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# Conservation District E-News

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*District Encompasses:  
Clines Corners, Cedar Grove, East Tijeras, Edgewood, Moriarty, & Stanley*

### *Fun Facts*

Without water, the earth would look like the moon.  
[http://www.fcwa.org/story\\_of\\_water/html/facts.htm](http://www.fcwa.org/story_of_water/html/facts.htm)

## *Spring Tree Sale a Success*

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Spring Tree Sale is now at an end.

The ESWCD Board Members and Staff would like to thank each individual who ordered, making this year, the highest selling spring sale yet!

Those who ordered may pick up their stock at the District Office, which is located at 2506 Route 66 in Moriarty. The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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**Save up to 10 to 20% on heating costs by lowering your furnace thermostat by 3 to 5 degrees (health permitting).**

Information source:  
<http://www.socalgas.com/residential/interactivehome>

**HELP US CONSERVE OUR MOST PRECIOUS  
NATURAL RESOURCE!**



***Visit our web site for more information  
on district programs!  
[www.eswcd.org](http://www.eswcd.org)***

## **Applications Needed!**

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District is currently accepting applications for the Water Trust Board (WTB). This program will reimburse 75% of costs incurred for thinning projects. The maximum allowed reimbursement is \$10,000 per landowner.

You may download the application at our website ([www.eswcd.org](http://www.eswcd.org)) or call the office for more information.

**Apply Today!**

**The use of a Cistern to Collect Rainwater on a 1,000 square foot roof or pavement can collect 420 gallons of water from 1" of rain.**

**Information Source:**

<http://www.abcwua.org/content/view/70/60/>

## Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program

The USDA Rural Development offers grants, guaranteed loans, and combined grant/loans to help agricultural producers and small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements in rural areas.

Some examples of Grant Energy Projects awarded across the country include: the installation of a geothermal renewable energy system at a winery and farm, the installation of an energy efficient grain drying bin, and the construction of a 12,000,000 gallon bio-diesel production plant.

Not sure how to apply for these grants? Contact the New Mexico Rural Development Business Cooperative Service at 761-4953.

## Calendar of Events

**April 10, 2008**

Kids, Kows & More  
Moriarty Civic Center

**April 15, 2008**

Santa Fe County  
Wildfire Protection Public Meeting  
Edgewood SWCD Office

**April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

NM Envirothon  
Bonita Park, Ruidoso

**May 6, 2008**

Supervisor Elections  
Edgewood SWCD Office

## EDGEWOOD SWCD COST-SHARE PROGRAM

**Eligible Applicants** for our program is any person addressing a natural resource problem who owns land within the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries.

*Projects within city limits are not eligible.*

**Categories for applications include:** **Urban:** 1 lot – 639 acres - **Farm / Ranch:** Determined by the Farm Service Agency specifications (Schedule F) and **Community:** Senior Citizen Centers, Parks, Schools, Churches etc.

**Payments** will be made on 50% of the actual cost of the project, or maximum of \$3500, whichever is less. Original receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.

**Maximum cost-share amount is \$3,500 per year, per landowner.**

**Eligible Practices Include, but not limited to:** Brush Management, Critical Area Planting, Cross Fencing, Diversion, Forest Stand Improvement, Irrigation Pipeline, Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) Conversion, Livestock Pipeline, Water Harvesting and Windbreak Plantings with Drip Irrigation Systems.

**For more information call 832-1111.**

## NMHU Student Receives Western States Award

Erica Smythe, New Mexico Highlands University sophomore, was awarded the Western Resource Conservation & Development's (RC&D) scholarship in the amount of \$250 during this year's Annual Meeting in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Western RC&D encompasses 10 states, and 75 councils.

In order to be eligible to receive this scholarship, applicants must be a direct relative of a current RC&D board member.

Smythe is pursuing a Business Degree with a minor in Forestry and is a member of the NMHU women's indoor & outdoor track & field teams. She is a 2006 graduate of Estancia High School

## *Moriarty Team to Complete in NM's Envirothon Competition*

The New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts (NMACD), and the New Mexico Conservation District Employees (NMCDE) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are joining forces to bring North America's largest high school environmental education competition to New Mexico, the Canon Envirothon.

Canon Envirothon's mission is to develop knowledgeable, skilled citizens who are willing and prepared to work toward achieving a natural balance between quality of life and the quality of the environment. It is an outdoor, team-based program, designed to help students better understand their environment through exploration of ecology, natural resource management, and current environmental issues. The Canon Envirothon combines classroom learning with hands-on field experiences focused around five major topics, which are: Soils & Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, and Environmental Issues.

A team from the Moriarty High School will participate during this year's state-wide competition on April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The winning team will then attend the national competition in July 2008 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District is a proud sponsor of the New Mexico Envirothon. Both Kelly Archuleta and Brenda Smythe sit on the NM Envirothon Board. For more information please contact Kelly at 832-1111 or 705-5444.



