



Trail News

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Happy New Year!

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*** University of Wyoming Ag Experiment Station Listening Session ***

January 29th at 10:00a.m., Burlington Town Hall

The purpose of the listening session is to identify agriculture research priorities unique to producers in Wyoming and build connections between AES and the agricultural community. The listening session will be followed by Powell Research & Extension Center advisory committee meeting. Lunch will be provided.

International Sage-Grouse Forum Proceedings Available Free Online

(Photo: The Sage Grouse Initiative field and national staff met with NRCS Chief Jason Weller at the International Sage-Grouse Forum, held in Salt Lake City, Nov. 13-14).



Jason Weller, chief of the Natural

Resources Conservation Service, gave an inspiring speech on the Sage Grouse Initiative at the International Sage-Grouse Forum in November. You can listen to his speech and all of the presentations. Just go to: <http://www.sage-grouseforum.org/>, click on Recorded Proceedings from the menu on the left. Register for a password.

Many thanks to Utah State University for generously sharing the proceedings of this significant event.

--- Public Comment Period Extended ---

USDA extends public comment period for Conservation Stewardship Program Rule until Jan. 20, 2015.

For more info, go to: www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/wy/newsroom/releases/?cid=STELPRDB1266526

*** Shoshone Forest Plans To Keep Three Areas Vehicle-Free ***

(Taken from the Tuesday, December 30th Issue of the Northern Wyoming Daily News, Worland, Wyo)

The U.S. Forest Service will keep three areas southeast of Yellowstone off-limits to motorized vehicles and mountain bikes in the latest draft of its management plan for the Shoshone National Forest. The decision follows nearly a decade of work to update the management plan last approved in 1986. Forest Service Deputy Chief Jane Cottrell recommends no mountain biking be allowed on a 6.8 mile section of the Pinnacle Trail

in the DuNoir Special Management Unit. Fifty-six percent of the forest is designated wilderness. The new forest plan proposed no new wilderness designation. Forest officials are incorporating Cottrell's recommendations into the draft plan and it could be approved by the regional forester by next spring, a forest spokeswoman has said.



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CoCoRaHS Message of the Day

Windchill . . . “It feels colder than you think!”

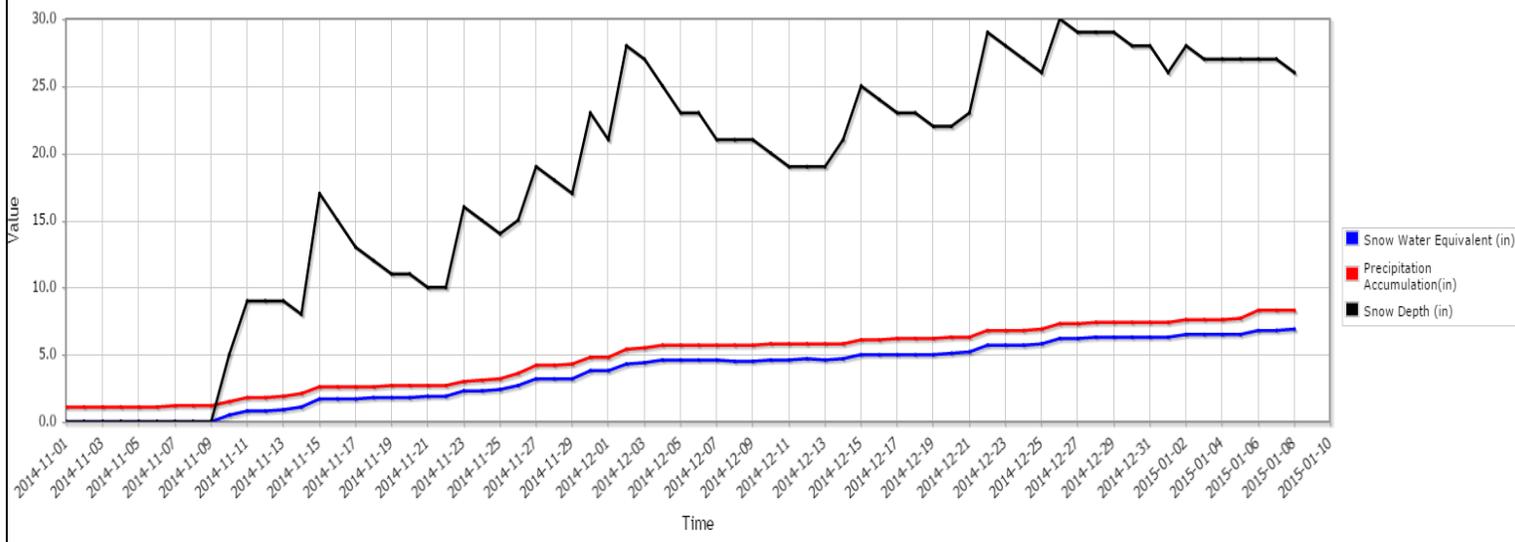
When the wind blows it often feels much colder than what the thermometer says. Just ask those folks at the Green Bay Packer football games! One way to quantify what you are experiencing is known as the "wind chill factor". The AMS Glossary of

