

SOUTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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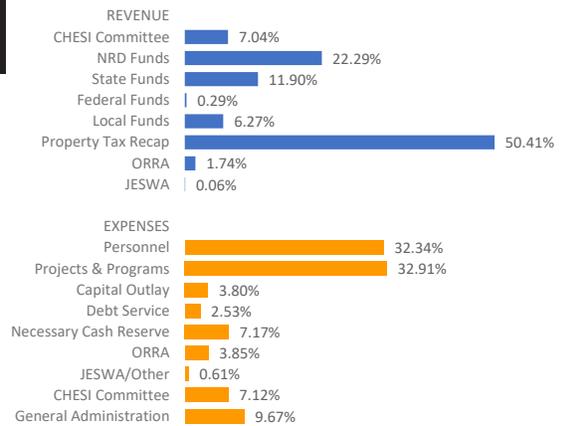
NEWSLETTER

## BUDGET APPROVED

At the September board meeting, the Board of Directors voted to approve the District’s budget of \$2.5 million and signed a resolution for setting the final property tax request at \$1,300,569. The approved tax rate (levy) of \$.049950 per \$100 of assessed value is .81% lower than last year’s tax rate of \$.050360/\$100 of assessed value.

The SPNRD budget is combined with Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area (ORRA) and Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc. (CHESI) Committee. Sources and percentages for Revenue and Expenses are shown on the chart. A copy of the proposed budget was public noticed in the Sidney Telegraph, Chappell Register and Western Nebraska Observer the week of August 28th. Please contact Galen Wittrock at (308) 254-2377, or any board member with questions.

SPNRD FY 2023 BUDGET

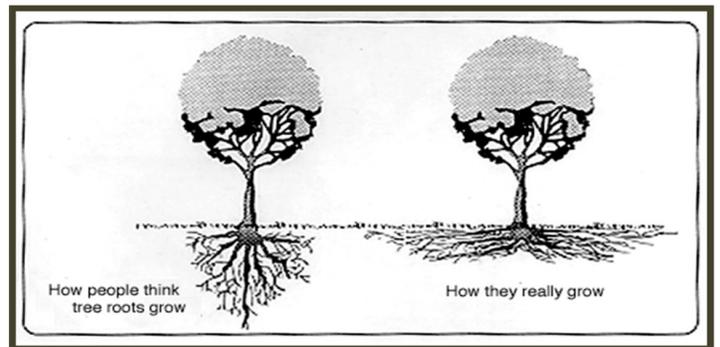


## CONSERVATION TREE SEASON

Our 2023 tree orders will be accepted October 2022 through March 2023. Three rootstock are available: Bare Root, Hefty Root, and Hefty Root Plus. What’s new? We have added two trees to our inventory, Swiss Stone Pine and Quaking Aspen.

**Swiss Stone Pine** is a dense, conical growth, drought tolerant tree with blue-green needles. It is native to the mountains of Europe and Asia. Heights will range from 10-12’ tall at maturity. We’ve had success with these trees in the past. Quantities are extremely limited. Offered in hefty root plus only.

**Quaking Aspen** grow rapidly and will tolerate a wide range of soil conditions, but has high moisture requirements. These trees come from North Dakota and can grow up to 25-60’ tall. A suitable substitute for cottonwood if spacing is limited. Leaf scorch can be an issue with our hot, dry summers. Offered in hefty root only.



At this time, we will no longer deliver trees to Kimball and Deuel counties. All tree orders can be picked up at the SPNRD office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Questions, please call us at (308) 254-2377.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Board of Director Meetings are hosted the second Tuesday of every month at the South Platte NRD office located at 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, NE.

### BOARD MEETING DATES

December 13, 2022  
January 10, 2023

# SPNRD TREE ORDER FORM 2023

## CUSTOMER INFORMATION **\*We will no longer deliver trees to Kimball and Deuel counties\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor - Name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OFFICE USE</b>	
Prepayment (≥ 200 trees)	
Date	_____
Amount	_____
Check No.	_____
Full Payment	
Inventoried	_____
Amount	_____
Check No.	_____
Invoice No.	_____

### BARE ROOT

A. Bare Root = \$ 1.20 each  
Minimum Order of 10 per species.

### CONIFERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Black Hills Spruce
- \_\_\_\_\_ Colorado Blue Spruce
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ponderosa Pine
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Redcedar Juniper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rocky Mountain Juniper

**TOTAL CONIFERS** \_\_\_\_\_

### DECIDUOUS

- \_\_\_\_\_ American Elm
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black Walnut
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bur Oak
- \_\_\_\_\_ Native Cottonwood
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hackberry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hardy Apricot
- \_\_\_\_\_ Honeylocust
- \_\_\_\_\_ Russian Olive

**TOTAL DECIDUOUS** \_\_\_\_\_

### SHRUBS

- \_\_\_\_\_ American Plum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buffaloberry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Caragana
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chokecherry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cotoneaster
- \_\_\_\_\_ Golden Currant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lilac
- \_\_\_\_\_ McKenzie Chokeberry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sand Cherry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wild Rose
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sumac

**TOTAL SHRUBS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL BARE ROOT** \_\_\_\_\_

### HEFTY ROOT

B. Hefty Root = \$ 1.80 each  
Minimum Order of 10 per species.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Redcedar Juniper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rocky Mountain Juniper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Quaking Aspen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ponderosa Pine

