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The goal of the South Central RC&D Council is to develop partnerships to plant more trees across the four counties they serve.



Prairie Rangers 4-H Club plant trees to develop the recreational area at the Murdo North Dam

The North Dam recreational area was the focus of one of the community projects for the Prairie Rangers 4-H Club in 2010. South Central RC&D provided technical assistance to the 4-H club in acquiring a “Building Our South Dakota Communities” grant from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture. With these funds the group worked with the City of Murdo to plant trees in one of the designated recreational areas being developed at the North Dam.

The Jones County Conservation District guided the 4-H club on choosing the best suited species of trees for the area.

Twenty-eight 4-H’ers, parents and volunteers gathered on May 19th to plant 31 trees. Brandon Kinsley, Jared and Jacob Dowling prepared the ground and laid tree fabric prior to the group planting the

trees. The group then put tree tubes around each young seedling to protect them from the wildlife and harsh climate.

Eventually this recreational area will be made into camping sites for the public to utilize. The Murdo Horizons group provided funding to construct a large canopied picnic area to accommodate large group gatherings. A local group purchased cement planks from Game Fish and Parks and installed them to create a new boat ramp making it easier to get boats in and out of the water. The local Modern Woodmen of America chapter have also planted trees in the area.



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