

Yuma County Conservation District 2022 Fall-Winter Newsletter

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The Yuma County Conservation District has a newly updated website. You are now able to order trees directly online! Go to www.ycconservation.com.



WHO IS YCCD?

Land Ownership

Federal Land - 3,763 ac
State Land - 36,640 ac
County & City - 680 ac
Private Land - 1,018,373 ac

Land Use

Irrigated Crop - 175,500 ac
Non-Irrigated - 236,154 ac
Rangeland - 575,095 ac
Other Lands - 65,360 ac

Mission Statement

To provide a legal organization to assist the effort to accomplish maximum economical and beneficial use and conservation of all land, water, and plant resources by providing technical assistance, facilities and equipment as is available. Our goal is to create as many good stewards of natural resources as possible without use of mandates and regulations.

Board of Supervisors

Margaret Lenz - President
Ron Richards - Vice President
Dustin Wise - Sec./ Treas.
Jeff Wingfield - Member
Chester Zwirn - Member
Travis Taylor - Ex Officio
Tanya Fell - District Manager

Monthly Meetings

2nd Tuesday each Month

Conservation District Poster Contest Winners Announced

The Yuma County Conservation District (YCCD) had students from 5th and 6th grade, at Idalia, Liberty and Wray, design posters and submit them for the 2022 Conservation District Youth Poster Contest with the theme of Healthy Soil, Healthy Life!

The poster contest is a national competition sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). The contest starts at the local level through the YCCD; winners advance to the Colorado state level, and then to the national level, where they receive recognition at NACD's annual meeting.

Awards will be distributed at the YCCD Annual Meeting on March 1. The 2022 YCCD local contest winners are as follows:

Liberty 6th Graders: 1st place - Harley Vaughn
2nd place - Travis Wise
3rd place - Kilah Rojas

Idalia 5th Graders: 1st place - Charliann Soehner
2nd place - Chloe Soehner
3rd place - Kimena Cordova

Idalia 6th Graders: 1st place - Blake Hardwick
2nd place - Beckett Kite
3rd place - Bristol Weyerman

Wray 5th Graders: 1st place - Kendree Reyna



Charliann Soehner was Grand Champion overall for YCCD and then won the Colorado State contest and was presented with her check by YCCD President Margaret Lenz.

Charliann Soehner's poster was selected as the Grand Champion overall and Blake Hardwick's poster was selected as the Reserve Grand Champion overall for the YCCD county competition. Both posters participated in the Colorado Association of Conservation District competition the end of November. Charliann Soehner's poster was selected as the top poster for the State of Colorado and has been sent to participate at the annual NACD meeting that will be held in February in New Orleans.



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Yuma County Conservation District Awarded Demonstration Grant Funding

The YCCD was awarded a demonstration project grant by the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD) in partnership with the Colorado conservation districts and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This grant is for \$10,000 with 75 percent being the grant and 25% funded by the YCCD.

The Republican River Compact between Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas, took precedence over water storage at Bonny and was consequently drained to meet water demands of the compact. Since December 2011 waterflow through the Bonny site has been impaired by a significant amount of phreatophytes, invasive and noxious trees, plants and weeds that multiply annually. The goal of this project is to clear out the phreatophytes, trees and weeds by utilize intensive grazing to harvest and breakdown the nonbeneficial biomass in the reservoir area.

YCCD will work with specialists from the Colorado Fish and Wildlife, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension and NRCS field staff to develop an intensive grazing program that will improve the following:

- o Increased Water Quantity, Quality and Distribution
- o Plant Structure and Composition
- o Livestock, Wildlife Feed and Forage Balances.

The key milestone for this project is to return the Bonny reservoir area back to a natural and usable habitat for wildlife while eliminating phreatophytes and prohibited and noxious weeds. Through the elimination of the phreatophytes and the breakdown of the nonbeneficial biomass it is the anticipation that we may ultimately see water flow again in that area.

