



Weston County Natural Resource District 2015-2016 Summary



Education Program

WCNRD offered 8 workshops, many natural resource activities including a National Trails Day hike, and sponsored 25 kids from Weston County to attend the Black Hills youth Camp. There were 605 participants at these outreach events. We also send out a quarterly newsletter of current events and offer Barnyards & Backyards free of charge.

Hazardous Waste Program

WCNRD hosted the 9th annual Hazardous Waste day to promote safe and proper disposal at the Newcastle location in September 2015. We prevented 13 pallets of e-waste, 550 gal. of pesticide, 5 bins of Paint, 3 drums of motor oil, and 406lbs. of fluorescent bulbs from going into the landfill.



Water Program

WCNRD offered our annual Rural Well Water testing at no charge to 38 residents to ensure safe drinking water. We also had 4 landowners participate in our Rural Cost share program to promote solar well development to improve range management and better grazing systems in our district. WCNRD decided that we are going to move forward with a Level 1 Watershed study on Beaver Creek.



Wildlife Habitat Program

WCNRD continues to sell and raffle bird houses and bat houses to the public made by WHCC. Newcastle FFA works with the WCNRD to make wildlife escape ramps available for stock tanks free to district residents and serves as a fundraising support through the district. We have also donated 10 books total to the Weston County Library that were wildlife and natural resource related.



Forestry Program

WCNRD received grant funding to wrap up the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic and focus on long term forest health through a thinning reimbursement program. We also support and serve on our local tree board and participate in Arbor Day in May of 2015. WCNRD offered community tree grants and conservation seedling tree sales in the spring of 2015.