

Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation
2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by Pete Jackowski



This has been another year of growth for the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation (WNRF). Thanks to the generosity of the many supporters

and friends of Olin Sims, in November 2008 the Foundation was successful in meeting the \$50,000 fundraising challenge issued by Leron and Rose Allred of Afton. As a result, Leron and Rose graciously and generously donated \$10,000 to the Olin Sims Endowment fund.

The Board of Directors is proud and honored that so many individuals and entities chose to invest in this initiative. The Board is especially grateful to Leron & Rose for their commitment to ensuring a stronger future for Wyoming's locally led conservation efforts, conservation leadership development, and the continued growth and expansion of the Foundation.

But it doesn't stop there. In November 2008, even before the challenge was met, the Board of Directors established another goal of reaching \$100,000 in the Endowment corpus within a year and a long term goal of \$5 million. Aggressive, I know. But I am certain with some hard work, effort and generosity we can attain this goal.

With the continued support of Monica Wilcox and Travis Beach, Gary Beach's children, the Gary Beach Memorial Schol-

arship was awarded again this year, for the 4th consecutive year. The Board especially enjoys awarding a deserving Wyoming student this scholarship in Gary's memory and honor.

The foundation continued to support partnering organization and entities in implementing educational and improvement programs. Those programs are highlighted in this report.

One of the highlights of this past year was the completion of the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation 5-year Strategic Plan. Please take a look at the vision we have established for the coming years. The Board is hopeful that the long term objectives will lead to more and more grassroots conservation throughout Wyoming now and into the future. Visit us at www.wynaturalresourcefoundation.com.

The Foundation's plans for the coming year include enhanced project and program development. I encourage you to consider the Foundation in your financial planning this coming year. An investment in our natural resources and communities is a good investment that will have many returns far into the future.

ENDOWMENT UPDATE

Olin Sims Endowment



Leron and Rose Allred



Bust-a-Brain Game Show



The Calcutta

A huge thank you to our Olin Sims Endowment contributors. Thanks to the generosity of all of the donors, auction, and Calcutta buyers, the WNRF met Leron & Rose Allred's challenge. A special thank you to Leron & Rose for their generous contribution. The Foundation ended the year with \$63,391 in the corpus of the fund. Reaching this goal was also due in large part to the willingness of the first ever Bust-a-Brain ag and natural resources game show participants during the 2008 convention of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts and Foundation. Four teams of five were sold by Auctioneers Travis Hakert and Jason Fearneyhough during a live Calcutta as part of the annual WNRF auction. The following evening the four teams competed for the Championship title. The evening was filled with good fun and humor while raising funds for a great cause.

The WNRF Board had hoped to be able to initiate funding for at least one leadership development scholarship this past year, however due to market conditions earnings on the endowment were minimal. The board chose rather to roll earnings back into the corpus with the hope that with market recovery projects can begin to be funded in the coming year.

OLIN SIMS ENDOWMENT DONORS

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009



A special thanks to all of the 2008 Auction and Calcutta Buyers. WNRF Board of Directors dedicated all proceeds to the Olin Sims Endowment.

AUCTION

Robert Brug, Recluse
Ann Trosper, Powell
Bailey Hallwachs, Cheyenne
Bill McKenzie, Buffalo
Bobbie Frank, Cheyenne
Brenda Schladweiler, Gillette
Bryon Oedekoven, Gillette
Carla Thomas, Thermopolis
Cindy Sewell, Newcastle
Clark Noble, Wheatland
Dave Fraley, Buffalo
Debbie Hughes, New Mexico
Delsa Allen, Pinedale
Dwight Bliss, Rock Springs
Gary Thar, Gillette
Hardy von Forell, Wheatland
Jack Berger, Saratoga
Jack Lytle, Rock Springs
Joe Rosenan, Rozet
John Johnson, Elk Mountain
Kelly Brown, Wheatland
Mark Shirley, Encampment
Matt Scott, Laramie
Pete Jachowski, Cody
Ralph Brokaw, McFadden
Reg Phillips, Dubois