Meteorology defines it as: *"a means of quantifying the threat of rapid cooling during breezy or windy conditions that may result in hypothermia in cold conditions."* The National Weather Service provides a great "windchill chart" on their "Winter Safety" page. To find out more about windchill, visit the NWS website at: www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/windchill.shtml. And one last thing . . . don't forget to wear a hat!

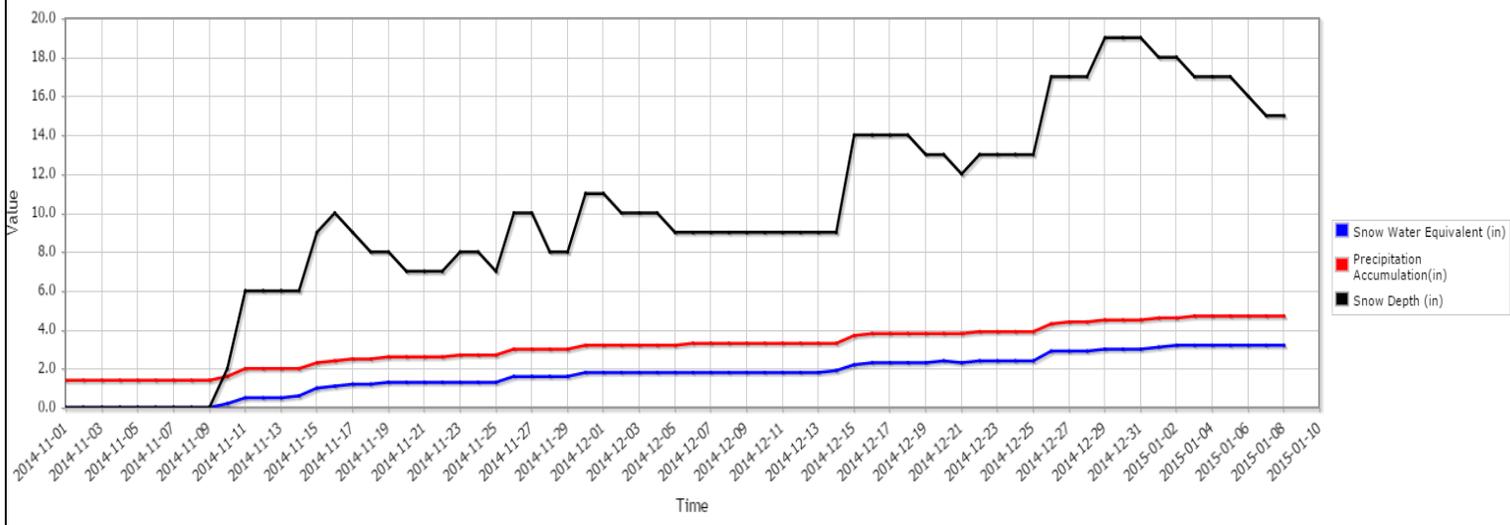
--- SNOTEL Updates as of 01/08/2015 ---

For daily updates or other charts, log on to: www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snotel/Wyoming/wyoming.html

Kirwin (560) Wyoming SNOTEL Site - 9550 ft



Timber Creek (819) Wyoming SNOTEL Site - 7950 ft



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

January 14th ~ **12:00 Noon** – MCD Regular Board Meeting, 1906 State Street, Meeteetse. Open To The Public.

January 21st & 22nd ~ 2015 Winter Grazing Seminar – Billings MT

January 27th ~ NEPA workshop at Little America in Cheyenne

January 29th ~ 10:00am, Burlington Town Hall – *University of Wyoming Ag Experiment Station Listening Session*

Happy Trails to You! *Bernie, Blaise, Ginny, & Steffen*