

LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FIELD OFFICE

JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT

SELF GOVERNMENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Lincoln Conservation District to pursue the conservation, wise use and protection of our natural resources and encourage Southern Lincoln County Residents to do the same in order to preserve our quality of life.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
1. Chairperson	Erick Esterholdt	(307) 279-3519
2. Vice Chairperson	Kenny Petersen	(307) 279-3545
3. Secretary	Robert Peternal	(307) 877-6367
4. Treasurer	Robert Peternal	(307) 877-6367
5. Member	Paula Bowling	(307) 877-4441
6. Member	Paul Clark	(307) 279-3700

NRCS / DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

1. Natural Resource Specialist	DeMont B. Grandy	(307) 279-3256
2. District Clerk	Brenda Lazcanotegui	(307) 279-3256
3. Civil Engineering Technician NRCS	Wade Payne	(307) 279-3256

COOPERATING AGENCIES

1. Natural Resources Conservation Service
2. Wyoming Department of Agriculture
3. Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative Group
4. Farm Service Agency
5. Lincoln County Commissioners
6. Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service
7. Lincoln County Planning Office
8. United States Forest Service
9. Town of Cokeville
10. City of Kemmerer
11. Town of Diamondville
12. Town of Opal
13. Town of LaBarge
14. Bureau of Land Management
15. Lincoln County Weed and Pest District
16. Wyoming Game and Fish Department
17. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
18. Wyoming Livestock Board
19. Wyoming Stock and Wool Growers Association
20. Office of State Lands and Investments
21. Wyoming State Forestry

22. Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
23. Wyoming Water Development Commission

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

- I. Oversee the natural resources in Southern Lincoln County so a healthy and productive land base is maintained by installing conservation practices and projects which:
 - Improve irrigation water management and system efficiency and encourage water development and storage.
 - Sustain and improve public, state, and private grazing lands.
 - Improve riparian and wetland habitat.
 - Maintain and improve water quality throughout the district.
 - Help seek a balance between wildlife concerns and agriculture interests.
 - Promote the Social-Economic Environment in South Lincoln County

- II. Take the necessary actions with all district wide landowners and land management agencies to work together as effective and willing stewards of the natural resources on their property by fostering local solutions to local resource related problems, and promote varied incentive programs to install and maintain conservation practices.

LCD/NRCS ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

- I. OBJECTIVE: OVERSEE THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN SOUTHERN LINCOLN COUNTY SO A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE LAND BASE IS MAINTAINED BY INSTALLING CONSERVATION PRACTICES AND PROJECTS WHICH:
- IMPROVE IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT AND SYSTEM EFFICIENCY AND ENCOURAGE WATER DEVELOPMENT AND STORAGE.
 - SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE PUBLIC, STATE ,AND PRIVATE GRAZING LANDS.
 - IMPROVE RIPARIAN AND WETLAND HABITAT.
 - MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.
 - HELP SEEK A BALANCE BETWEEN WILDLIFE CONCERNS AND AGRICULTURE INTERESTS.
 - PROMOTE THE SOCIAL-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT OF SOUTH LINCOLN COUNTY

ACTIVITY	WHO	WHEN
(IMPROVE IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT AND EFFICIENCY AND ENCOURAGE WATER DEVELOPMENT AND STORAGE.)		
1. Efforts will continue with the local NRCS Field Office to update approximately 120 acres of irrigable land to a more efficient irrigation system.	DeMont Grandy Wade Payne	June 2013
2. Inform landowners about the federal NRCS Farm Bill Programs through local news paper articles and the Agriculture Service Center newsletter and personal contracts. District cooperators, local, federal, state, and county land management agencies, and conservation groups and organizations will be invited to attend the USDA Local Work Group meetings to review county-wide natural resource concerns. An emphasis will continue for the Sage Grouse State EQIP Initiative and the National EQIP Energy Initiative.	Acting DC	May 2013
3. LCD board members will work closely with the Cokeville Water Development Company, Smiths Fork Irrigation District Water Users, and the Wyoming Water Development Commission to complete the Level II study for the Sublette Creek Watershed for a potential water storage site and assist the Cokeville Water Development Company develop a water conservancy district in order to start a Level III Study for the Sublette Creek Watershed proposed reservoir.	Erick Esterholdt Kenny Petersen John Teichert John Reed III DeMont Grandy	June 2013

