

Welcome, Rangeland Specialist, Oakley Ingersoll!



Oakley Ingersoll, a new rangeland specialist for the Uinta County Conservation District, is a Wyoming native born and raised in Pinedale. He attended Northwest Community college in Powell for two years, and completed his schooling at the University of Wyoming. In May of 2006 he received a bachelor's degree in Range Ecology and Watershed Management with a minor in Soils. Oakley is married to Dr. Amber Ingersoll who is a veterinarian at Bear River Veterinary Clinic in Evanston. The two enjoy many outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, horseback riding, trips to the mountains, and camping.

Before coming to Uinta County, Oakley worked for the Sublette County Conservation District for a year and a half. During that time he pioneered a range program in cooperation with the BLM, NRCS and Game and Fish. Thanks to public interest and proactive landowners the program was successful and multiple conservation projects were implemented in Sublette County.

It is the goal of Oakley and the Uinta County Conservation District to educate landowners and public land permittees about rangeland management and range programs here in Uinta County. Range monitoring programs can be designed to fit specific individual needs by collaborating efforts amongst landowner's and federal agencies including the Forest Service, BLM, and state, that establish achievable objectives and maintain viable grazing practices within Uinta County. To ensure grazing of public lands the district and the permittees along with the federal agencies will collect credible, defensible data that will assure informed decision making and assist with grazing permit renewals.

Background information needed to begin

along with a basic timetable of events is listed below:

- Permittees need to have a voluntary interest and commitment to monitoring on their private ground or public allotments.
- The district along with the permittee or permittees; as would be the case for common allotments, gather with the BLM or Forest Service and jointly develop common goals and objectives.
- At the end of the grazing season all parties spend approximately two days in the field collecting necessary data to make beneficial management decisions that support multiple use.
- Data will also be used in long term vegetation health trends, with transects being read every three to five years and short term or annual use monitoring which is read every year.
- No monetary expense to the landowners aside from commitment and time.

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Fall—A Great Time to Prepare Our Landscapes for Next Year

Fall is a good time to stand back and assess what you like and don't like about your landscape. You can then think over that information during the winter and determine what, if anything, you'd like to change in the spring. If you are thinking of creating a more water wise landscape there are some great publications to help you at www.barnyardsandbackyards.com on the Resources - Landscaping page

Helpful Hints:

Trees and shrubs Autumn and winter watering is critical for trees and shrubs planted within the last three years. Water twice a month throughout autumn and once a month in winter if they are exposed and have no snow cover. Winter watering is especially important for evergreens as they continue to lose water through needles throughout the winter. Provide a good soaking of water to the root zone of trees and shrubs. Although trees and shrubs

grow roots throughout the year, in autumn they are actively building root mass, and providing adequate water in the root zone to ensure healthy root development.

Lawns Like trees, grass in autumn actively builds root mass in preparation for winter. Watering lawns twice a month throughout autumn provides the right environment. Fall applications of fertilizer are very important to lawns – not that the fertilizer makes the grass grow more aboveground – research has found fertilizer stimulates the roots to grow even more making for a stronger plant next spring.

Autumn fertilizer applications are not recommended for trees. If both lawn and trees are together, landowners can apply half the fertilizer's recommended rate. Contact a local nursery or University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service office for fertilizer application rates. A list of CES offices is online at www.uwyo.edu/UWCES/Countries.asp. Lastly, as the final mowing

comes, adjust the cutting height to about 3 inches or higher. There is a direct correlation between the grass leaf blade and the amount of roots developed – the taller the grass, the bigger and deeper the grass root mass.

