

NEWSLETTER



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NvACD Scholarship

Patsy Tomera; NACD president

The 2008 Scholarship from the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts is accepting applications. One \$500.00 scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school student and one to a student already attending college. The student must be pursuing an education in agriculture, renewable natural resources or a related field.

You can pick up an application at the Fallon High School Counselors office.

Please have applicants return their completed applications by May 1, 2008 to the following address:

NvACD
 555 West Silver St. Suite 101
 Elko, NV 89801
 (775) 738-8431 ext. 101

Range Camp

Apply Now For Range Camp

Applications are now being accepted from high school students to attend the Nevada Youth Range camp to be held June 15-21 at the U.S. Forest Service's Big Creek Campground in central Nevada. Applications must be post marked by April 28.

Range Camp is a teenager's best opportunity to learn about Nevada's desert and mountain rangelands. Range camp is for 14-18 year olds. Campers will have the opportunity to learn from range management professionals who are knowledgeable in the ecology and management of the Great Basin's desert and

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mountain rangelands. Students learn basic surveying and map reading, identification and importance of rangeland plants, evaluation of sagebrush and woodland ecosystems, wildlife surveying techniques, evaluation of stream health, and many other topics related to range lands.

Forms and information can be found on the Nevada Youth Range Camp web site at

<http://www.ag.unr.edu/nsrm/camp.html>

Forms also can be picked up at LCD office at 111 Sheckler Rd, Fallon, NV 89406

Joann Hanks (775) 423-5124 ext 101

Noxious weed program

Lahontan Conservation is continuing their noxious weed program. The program is to provide landowners with a non-restricted chemical to treat any noxious weed on their property. To participate in the program you must fill out an in-kind match form and take pictures of the noxious weed before and after the chemical is applied. Come and see Joann Hanks at 111 Sheckler Rd, Fallon, NV or call at (775) 423-5124 ext. 101

NRCS
Natural Resource Conservation Service
111 Sheckler Rd
Fallon, NV 89406

February 25, 2008

Dear Producers

On December 15, 2002, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed the revised National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Effluent limitation guidelines (ELG) Rule affecting concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO). The revised rule contains changes that will affect mostly large livestock and poultry operations nationwide. The rule now requires CAFO operators to develop and implement a nutrient management plan as a permit requirement. Comprehensive nutrient management plans (CNMP's) developed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) satisfy EPA's nutrient management plan requirements. Technical and financial assistance is available to USDA conservation program participants from the NRCS to help them plan and implement CNMP's for CAFO.

What is a CAFO?

Animal feeding operations (AFO's) confine animals for at least 45 days in a 12-month period, and have no grass or other vegetation in the confinement area. For example, most dairies and cattle feedlots are AFO's. AFO's include operations that confine dairy cows, cattle, calves, swine, horses, sheep/lambs, turkeys, laying hens, chickens, or ducks. However, pasture or grazing-based operations are not AFO's unless they have feedlots, barns, or pens that meet the conditions described above to be defined as an AFO. AFO's are not regulated by this program unless they are CAFO's.

According to EPA, AFO's are defined as CAFO's when they:

- Are over a certain size, or
- Have a stream running through the facility, or
- Discharge waste into water of the United States.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, agricultural producers, and others are working on a definition of CAFO that will fit Nevada. In the meantime, NRCS is ready to assist AFO/CAFO managers with development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP's). A CNMP describes the proper methods to dispose of animal waste. NRCS can provide technical assistance to help plan for adequate manure and wastewater storage, and provide information on financial assistance that may be available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program.

Financial and Technical Assistance

The 2002 Farm Bill offers several voluntary conservation programs that can be used by livestock Producers to help them comply with the revised CAFO Rule. NRCS provides technical assistance To AFO/CAFO operators through conservation planning, design, and implementation. NRCS can help producers develop CNMP’s for their operations, to meet the CAFO Rule’s nutrient management requirements. This assistance is provided free of charge. **Personal information and records, such as nutrient and pesticide applications, are kept confidential by NRCS.**

Producers also may obtain assistance form Technical Service Providers (TSP’s). TSP’s are individuals, Entities, or public agencies certified by the NRCS and placed on a list of approved TSP’s by the State. TSP’s may provide technical services to program participants directly or through NRCS. Only those TSP’s who are certified for specific categories of technical services and are included on the approved list may receive payments for technical services provided. Visit the NRCS “TechReg” Web site (<http://techreg.usda.gov>) for information on certification and certification and to locate certified TSP’s working in Nevada.

For more information, please contact Albert Mulder at NRCS office in Fallon, Nevada (775) 423-5124 Ext. 111. E-mail address: albert.mulder@nv.usda.gov

For more information about the CAFO Rule, visit EPA’s CAFO Rule Web site at <http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/afo/cafofinalrule.cfm>.

Equipment Rental Program

10 yd international dump truck	\$150.00/ day	401D John Deer Backhoe	\$40.00/hr
10 yd auto car dump truck	\$150.00/day	1978 4X4 John Deer Tractor 8430	\$45.00/hr
5 yd dump truck	\$100.00/day	1975 Case Tractor 1070	\$40.00/hr
Fiat 11 bulldozer	\$50.00/hr		
2-John Deer loaders	\$40.00/hr		
Case backhoe	\$40.00/hr		
John Deer grader	\$50.00/hr		

To rent the equipment or if you have any questions about our rental program contact Larry Miller –Equipment Manager (775) 423-6692

Equipment for Sale

- 1984 International Dump Truck ----- \$12,000.00
- 1983 Giddings Soil Auger 1050 ----- \$4,500.00

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and Healthy Ecosystems Support Healthy
Life".

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The mission of the Lahontan Conservation district is to provide technical resource and educational service to people, groups, and agencies by identifying resource issues and creating programs and projects to address these issues.



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