



Allie Sagnes, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids and Joan Smith Freeman, discuss ATV Safety And Helmet Program

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids Participates in National RC&D Week

(MINOT, ND) ----- The week of September 20-26 is National Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Week. For the past 45 years the National Association of RC&D Councils has been commemorating the anniversary of the RC&D program by recognizing local RC&D Councils and their projects. The RC&D is a unique program that helps people protect their natural resources and improve their economy, environment, and quality of life by bringing people together and making their communities a better place to live.

During this year's celebration, Joan Smith Freeman, President of the National Association of RC&D Councils, from Orlando, CA visited the Upper Dakota RC&D area and reviewed RC&D projects on September 23rd.

In 2007, Allie Sagnes, with the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids organization, approached the Upper Dakota RC&D Council for technical and financial assistance. The RC&D assisted Allie with grant writing tips and to apply for a grant from the National Association of RC&D Councils. Farm Safety 4 Just Kids received a Pioneer Hi-Bred International grant for its ATV Training and Helmet program. The organization has been working with Pure Honda in Minot to receive the helmets at cost and provide a free helmet to youth upon completion of the ATV safety training. Starting with one clinic in 2007, five clinics were held in 2009. The program is proving highly successful. To date nearly 150 helmets have been given out.

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