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2019-2020 Report Summary

1. DCCD hired Erin Hannelly to fill the position of District Manager on February 18.
2. DCCD Staff and Supervisor attended the WCDEA Winter Training in Cheyenne February 25-27.
3. DCCD outsourced bookkeeping to a local accounting firm in Dubois.
4. DCCD Staff attended the virtual Lander Region Interagency Coordination Meeting on April 2.
5. DCCD completed 4 Subdivision Reviews.
6. DCCD sold 69 potted plants and an additional 277 bare roots and seedlings during their annual Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials sale. Tree protectors and Gro-Bricks were given away. The District also sold two rolls of weed barrier.
7. DCCD cost shared 47 coliform well water tests as part of their Free Well Water Test Day. Of these, 14 participants chose to pay for additional tests for nitrate, sulfate, total hardness, sodium, total dissolved solids, pH, fluoride, and chloride.
8. DCCD Staff taught 6 participants (ages 11-14) of the Dubois Boys and Girls Club general local ecology including basic tree and macroinvertebrate identification skills on July 16.
9. DCCD Staff attended a virtual SuiteWater presentation by WACD hydrologist, Cathy Rosenthal, on July 16.
10. DCCD Staff taught 14 participants (ages 9-12) of Camp Bighorn about glaciation, the formation of various types of lakes, water quality, and the general ecology, significance, and identification of macroinvertebrates in Torrey Creek near the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp on August 5.
11. DCCD Staff researched greenhouses and visited the Casper Community Gardens, Jackson Hole Slow Foods, the Huidekoper Ranch, and numerous local greenhouses to learn what type of greenhouse and gardening techniques would work best to maximize food production in our area.
13. DCCD Staff attended the virtual Wind River Inflow meeting on August 21.
14. DCCD Staff worked with Town of Dubois employees to transplant perennial shrubs and discuss the possibilities of a pollinator garden and overall beautification of the Dubois Town Park.
15. DCCD received and approved 5 local cost share applications; each completed project was awarded a grant. Projects included: 2 greenhouses, 1 irrigation system, and 1 livestock watering facility.
16. DCCD Staff accompanied Dave Morneau from the Popo Agie Conservation District on August 11 and members from the Wyoming DEQ, USFS, WDGf, and WACD on September 22 to fulfill part of the criteria for a water testing certification.
17. DCCD Staff participated in an NRCS Soils Health Talk in Lander on September 10.
18. DCCD Staff and Supervisor attended the WACD Area IV meeting in Medicine Bow on September 23.
19. DCCD Staff attended the virtual Boysen Coordinator discussion on September 24.
20. DCCD secured a Dubois Kiwanis Club grant to replace the plastic skin and a PVC rib on the District's existing hoop house. This facility was made available to the public in 2011 and had 14 participants (ages 40-88) last season.
21. DCCD Staff and Supervisor attended the virtual WACD 75th Annual Convention meeting November 17-18.
22. DCCD purchased a soil testing kit. Staff taught 6 high school students how to test their garden soil, how the various nutrients effect plants, and how to amend soils to reach desired soil composition.
23. Staff helped facilitate a collaborative project between the National Bighorn Sheep Center, the high school Advanced Placement Biology teacher and students, and Wyoming Game and Fish Staff to analyze soils at mineral lick sites used by bighorn sheep. Staff used prior teaching skills to help emphasize study design, data collection, and data analysis.
24. DCCD Staff coordinated with Records Specialist, Pat Newbern, and the Wyoming Department of Audit to properly document the destruction of files that had met or exceeded their life spans.
25. DCCD Staff began its annual seedling tree sale in December.
26. DCCD circulated a public survey in December for the District's Long Range Plan.
25. DCCD ensured numerous educational publications were available to the public. Staff also distributed water quality self-help checklists to people testing their well water and delivered Barnyards and Backyards to Warm Valley Lodge (assisted living facility).