

# Media Release

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## Empowering Students with Stream Water Knowledge

**CHEYENNE, WY** – The City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities (BOPU), the Laramie County Conservation District (LCCD), the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department collaborated in providing educational outreach regarding Cheyenne’s water, stream, and ecological systems.

Around 400 students from Carey Junior High, Johnson Junior High, Noah Webster Christian, and St. Mary’s Catholic Schools participated by venturing to multiple locations within the Crow Creek watershed in the Cheyenne area. This educational outreach from the “Stream Team” provided a valuable opportunity to tell students the value of the area’s water resources and how important clean water is for our community and those resources which use it. Student from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades rotated through multiple stations including water quality, macro-invertebrates, and stream velocity and quantity.

“We’ve been trying for the past several years to get more students outdoors to make a connection, and gain a deeper appreciation for healthy surface waters, and how we as humans have an impact, either positive or negative. In addition, it’s a great way to celebrate World Water Monitoring Challenge with the great student turnout this year, and all the help from cooperating agencies, this was a great success” said Duane Loyd, LCCD Education Specialist.

If you are interested in joining the Stream Team or outdoor stream water educational opportunities, please contact the LCCD, Education Specialist, Duane Loyd at (307) 772-2600 or City of Cheyenne BOPU, Water Conservation Manager, Dena Egenhoff at (307) 637-6415.

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