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Are you wanting to build a plan to transfer your Wyoming agriculture operation to the next generation? Have you already begun, but need more direction?

Join the Uinta County Conservation District and the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service at **"Passing It On"**, an estate planning workshop. **The focus of the workshop will be the importance of estate planning for agricultural producers** and tips for getting your estate transfer process started. Speakers will cover several of the topics found in the guide book, "Passing It On": An Estate Planning Resource Guide for Wyoming's Farmers and Ranchers. The guide will be available for \$10 at the workshop. There will be time at the end of the workshop for a question and answer session. The speakers will include local estate planning experts, and UW Cooperative Extension Service staff.

Workshop

- January 30, 2008
- 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Lyman Town Hall

**The Workshop is Free —
Pre-Registration is Required**

**Registration Deadline is
1/28/08 at 3:00 p.m.**

The first five registrations will receive a **FREE** guide book



Wildlife Escape Ramps Available

Stock Water Wildlife Escape Ramps are now available to producers in Uinta County. The ramps will help prevent birds and other wildlife from drowning in stock water tanks. The expanded metal ramps are being provided **free of charge** to Uinta 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 project.

This project was made possible by the coordination of Lisa Shaw with the Niobrara Conservation District and the following groups who provided funding: Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust, Wyoming Private Grazing Lands Team, local Sage Grouse Working Groups, and Water for Wildlife.

If you are interested, please give Kerri Sabey or Jeff Lewis a call!

Visit us on the Web
www.uintacountycd.com

STUCK AGAIN?

If you've spent the last week or so digging yourself out because of drifted snow, I have a solution for you.....trees! Trees planted in a row, or several rows to prevent snow from drifting in those highly used areas is called a living snow fence. You've seen the wooden slat fences or bright orange fences that trap snow, why not use trees to do the same thing? Not only are they more effective, but they are more pleasing to the eye and can offer many other benefits as well.

Once a living snow fence becomes established it is more effective at controlling snow than a structural snow fence. Other benefits include cost effectiveness, wildlife habitat, cattle protection, reduced annual maintenance and beautification. When mature, a living snow fence can capture up to 12 times more snow than a slat fence.

Although living snow fences are very beneficial, they do have a few disadvantages. Living snow fences require more space to install than a slat fence, new plantings must be protected from grazing, it takes 5-7 years for a living snow fence to provide effective snow control and 20 years to fully mature, and finally, site conditions such as shallow soils and pH may prohibit plant establishment.

We all know that growing trees around here can take a really long time, however, if we never plant them, they will never grow. So, if you've spent more time digging out after the recent snow and wind storms than you would have liked, give me a call and we can see if a living snow fence is right for you! Not only do we provide technical assistance, but you may be eligible for financial assistance as well. Don't wait, call today!

Seedling tree order forms are available at our office or online at www.uintacountycd.com. The order deadline is April 18, 2008.



Watershed Planning; Cost Share Assistance Available



UCCD is now entering the third year of implementing the Blacks Fork/Smiths Fork and Upper Bear River Watershed Plans. The first two years of implementation have been fairly successful, although we would really like to see more projects getting put on the ground. In order to help get projects on the ground, UCCD does have funding available for projects such as irrigation improvements, animal feeding operations, septic remediation, water development, stream bank stabilization and any other project that will improve water quality. To date, we have assisted two producers in removing their livestock corrals from the river and building a new facility in an area that will not contaminate surface water. We have also assisted one producer in fencing to eliminate direct access to surface water by livestock and re-vegetating the riparian areas to improve filtering capacity. The district has also assisted several homeowners in the Bridger Valley with septic system remediation to prevent further contamination to surface water as a result of a failing septic system. UCCD worked with the Town of Bear River to slope and re-vegetate a 100' section of the Bear River as a stream bank stabilization project to prevent sediment from entering the water. These have all been great projects and we are looking forward to working with more landowners to get even more projects on the ground this year. **If you have a project in mind, please give us a call, our cost share programs are simple and they get the job done.**

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**\$3,000 To
Give Away!**

Great! We hoped that would catch your eye.

The Uinta County Conservation District has available **three** environmentally friendly **\$1,000** grants being offered to groups, agencies, individuals, churches, and clubs for natural resource related projects.

PURPOSE

The Uinta County Conservation District's Assistance Grants program offers 3/\$1,000 grants to support the conservation minded community members for conservation and natural resource related projects and materials. These projects must involve environmental related projects to promote and protect the quality and quantity of the waters in Uinta County, protect the agriculture resource base, promote the control of soil erosion, preserve wildlife and their habitat and promote the health and welfare of the citizens of the County.

HISTORY

The Uinta County Conservation District created the Assistance Grants program in 2005 to encourage the community to be more active in stewardship. In the past three years the Conservation District has awarded eight grants. The projects consisted of three wind-breaks being planted on properties to prevent drifting snow and for erosion control. Three projects were cleanup and beautification projects. One of these projects consisted of removal of garbage & debris, dead trees & over grown vegetation on a waterway. A second of the beautification projects was the restoration of the old state hospital cemetery located behind the Walmart Supercenter in Evanston. The Jaycees removed overgrown weeds and planted low maintenance vegetation. A third project was done by the Mtn. View Girl Scouts. This project consisted of improving the appearance of the newly renovated building that houses the offices for the Ft. Bridger State Historical Society. They picked rocks, hauled in dirt, made planters and planted ground cover for erosion control. The District also had two projects which consisted of the removal of heavy brush on 80 acres using the Districts Lawson Aerator, and replanting native grasses for cattle and wildlife grazing.