Rollin Gardner, Afton
Rory Karhu, Worland
Rusty Schwartz, Torrington
Shaun Sims, Evanston
Terry Wilson, Kiby
Tim Morrison, Baggs
Tim Schroeder, Douglas
Tom Lohse, Buffalo

CALCUTTA BUYERS

Tammie Sims, McFadden
Dennis Thaler, LaGrange
Hardy von Forell, Wheatland
Jason Fearneyhough, Cheyenne
Brenda Ashworth, Afton
SnoAnn Engler, Pinedale
Jack Berger, Saratoga
Julie Allen, Elk Mountain
Scott Kerbs, Saratoga
Cobb Cattle, Baggs
Carbon County contingency
Reg Phillips, Dubois
Terry Wilson, Kirby
Lacee Sims, Evanston
Jack Lytle, Rock Springs
Natrona County CD
Lake DeSmet CD

OVER \$5,000

Leron & Rose Allred, Afton

\$1000 and above

Dan & Bobbie Frank, Cheyenne
First National Bank of Torrington,
Lingle, Douglas & Pine Bluffs

\$500-\$999

Jeb Steward, Baggott Rocks Repair,
Saratoga
Laramie County Conservation District
Jordan & Julie Allen, Elk Mountain
Missouri Basin Power

\$100 TO \$499

Ken & Kim Besel
Joanne Brown, Guam
Brett & Isabel Belden, Thermopolis
John & Nancy Joyce
Wiant Ranch, Jim & Diana Wiant,
Saratoga
Michael Kenney, Dubois
Aaron & Sarah Anderson, Ten Sleep
Laramie Rivers Conservation District
Brian & Kim Lovett, Cheyenne

UNDER \$100

Brent & Denise Lathrop, Cheyenne
Campbell County Conservation District
Springfield Ranch, Ken & Patty Small,
Wheatland
Wheatland-Laramie Dell Club
Wyoming Farm Bureau
Montana Association of Conservation
Districts
Cross Bar Ranch, M.H. Scott, Gillette
Emmons County Soil Conservation
District, North Dakota
Ladder Livestock Company, Savery
Ronald Wright and Lesli Demple
Laramie County NRCS Field office
employees
Clara Mae Yetter, Meeteetse
James & Sandra Pederson,
Encampment
James & Shellie Miller, Worland
Bob & Mary Mountain, Laramie
Hugh & Mary Lee Hageman,
Ft. Laramie
Mary & Don Sims-Benson, Laramie
Denise Loose, Ft. Morgan
Bess & Mac McWilliam



Keith Geis

Thank you to our annual fundraiser donors, and congratulations to Keith Geis of Wheatland for winning the Polaris ATV in November 2008. Special thanks to Polaris Suzuki of Cheyenne. Also, special thanks to the Curtis Grandstaff, WNRF Board of Director and Vice President, for obtaining the highest number of donations.

PROGRAM UPDATES
Beach Scholarship

Kendall Eisele, a Junior at the University of Wyoming, was selected by the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation as the third University of Wyoming student to receive the Gary Beach Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Agriculture Business and Pre-Law with an emphasis on environment and natural resources.

Eisele, the daughter of Mark and Trudy Eisele of Cheyenne, worked as a summer intern for the Wyoming Department of Ag. In her position there she was instrumental in revising the Coordinated Resource Management (CRM) Workbook and Guidelines as well as developing a state-wide list of contacts involved with CRMs.

This scholarship was created by the WNRF in 2006 in honor of the late Gary Beach. Beach worked for the

Department of Environmental Quality and as Administrator of the water quality division. Beach was instrumental in working with local conservation districts to establish the local watershed planning approach to address Wyoming's impaired waters.

The WNRF offered this \$1,200 Gary Beach Memorial Scholarship to University of Wyoming students enrolled at junior status or higher. Students studying natural resource management or related fields were encouraged to apply, and students planning to live and work in Wyoming after graduation were given preference during selection.