YCCD Converting to Electronic Newsletter & Website Information

In an effort to keep our readers as up to date as possible, we will be discontinuing a printed newsletter mailing to all our producers. The newsletter will now be emailed and also published on the YCCD website.

In addition, important updates will be published immediately under the News and/or Events tabs at www.ycconservation.com. This is a great way to stay current and informed of opportunities and upcoming programming as well. We will send copies of the publication to those that do not have access to a computer. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact Tanya at the below telephone number.



LARGE TREES	SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
Austrian Pine	1 Gallon	\$14.55		
Austrian Pine	5 Gallon	\$36.50		
Colorado Blue Spruce	1 Gallon	\$14.55		
Colorado Blue Spruce	5 Gallon	\$36.50		
Eastern Red Cedar	1 Gallon	\$14.55		
Eastern Red Cedar	5 Gallon	\$36.50		
Ponderosa Pine	1 Gallon	\$14.55		
Ponderosa Pine	5 Gallon	\$36.50		
Rocky Mountain Juniper	1 Gallon	\$14.55		
Rocky Mountain Juniper	5 Gallon	\$36.50		
Autumn Blaze Maple	5 Gallon	\$75.00		
Bur Oak	5 Gallon	\$72.20		
Canadian Red Chokecherry	5 Gallon	\$70.80		
Cottonless Cottonwood	5 Gallon	\$47.00		
Greenspire Linden	5 Gallon	\$75.00		
Hackberry	5 Gallon	\$61.00		
Hackberry	7 Gallon	\$82.00		
Honey Locust	5 Gallon	\$75.00		
Prairie Fire Crabapple	5 Gallon	\$72.20		
Apricot	5 Gallon	\$68.00		
Bartlett Pear	5 Gallon	\$68.00		
Cherry Tree, Bing	5 Gallon	\$68.00		
Cherry Tree, Pie	5 Gallon	\$68.00		
Elberta Peach	5 Gallon	\$68.00		
Honeycrisp Apple	5 Gallon	\$68.00		
Plum	5 Gallon	\$68.00		
Purple Seedless Grape	2 Gallon	\$30.20		
Green Grape	2 Gallon	\$30.20		
Raspberry, Killarny	Bare Root	\$6.40		
Rhubarb	Quart	\$13.00		
Strawberries, Allstar	Bare Root	\$0.95		
SUPPLIES				
Weed Barrier (price/roll)		\$132.00		
Staples		\$0.20		
Polumer (price/scoop)		\$1.00		
Fertilizer Tablets		\$0.15		
Flags		\$0.06		
Rabbit Guard		\$1.10		
IRRIGATION & SERVICES			PAGE 1 TOTAL	
Drip Supplies (tees, couplers, elbows, swivels, ends, caps, hole punch, emitters, valves, regulators and filters)	contact office		PAGE 2 TOTAL	
			PAGE 3 TOTAL	
			SUBTOTAL	
			+ Sales Tax - 5.4%	
			GRAND TOTAL	\$



Name: _____
 Cell Phone: _____



Yuma County Conservation District Tree Sales 2023

TREES/SHRUBS	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
DECIDUOUS TREES			
Hackberry	\$2.00		
Honey Locust	\$2.00		
SHRUBS – BARE ROOT			
Apricot, Hardy	\$2.10		
Cherry, Nanking	\$1.90		
Cherry, Sand	\$2.00		
Chokecherry	\$1.90		
Dogwood, Redosier	\$1.90		
Elderberry	\$2.10		
Lilac, Common	\$1.90		
Lilac, White	\$2.00		
Plum, American	\$2.10		
Plum, Sand Hill	\$2.00		
Rose, Hansen Hedge	\$1.90		
Rose, Woods	\$2.10		
Walnut, Black	\$3.90		
WILD FLOWERS			
Aster, Smooth Blue	\$7.30		
Bergamot, Wild	\$7.30		
Black-eyed Susan	\$7.30		
Blanket Flower	\$7.30		
Blazing Star, Dotted	\$7.30		
Columbine, American	\$7.30		
Coneflower, Purple	\$7.30		
Delphinium, Blue Butterfly	\$7.30		
Ironweed	\$7.30		
Milkweed, Butterfly	\$7.30		
Pasque Flower, Native	\$7.30		
Penstemon, Shell Leaf	\$7.30		
Phlox, Prairie	\$7.30		
Prairie Clover, Purple	\$7.30		
Salvia, May Night	\$13.00		
Spiderwort, Prairie	\$7.30		
GRASS SEED			
Wide range of native grass seed available for numerous types of seeding projects	contact office		
PAGE 2 TOTAL			\$



