



UINTA COUNTY *Connection*

UCCD Now Accepting Seedling Tree Orders

UCCD is excited to begin another seedling tree season! We have started taking orders and will continue taking them through April of 2027. We are currently working with a couple of different nurseries and hope to coordinate a delivery date in early to mid-May.

There will be several deciduous and evergreen species available in either bare root or 10 cubic inch tube options. Bareroot seedlings will be available in bundles of 25 only and the 10 cubic inch trees will only be available in lots of 25. All of the species offered are known to grow in our area and climate, however, it is still important to consider site specific conditions. Things like soil type, water availability, and space are all important factors in making sure you plant the right tree in the right place.

In order to help you choose the right tree or shrub for your planting area, we have put together detailed descriptions of each of the species offered. You can go to our website, find the Programs tab then scroll down to the Seedling Trees page and scroll down again until you find the detailed descriptions of trees/shrubs section and click on the species you want to know more about.

On the order form, you will also notice a list of planting supplies that we offer and have available here at our office. If there is something you need that is not listed, or a particular species of tree you would like to order but is not on the form, please give us a call and we will see what we can do. If you have any technical questions about planting your seedlings or designing a tree planting such as a windbreak or living snow fence, we are here to help you.

Order forms will be available on our website at www.uintacountycd.com, or you can stop by the office to pick one up. Check back often for species availability and any changes or updates to the order form. Payment for seedlings must be received at the time of ordering, *before* they will be ordered from the nursery. We encourage you to place your order early! As always, give us a call if you have any questions about our seedling tree program and how you can participate.



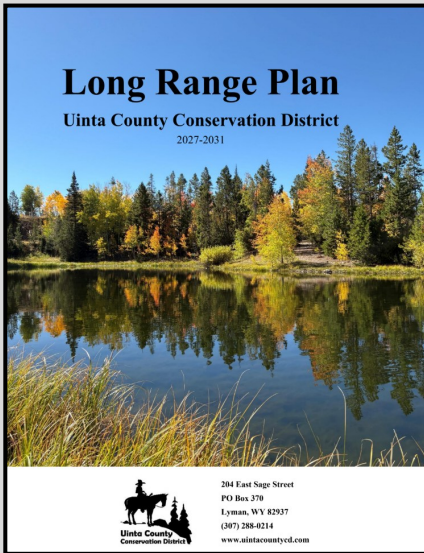
Nanking Cherry shrubs that were planted as bareroot seedlings in the spring of 2022. Located in a local yard in Lyman, Wyoming. Picture taken October 2026.

Ways to Prepare Your Trees for Winter

1. **Prune**—remove dead, diseased and damaged branches to promote tree growth and health. Pruning in the fall can allow wounds to seal before growth stops for the season.
2. **Water**—Water trees well throughout the fall before the ground freezes, especially newly planted ones. Water acts as an insulator and plant cells that are swollen with water will be stronger against cold damage.
3. **Add Mulch**—adding 2-3 inches of mulch around the base of the tree in late fall or early winter will help maintain a more constant soil temperature, insulate roots, and slow moisture loss. Do not pile mulch directly against the trunk. Rather than applying in a volcano shape, you want your mulch to more closely resemble a donut. Wait until the ground is frozen to apply mulch, otherwise mice will take up residence there.
4. **Wrap the trunk**—use burlap or a white commercial tree wrap to shield tree trunks during winter. Sunlight will warm the bark of the dormant trees and trigger growth of new cells. These delicate cells then suffer sunscald when exposed to freezing overnight temperatures. Wrap to just above the bottom set of branches. Remove when winter is over!

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Uinta County Conservation District Long Range Plan Released for Public Comment



Beginning September 15, 2026 and continuing through October 30, 2026, the Uinta County Conservation District will accept written comments on the 2027-2031 Long Range Plan.

Copies of the document are available at the Conservation District Office located at 204 East Sage Street and on our website at www.uintacountycd.com.

