

**SOUTH BIG HORN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2024**

The regular monthly board meeting of the South Big Horn Conservation District was held Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at the Farm Service Center with the meeting starting at 4:07pm. The meeting was called to order by George Kelso. Those in attendance were George Kelso, Eddie Johnson, Howard Wildman, Walter Hibbert via phone, Linda Hamilton, and Ashley Coenen; District Manager, Laura Galloway; District Conservationist

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes from the December 2023 meeting were reviewed, a motion was made by Linda to approve the minutes. Eddie seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Checking Account***5307	\$34,572.72
Tree Acct Checking***5343	\$ 507.50
Grant Savings Acct***1270	\$ 458.91
Tree Acct Savings***2184	\$ 3,146.34
Reserve Account***7053	\$ 87,838.62
TOTAL	\$126,524.09

The December bank statement was reviewed and reconciled by Ashley.

Walt made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Howard seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY BILLS – Eddie made a motion to pay all regular bills for the month of January 2024. Walt seconded. Motion carried. George will look at having bank fees waived for direct deposit.

- EFPTS - \$510.65
- Wyoming Retirement System - \$621.45
- Ashley Coenen - \$1,541.14 * 2
- TCT - \$62.45
- Visa - \$578.68
- Optum Bank - \$300.00

Payee	For	Amount	Check #
EFPTS	Payroll Expenses	\$510.65	Electronic
Visa	Miscellaneous	\$1,406.34	Electronic
Wyoming Retirement System	Retirement	\$621.45	Electronic

TCT	Internet	\$62.45	Electronic
Ashley Coenen	Wages	\$1,541.14	Electronic
Optum Bank	Health Savings Account	\$300.00	Electronic
Big Horn Federal	Bank Fee	\$2.00	Electronic
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Ashley Coenen	Mileage	\$258.07	5546
Greybull Standard	SVWID Proclamation	\$180.00	5547

NRCS REPORT – See attached report.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD – Linda made a motion to keep the board as it is. Eddie seconded. motion carried.

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY – Ashley read the Statement of Investment Policy. Eddie made a motion to accept the policy as presented. Walt seconded. Motion carried.

BANK DEPOSITORY – Eddie made a motion. Linda seconded. George abstained.

BANK SIGNATORY – Eddie made a motion to keep the bank signatures the same. Walt seconded. motion carried.


GRANT CONTRACTS/APPLICATIONS REVIEW – Linda made a motion to accept what was presented with Attachment A being added after adjustments and Application deadline changed to August 15th. Eddie seconded. Motion carried.

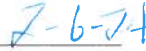
OFFICE REPORT – Ashley applied for a Rural Living Workshop through Barnyards and Backyards. Ashley asked the board on their thoughts for selling Christmas Trees at the end of the year since there is no place local to get one. Ashley asked the board if she could purchase a course through Project Learning Tree. Board approved. Ashley discussed the Public Officer Training and planned to implement a training to get the remaining Board members certified. It was discussed that we would try to complete the training through the Wyoming Special District Online Training.

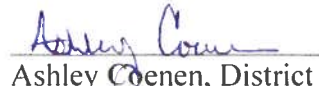
NWID MEETING – George attended via phone. Topics covered included WID Board members expense reimbursement should be approved through conservation district not the WID Board. George advised them to approve the payment at their meetings but submit the expense to us so we can also approve at our meeting. Discussions with Game and Fish, holding the WID to maintain. Discussed select water committee meeting that is coming up. Easement Negotiations were brought up and it was discussed to pipe the inlet of Anita ditch. There is some concern with over livestock water. Meadow Lark enlargement study, preliminary study has been done. Discussed easements to be completed. Still working on couple of landowners to go through mediation.

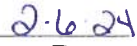
NEXT MEETING- February 6, 2024 @ 4:00 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Eddie made a motion to adjourn. Howard seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.


George Kelso, Chairman


Date


Ashley Coenen, District Manager


Date

Big Horn County NRCS Field Office Report
January 2024 Meeting



EQIP / AMA

- Batching Date set for January 19th for 2024 applications.
- We are working on entering the application, gathering eligibility documents, assessing them, and will be ranking those that are eligible.
- We have been processing quite a few payments and making field visits as needed.

