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Accomplishment Summary for 2021-2022

Education

- Newsletters were mailed out to inform residents about current and upcoming events and information. Approximately 900 newsletters were mailed out quarterly.
- Well water testing fliers were created and distributed within the community, and notifications were posted in the local newspaper.
- Soil testing fliers were created to share information about the program and suggested labs to use.
- Tree order forms were created and mailed out in the Winter newsletter and posted on the LWRCD website and Facebook page.
- No-Till Drill fliers were created to hand out at the Popo Agie Conservation Districts Garden Expo, Farm and Ranch Days in Riverton and the Fremont County Fair.
- As a form of advertising, we set up a booth at the Fremont County Fair and Farm and Ranch Days. These events provide opportunities to talk to citizens within our district about the programs we offer and to promote upcoming events.

District Operations

- The LWRCD held the Area IV meeting in September 2021 at the Fremont County Fairgrounds. Three board members, the District Manager and Program Assistant attended the Area IV meeting.
- The WACD held their annual convention in Cody. One Board Member and the District Manager attended.
- The Program Assistant attended the Supervisor/Employee Training in February in Cheyenne, the WCDEA Winter Training in April in Casper, and the Watershed Conference in June in Riverton.
- At the annual convention Cathy Meyer was awarded Employee of the Year.
- The LWRCD hosted a Soil Health Workshop in April 2022. 27 citizens attended the workshop.
- Bobby Thoman was hired in April 2022 by the Popo Agie Conservation District as a shared District Engineer between the Popo Agie Conservation District and the Lower Wind River Conservation District. Bobby is housed within the LWRCD office.

Soil Conservation

- We had a good year for tree sales as we were able to sell all of the trees we ordered. We had 52 customers which we sold 6,250 Bare Root trees, 11 rolls of Weed Barrier and 3 Tree Protectors to.
- The district purchased two No-Till Drills, a 10 ft. and a 6 ft., in late 2021 and early 2022 to rent out to citizens in Fremont County. We hope that it will help reduce soil erosion that occurs when the land is tilled. In seven months, 22 producers in Fremont County used the drill by planting 910 acres.
- The LWRCD also analyzed 29 soil tests for citizens within the district.

Water Quality

- 153 tests were analyzed during our well water testing dates through our Analysis Cost-Share program.
- Through a grant from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, we were able to continue monitoring for E.coli on Muddy Creek.
- There were 16 approved Resource Enhancement applications. 11 were approved in the Fall and five approved in the Spring.
- The district continues to work with landowners to implement Best Management Practices to reduce the amount of sediment entering Ocean Lake either through the drains or along the shoreline. This year we funded three fencing projects to minimize the presence of livestock in the drains.