



Special Edition
Daggett County
Newsletter
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

For this special edition Christmas Newsletter, the Commission would like to take a few moments to give thanks to those who add so much to our county and its communities. We greatly appreciate all of the people who volunteer for boards, committees and activities. To those of you who do our fire fighting, your commitment to this county is inspiring. There are many residents who work both at the front lines and behind the scenes that never seem to be given the recognition they justly deserve and they don't complain about it. They just keep giving and without them there are many things within this county that would never happen.

Our businesses support many activities that take place countywide. Without their support, many of the events might not even get started. The hardships they endure during this time of year have to be even more difficult due to the plummeting temperatures. We applaud you on your vigor and dedication to the success of this county.

There are many people who form the backbone of this county. Some of them are paid and some of them are not. Together, they help us weather the storms from what Mother Nature hands out, to fires and floods, economic downturns and plain old bad luck. Thank you, to all of our residents who make this county a great place to live.

We wish you the best during this Christmas season and hope for a prosperous New Year!!! All of you certainly deserve it.

Sincerely,

Daggett County Commissioners



FLAMING GORGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS 2013

DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:

THE CHAMBER WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES. WHEN OUR MONEY STAYS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, CREATES JOBS, AND CONTINUES TO HELP ALL OF US.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AND YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MANY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THESE EVENTS INCLUDE FIREWORKS, PARADE, FISHING DERBYS, TOWER ROCK RUN, RODEOS, AND OTHER EVENTS. IT TAKES A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP THESE EVENTS GOING. WE ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES PLEASE LET US KNOW.

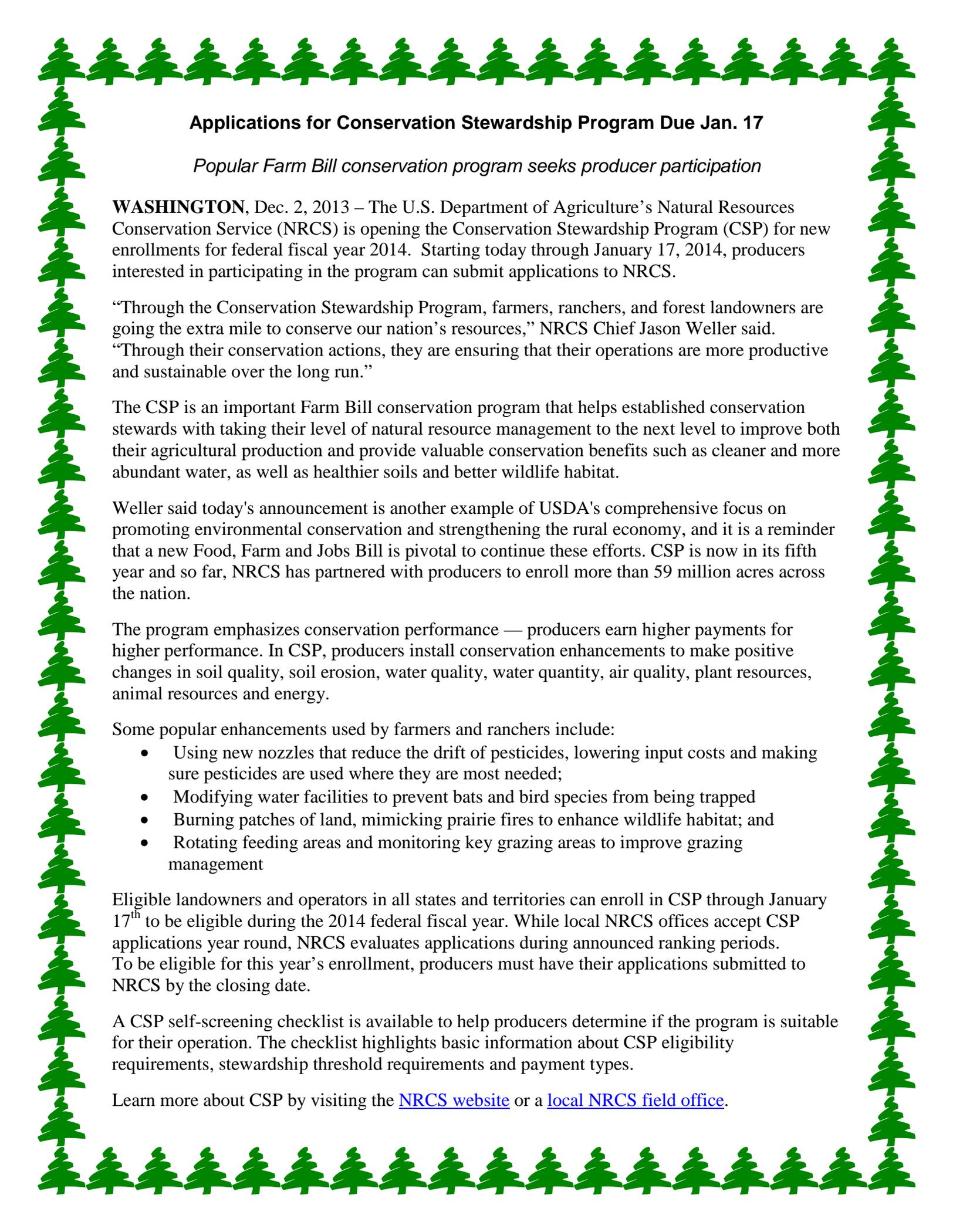
TOGETHER AS WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER OUR COMMUNITIES WILL BECOME STRONGER.

