

# Western Wyoming RC&D

RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION  
& DEVELOPMENT



*Partnerships Serving America's Communities*



United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS goals of productive soils, clean and abundant water, healthy plant and animal communities, clean air, an adequate energy supply and working farm/ranch lands are achieved through the following Western Wyoming RC&D Council projects



## Star Valley Recycling/Diversion

Reusable/Plastic Bag project was educating students on the purpose and reason to use reusable bags instead of plastic grocery bags. Student were presented reusable bags and given a challenge. Which school could collect the most plastic bags per student?

Western Wyoming RC&D assists people in rural areas with planning and implementation of projects to increase conservation of natural resources, support economic development, and enhance the environment and standard of living in local communities.

Western Wyoming RC&D Council is locally organized, sponsored, and led. This allows the program to provide an ideal way for residents to join together to decide what is best for their community.

*“Local residents know best what they need, want and can achieve, it’s their Community!”*

Reed Gardner



## Bedford Community Readiness

Technical assistance was provided to the Bedford Community which resulted in a grant award of \$1,450,000 for infrastructure. The award enabled the Community to receive two other grants to complete the 2.6 million dollar project.



## Salt River/Wyoming Range Cloud Seeding Feasibility Study

WWRC&D Council is partnering with High Country RC&D (Idaho) and Idaho Power on a Phase II study of cloud seeding in Salt River/Wyoming Range Cloud Seeding. The study will be conducted in the 2010/2011 winter.



Local beef producer serving hamburgers during a farmers market.

# Snapshots of other Western Wyoming RC&D projects



## Leadership Development

Assist communities with leadership development for educational and participatory experiences to enhance leadership skills and effectiveness.

## Facility Energy Retrofit Grant Program

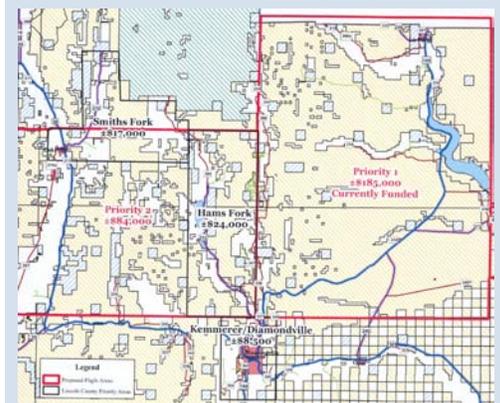


Successfully assisted six small towns and two non-profit/special districts in receiving \$743,226 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) for an energy savings of 278,449 kWh/year. Retrofits included Attic/ceiling insulation, foundation insulation, window replacement, lighting replacement, insulation, boiler/furnace replacement, and water heater replacement.

## Etna Community Center



Assistance was provided to the Etna Community Center Board with the submission of a successful Wyoming Business Council Community Facilities grant for \$1,300,451. The grant is for the conversion of the old Metcalf School into a community center/business incubator. The community held two fund raisers which raised \$8,000 towards the project and a master plan. In addition, assistance was provided on submitting a successful \$300 grant from Wells Fargo for new playground equipment.



## South Lincoln LiDAR

The Council coordinated efforts with NRCS, USGS and BLM on acquiring LiDAR for approximately 800 square miles in south Lincoln County. In addition, the US Fish & Wildlife Service was able to dovetail flying Seedskaadee and Cokeville Meadows.