Mark Your Calendar



February

7-8
 High Plains No-Till Conference @ Burlington Community & Education Center

22-23
 Farming Evolution @ Holyoke Event Center

March

1
 YCCD Producer Appreciation Dinner & Meeting @ Wray Roundhouse (Town Hall)

15
 Yuma County Conservation District Pesticide Training Workshop @ Wray Roundhouse (Town Hall)

Be sure to visit the YCCD website Events section for additional information, details and links to register for specific events. Here is the link: <https://www.ycconservation.com/events-1>.

Jaden Dodsworth & Bradie Midcap Receive 2022 Raymond Peters Memorial Scholarships

The Yuma County Conservation District is happy to announce the recipients of the 2022 Raymond Peters Memorial Conservation Scholarship. Help us in congratulating Jaden Dodsworth and Bradie Midcap.

Jaden is the son of Duaine and Wanda Dodsworth of Wray. He is currently attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln to pursue a degree in Agricultural Economics.



Bradie is the daughter of Nate and JoLynn Midcap of Wray. She is currently attending Butler Community College in El Dorado, KS to study Ag Business and Animal Science with a focus in genetics.

This \$4,000 scholarship was established by the Yuma County Conservation District to assist students to attend post-secondary education in areas of study related to conservation and/or natural resources i.e., agriculture, agronomy, ecology, precision ag, soils, natural resources, conservation, wildlife, or related fields. The student must reside, or parents must own property in the Yuma County Conservation District.





Two Yuma County Youth Attend Camp Rocky to Learn Natural Resource Preservation and Conservation

Ashlyn Carpenter and Lydia Mekelburg both from Wray attended the 2022 Camp Rocky. This week-long educational camp for 14 through 19-year-olds was developed for youth who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in natural resources.

Ashlyn and Lydia had the opportunity to learn about the environment through hands-on experiences by working in teams focusing on specific resource areas: Rangeland Management, Forestry Management, Soil and Water Management and Fish and Wildlife Management. At the end of the week, they developed and used their group learning plan to complete a natural resource management project to better the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. The camp is located outside Divide, Colorado.

Carpenter and Mekelburg are both planning to attend the camp again next year. The Yuma County Conservation District awards a full camp scholarship



to Camp Rocky annually to the winner of the 4-H Natural Resources division at the Yuma County Fair (Lydia Mekelburg was the 2021 winner). In addition, partial Camp Rocky Scholarships in the amount of \$250 are available to all District Camp Rocky applicants.

Camp Rocky is Sponsored by the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts and strongly sponsored by the Colorado Conservation Districts; along with additional financial and volunteer help from Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS), Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) and staff and many other natural resource conservation partners from Colorado.



QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED
PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY
ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 30, 2023

Return Order to:
 247 N Clay Street
 Wray, CO 80758
 Phone: 970-332-3107
 E-mail: yccd77@gmail.com
 Order Online: www.yccoconservation.com

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ *Cell phone # is needed for scheduling pick-ups.*

PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF PICKUP	CONDITIONS OF SALE:
Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check - Make payable to YCCD <input type="checkbox"/> Online - Credit Card	1. All trees are sold as is. No refunds once trees leave YCCD property. 2. All orders are final, no cancellations or refunds. 3. In the event trees orderd are unavailable, refunds may be offered unless substitue species can be arranged. 4. Payment is due at time of tree pick-up.