BEST WISHES AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

FLAMING GORGE CHAMBER

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. (AP) - The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment on a proposal from an energy company to drill an exploratory well south of Rock Springs. The Azalea Oil Company is proposing to drill an oil and gas well on a single well pad in the North Dutch John Unit. The site is about 17 miles north of Dutch John, Utah, in Sweetwater County. The company proposes to drill a well nearly 16,000 feet deep. If the well proves economically feasible, operations could continue there for up to 30 years. Public comment will be accepted until Jan. 3, 2014.



Applications for Conservation Stewardship Program Due Jan. 17

Popular Farm Bill conservation program seeks producer participation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 2013 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is opening the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for new enrollments for federal fiscal year 2014. Starting today through January 17, 2014, producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS.

“Through the Conservation Stewardship Program, farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners are going the extra mile to conserve our nation’s resources,” NRCS Chief Jason Weller said. “Through their conservation actions, they are ensuring that their operations are more productive and sustainable over the long run.”

The CSP is an important 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.

Weller said today's announcement is another example of USDA's comprehensive focus on promoting environmental conservation and strengthening the rural economy, and it is a reminder that a new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill is pivotal to continue these efforts. 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.

Some popular enhancements used by farmers and ranchers include:

- Using new nozzles that reduce the drift of pesticides, lowering input costs and making sure pesticides are used where they are most needed;
- Modifying water facilities to prevent bats and bird species from being trapped
- Burning patches of land, mimicking prairie fires to enhance wildlife habitat; and
- Rotating feeding areas and monitoring key grazing areas to improve grazing management

Eligible landowners and operators in all states and territories can enroll in CSP through January 17th to be eligible during the 2014 federal fiscal year. 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](#).

Flaming Gorge Chamber Business & Individual Awards Voting Open for 2013

The Flaming Gorge Chamber of Commerce is excited to recognize local businesses that have excelled this year. To vote for your favorite business *please visit the web page at <http://www.daggettcountry.org/chamberaward>. The public is welcome to log back on to the website to vote on the businesses nominated.* Voting will be shut off on December 11th at 5 pm. The winners will be presented at the next Chamber meeting on December 12th at the Flaming Gorge Resort at 1:00. The following businesses have been nominated:

Spirit of FG Business

FG Market

Brownings

Villa Cafe

Spirit of FG Individual

Mark Wilson

Pat Asbill

Big Dreamer

FG Market

FG Recreation Services - Delta Plan One

Best Supporting Business

FG Market

Myvocom

Community Foundation of Utah Directors Needed

Daggett County has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Community Foundation of Utah to set up the Flaming Gorge Community Affiliate Fund to be administered by the Flaming Gorge Country Community Foundation under the direction of the Community Foundation of Utah. The purpose of the fund is to help in our fundraising efforts for community and economic development efforts. We are involved in several community building activities like the shooting range, mountain bike trail development, winter recreation development and others that require more funding than is currently available within the area.

