



Trail News

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*** FREE ECO-BRAN GRASSHOPPER TREATMENT ***

**“First Come-First Served Basis,” says Josh Shorb,
Park County Weed & Pest Control Supervisor
Stock Up For Next Year Before We Run Out**

If you have areas that you want surveyed please contact the Weed and Pest Office at 307-527-8885. Pick up your free bag(s) of ECO-BRAN by stopping at the Meeteetse Conservation District’s new office at 1906 State Street or call 307-868-2484. For more information, visit: www.sdvc.uwyo.edu/grasshopper/ghwywfrm.htm

COST SHARE AVAILABLE!

GOT THISTLE?

RUSSIAN KNAPWEED?



Park County Weed and Pest Control District is offering cost share on *effective* products to control Canada thistle and Russian knapweed. Herbicides included are Brazen®, Chaparral®, and Milestone® @ greatly reduced prices! **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!**



Call the Powell Office now at 307-754-4521

Available for pickup at the Meeteetse Conservation District, Powell, and Cody locations.



Reminder: Livestock Producers Should Sign Up for Disaster Assistance Programs by Oct. 1

Producers who have suffered eligible disaster-related losses must secure assistance by Sept. 30, 2014. After that date, anyone seeking assistance will suffer a 7.3 percent reduction in the amount of disaster relief they can receive. The Budget Control Act passed by Congress in 2011 requires USDA to implement reductions of 7.3 percent to the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) in the new fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, 2014; however, producers seeking LFP support who have scheduled appointments with their local FSA office before Oct. 1, even if the appointment occurs after Oct. 1, will not see reductions in the amount of disaster relief they receive. USDA is encouraging producers to register or request an appointment or begin a Livestock Forage Disaster Program application with their county FSA office before Oct. 1, 2014, to lock in the current zero percent sequestration rate. For more information, visit the USDA website at: www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2014/09/0193.xml&contentidonly=true Posted on September 10, 2014 by Farm Service Agency

2015 Brand Renewal

Wyoming Livestock Board brand renewal notices will start going out October 1, 2014. The 2015 Brand Renewal will end on March 1, 2015. All brand records ending with a dash 5 on the end are up for renewal in 2015. Example: A000000-5 or N000000-5. As soon as you receive your brand renewal notice, you can pay your \$300.00 fee per brand at any time between October 2014 and February 2015. Once a brand renewal is paid, your brand will be active for the next 10 years. Any legal name changes



to your brand(s) will cost an additional \$100.00. Brand renewal and brand transfers are separate transactions and will require separate payment. The Board accepts cash, credit card, check, or money order. For brand renewal, no credit card payments will be accepted by phone. For more details and information, visit the Wyoming Livestock Board's website at: <http://wlsb.state.wy.us/>.

The Wyoming Livestock Board would also like to remind brand owners to review and update any outdated addresses on your brand records. With the 2015 brand renewal starting in October of 2014 it is critical that the board has correct/updated address information so your renewal notice will reach you. The Brand office sent addresses of record off for an address verification and out of the approximate 6000 brands to be renewed in 2015, approximately 300 brand records were marked as, non-valid addresses, with no forwarding information available.

If you have a loved one or neighbor who may not have updated an address in the past 10 years or less, please have them call the Wyoming Livestock Board at 307-777-7515 in order to update address information on their records. Address changes can be updated with a simple phone call to our office or a note sent to: Wyoming Livestock Board, 1934 Wyott Dr., Cheyenne, WY 82002. If a post office was closed in your area and a new address was issued to you, please call us.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Wyoming Sage-Grouse Data Call

As part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data call, Wyoming is asking all operators, land management agencies, NGOs, and others to provide information related to *active habitat improvement efforts for sage-grouse*. Use the form found at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov/sagegrousemitigation/introform.aspx> to enter your data. This information will help Wyoming tell the conservation story of the Sage-Grouse Executive Order (E.O. 2011-5) and will help in keeping sage-grouse from being listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Any *planned conservation activities* should be entered directly into the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Conservation Efforts Database at <https://conservationefforts.org/>. Data entry is simple, but you will need a username and password.

Please contact Mary Flanderka at mary.flanderka@wyo.gov or call her at (307) 777-4587 to validate your username and password. Once you have received the validation, you are ready to enter conservation data. **Data should be entered by September 30, 2014.** **Permitting agencies will be entering disturbance data. It is not necessary for operators and other proponents to enter disturbance information.**

Do you receive more precipitation than your co-worker living 5 miles across town?

Wouldn't it be fun to keep track of just how much more you receive? **Join CoCoRaHS today!** CoCoRaHS is the **Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network**, a unique, non-profit, community-based network of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and map precipitation (rain, hail and snow). By using low-cost measurement tools, stressing training and education, and utilizing an interactive Web-site, our aim is to provide the highest quality data for natural resource, education and research applications Wyoming. Wyoming is a very active state, with over 200 observers who regularly participate in the program. To learn more or to join, visit their homepage at: www.cocorahs.org/. Wyoming Volunteers will receive a complimentary 4" diameter rain gauge and a login account to enter their observations. Tell them you heard about it from us.



-----Reminders and Updates-----

October 8th ~ 7:00 p.m. MCD Board of Supervisors' regular monthly meeting at the NEW MCD office, located at 1906 State Street, Meeteetse. The public is welcome.

Through its *Trail News*, the MCD hopes to keep the community informed, and all of us here, as your local government, encourage you to give us feedback, fresh ideas and comments so that the District can represent the Meeteetse community in the best way possible. For a copy of the Trail News by email, please call us at 307-868-2484 or send an email request to: mcd@tctwest.net. **Happy Trails to You!** *Bernie, Blaise, Ginny, Josh, Rory, & Steffen*