South Big Horn
Conservation District

Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

- July 18 - Shell Valley WID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 8pm @ Shell Community Hall
- July 29th - August 4th - Big Horn County Fair "Ticket to Fair-adise"
- August 5 - NWID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 7pm @ Manderson Fire Hall
- August 6 - SBHCD Monthly Board Meeting 4 pm @ Farm Service Center
- August 16 - Shell Valley WID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 8pm @ Shell Community Hall
- September 2 - Labor Day - Office Closed
- September 9 - NWID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 7pm @ Manderson Fire Hall
- September 19 - Shell Valley WID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 8pm @ Shell Community Hall
- October 1 - SBHCD Monthly Board Meeting 4 pm @ Farm Service Center
- October 7 - NWID Board of Directors Monthly Meeting 7pm @ Manderson Fire Hall
- October 14 - Columbus Day - Office Closed

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

George Kelso - Chairman
Linda Hamilton - Vice Chairman
Howard Wildman - Secretary
Eddie Johnson - Treasurer
Walt Hibbert - Member

DISTRICT STAFF

Ashley Coenen
District Manager

NRCS STAFF

Laura Galloway
District Conservationist

Curtis Johnson
Range Management Specialist

Alyssa Green
Soil Conservationist

Chad Foster
Civil Engineer Technician

Brianne Patrick
Administration Specialist

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GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to the Wyoming Community Foundation for sponsoring our garden!

Camera's are on the premises!

PARTNERS

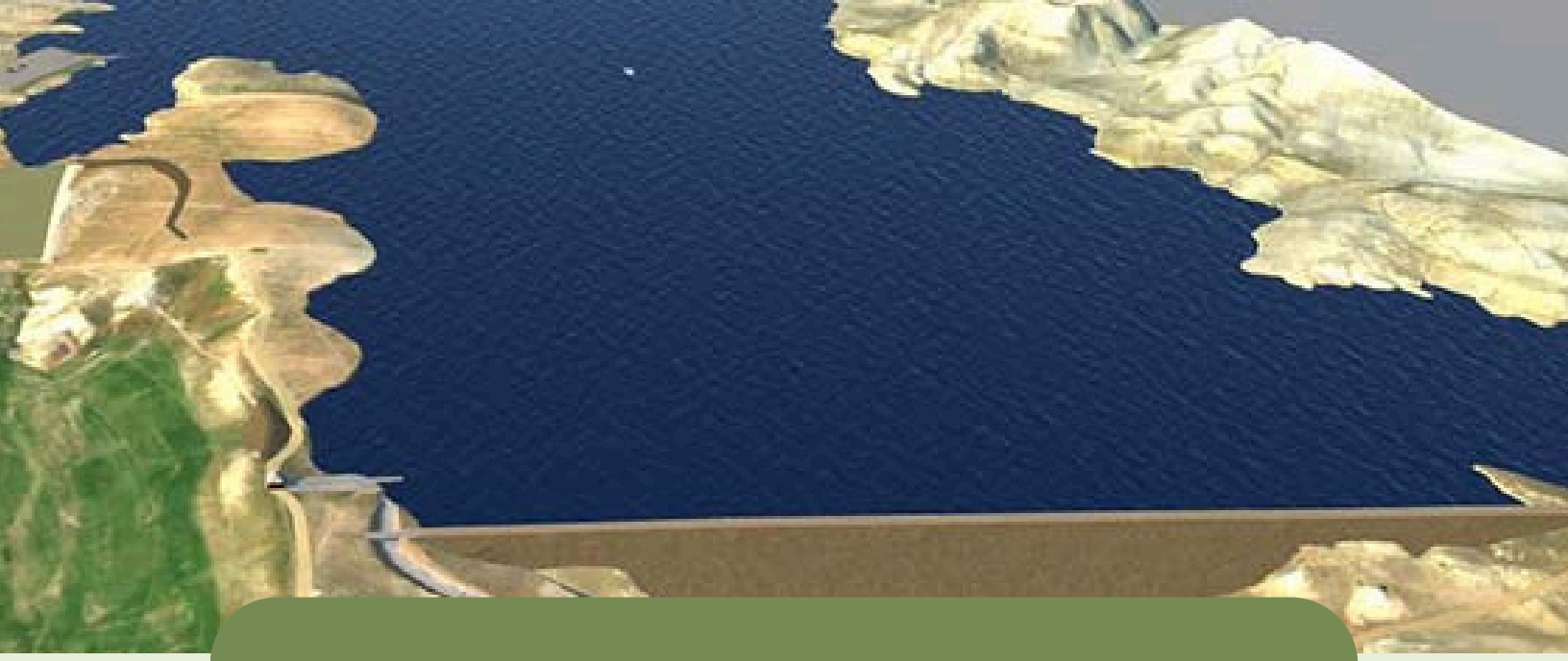
The South Big Horn Conservation District and Big Horn County School District #3 have partnered to create a community garden at the Buff Ranch. When the vegetables are ready, families can then collect a basket on a first-come, first-served basis. Baskets may vary, depending on the amount of vegetables we get. Notification of baskets will be advertised!

