

Preliminary Convention Agenda

Monday November 17, 2014

1 p.m. – 5 p.m. WACD Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

8 a.m. Registration Opens

8 a.m. – 5 pm. WACD Board of Director Meeting

9 a.m. WY Conservation District Employees Assoc. (WCDEA) Executive Committee Meeting

10 a.m. WCDEA General Membership

10 a.m. Trade Show Set-up

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

1 p.m. Trade Show Opens

1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Sustaining Livestock, Water Quality, Habitat, and Sensitive Species on Rangeland Watersheds - Drs. Ken Tate and Leslie Roche – University of California, Davis**
Presentation Overview

Ken and Leslie will discuss almost 20 years of applied research on the water quality dynamics associated with livestock production on California's rangelands. They will focus substantial attention on microbial water quality (e.g., E. coli, fecal coliforms, Cryptosporidium spp.), which is a major issue in California – with 80% of the state's surface drinking and irrigation water originating on, or flowing through, grazed private and public rangelands. Results on sources, transport, fate, and management mitigation of various microbial pollutants will be presented – as will findings for key nutrients. Leslie and Ken will also discuss their recent examinations of the sustainability of contemporary public lands grazing. They will demonstrate trends in grazing policies and pressure on federal public grazing lands across California and the western United States. Findings of compatibility between grazing management to achieve modern riparian grazing use standards and guidelines, riparian plant diversity and recruitment, water quality, and sensitive species conservation will be presented. Finally, they will discuss how we reconcile negative perceptions about public lands grazing based on research dating back three decades with positive results from contemporary management and research.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. ***Microbial Source Tracking – A summary of projects led by Conservation Districts***
Microbial Source Tracking for *Escherichia coli* in Two Upper Snake River Basins -
Randy Williams, Teton Conservation District
Sarah Anderson, Crook County Natural Resource District

6:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception hosted by the Sheridan County Conservation District at the Historic Sheridan Inn**

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

7 a.m. Registration Opens

8 a.m. Trade Show opens

8 a.m. **General Session**

Governor Matt Mead (Invited – if Governor Mead is able to attend WACD will accommodate his schedule)

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order the 69th Annual Meeting – Shaun Sims, WACD President
Posting of the Colors American Legion Post 7
Invocation: Father Jim Heiser, Holy Name Catholic Church
Welcome from Tom Ringley, Sheridan County Commissioner and Mayor John Heath, City of Sheridan
Welcome from John Kane, Chairman, Sheridan County CD

President's Remarks, Shaun Sims, WACD President

9:00 a.m. **Keynote Address: Dan Dagget - From EcoRadical to Conservative Environmentalist**

10 a.m. Break - Please visit our Trade Show Exhibitors

10:30 a.m. **General Session**

11:30 a.m. **WACD Annual Awards Luncheon**
Dr. Gerald Schuman, Master of Ceremonies
Presentation of Awards
Special Recognition Awards

SWCS Awards

1 - 5 p.m. **Committee Meetings**
 Conservation Forestry
 District Operations & Education
 Private, State and Federal Lands
 Water Resources
 Wildlife

2 p.m. – 5 p.m. **Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting**

3:00 p.m. Break - Please visit our Trade Show Exhibitors

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Soil & Water Conservation Society Membership meeting

5:00 p.m. **Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation Social & Auction**
 Join us for a fun evening of socializing and a live auction!
 Drawing for the Gator and half of a beef! Thank you to Stotz Equipment of
 Casper and Rafter H Cattle, Sundance!

Thursday, November 20, 2014

7:30 a.m. Registration

8 a.m. Trade Show open - Please visit our Trade Show Exhibitors

8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

Session 1:	Session 2:	Session 3:	Session 4
Waters of the US – What is the Status of the Rule and Scientific Report: Philip Stuckert, Deputy State Engineer, Todd Parfitt, Director DEQ	Black Footed Ferret: Status of statewide 10(j) designation, reintroduction and recovery Todd Heard, 7E Ranch Shirley Basin; Clark McGreedy, US Fish & Wildlife Service;	Groundwater Monitoring and Oil & Gas Development John Robitaille, PAW; Tom Kropatsch, Deputy Supervisor, OGCC	Session 2: Social Media – a friend or foe for your district?

10 a.m. WCDEA Silent Auction Ends

9:30 a.m. Break –Please visit our Trade Show Exhibitors

9:45 – 11:30 a.m.

<u>Room</u> Moderator	<u>Room:</u> Moderator:	<u>Room:</u> Moderator:	<u>Room:</u> Moderator:
Session 1: Waters of the US – What is the Status of the Rule and Scientific Report	Session 2: 2014 Farm bill – What’s new and different. Opportunities for your producers.	Session 3: How the Cheyenne Botanic gardens built local support to pass a 6 penny sales tax.	Session 4: Social Media – a friend or foe for your district?

12:00 p.m. Luncheon – Speaker TBA

1:30 p.m. WACD Business Meeting

3:00 p.m. Break

5:00 p.m. Convention Adjourns