Climate Smart Program IRA funds

- We are processing those applications that fit under the criteria of IRA.
- Making field visits and gathering eligibility information for applications.

CSP

- There is a big push to get producers to apply for CSP contracts.
- We only have one so far

CTA (Conservation Technical Assistance)

- Assisted District with requests as needed.
- Assisted producers who called or e-mailed with Field visits for RC concern issues.

Other

- Completed the additional crop NRI segments.
- Curtis met with the Forest Service about some potential projects that we could assist with on Rangeland. They visited about virtual fence, wildlife friendly fence and water projects. They are going to hold a pot luck with their producers and ask Curtis and I to come give a presentation on the different projects we can assist with.

Snow Tel Site Information

- Assisted District with requests as needed.
- Assisted producers who called or e-mailed with Field visits for RC concern issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Galloway D.C.

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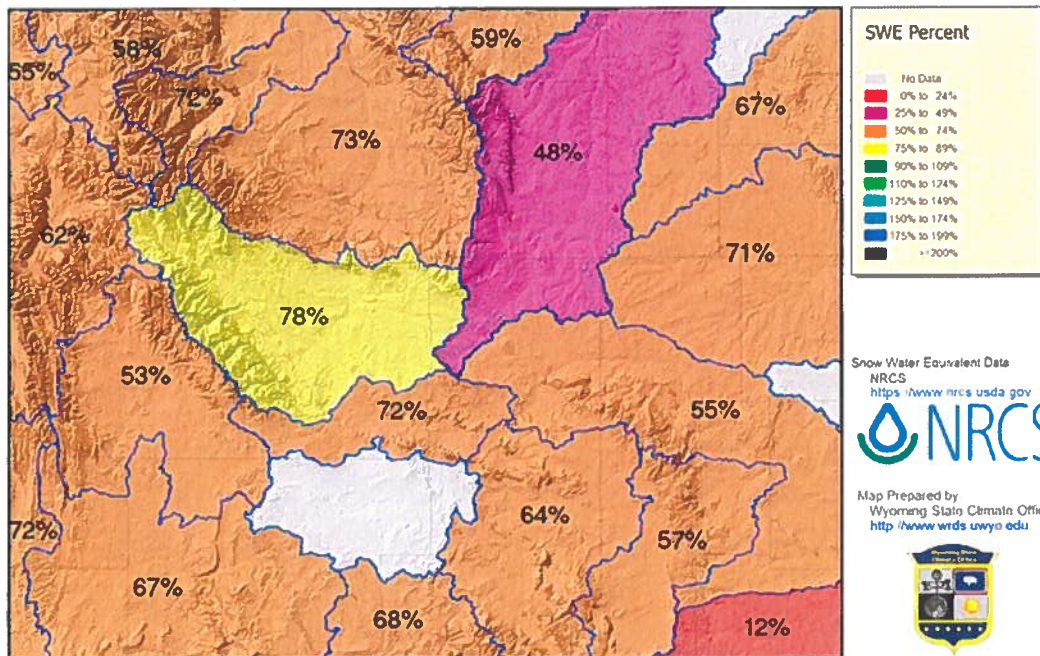
Weekly Snow Report

January 8, 2024

Basin	1/8/2024	1/1/2024	12/25/2023	1/8/2023	1/8/2022
Snake	62	64	71	117	127
Madison	56	57	63	137	121
Yellowstone	58	62	68	108	112
Wind	78	83	88	124	123
Bighorn	74	77	84	97	93
Shoshone	73	78	85	98	107
Powder	48	51	53	110	88
Tongue	59	60	66	98	91
Belle Fourche	67	62	35	106	55
Cheyenne	71	66	39	103	57
Upper North Platte	64	66	69	122	130
Sweetwater	72	77	82	170	111
Lower North Platte	55	45	37	105	73
Laramie	57	59	57	105	123
South Platte	12	16	15	54	63
Little Snake	68	70	78	152	129
Upper Green	53	55	60	113	129
Lower Green	67	62	65	154	135
Upper Bear	72	71	75	154	143
Statewide SNOTEL Percent of Median	64	65	70	122	120
Weighted State Average (Area)	63	63	62	116	104

red = down blue = up green = same

Snow Water Equivalent Percent of Median (1991-2020) 08 Jan 2024



Provisional data, subject to revision

Basin Snow Water Equivalent Data from Natural Resources Conservation Service Water and Climate Center <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov>
 Map created by Wyoming State Climate Office 08 Jan 2024