**Do Your Part.....Recycle!**

## **Water Conservation Tip**

**Install aerators on every faucet. This could save you as much as 1 gallon every minute you use them.**

**Information Source:**

<http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/Tips>

## ***YCC Applications Being Taken***

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has just received a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Grant in the amount of \$86,343.20.

Funds from this grant will be used to employ roughly 20 youth this coming summer.

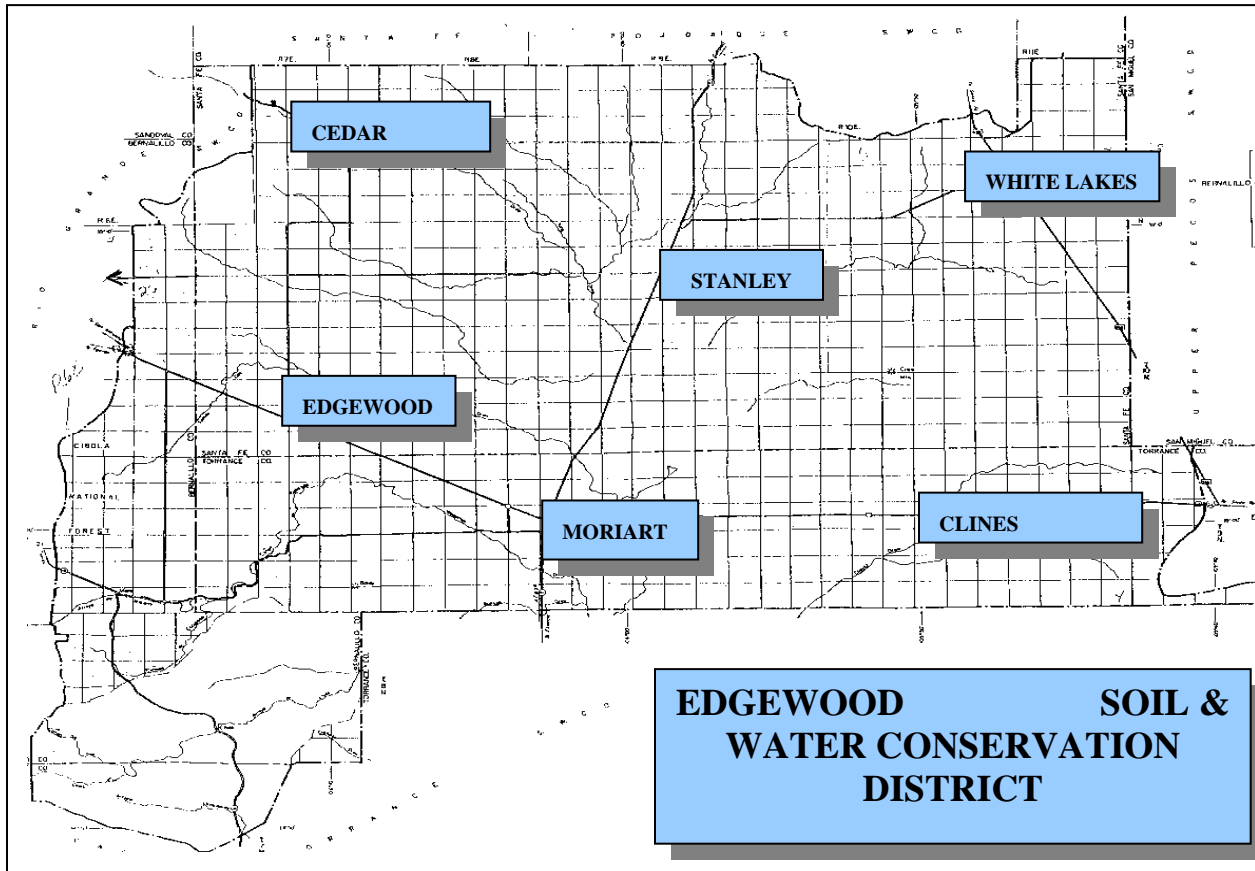
The Youth Conservation Corps program is a work-earn-learn program for youth interested in natural resources.

Applications will be available for area youth between the ages of 14 & 25. Interested youth may pick up an application beginning April 1, 2008 at the Edgewood SWCD Office in Moriarty.

## **Customer Service Facts**

- Of those customers who quit, 68% do so because of an attitude of indifference by the company or a specific individual.
- In summary, all these facts say...

**Customer satisfaction equals success.**



*Edgewood SWCD Vision Statement*

*Natural Resource Conservation for a changing land  
by improving environmental conditions for all  
citizens through education and implementation of  
sound resource management.*