

# Conservation News

## McCone County Conservation District

### Wind break, Wild life habitat, Living Snow Fence Oh My!

It's the time of year to place your tree orders for the 2014 growing season.

Whether you are looking at controlling erosion, providing habitat for wildlife or to create an aesthetically pleasing and protective barrier from the wind and snow, living trees and shrubs are the way to go!

Many of our trees are carefully selected from vendors from Montana, and both of the Dakotas, so will be hardy for the area. But that doesn't mean that a little TLC isn't required to help them along. By ensuring adequate moisture, ground preparation as well as excellent site selection, the seed-

lings will have a fighting chance to thrive and grow!



### Open House Success...Meet and Greet the New NRCS District Conservationist and Conservation District Administrator



Photo: Steve Wanderaas, Bruce Wright

The Open House was a complete success. Thank you all for stopping by. Thank you also to Bruce Wright and Jeanne Rae Kirkegard for your many years of service!

This was also an opportunity to meet the new kids on the block.

Johnna Blankenship is the new District Conservationist. She is a 2009 graduate of the University of Wyoming and has worked in the field offices of Douglas and Kaycee, Wyoming prior to being promoted to District Conservationist in Santa Rosa, NM. We are very lucky to have this accomplished lady here in the Circle Office. She and her son, Nathan reside in Circle.



Photo: Johnna Blankenship

Mary Hendrix is the new District Administrator. Her background is in the travel / hospitality business mainly in contract management. She has worked with the Pebble Beach Resorts, Whitefish Mountain Resort as well as Glacier Park, Inc. She is very excited about her new position with the district. She and her daughters reside in Circle.

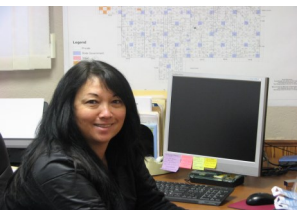


Photo: Mary Hendrix

We look forward to serving you in all of your conservation needs.

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## **Applications for Conservation Stewardship Program Due January 17, 2014**

**By Johnna Blankenship**

BOZEMAN, Mont., Dec. 9, 2013—The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is opening the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for new enrollments for 2014. Producers interested in participating in the program must submit applications to NRCS by Jan. 17, 2014.

The CSP is a Farm Bill conservation program that helps established conservation stewards with taking their level of natural resource management to the next level to improve both their agricultural production and provide valuable conservation benefits such as cleaner and more abundant water, as well as healthier soils and better wildlife habitat.

CSP is now in its fifth year and so far, NRCS has partnered with producers to enroll more than 59 million acres across the nation. The program emphasizes conservation performance — producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy.

Eligible landowners and operators in all states and territories can enroll in CSP through January 17 to be eligible for 2014 funding. While local NRCS offices accept CSP applications year round, NRCS evaluates applications during announced ranking periods.

To be eligible for this year's enrollment, producers must have their applications submitted to NRCS by the closing date.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold requirements and payment types.

Learn more about CSP by visiting the [NRCS website](#) or a [local NRCS field office](#).

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**McCone County Conservation District****106 10th Street, PO Box 276 Circle, MT 59215****2014 Tree Order Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Contact Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Terms and Conditions**

Order Season: We are now accepting orders for trees and shrubs for the 2014 planting season. Order fulfillment are based on availability, so we encourage purchasing early to guarantee species and size. Please note prices and inventory may be subject to change without notice. Orders will be taken until March 14, 2014. Shipment of trees may be expected by the last week of April 2014.



Payment: A 50% non-refundable deposit must be made at the time of purchase. The remaining balance will be payable upon receipt of products. Cash or check payment only. Please make checks out to McCone County Conservation District.

Changes to Order: Changes to order may be accepted until March 14, 2014.

Cancellation of Order: Cancellations to order may be accepted until February 1, 2014. Refund of deposit will be subject to vendor and/or conservation district policies.

**Price List:**

Conservation Grade (CG) price is \$1.25 each.

2'-3' tree price is \$1.75 each.

Conifers are sold as bareroot, plugs and containers. Bareroot price is \$1.25 each, plug price is \$1.75 and 2 gallon potted price is \$12.00 each.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are interested in purchasing Lawyer Nursery Roses (zone 2 & 3), native or garden perennials or various fruit trees, please contact the Conservation District for assistance.