* Percentages denoted by an asterisk represent data that may not provide a valid measure of conditions. This is most usually seen near the end of the snow season where normal values may be very low or the melt out curve is so steep that a slight variation in days may result in abnormally high or low percentages

S N O W - P R E C I P I T A T I O N U P D A T E

Based on Mountain Data from NRCS SNOTEL Sites
As of TUESDAY: JANUARY 9 , 2024

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT			TOTAL	PRECIPITATION	
Data Site Name	(Ft)	Current	Median	%	Current	Median	%

WYOMING

YELLOWSTONE HEADWATERS IN WYOMING

Beartooth Lake	9360	6.4	11.4	56	6.1	10.6	58
Canyon	7870	3.4	-M	*	5.6	-M	*
Evening Star	9200	8.4	13.6	62	13.9	15.9	87
Fisher Creek	9100	7.7	16.6	46	10.3	17.4	59
Monument Peak	8850	5.6	10.2	55	8.6	11.8	73
Northeast Entrance	7350	1.0	4.8	21	4.5	7.0	64
Parker Peak	9400	7.8	11.2	70	9.9	10.8	92
Sylvan Lake	8420	6.6	10.0	66	11.7	12.7	92
Thumb Divide	7980	5.2	7.2	72	7.1	9.0	79
Two Ocean Plateau	9240	9.1	14.6	62	10.6	14.2	75
White Mill	8700	6.0	12.0	50	7.4	12.5	59
Wolverine	7650	4.0	6.0	67	7.4	7.0	106
Basin Index (%)				-----	58	-----	76

WIND RIVER

Burroughs Creek	8750	4.4	-M	*	5.3	-M	*
Castle Creek	8400	2.8	3.6	78	4.5	4.8	94
Cold Springs	9630	3.1	4.0	78	5.7	5.2	110
Deer Park	9700	5.5	6.6	83	7.1	8.7	82
Hobbs Park	10100	6.7	6.8	99	7.8	6.4	122
Kirwin	9550	6.0	5.8	103	8.0	6.5	123
Little Warm	9370	3.4	5.0	68	5.7	6.4	89
South Pass	9040	4.9	6.6	74	6.5	7.6	86
St. Lawrence Alt	8620	2.2	-M	*	4.9	-M	*
Togwotee Pass	9580	6.7	11.9	56	7.4	12.3	60
Townsend Creek	8700	3.5	4.4	80	7.0	5.9	119
Basin Index (%)				-----	78	-----	94

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT			TOTAL	PRECIPITATION	
Data Site Name	(Ft)	Current	Median	Median	Current	Median	Med
				%			%

BIGHORN BASIN

Bald Mtn.	9380	6.1	9.6	64	6.0	8.2	73
Bear Trap Meadow	8200	1.5	3.2	47	4.0	4.6	87
Bone Springs Div	9350	-M	8.1	*	6.5	7.8	83
Grave Springs	8550	1.2	3.8	32	3.6	4.8	75
Kirwin	9550	6.0	5.8	103	8.0	6.5	123

Marquette	8760	6.4	3.8	168	9.3	5.0	186
Middle Powder	7760	2.3	4.8	48	4.3	5.4	80
Owl Creek	8975	1.6	2.8	57	4.7	3.4	138
Powder River Pass	9480	2.2	5.8	38	5.0	7.0	71
Shell Creek	9580	6.0	7.6	79	6.8	7.2	94
Timber Creek	7950	3.8	2.5	152	7.6	4.2	181

Basin Index (%)				75			103
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SHOSHONE RIVER

Blackwater	9780	9.7	12.3	79	10.2	12.0	85
Evening Star	9200	8.4	13.6	62	13.9	15.9	87
Marquette	8760	6.4	3.8	168	9.3	5.0	186
Sylvan Lake	8420	6.6	10.0	66	11.7	12.7	92
Sylvan Road	7120	2.7	6.1	44	9.4	10.0	94
Younts Peak	8350	4.5	7.2	62	6.7	7.6	88

Basin Index (%)				72			97
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