Customer Satisfaction & Guarantee

We do not guarantee the survival of these trees unless they are in distress when leaving YCCD. We take care in getting the trees to the customer(s), however once the trees leave the office it is the responsibility of the customer/landowner to make sure that they are planted properly and cared for.

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EVERGREEN TREES - SEEDLINGS			
Austrian Pine	\$2.10		
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Ponderosa Pine	\$2.10		
Rocky Mountain Juniper	\$2.10		
PAGE 1 TOTAL			\$



Pesticide Applicator Workshop to be Held in Wray March 15th

The Yuma County Conservation District in conjunction with Sandra McDonald of Mountain West PEST is offering a pesticide applicator workshop on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 10 am – 3:00pm (lunch provided) at the City of Wray Community Room-Roundhouse 245 W 4th Street, Wray, Colorado.

This workshop will provide ALL seven required core credits including: laws and regulations, applicator safety, public safety, environmental protection, use of pesticides and pesticides and their families, meeting the requirements for Colorado pesticide applicator license recertification. The Colorado Pesticide Applicators' Act requires that a person may not use restricted-use or state-restricted-use pesticides unless licensed (certified) by the Colorado Department of Agriculture. The Colorado Private Pesticide Applicator License is required of individuals who use or supervise the use of restricted-use pesticides on land in agricultural production that is owned, leased, or rented by them or their employer. If Colorado Commercial category credits are needed, please contact Sandra McDonald at 970-266-9573 or at sandra@mountainwestpest.com.

The cost of the workshop is \$50.00. To register please go to <https://www.ycconservation.com/events/> or contact Tanya Fell at the Yuma County Conservation District at 970-332-3107 ext. 9002 or yccd77@gmail.com.

Seedling Tree Sales Available Online This Year

The Yuma County Conservation District (YCCD) in Wray is currently offering seedling trees for the 2023 season to local landowners. These low-cost trees can be used for wind breaks, erosion control, snow breaks, wildlife habitat or any other use that can be beneficial to the landowner. In addition, the YCCD offers larger potted fruit trees and bushes including elderberry, apple, apricot, Chokecherry, cherry, Nanking Cherry, peach, pear, plum, Sandhill Plum, strawberries, grapes and even rhubarb! There is also a selection of perennial flowers to add to your flower gardens. YCCD also offers native grass seeds, landscape fabric, staples, fertilizer tablets, polymer and a full line of drip irrigation materials as well.



To order, please visit our new website at www.ycconservation.com. Orders can also be placed over the phone, by email or in person at the YCCD office. Orders will be accepted until March 31, 2023. Tree pick-up will be mid to late April (customers will be notified of specific day once truck schedules are made).




Yuma County Conservation District Annual Meeting Set for March 1st in Wray

The Yuma County Conservation District will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00pm at the Roundhouse Community Room in Wray.


A free dinner will begin the evening followed by a presentation regarding the Bonny Reservoir Grazing Project that the YCCD received demonstration grant funding for this past year. Chris West from the National Fish and Wildlife/RESTORE Colorado will also do a presentation regarding their organization and future projects with YCCD. Travis Taylor from CSU Extension will also discuss Grazing Recommendations for 2023. Awards from the 2022 Conservation District Poster Contest will also be given to students from Liberty, Idalia and Wray. Ashlyn Carpenter and Lydia Mekelburg will give a presentation on what they learned while attending Camp Rocky this past summer. Lastly, an annual meeting will be conducted to close out the evening.

You can RSVP to attend at <https://www.ycconservation.com/events/> or contact Tanya Fell at the Yuma County Conservation District at 970-332-3107 ext. 9002 or yccd77@gmail.com.



YUMA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT FREE PRODUCER APPRECIATION DINNER

2023 ANNUAL MEETING



Bonny Grazing Project Report | RESTORE Colorado Grazing Recommendations for 2023 | and more

<i>Date & Time</i> Wednesday March 1, 2023 6:00 pm	<i>Location</i> Wray Roundhouse Community Room 245 West 4th Street Wray, CO
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Save the Date