DECIDUOUS SPECIMEN	CG \$1.25	2'-3' \$1.75	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
Apricot, Hardy				
Almond, Russian				
Ash, Green				
Aspen				
Birch, Paper				
Boxelder				
Buckeye, Ohio				
Buffaloberry				
Caragana				
Cherry, Mayday or Purpleleaf				
Cherry, Nanking				
Cherry, Sand				
Chokecherry				
Chokecherry, Black				
Cotoneaster, Pekin				
Cottonwood, Siouxland				
Cottonwood, Native				
Crabapple, Midwest				
Crabapple, Siberian				
Cranberry Bush		NOT AVAILABLE		
Currant, Golden				
Dogwood, Red Osier				
Elderberry, American				
Elm, Siberian				
Hackberry, Northern				
Hawthorne, Homestead Arnold				
Hazelnut, American				
Honeysuckle, Freedom				
Honeylocust, Thornless				
Juneberry				
Lilac, Common				
Linden, American				
Maple, Amur				
Maple, Silver				
Maple, Northern Sugar				
TOTAL QUANTITY / PRICE—PAGE 2				

DECIDUOUS SPECIMEN	CG \$1.25	2'-3' \$1.75	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
Oak, Bur				
Oak, Red				
Plum, American				
Poplar, Hybrid				
Poplar, Prairie Sky				
Seaberry				
Silverberry				
Sumac, Staghorn				
Walnut, Black				
Willow, Golden				
Willow, Laurel Leaf				
Willow, Sandbar				
VINES FOR WILDLIFE	CG \$1.25			
Grape, Riverbank		NOT AVAILABLE		
Woodbine		NOT AVAILABLE		
Bittersweet, American		NOT AVAILABLE		
CONIFER SPECIMEN	BAREROOT \$1.25	PLUG \$2.25		
Cedar, Eastern Red				
Juniper, Rocky Mountain				
Pine, Ponderosa				
Pine, Scotch	NOT AVAILABLE			
Spruce, Black Hills				
Spruce, Colorado Blue				
LARGE POTTED CONIFER	2 GALLONS			
Pine, Austrian				
Pine, Ponderosa				
Spruce, Black Hills				
Spruce, Colorado Blue				
Spruce, Meyer				
TOTAL QUANTITY / PRICE—PAGE 3				

QUANTITY	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
OFFICIAL USE:			Subtotal	
			Total Due	
			50% Non-Refundable Deposit	
			Balance Due at Pickup	



By Mandi May

Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority (DRWA) is the rural water program invested in providing quality water to the counties of McCone, Garfield, Dawson and Richland.

DRWA is currently under construction south of Sidney, MT. First users are expected to be online early 2014. The section of the pipeline south of Sidney is expected to reach as far as the Sidney Circle Subdivision.

In addition, DRWA is in the planning stages for providing water to the City of Fairview. The water source is unknown at this time but the need for water in Fairview continues to rise due to the influx of residents in the area.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in enrolling to be part of DRWA please contact Mandi:

[drwa@midrivers.com](mailto:drwa@midrivers.com)

(406) 485-3792

[www.midrivers.com/~drwa](http://www.midrivers.com/~drwa)



### **SPRING SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

10am—3pm

McCone County Fairgrounds



*Mark your calendars ! Join us in exploring exciting new opportunities in soil conservation, integrated control of noxious weeds and cover crop programs*

*Guest speakers:*

*Sue Fitzgerald, NRCS District Conservationist, Garfield County will speak on biological control of noxious weeds*

*Ken Nelson, Extension will speak on conventional control of noxious weeds*

*Mark Henning, Area Agronomist will speak on soil health*

*Rick Bieber, Trail City, SD producer will speak on cover crops*

*Lunch is included*

*Points for private pesticide applicators license will be awarded.*

*For further questions, please contact 406-485-2744.*



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### Board Members

Steve Wandraas, Chairman

Emily Guldberg, Supervisor

Matt Beery, Supervisor

Jenny Garoutte, Supervisor

Larry Nagel, Urban Supervisor

### Partner in Conservation

Johnna Blankenship, NRCS District

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## Mark Your Calendars



Board Meeting—December 4, 2013

DRWA Board Meeting—December 12, 2013

CD & NRCS Open House—December 12, 2013

Christmas Day—December 25, 2013

New Year's Eve—December 31, 2013



New Year's Day—January 1

Conservation District Board Meeting 1pm, January 8

DRWA Board Meeting 1pm, January 9

Martin Luther King Day—January 20

Winter Grazing Seminar-January 29-30 Miles City



Conservation District Board Meeting 1pm, February 5

Spring Workshop, February 12

DRWA Board Meeting 1pm, February 13

President's Day—February 17

DECEMBER 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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January 2014						
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February 2014						
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Scheduled meetings are subject to date and time change. Meeting agendas will be posted one week prior to board meetings. The general public is welcome to attend. Please call 406-485-2744 for further questions.