

Yellowstone Conservation District (YCD) Local Working Group (LWG) Questionnaire

for Yellowstone County-Fiscal Year (FY) 2025

**Local Working Group Meeting
Tuesday February 13th 11:30 am
Yellowstone Conservation District Conference Room
1670 S. 48th Street West, Ste. 2
Billings, MT 59106**

In an effort to reach out to and hear back from more of our shareholders in Yellowstone County, the Yellowstone Conservation District (YCD) is sending out this questionnaire to understand the resource concerns of our communities. The questionnaire responses will be reviewed, and a designated priority resource concern will be selected for Fiscal Year 2025 USDA-NRCS conservation activities and programs.

This questionnaire can be returned via email to nina@yellowstonecd.org or returned to following addresses:

USDA-NRCS / Billings Field Office 1400 S. 24th Street West, Ste. 8 C Billings, MT 59102	Yellowstone Conservation District 1670 S. 48 th Street West Billings, MT 59106
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If you have any questions regarding this questionnaire, please contact Nina Sedillos, YCD Natural Resources Outreach Coordinator at nina@yellowstonecd.org OR Zoe Craft, NRCS District Conservationist at 406-371-2542 or zoe.craft@usda.gov

Name (Optional): _____

Are you one or more of the following (check all that apply):

- Rancher
- Farmer
- Private Landowner
- Tribal Landowner
- Native American
- Tribal Entity
- Nonprofit Group
- Other: _____

1. Are you interested in committing time, money, or other resources to address any of the conservation issues below?

Please rank your top 5 concerns (or less) with 1 being the most important to you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> wildfire hazards | <input type="checkbox"/> forest health | <input type="checkbox"/> water pollution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> livestock shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> weeds/woody invasives | <input type="checkbox"/> livestock water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> soil fertility | <input type="checkbox"/> wetlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> loss of agricultural lands | <input type="checkbox"/> drifted snow | <input type="checkbox"/> wildlife habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> petroleum pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural odors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural productivity | <input type="checkbox"/> biological diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> aquatic habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> streambank erosion | <input type="checkbox"/> riparian corridors | <input type="checkbox"/> grazing land health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sediment in surface water | <input type="checkbox"/> soil erosion | <input type="checkbox"/> salt affected soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irrigation water use | <input type="checkbox"/> low soil organic matter | <input type="checkbox"/> soil compaction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nutrient pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> water quality | <input type="checkbox"/> wind erosion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pesticide pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> stormwater management | <input type="checkbox"/> seasonal high water table |
| <input type="checkbox"/> food production & availability | <input type="checkbox"/> wildlife populations | <input type="checkbox"/> pollinator habitat |

2. What land use area (pasture, rangeland, forestland, irrigated cropland, dry cropland, other) is most strongly affected by your areas of concern?

3. What is the geographic location in Yellowstone County these concerns may be located?

4. What do you think the solution is to your highest priority conservation issue?

5. Do you want or need assistance so that you can effectively address this resource? What type of assistance would you find helpful? Please rank your preferred mode of assistance with 1 being most preferred.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> money | <input type="checkbox"/> labor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> land access | <input type="checkbox"/> community organization | <input type="checkbox"/> trainer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> videos | <input type="checkbox"/> pictures | <input type="checkbox"/> support letters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> event participant | | |

6. Would you seek help from other partners to treat prioritized conservation issues? Who would you partner with?
Examples: neighbors, irrigation districts, conservation districts, industry groups, state or federal agencies

7. What partner resources would be most helpful in supporting your concerns? Please rank with 1 being the most preferred.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> money | <input type="checkbox"/> labor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> help videos | <input type="checkbox"/> community support | <input type="checkbox"/> in-person seminar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> personal technical assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> help articles | <input type="checkbox"/> support letters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> treatment design | <input type="checkbox"/> list of best management practices | |

8. The Yellowstone County NRCS and Conservation District offices are always looking for opportunities to provide education and outreach to the producers in Yellowstone County. Do you have any suggestions for future workshops/meeting topics to discuss?

9. What current conservation or agricultural idea has you most excited today?

10. Do you have any additional concerns you would like to share with the Local Working Groups?

11. Would you like us to send you information regarding any future workshops, meetings or NRCS Farm Bill programs?
If yes, please include your name, mailing address, and email address, if applicable, below and we will add you to our mailing lists.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____