The initial director's of the Flaming Gorge Country Community Foundation are recommended by the Daggett County Commission and approved by the Community Foundation of Utah. Applications by interested parties will be accepted by the Daggett County Commission until 5 pm Friday, January 3, 2014. Please send a cover letter explaining any experience you have that may be helpful and a current resume to Flaming Gorge Country Community Foundation c/o Daggett County; PO Box 219, Manila, UT 84046

http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/news_room/2013/november/25rsfo-ndjl-scope.html

Manila FFA Members Compete at National FFA Convention

Members of the Manila FFA Chapter attended the National FFA Convention October 29 - November 2 in Louisville, Kentucky. Tyler Asay was one of four National Proficiency Award Finalists in Beef Production Placement. He received \$500 for his efforts.

The Manila Livestock Judging Team competed at the convention after being named the Utah state champions in April. The team composed of Brady Briggs, Cameron Potter, Ben Rose and JD Slagowski received a silver rating in the contest. Individually, Rose received a Gold Emblem, Potter and Slagowski received Silver Emblems and Briggs was awarded Bronze recognition. Tyler Asay, Jessica Gosar, Darellyn Hughes and Kaylee Hughes were also awarded their American FFA Degrees. Also attending the convention was Manila FFA Advisor William Schell.





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Enjoy Winter Activities on the Ashley National Forest

Vernal, Utah, November 27, 2013—For Immediate Release ... Escape the crowds, come and experience winter on the Ashley National Forest and recreate on 163 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and 34 miles of cross-country ski trails.

Currently the White Cloud Loop Road on the Vernal Ranger District is closed at East Park Reservoir and Trout Creek Meadow to all wheeled vehicles and open for over-the-snow use only.

Winter Travel Maps are available for download.

[Duchesne Ranger District North](#)

[Duchesne Ranger District South](#)

[Vernal Ranger District](#)

[Flaming Gorge Ranger District Utah](#)

[Flaming Gorge Ranger District Wyoming](#)

Reconnect with nature by renting the Grizzly Ridge or Limber Flag Yurts or the Trout Creek or Colton Guard Stations available online at www.recreation.gov or www.reserveamerica.com.

If you are going to harvest a Christmas tree on the Ashley National Forest below is a link to a video that shows you one family's experience.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvXhcsQJaFI>

Trout Creek Guard Station located on the Vernal Ranger District is a rustic Civilian Conservation Corp constructed Guard Station 21 miles west of Highway 191. Trout Creek can sleep 4 people, has a wood stove for heat, (wood provided), and a propane stove. The area around the guard station is perfect for snow machining with many open meadows and trails in the



Figure 1 Trout Creek Guard Station

area. Trout creek guard station can be rented for \$35.00 a night and reserved online. Access is recommended by snow machine. To see Trout Creek Guard Station and the surrounding area please review the video at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QeP5ZS95L4Y> .

The Canyon Rim cross-country ski trail is located on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District is about 4.6 miles long and runs from the Red Canyon Visitor Center to the Green Dale Overlook. The trail travels through Ponderosa Pine and sagebrush meadows. The trail is primarily gently rolling with a few hills steeper than 10 percent. The trail allows for spectacular views of Red Canyon and is a short ski or drive from Red Canyon Lodge for lunch and hot chocolate.



Figure 2 Red Canyon at Canyon Rim Overlook

On the week of December 15th through the 22nd the Christmas Lights Committee will be traveling around the county looking at Christmas Lights for Lighting Contest. Keep your lights on this week!

**Merry Christmas and
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