PUMPKIN PATCH

During the month of October kids will be able to come and pick out a pumpkin. We will advertise the pumpkins once they are ready!

WHAT'S IN OUR GARDEN?

- Potatoes
- Tomatoes
- Peppers (mild, medium, hot)
- Lettuce
- Corn
- Squash
- Broccoli
- Cucumbers
- Carrots
- Onions
- Brussel Sprouts
- Pole Beans
- Cantaloupe
- Watermelon



NOWOOD WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ELECTION
FOR THE
NOWOOD WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On November 5, 2024, the Washakie County Conservation District and the South Big Horn Conservation District will hold a Board of Directors election for the Nowood Watershed Improvement District, for the purpose of electing two (2) directors for a four-year term.

Qualified candidates, must own land within the Nowood Watershed Improvement District and be registered to vote, may file for election between August 7, 2024 and August 26, 2024. Interested candidates may obtain an application for election at the South Big Horn or Washakie County Conservation District Offices. Washakie County Conservation District office number is 347-2456 ext. 101, or the South Big Horn Conservation District office number is 765-2483 ext. 103.

Applications can be mailed to the Washakie County Conservation District at 208 Shiloh Road in Worland, Wyoming 82401 or the South Big Horn Conservation District at 408 Greybull Avenue, Greybull, Wyoming 82426. The deadline for filing an application for the director election is August 26, 2024 and must be physically received by that date, to be valid.

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Do you have Hazardous Waste?

Big Horn County residents can now drop off the following items at the Big Horn County Weed & Pest Building located at 4782 US HWY 310 during business hours ONLY!

- Paint
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Herbicides
- Cooking Oil
- Aerosols
- Electronics
- Motor Oil (Small Quantities

NO EXPLOSIVES, PROPANE CYLINDERS, TANKS OR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

SPONSORSED BY THE BIG HORN COUNTY WEED & PEST AND SOUTH BIG HORN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SOUTH BIG HORN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BIG HORN COUNTY WEED & PEST DISTRICT

Farm Service Agency Seeking Nominations for Farmers and Ranchers to serve on Local County Committees

Nominations are now being accepted for farmers and ranchers to serve on local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committes. These committees make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2024 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2024.

Elections for committee members will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction and may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

Customers can locate their LAA through a geographic information system locator tool available at fsa.usda.gov/elections and determine if their LAA is up for election by contacting their local FSA office.

Agricultural producers may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee if they:

- Participate or cooperate in a USDA program.
- Reside in the LAA that is up for election this year.

A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority, women, urban and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote and hold office.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to eleven members who serve three-year terms.

Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster recovery, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as making decisions on county office employment and other agricultural issues.

You should contact your local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in your county's election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, you must registered and sign and FSA-669A nomination form. This form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

All nomination forms for the 2024 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by the Aug. 1, 2024, deadline. Election Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in November 2024.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA INCREASES MINIMUM ANNUAL PAYMENT FOR THE NRCS CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

USDA is increasing the minimum annual payment for agricultural producers participating in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) from $1,500 to $4,000 starting in fiscal year 2024. The increase addresses challenges faced by small scale, underserved, and urban producers and improves equity in the program by making participation more financially beneficial for smaller operations. The new minimum payment is available for new and renewed CSP contracts, and applications for the program in Wyoming are accepted year-around.

CSP offers technical and financial assistance to help agricultural and forest producers take their conservation efforts to the next level. The program is designed to compensate agricultural and forest producers who agree to increase their level of conservation by adopting additional conservation activities and maintaining their baseline level of conservation.

Examples of CSP enhancements that are suitable for being adopted by smaller scale and urban producers include:

- Planting multi-species cover crops
- Mulching with natural materials
- Establishing pollinator habitats
- Soil health crop rotation

Inflation Reduction Act and CSP

Currently, an unprecedented amount of funding is available for CSP through the Inflation Reduction Act and Farm Bill. The Inflation Reduction Act provided $19.5 billion in additional funding for NRCS' oversubscribed programs like CSP for five years. Inflation Reduction Act funds are available to help producers adopt climate-smart practices.

How to Apply

NRCS accepts producer applications for its conservation programs year-round. Funding is provided through a competitive process and will include an opportunity to address the unmet demand from producers who have previously sought funding for climate-smart conservation activities.

For more information about assistance available, contact your local USDA Service Center.

USDA Service Center Office Hours

Farm Service Center
8:00 - 4:30pm

NRCS
7:00 - 3:30pm

South Big Horn Conservation District
8:00 - 4:30pm

Office is closed from 12:00-12:30