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Accomplishment Summary for 2022-2023

Education

- Approximately 900 newsletters were mailed out quarterly to keep constituents informed about current and upcoming events and information.
- Well water testing, soil testing, tree program and no-till drill fliers were developed and distributed to share how each program functions. Tree order forms were provided with the winter 2022 newsletter and posted on the LWRCD website and Facebook page.
- The LWRCD held the NACD Poster Contest in the fall of 2022 and had 41 students participate.
- LWRCD had booths at the Fremont County Fair, Ag Day at CWC, Garden Expo in Lander & Farm and Ranch Days.
- LWRCD presented lessons to Riverton 7th graders, CWC Upward Bound students and students at the Lander Ag Expo.

District Operations

- The LWRCD hired Cathy Rosenthal as the District Manager in September 2022 and Braxton Stephens as the Programs Coordinator in May 2023.
- The LWRCD staff and supervisors attended the Area IV meeting in September 2022 in Dubois, and the WACD Convention in Casper in December 2022. Staff also attended a Grant Training, Water Quality Training, WWA tour, WASD meeting, and multiple Wyoming Soil Health Collaborative meetings.
- The LWRCD provided comments for the BLM Conservation and Landscape Health Proposed Rule.
- The LWRCD purchased a building in August 2022, 6 ft. No-till drill in July 2022 and new truck to haul the drills in May 2023.

Resource & Community Enhancement / Soil Conservation

- Tree sales were very successful for 2023. We had over 100 customers and sold 7,875 Bare Root trees, an increase of 1,625 trees from 2022, and 6 rolls of Weed Barrier. We also had a new program with compost bins, with 19 customers that purchased 24 compost bins.
- The district's second year for the No-Till Drills was a success, with 29 producers in Fremont County utilizing the drills to plant over 700 acres.
- The LWRCD analyzed 42 soil tests for constituents within the district, which was an increase of 13 more tests than the previous year.
- LWRCD and NRCS hosted a Soil Health Workshop at Joe Crofts Farm in May 2023.
- There were 16 approved Resource & Community Enhancement cost-share applications; 5 were approved in the Fall of 2022 and 11 were approved in the Spring of 2023.

Water Quality

- 115 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 revise a sampling and analysis plan to continue *E. coli* sampling on Muddy Creek and add nutrient sampling.
- The district continues working with landowners to implement Best Management Practices to reduce the amount of sediment entering Ocean Lake either through the drains or along the shoreline. In April of 2023 the LWRCD was approved for funding for the Ocean Lake Shoreline Erosion - Phase 1 project to help a landowner stabilize 675 feet of eroded shoreline abutting Ocean Lake. The Ocean Lake Phase VII grant is ongoing, to help with runoff to Ocean Lake. This grant will remain open until June 2024. One landowner applied and was approved for funding from this grant.