

LINGLE-FORT LARAMIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT



FISCAL YEAR 2011

DISTRICT MISSION

- **TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP FOR STEWARDSHIP**
- **PROGRAMS IN NATURAL RESOURCES**
- **SATISFYING CURRENT NEEDS**
- **YET RENEWING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE**
- **GENERATIONS TO ENJOY**

LFLCD GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- **COMMUNITY SUPPORT/LEADERSHIP:**
 - Develop a comprehensive marketing strategy promoting conservation and showcasing contemporary activities. The active involvement of local citizens will improve their understanding of the environment and generate community support and commitment to district programs.
- **WATER QUALITY:**
 - Improve the quality of ground and surface waters within the boundaries of the Lingle-Fort Laramie Conservation District.
- **SOIL EROSION:**
 - Reduce the severity of both wind and water erosion on irrigated and dry land cropland and rangelands.
- **AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES:**
 - Establish and maintain a conservation ethic for the residents of the district and Goshen County. Provide the leadership that will afford them the opportunity to gain an appreciation for agriculture and the importance of natural resources.
- **YOUTH:**
 - Assist youth in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions that contribute to the sustainability of the natural resources.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT/LEADERSHIP

- Our district staff published quarterly newsletters and maintained a district website.
- Our board worked with the local schools students for our water monitoring day, provided the schools with stewardship educational materials during Stewardship Week and provided a educational program in conjunction with the Goshen County Cattlemen for the annual AG EXPO.
- Co-sponsor a rural & urban pesticide collection day with the other two Goshen County Conservation Districts, Goshen County Weed & Pest, Goshen County Commissioners and the City of Torrington.
- Co-sponsored an educational booth with the NPVCD & SGCD during the Goshen County Fair.
- Co-Sponsored a Solar Powered workshop with NPVCD & SGCD and worked with the University of Wyoming on obtaining a presenter.
- Provided trees to Ty's Pitstop in Lingle for the public for Arbor Day.
- Reviewed sub-division proposals within LFLCD and submitted our comments to the Goshen County Commissioners.
- Maintain LFLCD botanical park in Lingle as our community project.

WATER QUALITY

- Worked with DEQ to obtain secondary use classification on streams within LFLCD. 13 streams were submitted county wide and all but one was reclassified and that one is pending.
- Sponsored water monitoring with Lingle School students during the World Wide Monitoring Day in October.
- Provided articles and workshops on Water Quality standards and good management practices.
- Supported and encourage participation in USDA programs provided through NRCS and FSA and the district approves these plans at our district board meeting.
- Assisted WACD in gathering information on random points on streams within LFLCD to validate the accuracy of DEQ model to alleviate the need for individual UAA's.

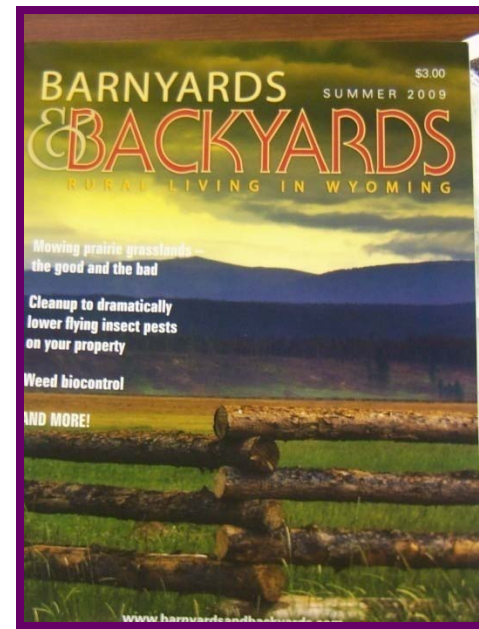
SOIL EROSION & AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Provided cost-share to landowners on farmstead/feedlot windbreaks within LFLCD. Provided trees to rural and urban residents at a nominal fee. Provided a technical staff member to provide designs and answer tree questions to all who purchased trees from the district.
- Assisted SAREC maintaining a wildlife and tree planting with assistance from the Wyoming Game & Fish for nesting cover.
- Provided assistance to NRCS with our technical staff member to provide windbreak designs for their programs as well as installation of planting.
- Provided training materials to school teachers from our district owned “Ag in the Classroom Tool Chest” that deals with all natural resources
- Co-Sponsored a Oil and Gas workshop in conjunction with NPVCD and SGCD at the EWC Auditorium. There were around 500 people in attendance who were informed about landowner guidelines for negotiating mineral leases or surface use agreements. The districts provided a “Landowners Handbook” provided by the Goshen County Conservation Districts. Let-Er Buck Bar B Q provided lunch for all in attendance.
- Entered a Memorandum with the USDA, NRCS and Wyoming Department of Agriculture to assist them in carrying out there programs and projects.



