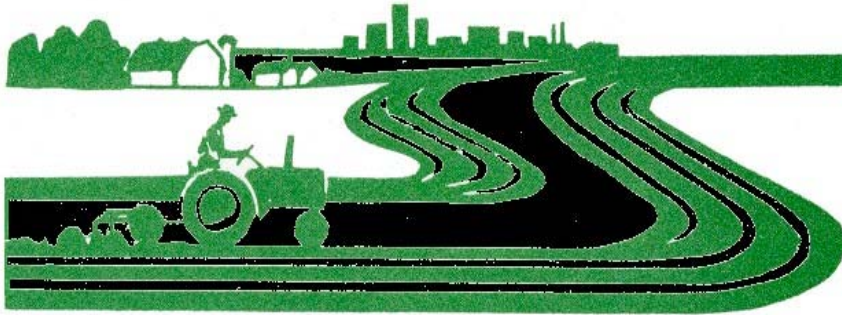


# Sheridan County Conservation Notes



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 Tim Holte - Supervisor  
 Kent Nathe - Supervisor  
 Todd Marsh—Supervisor  
 Manuel Vazquez- Supervisor  
 Steve Hove—Associate Supervisor  
 Judy Benson - Administrator  
 Mickey McCall – Technician

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## Dry Prairie Appointment



At the December 11th board meeting, the Conservation District re-appointed Jon Bolstad to a two year term as the Sheridan County representative on the Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority Board. Dry Prairie requests that each of the Conservation Districts in the counties included in the Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority (Sheridan, Daniels, Roosevelt

## 2008 MONTANA WINTER GRAZING SEMINAR

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



Please remember to mark your calendars for the 2008 Montana Winter Grazing Seminar. The seminar is Wednesday and

Thursday, January 23-24, at the Sidney Country Club in Sidney, and will featured Kit Pharo of the Pharo Cattle Company in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, presenting *"From Production to Profit in Ranching"*

Registration is \$35 prior to January 11 and \$40 thereafter. To register, please contact Julie Gross, Administrator, Richland County Conservation District (406- 433-2103, x101), or Heidi Olbert, State Coordinator, Rangeland Resources Program (406-444-6619).

## 2007 MACD Convention Held In Bozeman

The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) was held November 13-16 at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman. This year's convention theme, "Thinking Outside the Box", gave convention attendees new ideas for ways to educate others about Montana's natural resources and conservation practices. Sheridan County Supervisors Jeff Wivholm and Jon Bolstad along with Mickey McCall, District Technician and Judy Benson, District Administrator attended.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**  
**Sunday—Mar 9**  
**SET**  
**CLOCKS**  
**AHEAD ONE**  
**HOUR**



Sheridan County Conservation District meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room of the USDA Building. The public is welcome to attend. For time and date verification, please call our office at 765-1801 ext. 101.

Your comments are always welcome and appreciated. Please let us know what you think. Just Drop us a note at: 119 N. Jackson Plentywood, MT 59254 or email us at [judy.benson@mt.nacdn.net](mailto:judy.benson@mt.nacdn.net)



and Valley) appoints or re-appoints a member to the Dry Prairie Board at the District's December board meetings. The members need to be in place prior to the Dry Prairie, January 2008 Board meeting. Jon Bolstad, Homestead farmer-rancher has served as Sheridan County Conservation District Supervisor since 1995. He has represented the District on the Dry Prairie Board since 1998.

The Fort Peck-Dry Prairie Rural Water System will receive \$9.8 million if the omnibus \$516 billion spending bill is passed by congress. The \$260 million project in extreme northeastern Montana is a joint effort between the Dry Prairie Regional Water Authority and the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, involving treating Missouri River water and piping it to 31,000 people in several towns, said Clint Jacobs, the manager of the off-reservation system.

The funding in the bill, "Is as good as we could have expected for this year so we're very pleased about that," Jacobs said.

**Think Spring and Trees!!**

Now is the time to plan your spring tree plantings. It is important to order early as the nursery supplies are limited. The conifers are very limited so if you are interested in ordering any type of conifers, do so as soon as possible.

It's also time to schedule the tree planter. If you will be planting a large amount of trees you may wish to rent the tree planter.

If you need assistance in planning or have any questions, please stop by our office in the USDA Building in Plentywood, or give us a call at 765-1801 ext. 101.

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Jeff Wivholm also serves as Director on the MACD Board of Directors, representing Area I which includes the Conservation Districts in Sheridan, Daniels, Garfield, McCone, Petroleum, Roosevelt and Valley Counties. The MACD Executive and Board of Directors met throughout the day on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Steve Hedstrom of Raynesford was elected MACD President and Pete Woll of Somers was elected MACD Vice-President.

The following two days were filled with Concurrent Sessions including topics related to CD Supervisor Roles and Responsibilities, Fighting Noxious Weeds, Changes in Water Quality & Quantity, State Water Policy Update, Carbon Sequestration, 310 Law Procedures, Grant Process & Procedures, and a Community Collaborative Rain, Snow & Hail Network with John Pulasky.

Guest speakers during the luncheon sessions included Governor Brian Schweitzer and Jack Horner, paleontologist of the Museum of the Rockies.

