



*Uinta County Conservation District*

**Congratulations 2009 Conservation Assistance Grant Recipients—**

*Spring 2009*

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**Stop By Our Booth at the Bridger Valley Health Fair**

**April 25, 2009  
8:00am to 1:00pm  
Mountain View High School**

**Seedling Tree Order Deadline**

**April 15, 2009**

**Evanston Girls Scouts Service Project:**

This project will benefit the You! Center in Evanston by providing trees, shrubs and other vegetation for wind and shade protection, to increase habitat for birds and to add some beauty to the building and it's surroundings. The Girl Scouts will be working with many different entities and individuals to complete the project including the City of Evanston, the Master Gardeners, the director of the You! Center and the local planning director. The You! Center is a great place for youth ages 12-18 to go to get help on homework, to have fun, meet new people and feel safe. The center offers enrichment activities, opportunities for service projects and a safe place for kids to go after school. The You! Center is located at the old East Grade School

downtown Evanston at 419 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Bear River Greenway Entryway Project:**

The Bear River Greenway is located along the Bear River in Evanston and is part of the B.E.A.R. Project (Better Environment and River Project). The Bear River Greenway and B.E.A.R. Project is open year round providing a variety of outdoor recreation, nature and wildlife experiences for all ages. This grant project is only a small portion of a much bigger project that will improve public access into the Bear River Greenway and provide additional facilities and outdoor recreation opportunities for the community and visitors.

**Lyman Park and Rodeo Improvement Project; Phase 1:**

Ryan Neiderer approached the Town of Lyman last year with

an idea for his Eagle Scout Project. After much persistence he was able to put together a well planned project. Ryan will be completing phase one of a project to improve the Lyman Park and Rodeo grounds through planting trees and shrubs that will act as windbreaks in the summertime and as living snow fences in the winter. Not only will the trees be providing protection from the wind and blowing snow, they will also make the area more attractive to the community and other visitors. Ryan will organize the preparation, planting and maintenance of 24 pinyon pine trees on the east side of the skate park and tennis courts.

We want to congratulate all of the 2009 Grant Recipients! We look forward to working with them on these great projects!

## Rain, Snow, Sleet or Shine, Springtime is Water Sample Collection Time—

Even if it doesn't feel like spring yet, it is that time of year to be out collecting water samples on the Blacks Fork and Smiths Fork Rivers. After working in the field year after year, we've certainly come to appreciate the days the sun is shining and find ourselves wishing for more and more of those days each year! Boy do we hope the weather is warmer by the end of April!! However, come rain or shine, we will continue to collect baseline water quality data on our streams to make sure we have the information we need to make sound decisions about the projects and activities that happen in our watershed. As you have probably heard by now, the Blacks Fork and Smiths Fork Rivers are currently on the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's list of impaired waterbodies due to exceedances in e.coli.

### **What is E.coli?**

E.coli is a bacteria that

is commonly found in the lower intestine of warmblooded animals. Most strains are harmless, but some can cause serious illness in humans. E.coli bacteria can survive for brief periods outside of the body which makes them an ideal indicator organism to test water samples for fecal contamination. Fecal contamination comes from the waste products excreted by warm blooded animals.

When we collect samples, we are testing them for e. coli. The results of these tests help us understand the watershed and where we need to focus our efforts to implement projects or management that may reduce the risk of bacteria entering our water. We will not be able to completely eliminate e.coli from the water, but we can all do our part to reduce the amount. Some of the projects we have assisted landowners and homeowners with to try to reduce contamination

include septic system remediation projects and removing/replacing corrals that allow confined livestock continuous access to open water. All of these projects have been voluntary and the conservation district has worked with the homeowners and landowners to do what best works for them and the water. The Conservation District has also provided funding to assist with the costs of these projects.

There is still funding available to assist with projects that will improve our watershed and ultimately our water quality. If you have a project you would like some assistance on, please give us a call, we are here to help.

And, even if our wish for warm sunny days doesn't come true, we'll just put on our long johns and do what we need to do to protect our water.



## HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Just in time for Spring Cleaning, Uinta County is having a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on **May 16, 2009 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Mountain View County Road and Bridge shop.** At the collection homeowners can bring in household waste products and also any pesticides that need to be disposed of. Agricultural producers are encouraged to bring in any pesticides that they have stored and do not have a use for. No explosives or radioactive chemicals will be accepted at the collection. For a complete list of household products accepted or any questions, please contact John Turner at 307-783-0311. If you have any questions regarding pesticide disposal contact Uinta County Weed and Pest at 307-789-9289.

## Education Happenings—

### Winter Camp—February 12, 2009

UCCD joined the Mountain View 5th graders at the Youth Camp, for a day of learning about the out-of-doors. The students built snow caves, snow shoed, learned about wildlife habitats, tracks, and much more!



### Tree Workshop—March 10, 2009



Thirty one participants ventured out in the cold, wind and snow to learn hands on pruning techniques, provided by Chris Fallbeck with the Wyoming State Forestry Division. Chris also provided tips on how to properly plant a tree, he provided species selection information and discussed how to pick the right tree for the right spot. Dana Stone, also with the Wyoming State Forestry Division, discussed Common insects and diseases of trees in our area and how to manage them. Kerri Sabey, with the Uinta County Conservation District shared information on the Districts' seedling tree program and information on windbreaks and living snow fences.

### Range Management School 501—February 17 & 18, 2009

UCCD hosted RMS 501 with 29 students from around Wyoming and as far away as Arkansas. This two day event consisted of topics from stream improvements, livestock distribution, invasive species wildlife and livestock interaction to developing a grazing management plan.

## WyRED Camp, June 1– 5, 2009—



Wyoming Resource Education Days (WyRED) provides an opportunity for students to learn about our natural resources and how to apply them in our modern times. Topics include geology, soils, plant physi-

ology, plant identification, range sites, range utilization, wildlife, water quality, riparian areas, weed control, fire ecology, predator control and more! Campers will get practical experience in rangeland management, and can put their skills and knowledge to the test during the range and land judging contest.

This year, WyRED will be hosted in Greybull, Wyoming,

on June 1 through June 5, 2009. Details of the location and registration information is forthcoming. Check back with us for more details.

Each year, UCCD sponsors students and their advisors from Uinta County. If you know of students interested in attending WyRED, please give us a call at 307-787-3794 ext 4.

*Upcoming Events to Celebrate*

**EARTH DAY**  
April 22

**ARBOR DAY**  
April 27

**NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP WEEK**  
April 26-May 3

**Educators—**  
If you would like us to help you celebrate these events, give us a call at 307-787-3794 ext 4

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#### **B.E.A.RiverFest**

- Music
- White water activities
- Crawdad catching contest
- Kids scavenger hunts
- Activities for the whole family

Come join us for a day  
of fun at the BEARiverFest  
May 30, 2009

For more information,  
visit the Bear River  
Greenway website  
[www.bearrivergreenway.org](http://www.bearrivergreenway.org)



**Build African Schools Fundraiser Breakfast  
Starts at 8:00 a.m.**