

News for Release

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Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District

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Recycle Christmas Trees and Develop Fish Habitat

If the post-holiday clean-up at your home has left you wondering what to do with your Christmas tree, there's a solution that will make you **and** the environment happy. Once again, the Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District is partnering with Inberg-Miller Engineers and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to use Christmas trees to improve habitat for fish in Ocean Lake outside of Pavillion.

Between now and the end of January, bring your tree – cleaned of ornaments, tinsel, and other décor (no spray-painted trees, please) -- to the Lander Landfill, Dubois Landfill, or the Riverton Bale Station. There is no charge to drop off your tree.

The District will transport them to Ocean Lake, where volunteers will work to wire bunches of the trees to cinder blocks. As the ice melts, the trees will fall through to the bottom of the lake, where they will provide fish habitat and structure for various fish species and help with the overall lake health.

According to Andy Frey, Superintendent of the Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District, "This partnership is a win for everyone. Over the past 25 years, over 8,000 trees have been donated to improved habitat at Ocean Lake, while keeping trees out of the waste stream."

The Lander landfill is located one mile east of Lander just off of Wyoming Highway 789 at Beebe Road; Riverton's Bale Station is located just east of the intersection of Smith Road and East Park Street; and the Dubois Landfill is located near the water tower by Dubois..

For questions about disposal of waste or the District's operations, contact the District Office in Lander at (307) 332-7040.