ASSIST YOUTH IN ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Sponsored and encourage students within LFLCD to attend conservation camps, range judging camps, WYRED and other camps available for their benefit and training.
- Conducted outdoor classroom events with teachers and students within LFLCD such as water monitoring and nature walks and identification of wildlife tracts.
- Worked with landowners, realtors and youth groups in understanding the importance of conserving our natural resources within LFLCD.
- Provided the Backyards & Barnyards to local entities, libraries, waiting rooms, and realtors offices.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- In September 2011, Karri Ellis presented a demonstration on the available drinking water for the world during the Ag Expo sponsored by the Goshen County Cattlewomen for 4th graders in Goshen County.



- LFLCD co-sponsored a booth at the Goshen County Fair. LFLCD supervisors assist with manning the booth, explaining their programs and handing out promotional information & materials that each district has.





- On the 25th of September, LFLCD was a co-sponsor with the NPVCD and SGCD Goshen County Weed & Pest, Goshen County Commissioners and City of Torrington of the Rural & Urban Pesticide & E-waste Pickup Day. Clean Harbors out of Denver took the pesticides, paint and batteries for disposal and the Tatoonine Company out of Cheyenne took all E-Waste and batteries for disposal. Our event was very successful due to all those who volunteer to assist with this event. This includes employees from the Goshen County Weed & Pest, District employees and District Supervisors from all three Goshen County Conservation Districts, Employees from the City of Torrington as well as employees from Clean Harbors and Tatoonine.

- On the 6th of October the LFLCD board held a outdoor classroom session with the 7th and 8th graders from Lingle on the Laramie River near the Old Fort Laramie Historical site. This day was a worldwide water monitoring event with District supervisors-assisting with the program. The Conservation District employees were the presenters of the program. The parameters that were monitored were PH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity and water temperature. The information that was gathered was put into a computer program and the data was published on the website: www.nationalwatermonitoringday.org.



BOARD DUTIES

- LFLCD on a yearly basis reviews the Memorandum of Understanding with NRCS, WDA and other agencies.
- LFLCD sponsors their district employees and supervisors to trainings that will help them perform their duties as employees and supervisors
- LFLCD has a rep that sits in on the annual employees review that is conducted by the Employer District, NPVCD.
- LFLCD pays NACD, WACD, RC&D and Western Coalition dues on a yearly basis
- LFLCD has submitted comments to the County Commissions on sub-division reviews within their district.
- Attend all board meeting and be up to date on all issues that are facing the Conservation Districts and make decisions that best benefit landowners within LFLCD.
- Work closely with our district partners (NRCS, Game & Fish, US Fish & Wildlife, Goshen Count Weed & Pest, Goshen County Commissioners etc.) on conservation issues that affect the LFLCD.
- LFLCD supervisors attend all Area, State and some National meetings. They also assist with sponsoring their employees to these meetings.
- LFLCD participates in the WACD awards program on a yearly basis. They also submit awards through other organizations too.
- LFLCD is a rep for the local work group that assists NRCS in ranking NRCS programs.
- The LFLCD Chairperson has been involved with the BLM Casper Management Plan during this past year.
- Published a district newsletter with other 2 districts and NRCS.
- Assists with educational programs such as water monitoring and Ag Expo.
- Encourage the youth to attend Conservation Camps and be involved with conservation issues & programs.
- Submit minutes to WACD, WDA and Area II Directors on a monthly basis.
- Assist the District Manager in the development of the Annual Plan of Work and Annual Report and 5 year Long Range Plan.

LFLCD BOARD MEMBERS



JACK PUGSLEY – RETIRES AFTER 30+ YEARS



- Thanks Jack Pugsley for serving on the Lingle-Fort Laramie Conservation District for so many years and all your dedication, commitment and assistance to the district employees and fellow supervisors. Your leadership skills and all the projects and programs you have assisted in implementing in our district is very much appreciated. We will miss your leadership within our district.

- **THANKS FROM LFLCD BOARD MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES**

LFLCD BOTANICAL PARK



The 4th graders from Lingle Elementary help clean park up every year.

