

RuralConnectionsMonthly

WRDC Happenings

Trish Kingsford Leaves the Center

The Western Rural Development Center's Trish Kingsford accepted a position with the State of Utah's Water Division and has said goodbye to the Center and Logan and moved to Vernal, Utah. Trish was an integral member of the staff for more than six years. We wish her the very best!

Amy Wengert Joins WRDC Staff

The Center is pleased to announce that Amy Wengert has joined the staff as a part-time assistant. Amy is a student at Utah State University and is excited to contribute to the work of the Western Rural Development Center. She may be reached at amy.wengert@usu.edu.

Board of Directors Meeting at Diné College

The 2013 Board of Directors Meeting is being held in March at Diné College in Tsaile, Arizona. WRDC Board Member Benita Litson is hosting this year's meeting and she, along with the Center staff, are looking forward to bringing the board members to the college and Navajo Nation for their annual meeting. Tsosie Lewis, CEO of Navajo Agricultural Products, is scheduled to speak about addressing Native American concerns.

Register today for ASAP Training

Join us for ASAP Training and learn how to engage your community in targeted, sustainable economic development from the very team of Extension Specialists who created this process!

The Western Rural Development Center Area Sector Analysis Process (ASAP) was designed by Extension Specialists and Agents for Extension to use in collaboration with community leaders and has already been successfully applied to several communities across the region.

Join the ASAP Team and learn first-hand how to:

- Start an ASAP in your community/region
- Gain community participation
- Apply the ASAP curriculum
- Facilitate ASAP in your community/region

[Click here to register today!](#)

Call for Presentations

Extension Sustainability Summit - October 2-3, 2013

The Western Rural Development Center is pleased to announce proposals for presentations are now being accepted for the Extension Sustainability Summit being held in Park City, Utah, October 2-3, 2013.

The Summit will bring together Cooperative Extension agents and specialists to present and discuss outreach and education activities in five thematic areas: Land, Air, Food, Water, and Energy.

Proposals are due April 9, 2013.

[Click here for details and to submit your proposal today!](#)



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Are you a planner, lender, or developer? Are distressed, premature, or "zombie subdivisions" a problem in your community? [Take this survey!](#)

[Western Lands and Communities](#), a joint venture of the

[Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](#) and the [Sonoran Institute](#), has been working with communities facing this issue and we'd like your input. Your survey responses will be released at the National APA Conference in Chicago and used in our forthcoming policy report.

[Click here to complete the survey and be entered to win an iPad!](#)

Events

Rural Health Works
Mar. 12, 2013
St. George, UT
Click [here](#) for details.

EDEN Agrosecurity Symposium
April 22-23, 2013
Washington D.C.
Click [here](#) for details.

ASAP Training
April 23-24, 2013
Las Vegas, NV
Click [here](#) for details.

National Value Added Agriculture Conference
May 19-21, 2013
Rogers, AR
Click [here](#) for details.

Community Development Society
2013 Annual Conference
Charleston, SC
July 20-24, 2013
Click [here](#) for details.

Extension Sustainability Summit
Park City, Utah
October 2-3, 2013
Click [here](#) for details.