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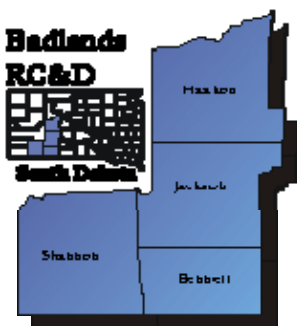


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The mission of Badlands Resource Conservation & Development Council is to strengthen the economic, social, and environmental growth of our multi-county area by coordinating our human and natural resources.

2010 Livestock Producer Field Day



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The Badlands RC&D Council sponsored the BENNETT COUNTY LIVESTOCK PRODUCER FIELD DAY on September 29th, 2010 with huge success. The day was hosted by a local rancher, Butch Fanning. We had 46 South Dakota & Nebraska ranchers, land owner/operator, and Agribusiness men/women in attendance. Badlands RC&D Council has observed through Outreach efforts that a huge majority of local ranchers & livestock producers did not know what is available to them through USDA/NRCS technical & financial assistance for the protection of their farm and ranch lands. This is what we deemed as Identifying our Problems/Needs. The day was created for the purpose of Outreach efforts, targeting area landowners/ grazing & ranching land users. Letting ranchers know what is out there that will benefit them, their kids, their grandkids, and the land resources that they work so

hard to preserve.

As with any analytical process: before you can decide where & how you are going, you need to know where you are starting from. Improved Grazing management practices, protection of surface area ground water/streams, and improved technological alternatives for livestock watering resources were deemed to be the most crucial concerns of the area ranchers.

Decisions were made to request/contact technical assistance from NRCS and renewable energy power company (GENPRO/PowerPlus). The latter was to provide an 'on the ground' Solar powered livestock watering pump field demonstration for the local ranchers to see firsthand.

To get the most 'Bang for our Buck' Badlands RC&D Council knew it was imperative to get a local rancher to host the field day and get the neighboring ranchers to come see what was going on. Butch Fanning, local rancher from Vetala, South Dakota, was the man. After extensive deliberation he bought into the idea and need. The Bennett County & Shannon County Conservation Districts promoted our project and local agribusinesses, banks, and ranch supply companies financially supported the endeavor. We were set for the event.

The '9-Step Planning Process' is comprised of a thought/evaluation process that can be used to address almost any decision in life; personal, business-economical, environmental, or conservation based decisions. The 9-Steps of Planning can help make decisions in questions concerning everything from buying a 'washing machine' to 'picking a spouse.'

The 9 Steps of Planning are:

1. IDENTIFY PROBLEMS/NEEDS
2. DETERMINE OBJECTIVES
3. INVENTORY RESOURCES
4. ANALYZE RESOURCE DATA
5. FORMULATE ALTERNATIVES
6. EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES
7. MAKE DECISIONS
8. IMPLEMENT PLAN
9. EVALUATE PLAN & ADAPT IF NEEDED



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