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Unusual call

Greybull Game Warden Bill Robertson responded to a report of an osprey hanging from a nest east of Basin last month. With the assistance of Basin's town linemen, the osprey was cut loose from the fishing line it was tangled up in. The "fire wire" fishing line that is commonly used in cat fishing is nearly impossible to break. The young bird was taken to Ironside Bird Rescue and is being treated for wounds to its leg but it is expected to survive and be released.

Getting creative

Damage Technician Jeff Abplanalp pictured with an innovative tool to prevent crop and hay damage .

Damage Technician Jeff Abplanalp implemented an innovative method to move 21 elk off of farmland west of Burlington to prevent damage to agricultural crops. The animals moved out of the area and as of the end of the month, have not returned.

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Paintrock Hunter Mentor Day

Youth from across the Bighorn Basin participated in the Paintrock Hunter Mentor Outdoor Day Aug. 22 at Medicine Lodge State Archaeological Site in Hyattville. The event was organized by Worland Game Warden Matt Lentsch and provided an opportunity for kids to get outside, have fun, and learn a new outdoor skill. To name a few, participants had the opportunity to practice archery, cast fishing poles, shoot air rifles and .22's, learn basic camping skills, ride mountain bikes, build fishing lures, and bird watch. All youth participants received a hunter orange vest and hat at check-in.

Taten Hobbs show off a plastic fish he caught while sharpening his casting skills.

Paintrock Hunter Mentor Program participants dissect owl pellets.

Wild West River Fest

Terrestrial Habitat Biologist Jerry Altermatt leads River Fest participants through a plant identification activity.

Cody Region Game and Fish staff led several educational activities at the third annual Cody Wild West River Fest in August. The river festival is about bringing people together to celebrate one of Cody's most exceptional natural resources, the Shoshone River. Approximately 200 people attended the event.

Right: Aquatic Habitat Biologist Laura Burckhardt teaches River Fest participants about healthy riparian systems.

Maintaining wildlife habitat management areas

Right: Habitat and Access Biologist Eric Shorma installs a roof on the comfort station at Renner Reservoir.

Below: Last month, Game and Fish staff repaired the Dry Medicine Lodge Creek Road in the Medicine Lodge Wildlife Habitat Management Area near Hyattville. The road had been closed due to several washouts that rendered it impassable. The Dry Medicine Lodge Creek Road is now open to vehicle traffic. Off road enthusiasts should keep in mind that it is still an unmaintained road and should use caution when traversing it.

Scott Werbelow receives 20 year service award

From left to right: Wyoming Game and Fish Department Director Scott Talbott, Warden Coordinator Scott Werbelow, Chief Game Warden Brian Nesvik, and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission President Charles Price.

Cody Region Warden Coordinator Scott Werbelow was recognized for 20 years of service with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at a recent Wyoming Game and Fish Commission meeting in Cody. Werbelow has served as Warden Coordinator in Cody since 2011 and in Pinedale since 2004. Werbelow has also been a feedground manager, enforcement aid and damage technician for Game and Fish.

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