



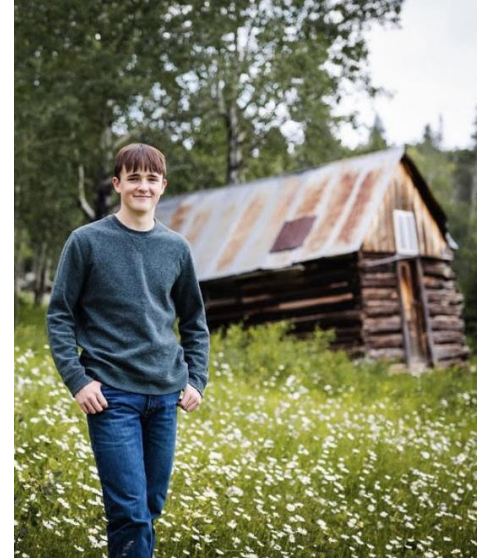
Conservation Clamor

WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

August 2023

New Faces

I'm Cole Wehri, a senior at Newcastle High School and this year's Weston County Natural Resource District (WCNRD) intern. I originally became interested in the district when myself and the rest of the Newcastle Saddle and Sirloin FFA officer team worked with WCNRD, Wyoming State Forestry, and the Newcastle Tree Board to host a Arbor Day tree planting ceremony. Growing up on a ranch just outside of Newcastle, I was super interested in learning about some other facets of agriculture like land/range management and wildlife habitat programs. I'm hoping to learn more about all the different sides of this program to either apply to ranching and everyday life or possibly to find an interest in a future career!



My name is Erin Darlington-Whitcher, and I am very excited about my role as the administrative assistant for the Weston County Natural Resource District. Many of you already know me, as I was born and grew up here in Weston County. I graduated from the Kansas City Art Institute with a degree in Fine Arts in 2011 and have since worked at Newcastle Motors, the Weston County Detention Center, and Gateway Foundation. I have a passion for helping people and look forward to assisting the landowners of Weston County.

Well Water Testing

The district offers a well water cost-share twice a year and the final test date is Oct. 24th

Annual Well Maintenance

\$30
Domestic + Bacteria

\$50
Livestock & Irrigation Suitability

\$40
For information about your well's health visit

[Knowyourwell.org](https://knowyourwell.org)

For more information about Well Water Tests visit: <https://westoncountynrd.org/well-water-testing/>

Call the WCNRD office to reserve a test kit
(307)-746-3264

Do You Know What's In Your Well?

knowyourwell.org
307.777.WELL (9355)

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District Hours

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Find us online!

Be sure to check out our new website for all your updates and WCNRD news. You can find forms to sign up for programs, event details, and much more!

westoncountynrd.org

You can also connect with us on social media:

 facebook.com/westoncountynrd

 instagram.com/westoncountynrd

Mission Statement

“Providing leadership in conserving the natural resources in Weston County by providing information, education and technical assistance to meet the needs of our users.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Board Meeting Sept 12th @3PM @ District Office
- Hazardous Waste Day Sept 23rd 10AM-1PM @ Upton High School
- Board Meeting October 10th @3PM @ District Office
- Well Water Testing Day October 24th

WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT IS STILL OFFERING

TREE SALES

We offer a variety of trees, and shrubs

Black Hills Spruce Tree



Many of the trees and shrubs are great for

- Wind Breaks
- Animal Conservation
- Snow fences



Common Lilac

Hackberry Tree




Laurel Willow Tree



Did you know the WCNRD also offers the Barnyards and Backyards magazine that we send out quarterly? Any district member is welcome to sign up to get one mailed to you !

If you're interested in getting the magazine call: 307-746-3264



Wyoming Game and Fish

INSTALLED A BOAT CHECK STATION AT THE GATEWAY TRAVEL CENTER, IN NEWCASTLE WY!!!

All watercrafts must be checked for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

2023 HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Saturday, September 23rd

Upton High School
10AM-1PM



Did you know that the Conservation Clamor is also available in your email?



In an efforts to save money and reduce our paper usage, we email the same newsletter to over 200 district members, saving over \$500 per year! That allows us to put more money into our conservation efforts.

If you would rather receive your newsletter via email, please contact us at westoncountynrd@gmail.com or call the District Office at (307) 746-3264, ext. 4

Don't Feed Wildlife!

Wildlife Services experts are often asked to assist with wildlife damage problems related to animals that have been accidentally or intentionally fed by people.

Feeding wildlife can lead to a number of serious problems:

- Human food is not healthy for wild animals, and they do not need food from humans to survive. Wild animals have specialized diets, and they can become malnourished or die if fed the wrong foods. Also, animals cannot distinguish food from wrappers or foil and can get sick eating these items.
- Feeding leads to public health concerns. Too many animals in one place increases the chance of disease transmission to people and among other wildlife.
- Animals accustomed to people often lose their fear of people and can become aggressive. Those that become too aggressive may have to be destroyed to protect people and property.
- Birds gathering near or on airports can become victims of bird-aircraft collisions, potentially causing flight delays, damage to aircraft, and loss of human life.
- Animals fed along roads tend to stay near roads, increasing the chance of vehicle-animal accidents.
- Large concentrations of ducks and geese can pollute nearby waterways, backyards and athletic fields. Some waterfowl species drop up to a pound of feces every day!

Many people enjoy living near and watching wildlife. You can help keep animals wild by keeping the following tips in mind.

- Do not encourage wildlife by feeding or leaving food for them.
- Don't allow bird food to accumulate on the ground.
- Don't place food scraps in gardens or compost bins, and use a closed compost bin.
- Keep pet food and water containers indoors, especially at night.
- If you have fruit trees, harvest or dispose of fruit when it is ripe.
- Use metal or durable plastic trash containers with tight fitting lids.

Enjoy viewing wildlife at a distance. Respect their space and remember they are wild animals that should stay wild.





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Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month
at 3:00p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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