donors in a drawing for a chance to win a 2018 John Deere XUV 560E Gator or a Homak Pro-Series rolling tool cabinet. WNRF is a non-profit dedicated to conserving Wyoming's natural resources. Thanks to them, there are many projects and programs across Wyoming. [Click here](#) to see what they have been working on. They also provide conservation districts the opportunity to obtain funding that we would otherwise not qualify for. Supporting WNRF is another way you can support CCCD.

**Only 650 tickets will be sold.**  
**Tickets are available at our office.**  
**The drawing will be held November 15th.**  
**You do not have to be present to win.**



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