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# Community Building

## Grant Funded Solid Waste Transfer Station at Ft. Washakie, Wyoming

### Outline Of Need:

The Wind River Environmental Quality Commission (WREQC) is charged by the Joint Business Council of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe and the Northern Arapaho Tribe to regulate environmental matters on the Wind River Indian Reservation (WRIR). This includes management of solid waste which has been a serious environmental and health issue on the Wind River Indian Reservation historically.

### How Rural Development Helped:

Section 306C Native American Grant funds will be used to modernize the existing solid waste transfer station at Fort Washakie, Wyoming allowing for fee collection, source separation and recycling capacity at the transfer site prior to transportation to the landfill.

Our Community Programs Section has been working with the WREQC for the past year to develop a transfer station capable of processing solid waste efficiently and with equipment that meets the needs of the Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District which currently transports



waste from the transfer station to the District landfill under an agreement with the Joint Business Council. The grant is very timely as the WREQC is in process of developing plans to pickup and transport solid waste to a regional landfill yet to be determined. The subject grant is a continuation of a 2007 Solid Waste Management Grant for transfer station equipment. Technical assistance on the application was provided by the Midwest Assistance Program.

### The Results:

Since news of the grant award and being selected as Rural Development Community Programs Earth Day project, the WREQC staff have been busy working to ensure that the transfer station will be even more successful than originally planned.

The modernization of the Fort Washakie transfer station will provide the people of the WRIR the first step in managing how solid waste is regulated and processed. The transfer station project provides initial funding for two employees and a facility to collect fees for WREQC program revenues. This will be a major milestone for the WREQC program.

## Fast Facts

**Program:** Water and Environmental Program

**Investment:** \$999,000.00 Native American Grant

**Partners:** Wind River Indian Reservation, Fort Washakie, State of Wyoming  
Congressional District—At Large

### Demographics

Fremont County, Wyoming

Rural Population of the Fort Washakie service area is 1,477

### Impact:

- Environmental clean up
- 2 jobs created
- 1st fee based (revenue generating) project for the WREQC