Comments can be submitted by email to ksabey.uccd@gmail.com, mailed to PO Box 370, Lyman, WY 82937, or dropped off our the office.

A public open house to view the long range plan and submit comments will be held on October 14, 2026 from 10:00 am until noon at the Conservation District Office.

For more information, contact the Uinta County Conservation District at 307-288-0214.

Save The Date

SOUTHWEST WYOMING VIRTUAL FENCE SYMPOSIUM



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Thursday, January 28, 2027
South Lincoln Training & Event Center
Kemmerer, WY
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Register for free by
scanning the QR code



UCCD Assists (2x) at Uinta Science School

THE SCIENCE SCHOOL:

For the third September in a row, Clark Elementary 5th graders attended a week-long outdoor education event at the Uinta County Youth Camp in the mountains south of Bridger Valley. This successful event, coined Uinta Science School (USS), is a result of a collective effort by many and is spearheaded by Clark Elementary science teacher, Josh Cox.



USS exposes the Clark 5th graders to many learning opportunities throughout the week. Along with teachers from the school, the U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming Game and Fish, and Pheasants Forever, UCCD was once again invited to teach a station at the camp.

UCCD employees led three groups of students through a macroinvertebrate inquiry of the Youth Camp fish pond. The students collected

macroinvertebrate specimens from the rocks and moss along the edge of the pond. They used magnifying glasses and field guides to identify their specimens. They then worked together to calculate the number of pollution tolerant and intolerant species to find a total index value to determine the water quality rating for the pond compared against their initial hypothesis.



DID YOU KNOW? Dragonfly nymphs live underwater. They eat mosquito larvae, insects, tadpoles, and small fish.



UNZIPPING THE DETAILS BEHIND THESE AWESOME BACKPACKS:

The leaders of the Uinta Science School are continually looking for opportunities to make this camp better each year!

Motivated by previous years' experience, and the knowledge that the Uinta County Conservation District offers grants for outdoor education events held in Uinta County, Josh Cox applied for

UCCD's Outdoor Education Grant. With a solid vision, Cox combined the \$1000 UCCD-awarded grant money with contributions from the Clark Elementary PTA to purchase 50 specially designed backpacks from Atmosphere Mountainworks in Laramie, Wyoming.

These bright, multi-pocketed backpacks made their debut at camp this year and will be a staple for students every year to come. Jackets, water bottles, field journals, and snacks stayed dry and secure inside these convenient packs. The students and teachers were impressed by the design and equally as grateful for the grant contribution from the Conservation District.

UCCD loves to see outdoor education events in Uinta County continue to be a success!! If you are interested in an Outdoor Education Grant, visit our website or call us today.



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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
UCCD Office Building
204 E Sage St, Lyman

Urie 4th Grade Visits Meeks Cabin Dam Reservoir

On September 4th, the Urie 4th graders went on their first field trip of the year. Forty-five energetic students made their way across Meeks Cabin Dam and down to the gatehouse. John Schiess with the Bridger Valley Water Conservancy District lead the students on a descriptive tour of the gatehouse and dam operations. UCCD's

Katie Lott lead the students on an evergreen plant tour.

Because not all evergreen trees are 'pine trees,' students learned distinguishing characteristics of fir, spruce, and pine trees. Do you know the differences?

Fir trees have friendly needles (no sharp tip) & are flat in cross section. Cones are found standing upright toward the top of the tree, but fall apart at maturity, leaving unrecognizable pieces on the ground.

[Subalpine fir]



"Friendly, Flat, Fall-apart, Fir"

Spruce tree needles are square in cross section (roll one between your fingers) and have a very sharp tip.

The cones can be found hanging downward toward the top of the tree, or laying on the ground below the tree. [Engelmann spruce]



"Square, Sharp, Spruce"

Pine tree needles are fascicled into packets (two needles per bundle in Lodgepole Pines). Pine trees have stiff cones that grow scattered on the branches, and can be found on the ground below the trees.

[Lodgepole pine]



"Pine Packets"

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