<p>(SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE DISTRICT GRAZING LANDS.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The LCD board members will continue to work closely with the Coalition of Local Governments to address public and private rangeland issues within the LCD. 2. The LCD board members will continue to support “Coordinated Resource Management” (CRM) activities throughout the district. This year’s efforts will center on the implementation of a CRM for the Granger BLM Allotment in cooperation with Anadarko Petroleum Corp and the leasees and other allotment permittees. 3. The LCD will work closely with the Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture (WDA) to implement a Rangeland Health Assessment Program (RHAP) to complete rangeland health monitoring on three different USFS allotments LaBarge Creek, Little Hornet and Fontenelle, within the district boundaries. 	<p>Robert Peternal Jonathan Teichert</p> <p>Erick Esterholdt Robert Peternal</p> <p>Robert Peternal Brenda Lazcanotegui DeMont Grandy</p>	<p>June 2013</p> <p>Throughout the year</p> <p>June 2013</p>
<p>(IMPROVE RIPARIAN AND WETLAND HABITAT)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The LCD will continue to encourage district cooperators to use the Continuous Signup Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) to address riparian habitat and wetland concerns on their private ground. 	<p>DeMont Grandy Paul Clark</p>	<p>Throughout the year</p>
<p>(MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The LCD will again sponsor a domestic water well water quality testing program for rural land owners. 	<p>Brenda Lazcanotegui</p>	<p>April 2013</p>
<p>(HELP SEEK A BALANCE BETWEEN WILDLIFE CONCERNS AND AGRICULTURE INTERESTS.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LCD board members will work closely with the local Southwest Sage Grouse Working Group to promote better habitat and the management of the species. District landowners will be encouraged to use the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) Sage Grouse Statewide Initiative to fund potential Sage grouse improvement practices. 	<p>DeMont Grandy Paula Bowling</p>	<p>May 2013</p>

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II. OBJECTIVE: TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS WITH ALL DISTRICT WIDE LAND OWNERS AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES TO WORK TOGETHER AS EFFECTIVE AND WILLING STEWARDS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ON THEIR PROPERTY BY FOSTERING LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL RESOURCE RELATED PROBLEMS, AND PROMOTE VARIED COST SHARE PROGRAMS TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN CONSERVATION PRACTICES.

ACTIVITY	WHO	WHEN
1. Publish an annual report on current natural resource conservation activities in the District.	Brenda Lazcanotegui	December 2012
2. Review the LCD Long Range Plan at a board meeting	Brenda Lazcanotegui	February 2013
3. Sponsor education programs in the elementary schools on conservation of natural resources.	Brenda Lazcanotegui DeMont B. Grandy	Throughout the year
4. Continue to offer the District’s seedling tree and shrub program to all interested individuals. Actively advertise the program with the Kemmerer Gazette newspaper and the KMER radio station.	Brenda Lazcanotegui DeMont B. Grandy	Dec. 2012 through April 2013
5. Present yearly budget to Lincoln County Commissioners.	Paula Bowling Brenda Lazcanotegui	May 2013
6. Become more active in inviting other local, state, and federal natural resource agency personnel to district board meetings. Work closely with them in solving natural resource problems in the district.	Erick Esterholdt Brenda Lazcanotegui	Throughout the year
7. Continue to hire a district clerk to help implement on-going natural resource conservation programs in the district.	District Board Members	Part time 4 days/week
8. LCD board members will sponsor an “Agriculture Resource Day Workshop Open House in conjunction with the Lincoln County Weed and Pest District to help educate landowners about noxious weed identification and eradication methods.	District Board Members	April 2013
9. Sponsor scholarship(s) for attendance at natural resource camps and courses for weed control methods, prescribed grazing techniques and crop management etc. for interested individuals. Up to 10 or 15 individuals per event.	Erick Esterholdt Robert Peternal	Throughout the year

WE, THE SUPERVISORS OF THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AS DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE WYOMING CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAWS, HEREBY ADOPT THIS 2012-2013 ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK AS THE GUIDE FOR WORK PRIORITIES IN THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

VICE CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY/TREASURER

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MEMBER

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THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, AND OFFERS ALL PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND ASSISTANCE ON A NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS, WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE, COLOR, CREED, MARITAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HANDICAP, POLITICS, RACE, RELIGION, OR SEX.

LCD ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

The Board of Supervisors for the Lincoln Conservation District further moves to establish the following in apportioning District technical and professional assistance to land users within the District.

- I. The management, control, and wise use of irrigation water shall be the District's first priority.
- II. The improvement or maintenance of rangeland condition, along with the proper grazing use of private and public District rangeland shall be the District's second priority.
- III. Activities relating specifically to soil erosion, sediment control and water quality shall be the District's third priority.
- IV. The development and furtherance of conservation plans as tools for wise land use shall be the District's fourth priority.
- V. Assistance to non-agricultural type land use, such as land developers, land sub-divisions, mining companies, etc. shall be the District's fifth priority.

LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1

SINCE THE LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELP FINANCE LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTIVITIES, ANYONE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WILL BE CONSIDERED A DISTRICT COOPERATOR. THOSE COOPERATORS WHO SIGN A DISTRICT AGREEMENT WILL BE GIVEN A HIGHER PRIORITY IN THE SERVICING OF THEIR TECHNICAL REQUEST.

ACCEPTED:

/S/ Virgil Bailey

May 24, 1988

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

/S/ Ernest Thornock

May 24, 1988

SECRETARY

DATE