A recent addition to the Barnyards and Backyards Resources-Landscaping page is a guide to the plants in a xeric demonstration garden in Casper. This large booklet provides wonderful color photographs and basic information about the plants in the garden. Along with other publications it can be a great tool to help you decide which plants will brighten your world and reduce your water usage. On the Barnyards & Backyards resources landscaping webpage, click on: [WyoScape Xeric Demonstration Garden Guide](#)

Information for this article taken from the Fall 2006 edition of Barnyards and Backyards, article "Autumn Landscaping Chores" by Tom Heald, a University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service Educator

Rangeland Specialist Continued:

Other range plans available that may benefit landowners across the county includes:

- Cross fencing, brush control, wildlife enhancement projects, water developments, and assistance through cost share programs within the district.
- Rest rotation schedules based on vegetation production, acres and AUM calculations.
- Provide technical assistance to both large and small landowners.



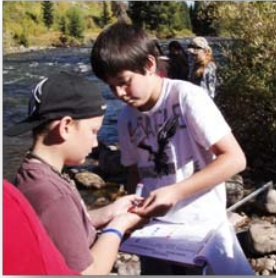
Oakley is excited to work with and help the people of Uinta County!

If anyone has questions, feel free to call Oakley at (307) 231-1717 or email at: oakley_ing@yahoo.com.

For Rangeland Programs, please look for the Conservation Districts upcoming local events.

Education Happenings

World Water Monitoring Day



Each year during the month of September, the UCSD #4 5th graders spend a day at the Uinta County Youth Camp facility. The students get to learn from several different instructors about a variety of topics. This year, Dannette and Kerri celebrated World

Water Monitoring Day with the students. The students tested the Blacks Fork river for pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and turbidity of the water. After collecting the results, the students calculated the flow of the water by dumping environmentally friendly bright green dye into the water and timing how fast the dye traveled down stream.

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 each year, and 3900 sites monitored. WWMD is a great opportunity to participate and become informed about the

health of our local waterways.

Dannette and Kerri also celebrated World Water Monitoring Day with fifteen students from the Children's Learning Foundation on August 9, 2010.



Outdoor Education Grants

Are you an educator who wants to get your students outside for some hands on learning, but you don't have the resources you need to plan such an event? Now you can! The Uinta County Conservation District is offering grants up to \$1,000 for youth group outdoor learning experiences.

For over 60 years, the Uinta County Conservation District (UCCD) has promoted

the stewardship of our natural resources through education and project implementation. A key component in this stewardship is actively working with the youth of Uinta County. This unique opportunity is available to conservation minded educators for conservation, natural

resource and agricultural related outdoor education. The grants are available for up to \$1,000 per event.

Are you an educator that would like to get your students outside for some hands on learning?

If you would like to learn more about our grants, please give us a call at (307) 747-8224, or visit our website at www.uintacountycd.com.

Check Out Our Resources

Educators—you may check these items out, or we can do an activity for you! For more information, please give us a call at (307) 747-8224.

- Discover a Watershed—The Colorado
- Animal Track Replicas
- pH & DO Water Test Kits
- Tree Cookies
- The Environscape
- Ground Water Flow Model





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The Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation (WNRF) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to conserving Wyoming's natural resources, heritage and culture. The WNRF is a sister organization to the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts.

The WNRF is working with conservation districts to:

- Protect Wyoming's natural resource and agricultural tax base
- Protect and promote wise and multiple use of Wyoming's natural resources
- Promote and enhance water quality and quantity, wildlife habitat, conservation forestry and education
- Support locally led water quality and watershed planning efforts
- Represent local interests in state and federal environmental issues
- Enhance the capacity of local districts to better serve their constituents
- Provide a scholarship to a Wyoming student through the Gary Beach Memorial Scholarship
- Administer the Olin Sims Endowment Fund
- Provide youth and adult natural resource education, and more...

Contact UCCD for ticket purchases: (307) 747-8223

SEEDLING TREE ORDER FORMS

will be available at the Conservation District office in the Lyman Town Hall, at the Extension Office in Evanston and on our website by mid November. We would be happy to mail you an order form as well, just give us a call at (307) 747-8223! Place your orders early for the best selection!!

Attend A Board Meeting

Board meetings are scheduled for the third
Thursday of each month.

8:00 p.m. March through October
7:00 p.m. November through February
Lyman Town Hall
USDA Service Center

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