

WYOMING CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION



Annual Report

FY 2011-2012

The Purpose of the WCDEA is:

- To provide training and networking to advance the professionalism and skills of the Conservation District Employees
- To provide input and assistance to WACD in carrying out the duties of the Districts.



Executive Committee

President: Glen Leavengood, S-E-R CD

Vice President: Todd Heward, Medicine Bow CD

Treasurer: Sno Ann Engler, Sublette County CD

Secretary: Anita Bartlett, Powder River CD

Area I Representatives: Crystal Kellebrew, Campbell County CD & Amy Doke, Sheridan County CD

Area II Representatives: Brady Irvine, Platte Valley NRD & Liz Harvey, Laramie Rivers CD

Area III Representatives: Steve Jones, Meeteetse CD & Kristin Tilley, Shoshone CD

Area IV Representatives: Lisa Ogden, Natrona County CD & Dave Morneau, Popo Agie CD

Area V Representatives: Robb Sgroi, Teton CD & Tim Morrison, Little Snake River CD

WACD Liaison: Jeri Trebelcock, Popo Agie CD

Membership

There are 84 District Employees in Wyoming. Dues are \$25 per member and some member's dues are paid by their District, where as others are paid for out of the employees pocket. 100% of the membership paid their dues.

2011 Outstanding Area Employees

Outstanding Area I Employee: Nikki Lohse, District Manager, Lake DeSmet CD-Nikki is an asset to the Lake DeSmet CD. Her personality, knowledge and professionalism are the corner stone of the District. She is committed to representing the District and always ensures that the District's needs and issues are represented. Nikki is a genuine grassroots representative of the landowners and general public in the District and has, for years, provided leadership and direction to bring volunteer cooperation in natural resource conservation programs.

Outstanding Area II Employee: Lisa Shaw, District Manager, Niobrara CD -Lisa administered the state-wide wildlife escape ramp program form 2007-2010 and recently took on additional duties as the Coordinator for the Wyoming Private Grazing Lands Team. She is part of the Progressive Pathways LLC advisory committee working with a pipeline company to ensure the land is protected and landowners are compensated. She also helps with the Black Hills Natural Resources Youth Camp, 4th Annual Garden and Landscaping Show and numerous school activities.

Outstanding Area IV Employee: Jeri Trebelcock, District Manger, Popo Agie CD -Jeri is the kind of person that jumps in and makes things happen. Jeri is an excellent mediator who is able to bring opposing parties together and has the ability to see both sides of an issue and develop solutions. She was instrumental in coordinating of all aspects of the 2010 flooding in Lander. She coordinated engineering, construction, finances, agencies, private landowners and contractors. Jeri is an invaluable member of the Popo Agie CD and community of Lander.

Outstanding Area V Employee: Brenda Lazcanotegui, District Clerk, Lincoln CD-Brenda has been the backbone of the LCD for the past 38 years. Without her efforts the LCD would not have accomplished the many quality work products and activities to put conservation on the ground in southern Lincoln County. Overall, Brenda's biggest asset is her ability to work with various groups of people starting with the numerous elementary and high school students when giving conservation presentations and her sympathetic ear she gives to district cooperators. People depend on her positive attitude.



2011 WACD Employee of the Year

Nikki Lohse has been and continues to be an asset to the District. Her personality, knowledge and professionalism are the corner stone of the District. She is committed to representing the District and always ensures that the District’s needs and issues are represented. Nikki is a genuine grassroots representative of the landowners and general public in the District and has, for years, provided leadership and direction to bring volunteer cooperation in natural resource conservation programs. After 20 years of dedication and service to the Lake DeSmet CD, Nikki continues to show enthusiasm in her work. She continues to learn the newest and state of the art technologies to do the best possible job she can for the Board and the citizens of the District.



2011 Longevity Awards

30 Years of Service

Brenda Lazcanotegui Lincoln CD

20 Years of Service

Bobbie Frank WACD
 Larry Hicks Little Snake River CD
 Nikki Lohse Lake DeSmet CD

15 Years of Service

Kristin Tilley Shoshone CD
 Michelle Cook Campbell County CD

10 Years of Service

Dale Beranek Laramie County CD
 Kerri Sabey Uinta County CD
 Liberty Blain Laramie County CD

5 Years of Service

Amy Doke	Sheridan County CD	Anita Bartlett	Powder River CD
Ann Trospen	Powell Clarks Fork CD	Carla Thomas	Hot Springs CD
Crystal Kellebrew	Campbell County CD	Dan Leemon	Teton CD
Delsa Allen	Sublette County CD	Duane Loyd	Laramie County CD
Rachel Daluge	Teton CD		

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Accomplishments

- National Convention in Las Vegas, NV was attended by Jim Cochran and Jeri Trebelcock.
- Winter Training was held in Casper with 44 employees in attendance. This training included sessions on:
 - Basic soils and the web soil survey
 - Basic Ecological Site Descriptions
 - Effective Communications
 - Event Planning
 - Introduction to Access
 - Tree Identification
 - Effectively working with a Board
 - Advanced Suitewater
 - Generational Training
- Glen Leavengood represented Conservation Districts on the Wyoming State Forestry Living Snow Fence Committee
- Glen Leavengood serves on the Annual Plan & Report Committee for WDA
- Glen Leavengood served on the WACD Awards selection committee
- 100 % of dues were paid by the 84 District Employees across the state
- WCDEA members attended the Leadership Development Training held at the WACD Convention.
- Silent Auction held at the 2011 WACD Convention saw \$1,981.00 raised to put towards educational trainings, the scholarship program and purchasing longevity awards for employees.
- The WCDEA provided a yearly newsletter to all employees and it was handed out to District Supervisors at the WACD Business Meeting at convention
- Sponsored the 2011 Chip & Chuck Golf Tournament and sponsored a team to play in the tournament.



Committees:

Scholarship Committee

Steve Jones
Jeri Trebelcock
Kerri Sabey
Brady Irvine

Training Committee

Dave Morneau
Anita Bartlett
Sno Ann Engler
Kristen Tilley
Crystal Kellebrew