


Rangeland & Watershed Resource Specialist Report

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1. Training & Professional Development:

- Reviewed 1 WCDEA Scholarship applications with other Scholarship Committee members

2. Program Updates:

- Living Snow Fence Applications for 2024 Planting:
 - Not conducting LSF site visits until June since we are full for 2024 planting season
 - Attended Volunteer Fair Feb 6th at UWyo Union to recruit volunteers for planting
- Rural Cost Share Applications -- *~\$9,900.00 Remaining in Current Budget*
Completed Projects (Voucher included in this month's voucher report):
 - Ongoing conversations with 2 potential applicants – no new applications received yet
- County Notices for Review (subdivision, zoning, use change requests):
 - Huffer Acres Subdivision – 27.5 acres outside of Centennial
 - 5 parcels, in floodplain, North Fork of Little Laramie River
- Community Enhancement Grant Program
 - Received one application so far – deadline is March 22! Expect to review all applications at the April Board meeting
- Tree Program
 - Shopify embedded into LRCD.net
 - Tree Sale opened Feb 12th; 4,805 trees/shrubs will be available
 - 16 Compost Bins available
 - Created updated cost vs. price list to make sure we're not losing money on the sale (some prices went up to cover costs)
- LaBonte Garden
 - Updated garden contract and issued to past lessees – deadline for executed contract is April 1
 - 1 plot per residence/family given high demand and waitlist
 - Slight increase in plot rental cost
 - Preparing cover letter to inform returning lessees of these changes and instructions
- Water Quality
 - Reviewed Draft 2022/2024 Integrated 305(b) and 303(d) Report

3. Technical Assistance:

- Completed 3 Seed Mix Requests
- Urban site visit w/ Martin
- Gypsum soil inquiry

4. Community Outreach & Involvement:

- Provided the team with Conservation Expo ideas for who to invite and handout ideas
- Reached out to Wyoming Conservation Corps and reviewed their crew/project sponsor requirements, exploring potential partnership opportunities with them for spring season
- Attended 3 Rotary Session: Project Cure, Platte Rivers Veteran Flyfishing, Judicial Selections Process
- Pilot Hill Trailhead project meeting – discuss landscaping ideas to minimize erosion/runoff and encourage native plantings (2/5)
- Met with Jay Smith regarding compost bins and potential NACD Community Grant (1/30)
- Attended UW's Volunteer Fair for Nonprofits (2/6)
- Roger Canyon Recreation Subcommittee meeting (2/12)

5. Other Notes

- Reviewed DEQ comment request regarding cement plant and comment letter – Due March 19 (before March Board meeting)
 - The ISD rules require that all projects that exceed 80% of the jurisdictional threshold for an Industrial Siting Permit go to the Council for review. The ISD is required to notify all municipalities (including special districts) when this is the case to offer them the right to object and encourage the Council to require the company to go through with the permit requirements.
 - ISD is in place to help mitigate environmental and socio-economic impacts from large-scale industrial projects to local communities. Permits require things like construction timelines, transportation routes, or financial support to local communities to help offset negative impacts to the community and economy.

Current Time
(as of Jan 2023)

Vacation: 49 hours
Sick: 62.5 hours
Comp: 48.75 hours
Straight: 0