South Goshen Conservation District

Annual Plan
for 2026-2027

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DISTRICT MANAGER

The South Goshen Conservation District is guided by the policy set by Wyoming State Legislature-W.S. 11-16-103.

(a)) It is here by declared that the farm and grazing lands of Wyoming are among the basic assets of the state; that improper land use practices cause and contribute to serious erosion of these lands by wind and water; that among the consequences which would result from such conditions are the deterioration of soil and its fertility and the silting and sedimentation of stream channels, reservoirs, dams and ditches; that to conserve soil, and soil and water resources, and prevent and control soil erosion, it is necessary that land use practices contributing to soil erosion be discouraged and that appropriate soil conserving land use practices be adopted.

(b)) It is here by declared to be the policy of the legislature to provide for the conservation of the soil, and soil and water resources of this state, and for the control and prevention of soil erosion and for flood prevention or the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water, and thereby to stabilize ranching and farming operations, to preserve natural resources, protect the tax base, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, preserve wildlife, protect public lands, and protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of this state.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT STAFF

Jamie Phipps - District Manager
Bill Simmons – Program Coordinator

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NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

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Goal #1

ADULT AND K-12 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

RESOURCE NEEDS	ACTION
Working relationship with GCSD #1 Administrators, Facilitators, and Teachers.	Meet with Administrators, Facilitators, and Teachers to discuss ways to implement conservation education.
Classroom presence working with students.	Provide hands-on teaching experiences and materials for Ag Expo. Provide seminars to classrooms on water monitoring, point/non-point source pollution, soil erosion, soil health, and agriculture principles.
Outreach to local youth-oriented clubs/groups- 4-H, Boy/Girl Scouts, youth groups.	Offer trainings/workshops concerning conservation resource practices using stewardship materials, Ag in the Classroom, and hands on activities to clubs and local organizations.
Adult Community Workshops	Provide workshops for community members about different conservation resource practices.

Goal #2

PROMOTE FARM BILL PROGRAMS.

RESOURCE NEEDS	ACTION
NRCS/FSA programs: EQIP, CSP, RCPP, EWP, WRP, CRP and any other program offered.	Work with Field Office to promote all federal programs offered through USDA.
Area Local Work Group Meeting	Attend and promote cooperator attendance at the Local Work Group meeting to guide federal agencies on priorities for local funding.

Goal #3

Promote Best Management Practices that enhance soil health, protect soil from erosion, promote water quality/quantity, and encourage wildlife and natural resources conservation.

Resource Needs	Action
Horse Creek Sub-Basin Level 1 Watershed Study	Continue to utilize Horse Creek Sub-Basin Level 1 Watershed Study to evaluate watershed function, wetland and riparian conditions, resource concerns for water development opportunities on irrigated lands, rangelands, wetlands, and streams, and generate master plan for watershed improvement.
Small Water Project Program	Work with Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) on the Small Water Project Program (SWPP) to fund irrigation and range projects needed within the District. Fund stream bank restoration.
Tree Program/Cost-Share Program	Work with North Platte Valley and Lingle-Ft. Laramie Conservation Districts to provide a consistent program that promotes wildlife/livestock protection, energy savings, and wind protection plantings. Offer a cost-share program as incentive to plant more trees.
Living Snow Fence Program	Work with Wyoming Department of Transportation, State Forestry, County Commissioners, and landowners to develop living snow fences along highways and county roads.
Conservation Resource Cost-Share Program	Fund cost-share program to assist constituents with funding conservation projects.
Hazardous Household Waste and Pesticide Collection Day	Hold annual collection day to collect lead or oil-based paint, ag/urban pesticide/insecticides, and e-waste to help protect ground and surface waters.

COOPERATING/COORDINATING AGENCIES

North Platte Valley Conservation District
Lingle Ft. Laramie Conservation District
Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts
National Association of Conservation Districts
Wyoming Department of Agriculture
Wyoming Water Development Commission
Wyoming State Water Laboratory
NRCS Torrington Field Office
Farm Service Agency
Bessey Nursery/NE Department of Forestry
Lincoln Oakes Nursery
Schumacher Nursery
University of Idaho
Wyoming State Forestry
Wyoming Game and Fish
Wyoming State Legislators
Goshen County Commissioners
Goshen County Economic Development
Goshen County Cattlewomen
Goshen County Irrigation Districts
Goshen County Farm Bureau
Goshen County Weed and Pest
Goshen County School District #1
Goshen County Extension Agency
Wyoming Ag in the Classroom
University of Wyoming
Eastern Wyoming College
Torrington Telegram
KGOS/KERM Radio
Clean Harbors
Area 4-H Clubs
City of Torrington
Torrington City Water Department
Legacy Coop
Simplot Growers Solutions
Local Businesses and Banks

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