**TOTAL HEFTY ROOT** \_\_\_\_\_

### HEFTY ROOT PLUS

C. Hefty Root Plus = \$ 3.00 each  
Minimum Order of 10 per species.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Austrian Pine
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bur-Gamble Oak
- \_\_\_\_\_ Colorado Blue Spruce
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rocky Mountain Juniper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ponderosa Pine
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swiss Stone Pine
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pinyon Pine
- \_\_\_\_\_ Limber Pine

**TOTAL HEFTY ROOT PLUS** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. TOTAL BARE ROOT** \$1.20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**B. TOTAL HEFTY ROOT** \$1.80 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**C. TOTAL HEFTY ROOT PLUS** \$3.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sales Tax: 7.5% Sidney** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form and your check to South Platte NRD:  
Mail - PO Box 294, Sidney, NE 69162  
Deliver - 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney

The South Platte NRD Office will call customers when trees are sorted and ready for pick up. Questions, please contact us at (308) 254-2377.

### BARE ROOT TREES

- Have about 60% of their root system
- Roots are visible when planting
- Require more regular watering the first year

### HEFTY ROOT TREES

- Have 100% of their root system. Grown/raised in a pot or container
- Roots may need to be loosened before planting to avoid girdling later
- Root system is quicker to establish in the first year

### HEFTY ROOT PLUS TREES

- Larger root system and thicker caliper than Hefty Root



BARE ROOT JUNIPER    HEFTY ROOT JUNIPER    HEFTY ROOT PLUS JUNIPER

50% non-refundable down payment must accompany orders of 200 trees or more. SPNRD reserves the right to collect 100% prepayment for goods and services. A storage fee of five cents (.05¢) per tree will be added to orders not picked up by SPNRD's assigned date. Contact your power company for proper planting distance from power lines and your county road superintendent for setback distance from roads.

# EDUCATION UPDATES



## \$500 SPNRD SCHOLARSHIP

**Congratulations** to Daniel Bashtovoi! He is a Freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Major Course of Study: Biological Systems Engineering. Daniel is the son of Denis and Amy Bashtovoi of Sidney, Nebraska.

Every year the SPNRD awards one \$500 scholarship to a district resident, high school senior attending a Nebraska institution. Our program is designed to recognize achievements and encourage students who have an interest in Natural Resources, Environmental or Agricultural studies.



## NEBRASKA YOUTH RANGE CAMP

Josette McConnell attended the 56th Nebraska Youth Range Camp on campus of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, NE on June 6-9, 2022. South Platte NRD sponsored Josette to attend this year's camp.

In addition to cross-country, basketball, and National Junior Honor Society, she enjoys trapshooting and showing livestock. Jo is also involved in the 4-H program and on the 4-H Council. Her interests include FFA classes, showing cattle, hogs, and lambs and livestock judging.

Jo attended camp to gain experience and knowledge for range judging in FFA. Her favorite activity was the mini competitions, and learning tips from the older students. Her areas of interest were stocking rates, prescribed burning, plant identification, and plant anatomy/growth; her favorite lecture was "Rangeland Soils" presented by Anthony Perlinski, Associate Professor at Chadron State College.

The Nebraska Youth Range Camp consists of a dynamic curriculum that appeals to students with a wide array of interests including, but not limited to, rangeland management, conservation, ecology, animal science, and wildlife. Campers are actively involved with lectures, field activities, hands-on experience, and recreational leadership and team-building activities.

## 2022 RANGE JUDGING CONTESTS AREA 1 - SEPTEMBER 14TH

Fifteen schools participated in the contest including Creek Valley and Sidney from South Platte Natural Resources District. The contest was hosted by North Platte NRD in Scottsbluff, NE on September 14, 2022. Sidney's FFA Senior Division Team won First Place with teammates Zoe Fornander, Emily Miller, Ty Grunig, and Josette McConnell. Sidney's other Senior Division Team with teammates Sidney Allard, Rylee McManis, Joslyn Bertrand, and Peyton Sprenger placed third. Creek Valley's Junior Division Team (Chloa Ningen, Mason Timm, Ava Frass, and Colten Ringer) competed but did not place in the top four.

## STATE - SEPTEMBER 29TH

Four hundred students in grades 7-12 from across Nebraska met in Dawes County for the State Range Judging Contest. The contest was hosted by Upper Niobrara White NRD in Chadron, NE on September 29, 2022. Creek Valley and Sidney from South Platte Natural Resources District competed but did not place in the top four. Team Results:

### Senior Division

### Junior Division

**First Place:** West Holt FFA

West Holt FFA

**Second Place:** Ord

Burwell FFA

**Third Place:** St. Paul

St. Paul

**Fourth Place:** Burwell FFA

Sargent FFA

Range Judging is a high school competition that challenges students to gain a better understanding of Nebraska rangelands which makes up half of the State's land area. Range judging enables each participant to learn how to recognize range plants, range sites and the need for proper grazing practices. NRDs work with the Society for Range Management, NRCS and UNL Extension to host Range Judging contests all over the state each September.



Sidney FFA - (L to R) Front Row: Avery Lawson, Zoe Fornander, Rylee McManis, Peyton Sprenger, and Josette McConnell  
Back Row: Sidney Allard, Joslyn Bertrand, Emily Miller, and Ty Grunig





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South Platte NRD staff will be reading flow meters throughout the district beginning October 3rd through December 30th. Questions, contact Tyler Sanders or Travis Glanz at the SPNRD office, (308) 254-2377.

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