The Employee Organization provided entertainment for the first evening. The last evening included a banquet followed by an auction raising over \$5,000 for the MACD legislative and education fund.

**SCCD Administrator Attends Workshop**

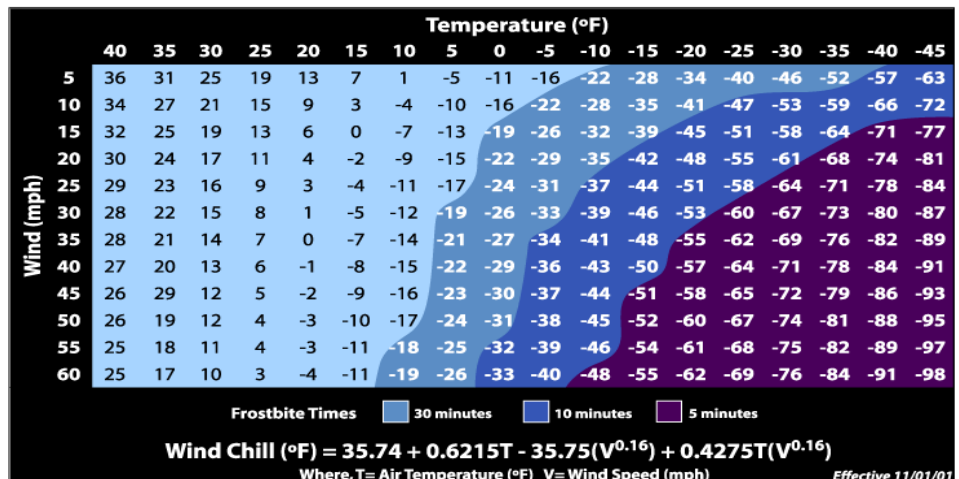
Sheridan County Conservation District Administrator, Judy Benson, recently attended a "Meeting-ful Minutes" workshop held in Billings on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The workshop training was provided by the Professional Development Center of the State of Montana and provided the training, tools and guidelines needed to effectively take notes and write meaningful minutes for state agencies and other Montana organizations.

Upon completing the workshop each attendee was awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the State of Montana certifying that the training had been successfully completed.



**Wind Chill Chart**



## State Oil and Gas Lease Sale Scheduled

The quarterly oil and gas lease sale conducted by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is scheduled for March 5th in Helena.

DNRC has received nominations for the March 5th sale and is requesting comments, according to Monte Mason, DNRC Minerals Management Bureau Chief. Mason said that the only action proposed at this time is issuing leases for possible future exploration and production. "Before any activity occurs, DNRC will prepare an environmental review," he explained. The state Board of Oil and Gas must also review and issue a permit before any activity can occur.

The March sale includes tracts in the following counties: Beaverhead, Carbon, Carter, Chouteau, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, Glacier, Pondera, Richland, Sheridan, Sweet Grass, Teton, and Toole.

A map and a detailed list of tracts being considered by DNRC may be obtained by calling Mason in Helena at (406) 444-2074. The information is also available on the department's Internet site at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og/default.asp>.

Any comments regarding the tracts should be submitted in writing to Mason by January 25th. His address is:

Monte Mason  
DNRC  
P.O. Box 201601  
1625 Eleventh Ave.  
Helena MT 59620-1601.

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## Eastern Plains RC & D Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Eastern Plains RC & D will Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at the ARS facility in Sidney, MT.

16 Eastern Montana counties are members of the Resource Conservation and Development organization, whose mission is to improve the quality of life in Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux counties through a comprehensive and coordinated effort of local citizens; and to provide local decision makers with technical information and assistance and the necessary access to resources to better manage, conserve, protect, and utilize the area's natural and human resources. The RC&D Council contains 67 members representing various local city, county, and tribal governments and all the conservation districts.

The annual meeting will include informative speakers, lunch, and reports on the numerous projects the RC & D is involved in.

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## More Info Available Online

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## Conservation Districts to Award \$1000 in Scholarships

The Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) will be awarding two Montana students a \$500 scholarship to assist with their post-secondary education.

Applicants will be judged on academic performance, letters of recommendation, and an original essay about the history of Conservation Districts and natural resources. The deadline for the 2008 MACD Scholarship program is February 15, 2008 and the competition is open to all Montana High School seniors and post-secondary students.

More details and the one-page scholarship application can be found on the MACD website at [www.macdnet.org/macdscholarshipapp.doc](http://www.macdnet.org/macdscholarshipapp.doc) or by calling the MACD office at 406.443.5711.

## CONSERVATION DATES

Jan.	1	New Year's Day ~ Office Closed
	8	SCCD Board Meeting ~ 11:00 AM
	21	Martin Luther King Birthday ~ Office Closed
Feb.	2	Ground Hog Day
	6	Ash Wednesday
	12	SCCD Board Meeting ~ 11:00 AM
	14	Valentine's Day
	18	George Washington Birthday ~ Office Closed
Mar.	9	Daylight Savings Time ~ Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
	11	SCCD Board Meeting ~ 11:00 AM
	17	St. Patrick's Day
	20	First Day of Spring
	21	Good Friday
	23	Easter Sunday

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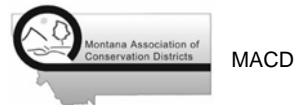
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