With the continued support of Gary Beach's children, Monica Wilcox and Travis Beach, along with a contribution from the Foundation, funds will be utilized to create a Beach Scholarship endowment in 2010.



Kendall Eisele



PROGRAM UPDATES

Living Legacy

A Plains Cottonwood tree was planted at the Wyoming State Fair Grounds in Douglas as part of the Living Legacy program initiated by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). The Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Wyoming Conservation District Employees Association, and Wyoming Department of Agriculture planted the tree in honor of 2007 NACD President Olin Sims. Wyoming State Forestry was instrumental in the selection of the tree as well as the planting site. Members of Olin's family were on hand for the planting.

For more information on the Living Legacy Program or to see additional pictures of tree plants held throughout the country visit www.nacdnet.org/news/living_legacy/plantings.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Forestry Field Days



Over 60 landowners and resource professionals attended the 3rd annual Forest Field Days. The Field Day was held June 25 in Dubois. Attendees were provided information on topics such as Introduction to Forest Inventory Techniques, Creating a Healthy Forest- Management Techniques, Identification and Management of Insects and Diseases in the Forest, Forestry Best Management Practices, and Making Your Property Less Susceptible to Wildfire and Tree Regeneration Strategies.

Tours during the workshop included a visit to a landowner who was implementing beetle control

measures. The next stop was a logging operation where work was being done on an aspen restoration project. The last stop was another logging site on Bureau of Land Management lands. The WNRF assisted with development of the agenda, coordination, and also provided lunch.

The workshop was sponsored by Wyoming State Forestry, Dubois-Crowheart CD, Fremont County Firewise, the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Environmental Stewardship

Recognizing Wyoming ranchers with an outstanding stewardship ethic, the Foundation again provided sponsorship support to the Wyoming Stock Growers Association Environmental Stewardship Award tour. The 2009 tour was held on July 2nd, at the Foy Ranch near Glendo. Hundreds of attendees participated in the day-long event, including a tour of the ranch, barbeque dinner and an overview of the conservation practices implemented on the Foy ranch.

2009 Environmental Stewardship Tour



PROGRAM UPDATES

Dubois Fishing Day



With grant funds provided by WAL-MART, the Foundation assisted with supporting the Dubois Crowheart Conservation District in continuing to provide support and supplies for the annual Kids Fishing Day. Held at the Scouts Pond in Dubois, this event attracts over 100 attendees. During the day kids of all ages learn the ins and outs of fishing and are provided with an array of basic fishing gear and educational information.

PROGRAM UPDATES
Wyoming Arts Council Grant

Thanks to a grant from the Wyoming Arts Council, the Washakie County Conservation District awards banquet held on September 27, 2008 included entertainment provided by Andy Nelson, cowboy poet. The awards and recognition banquet is an important event to recognize those individuals and entities in the community who are practicing outstanding stewardship and conservation. Approximately 70 attendees enjoyed an evening of recognition and entertainment from a Wyoming poet.



PROGRAM UPDATES
Capitol Court Campaign



Wyoming again made a small contribution toward the National Association of Conservation Districts Capitol Court Campaign. This campaign was initiated to raise funds to repair and improve the national office in Washington, D.C.

Conservation districts came together twenty years ago to purchase their national office in Washington, D.C. Since that initial purchase the national office is in need of renovation and improvements to better serve NACD in the twenty-first century and continue the legacy of conservation districts.



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Membership Report

PLATINUM

Devon Energy Corporation

GOLD

Albany County Stock Growers
Yates Petroleum

SILVER

Pinnacle Gas Resources
Garman Family

BRONZE

Wayne Garman

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2009



CURRENT ASSETS

Cash & equivalents	\$ 8,660
Investments	\$ 43,188
Olin Sims Endowment	\$ 63,391
Other receivables	\$ 0
 Total current assets	 \$ 115,239
 Liabilities & equity	
Liabilities	
Payables	\$ 0
 Net assets	
Unrestricted	\$ 51,548
 Restricted	
Temporarily restricted	\$ 300
Endowment	\$ 63,391
 Total liabilities and equity	 \$115,239



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