Conservation District

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Free Trees

The District held another successful tree give-away this year. In May, approximately 5,500 ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, Englemann spruce and larch seedlings were distributed to county residents. The trees provide shade, windbreaks and wildlife habitat, as well as minimize soil erosion. Morrow SWCD organizes the dispersal of these excess trees each year in cooperation with the USFS. They are given away on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested in receiving trees in the future, contact the SWCD office, or watch the county newspapers for information.

Weed District office moves

On July 1, 1995, the Morrow County Weed Control District moved its base of operations to the Morrow County Public Works building in Lexington. This move was made to facilitate a change in the responsibilities of the weed control supervisor, Dave Pranger.

In addition to noxious weed control and enforcement, Pranger will also be in charge of the county roadside spray program that had been contracted out in the past. Other smaller intergovernmental spray contracts previously held by the weed control district to help supplement its budget will be contracted elsewhere so that Pranger may focus on county roads and noxious weed concerns.

Pranger encourages anyone that has special concerns about county roadside spraying or noxious weeds to contact him at his office, 989-9502.

The Morrow SWCD Board continues to serve as the Weed Advisory Board.

FSA cost-shares paid out

Morrow County FSA paid out a total of $84,265 in cost-shares for various conservation and forestry practices during fiscal year 1995. Budget cuts and a state-mandated cost-share level of 50 percent, instead of 75 percent, has cut into the activity somewhat. However, the Morrow County FSA Committee is still targeting needed projects. The breakdown of projects and cost-shares by acres is as follows:

	ACRES
Forest Tree Plantations	15
Forest Tree Stand Improvement (thinning)	141
Terrace Systems	240
Grazing Land Protection	5,666
Irrigation Water Conservation	2,723
Sod Waterways	269
Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement	135
Estab. Permanent Intro. Grasses & Legumes (CRP)	213
Emergency Fencing	800
Wildlife Habitat Enhancement (ponds)	500
TOTAL ACRES	10,702

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line. The South Fossil area will also have an antlerless elk season to help control the population. Hunters need to be aware that public access is extremely limited in the South Fossil area and should have a place to hunt before applying for a tag. Highway 19 was used as the division line to separate the North and South areas.

Columbia Basin/East Biggs area will continue to be manged under the current regulations. Hunters wanting to hunt this area must purchase a General Rocky Mountain first season tag at any POS vendor. The tag is valid for this hunt only and unused first season tags from other hunt areas are not valid to hunt this area. Public access is very limited in this hunt area.

According to reports from the Portland office, the new 1996 hunting season synopsis was available in late January.

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