



*Conserving natural resources
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THE CHINOOK

CODY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Welcome!

We are reviving our newsletter, The Chinook!

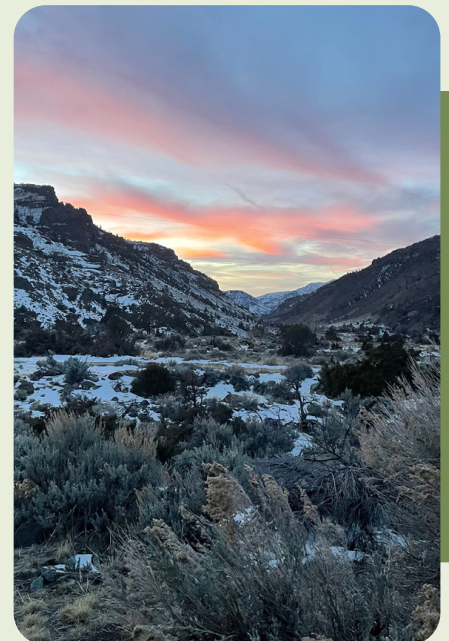
The Cody Conservation District (CCD) is committed to improving the quality of life in our district through good stewardship of our land, water, and natural resources. The CCD will achieve this goal by providing information, education, and technical services to its constituents.

Tree Program

Our 2023-24 Tree Program is wrapping up! We have sold almost 2000 trees and pollinator plants across the community this year. They will be arriving soon in time for pickup on April 26th.

Join us for our next board meeting May 1st at 4:00pm!

Do you have conservation ideas for our community? Reach out! We love partnering with people and communities to create habitat for wildlife, keep waterways healthy, and more!





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Pollinator Pals

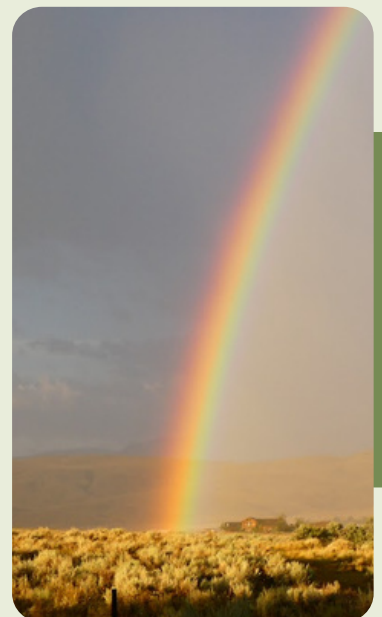
Spring has arrived and pollinators are on their way here! We can't wait for our pollinator garden to start blooming. Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, bats, and other species are critical to the health of our ecosystem. Our food system also relies heavily on these animals to pollinate crops.

Since they help us out, we can reciprocate by giving them a hand. Waiting to prune the dead plants in your garden means that pollinators can remain there until the flowers show up. We included pollinator plants in this year's tree program to make it easy to grow your own pollinator gardens. You can also assist them by leaving dandelions in your yard, since these are one of their first and most important food sources of the season. With a little bit of help from all of us, we can ensure that our pollinators have everything they need to thrive. So, let's roll out the welcome mat and get ready to welcome these hardworking creatures to our gardens!



April Showers

As spring brings increased precipitation, effectively managing stormwater becomes crucial for safeguarding our streams and fisheries. Water runoff can carry sediment and pollutants, posing risks to aquatic ecosystems. Implementing strategies such as installing rain chains that guide water into your garden, planting water-loving species where water pools, and keeping storm drains clear of debris can significantly reduce these harmful effects.





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Art and Info

Our next Art and Info Class is **May 9th from 3:45 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.** in the Children's Activity Room of the Park County Library.

