

LARAMIE COUNTY WEED & PEST



LCWP HAPPENINGS


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WHERE DOES YOUR PROPERTY TAX GO?

Do you know where your property tax goes? Recently proposed property tax reforms have been a contentious topic as of late. Special districts rely on property tax revenue to fund their core operations and secure additional state and federal dollars. Without that local funding, millions in outside resources may be lost.

Because special districts do not receive sales tax revenue, reductions in property tax funding can have far-reaching consequences—not only for Weed & Pest Districts, but also for public safety, schools, roads, and other essential services across Wyoming.

Invasive weeds cost Wyoming millions each year through lost agricultural production, recreation, tourism, and impacts to wildlife. A University of Wyoming study found that just 10 invasive species already cost the state an estimated \$83.5 million annually.

That number could reach \$351.8 million without current management efforts. And this estimate does not include the many other invasive species or their broader impacts on Wyoming's economy, recreation, and wildlife. The true cost is likely far greater.

**Vote NO on Wyoming Ballot Initiative 1 on
November 3rd, 2026**

BOARD MEETINGS

July 9th 2026 @ Archer 6:30 pm
August 6th 2026 @ Pine Bluffs 6:30 pm
September 3rd 2026 @ Archer 6:30 pm

OFFICES CLOSED

September 7th, 2026 - Labor Day

For further information on closures please refer to laramiecountyweedandpest.com



NATURAL PREDATORS TO KEEP AROUND

Animals such as badgers and bats often get a bad wrap due to common misconceptions about their behavior.

The American Badger is commonly characterized as aggressive and dangerous. While they may be defensive when they feel threatened, intimidation is the primary purpose of these behaviors. Badger burrows may be somewhat large, but they do not cause destruction to the level that voles, prairie dogs, and ground squirrels can. Additionally, badgers can provide excellent control over those listed pest species. If you can help it, it is best to let these guys be to further protect your land from concerning pests.

Wyoming is home to many different bat species. While some may find their presence frightening or concerning, the truth is quite the opposite! Bats are insectivores and key to healthy agricultural and forest ecosystems. They are vital in controlling pest insect populations that often contribute to crop damage. If you find them roosting in your barn, they will only be around for the warmer months. You may even consider setting up a bat box to provide them with a dedicated roosting spot.

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