

LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FIELD OFFICE

JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

CONSERVATION

DEVELOPMENT

SELF GOVERNMENT

LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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PLAN OF WORK

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) 727-8226
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 and Commission
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 natural resource land base is maintained by installing conservation practices, and projects which:
 - Improve irrigation water management, irrigation water application efficiencies 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 that sustains agriculture and local natural resources.

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

(SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE DISTRICT GRAZING LANDS.)

1. The LCD board members will continue to work closely with the Coalition of Local Governments (CLG) to address public and private rangeland issues within the LCD at their monthly meetings.
2. The LCD will apply for grant money through the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust (WWNRT) fund and the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) program to reconstruct a boundary fence between the Beaver Creek and Lake Creek BLM Allotment to control livestock movement between allotments. The fence will improve riparian zones in both allotments and facilitate effective grazing systems.
3. The LCD natural resource specialist will work closely with the Star Valley, Sublette County, and Teton Conservation Districts to acquire monitoring data on Tall Forb Communities within the Bridger Teton USFS National Forest to develop Ecological Sites for trend and condition analysis for Tall Forb Communities. The LCD will work with the Star Valley Conservation District to hire a soil scientist to help develop Ecological Site Descriptions (ESDs).
4. The LCD will work with US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD), and a private landowner to get grant money to protect Boyd Hollow Spring and develop a watering facility for livestock and wildlife.

Robert Peternal
DeMont Grandy

Throughout the year

DeMont Grandy
Jimmy Hoffman
Robert Peternal
Christina Handy,
BLM

September 2022

DeMont Grandy
Mike Henn
KayLynn Nield
Robb Sgroi
Paul Clark
Aaron Zobell,
USFS

Throughout the year

Dave Kimble
DeMont Grandy
Tim Teichert

June 2022

(IMPROVE RIPARIAN AND WETLAND HABITAT.)

1. The LCD will encourage district cooperators to develop rotation grazing systems on their private, state and federal lands to improve riparian and wetland areas.
2. The LCD will assist the Kemmerer BLM Office employees to complete Multiple Indicator Monitoring (MIM) on the north end of the Smiths Fork BLM Allotment in six different riparian zones for trend analysis comparisons and studies completed several years ago.
3. The LCD will administer and sponsor grants with the USFWS Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program, Ducks Unlimited, WGFD, and the WWNRT Fund to maintain and improve aging irrigation distribution systems along the Bear River in the LCD. This will greatly improve wetland habitat for wetland birds plus improve water quality by curtailing eroding banks and filtering out sediment from Bear River. Some six LCD cooperators will be participating in the project.

DeMont Grandy
Paul Clark
Adam Clark

Throughout the year

DeMont Grandy
Levi Bennington
Erick Esterholdt

July 2022

Dave Kimble
DeMont Grandy
B. Lazcanotegui
Erick Esterholdt

July-October 2022

(MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.)

1. The LCD will again sponsor a domestic water well and spring culinary water quality testing program for rural landowners.
2. The LCD will upgrade their water quality testing equipment by purchasing a new sealer for water sample testing. The incubator for testing water quality samples will be placed in the LCD's main floor storage room for convenience in operation. The LCD will let the Town of Cokeville test their water quality samples. The Town of Cokeville will purchase an ultraviolet light box to be used to determine if fecal coliform and E-coli is present.

DeMont Grandy
Paula Bowling
B. Lazcanotegui

August 2022

DeMont Grandy
B. Lazcanotegui
Paula Bowling
Kenny Petersen

Throughout the year

(HELP SEEK A BALANCE BETWEEN WILDLIFE CONCERNS AND AGRICULTURE INTERESTS.)

1. LCD board members will actively oppose any in stream flow adjudications that will affect private water rights within district boundaries

All Board
Members

Throughout the year

<p>2. The LCD will sponsor grants with the USFWS, WGFD, and the Nature Conservancy to reconstruct a wildlife friendly fence north of Quealy Reservoir between the Smiths Fork BLM Allotment and a private landowner to facilitate Mule deer migration</p>	<p>Dave Kimble, USFWS Kevin Spence, WGFD DeMont Grandy Erick Esterholdt Kenneth Cook Fred Roberts</p>	<p>November 2022</p>
<p>(PROMOTE THE SOCIAL-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT OF SOUTH LINCOLN COUNTY THAT SUSTAINS AGRICULTURE AND LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES.)</p>		
<p>1. The LCD will continue to request Cooperating Agency Status with other federal agencies so pre-decisional advice may be presented in the development of the federal Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). LCD expertise will center on the social economic and local natural resource management concerns due to federal and state government decisions that affect local agriculture producers' livelihoods.</p>	<p>Robert Peternal DeMont grandy Erick Esterholdt Paul Clark</p>	<p>Throughout the year</p>
<p>2. The LCD supervisors will give input on the Gateway West Transmission Line alignment, especially in the Cokeville area this coming year. PacifiCorp/Rocky Mountain Power is seeking easement for the Gateway West Transmission Line alignment this coming year which could adversely affect LCD cooperators' agriculture ground and farmsteads.</p>	<p>Erick Esterholdt Kenny Petersen Paul Clark DeMont Grandy</p>	<p>Throughout the year</p>

LCD ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

II. OBJECTIVE: TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS WITH DISTRICT-WIDE LANDOWNERS AND STATE AND FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES TO WORK TOGETHER AS EFFECTIVE STEWARDS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ON THEIR PROPERTY BY FOSTERING LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCE RELATED PROBLEMS AND PROMOTE VARIED COST SHARE INCENTITIVE 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 DeMont Grandy	December 2022
2. Sponsor education programs in the elementary schools on conservation of natural resources.	DeMont Grandy Brenda Lazcanotegui	Throughout the year
3. Present yearly budget to Lincoln County Commissioners.	DeMont Grandy Brenda Lazcanotegui	May 2023
4. 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 Robert Peternal DeMont Grandy Brenda Lazcanotegui	Throughout the year
5. 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
6. Sponsor scholarship(s) for attendance at natural resource camps, courses for weed control methods, or prescribed grazing techniques or crop management etc. for interested individuals. Up to 5 individuals per event will be considered.	District Board Members DeMont Grandy Brenda Lazcanotegui	Throughout the year
7. LCD will update its Web Site to help keep cooperators informed of LCD conservation activities and natural resource activities going on by other cooperating agencies.	Brenda Lazcanotegui Kevin Kershner	Throughout the year
8. The LCD will sponsor the Area V Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) meeting this year for the southwest conservation districts in Wyoming	District Board Members DeMont Grandy Brenda Lazcanotegui	September 2022

<p>9. The LCD will hire a part-time natural resource specialist to help with the conservation planning and implementation of conservation practices on LCD lands and the day-to-day operations of the district. Emphasis will be placed on rangeland and water quality monitoring activities on private, state, and federal lands.</p>	<p>DeMont Grandy District Board Members</p>	<p>Throughout the year</p>
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WE, THE SUPERVISORS OF THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AS DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE WYOMING CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAWS, HEREBY ADOPT THIS 2022-2023 ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK AS THE GUIDE FOR WORK PRIORITIES IN THE LINCOLN CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

Esteban
CHAIRPERSON 10-25-2022
DATE

Kenny
VICE CHAIRPERSON 10-25-2022
DATE

Robert J. Referral
SECRETARY/TREASURER 10-25-2022
DATE

Paul Clark
MEMBER 10-25-2022
DATE

Paula Bowling
MEMBER 10-25-2022
DATE

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 PRIORITIES

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 to land developers for subdivisions, mining companies, etc. shall be the District fifth prior