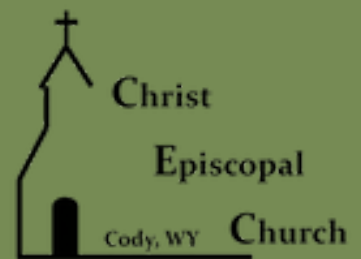
Art and Info Classes will continue to be held at the Library throughout the summer, along with other children's activities!



THIRD THURSDAY CONSERVATION CONVERSATIONS

Join us for sandwiches and salad at the Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall
Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m.

Topics will include who the Cody Conservation District is and what we do, big impact from small areas, supporting pollinators, and more!





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A Note from Our Friends at Weed & Pest

We are getting ready for a busy weed season! The Cody Shed will open Monday May 6th at 7:30 AM. Regular hours are M-Th 7:30-AM-8:30 AM and Friday 7:30-noon. We do stock pre-emergents and sterilants in the shed now so if you need some call 307-254-1758 to arrange a pick-up time. The Meeteetse shed will open Mid May. The Powell facility is open M-F 8AM-5PM. 307-754-4521 .

We are still offering a 50% cost-share on perennial grass seed mixes. We carry 5 different varieties sourced (most) right here in Park County! This is a great opportunity to obtain a quality product locally grown at a great savings. Remember if you don't replace your weeds with something desirable, all you will ever have are weeds!

We do have rental seeders available for smaller acreages as well as sprayers, large and small. Herbicides are not our first line of defense in the battle against weeds, they are just one of the many tools available. Depending on the weed species you have, their life cycle and the severity of the infestation, they may not even be the best choice! We offer free on-site consultations for Park County landowners. Give us a call and we can assess the situation and make recommendations at 307-754-4521. Happy spring, AKA 3rd winter!

~ Mary McKinney



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Park County Weed and Pest Control District OPEN HOUSE

Plan now to attend our Open House. We provide many services to **YOU** the Park County landowner that you may not even be aware of. Come on out and tour our facility.

- Displays of the tools of the trade.
- Weedy characters to identify.
- Have questions? Staff will be available as well as board members.
- **DOOR PRIZES!**
- A Job Fair with staff on hand to discuss the different seasonal positions that are available.
- Activities for the kiddos too!
- Artwork by Powell High School students.
- **REFRESHMENTS!**

Don't miss this opportunity to discover all of the things that Park County Weed and Pest District can do to assist you in reaching your land management goals

Tuesday April 23 3-7 PM

Powell Warehouse



BOLO for Palmer Amaranth: a pigweed on steroids! This invader has recently been found in Park and Washakie Counties. Recent testing of bird seed in the State has identified positive results in 3 samples from one area alone! Be looking under your feeders, pastures, field edges, anyplace where weedy characters may be found as the summer progresses.

Learn more here:

https://parkcountyweeds.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/022_WWPC_PalmerAraman



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Lower Sage Creek

NATIONAL WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE



Funding is now available in partnership with the NRCS for grazing and irrigation improvements, streambank enhancement and more! Please contact us for more information.

The National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) is an NRCS program that provides a way to accelerate voluntary, on-farm investments where they can deliver the greatest benefits for clean water and water conservation. These practices not only benefit natural resources but enhance agricultural productivity and profitability by also improving soil health and optimizing the use of agricultural inputs.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/national-water-quality-initiative>



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Conservation practices include but are not limited to:

- Conservation Cover
- Conservation Crop Rotation
- Cover Crop
- Critical Area Planting
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover
- Riparian Forest Buffer
- Nutrient Management
- Water and Sediment Control Basin
- Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
- Irrigation Reservoir
- Irrigation Water Management
- Prescribed Grazing
- Streambank Protection
- Tree/Shrub Establishment
- Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
- Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed

The Lower Sage Creek NWQI Project is being conducted in support of the Shoshone River Partners. To learn more about the Shoshone River Partners, reach out to Carmen McIntyre at 307.578.8335 or conservecody@gmail.com or check out our storymaps at <https://arcg.is/OPmPvS> and <https://arcg.is/lymq19>