



Weston County Natural Resource District 2019-2020 Summary



NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAM

The WCNRD completed 9 water projects and 3 Rural Cost Share projects in 2019-2020. These included 3 stock wells converted to solar power, 2 stock reservoir repairs, and 1 spring development for stock water. As well as 1 low water bridge, 1 cross fencing, and 1 cover crop planting project. The district also funded septic maintenance for 9 district members and 6 domestic well water tests.



FORESTRY PROGRAM

The district sold 475 bareroot seedling trees and shrubs for conservation plantings. As well as 143 large potted trees and shrubs for specimen plantings. To a total of 20 customers. And sold 4500 tree protectors. Two \$500 Community Tree Grants were awarded. The City of Upton planted 10 trees at the Upton City Park and the Newcastle Tree Board planted 25 trees at the ballfields.



HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

The WCNRD held their annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection day on August 31 at the Shopko parking lot. 177 cars came through and donated 228 lbs. of food and \$672. Over 11,000 lbs. of waste was collected and 333 gal. of fluids. With electronics and paint making up the largest portion. Total cost for the waste day was over \$17,000. The community cleanup also collected over 4500 lbs. of waste and over 1,000 pounds of recycled metal from around Newcastle throughout September.



EDUCATION PROGRAM

A Soil Health Field Day was attended by 12 people followed by a Cover Crop Mix Day attended by 12 people. WCNRD also attended the annual Ag Day and presented on animal furs, sheds and habitats to 112 4th graders. The WCNRD Manager was invited to present to the Wyoming Groundwater Association on Funding opportunities and agency cooperation. 12 books were donated to local libraries and the district continued placing educational signs at trailheads about preventing the spread of noxious weeds by cleaning shoes, equipment etc.