THE PROCESS

Each year the Uinta County Conservation District accepts applications until March from interested groups or individuals that have a project that would promote stewardship of our land. The eligible proposals are presented to the board of supervisors and they select the projects that best promote the Districts environmental goals. There are seven months for the projects to be completed; completion deadline is November of each year.

CONTACTS

Applications can be found at the Uinta County Conservation District in Lyman, at the County Libraries or at the County Extension Office. You may email the Uinta County Conservation District's office at patricia.watson@wy.nacdnet.net for an electronic copy or go online to www.uintacountycd.com and download an application. If you have questions please call our office at 307-787-3794 x4

DEADLINES

Submitting application Deadline: March 14th, 2008

Applicant Selection: March 20th, 2008

Notification of Recipients: by March 28th, 2008

Completion of projects: November 2008

Fort Bridger 5th Graders Test the Water on the Blacks Fork—

Each fall the Uinta County Conservation District joins with the Water Environment Federation to honor World Water Monitoring Day™. WWMD is an educational outreach program developed to provide awareness and encourage communities to be proactive in protecting our waterways. WWMD day is celebrated internationally with 39 countries celebrating together in

2006, and 3900 sites monitored. WWMD is a great opportunity to participate and become informed about the health of our local waterways.

This year UCCD celebrated by taking Fort Bridger 5th graders down to the Blacks Fork to test the PH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and turbidity of the water. After collecting the results, the students calculated the flow of the water by dumping bright green dye into the water and timing how fast the dye traveled down the stream. It was a great day for everyone involved and UCCD would love to have you join in the fun next year!

Allen Jaggi joined us to speak with the students about water quality and our natural resources, and



the value of those resources. He also shared with the students what he does as our State legislator and the important activities he is involved with in representing our district. All of us would like to thank Allen for taking time out of his schedule to take part in this event!



Going, Going, Gone —

UCCD was invited back to Ft. Bridger Elementary, to do an erosion study with Mrs. Martin's 5th grade class. The students shared their thoughts and ideas about erosion and why soil is important to their family. We used our scientific minds to observe signs of erosion and erosion control methods within the school yard. Afterwards the students drew pictures and wrote about what they discovered, from storm drain designs to protect erosion from happening, to signs of erosion. The students then did a **Wyoming Ag in the Classroom** (Dig in! Hands on Soil Investigations book by NSTA Press) lab experiment testing wind and rain on three different types of fields to observe the effects of erosion.



Educator's and youth leaders—**Wyoming Ag in the Classroom tool chests** are available for check-out at UCCD. These are large, transportable boxes of natural resource educational supplies. We have a water chest, soil chest and plant chest.



Give us a call to see what is inside!

UPCOMING EVENTS

B.E.A.RiverFest

Mark your calendars for May 31, 2008 for family fun and entertainment!

Kayak races, fly fishing, live bands, crowd catching contest, scavenger hunt, story telling and much more!

www.bearrivergreenway.org

“Passing It On” Workshop,
January 30, 2008

National Ag Week is March 16
through March 22, 2008

Earth Day is April 22, 2008

Arbor Day is April 28, 2008

**Hey Kids — “Water Is Life”
Poster Contest Coming This Spring!**

— Prizes will be awarded —

**Winners will proceed to the
State contest!**

**Look for details on our
website this spring!**

Recycling and Proper Disposal of Waste

One of the concerns of the Upper Bear River Steering Committee is pollutants such as sediment, road salt, fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides accumulating on land surfaces and being flushed directly into surface waters through storm sewers. They are also concerned that storm sewers are being used as an improper means of discarding waste. Therefore, the committee decided that providing a list of local sites for proper disposal or recycling of waste in Uinta County would give citizens several alternatives to properly dispose of waste rather than putting it somewhere that would threaten the quality of the water in the Bear River. The following is a list of local sites for the proper disposing of waste:

Local Sites

- Bridger Valley Landfill, 4461 Hwy. 412, 782-3556
- Uinta County Solid Waste Disposal Facility, 3132 County Road 108, 799-5360
- Peak Recycling (Don Nichols) Hwy. 412, 787-3432, only ferrous & non-ferrous metal
- Wyoming Waste Systems, 173 Jamison Drive, Evanston, 800-479-9173
- Gary’s Trash Service, Urie, 786-2584
- Uinta Recycling Inc., 100 China Mary Road, (Across from Old Mill Restaurant in Evanston), 789-5878, Cardboard, paper, glass & appliances.
- Big-Pee Sanitation, Mountain View, 782-6203, Porta-potty rentals, septic tank pumping, commercial and private. R
- Rocket-Sanitation, 6022 N. Hwy 89, Evanston, 789-9202, Porta-potty rentals, septic tank pumping, commercial and private.
- Jim’s Service (recycling), 1443 Hwy 30 E & I-80, Evanston, 789-9546 or 800-281-9546

May 2008, Evanston will host a hazardous waste pick-up at the fairgrounds. Pesticide, herbicide, insecticide, cleaning solution’s, paint and batteries can be disposed of at this time. For information on this collection, contact John Turner, Solid Waste Coordinator, 783-0311

BARNYARDS & BACKYARDS

Rural Living in Wyoming

The winter 2007 / 2008 issue of the Barnyards & Backyards publication will be available soon. Stop by the District office for a complimentary copy. If you like it, you can get a yearly subscription for only \$6.00!

This publication is perfect for the small acreage landowner, new landowner, or backyard enthusiast. You can visit their website at: Barnyardstobackyards.com

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Seedling Tree Order

Deadline

April 18, 2008

Attend a Board Meeting

Schedule

The third Thursday of each month

7:00 p.m. during day light savings

8:00 p.m. the rest of the year