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FTA Keeps Moving Forward

Summer is finally here, and we hope that you are taking advantage of the nice weather! We are staying busy here at FTA, but most team members are finding the time to get out of the office and take some vacation time.

We seem to be living the “one step forward, two steps back” theory here in FTA. We continue making strides towards becoming current, but we are again in the position of recruiting to fill a vacancy on the team. Kaila Sangster decided to leave the FTA Team to follow her dream of becoming a physical therapist. We are happy for Kaila and wish her nothing but the best! We hope to have her replacement onboard in the next three to four weeks, and the training process will begin. Based on the strength of our team, we don’t anticipate losing very much ground as it relates to achieving our goal, but we appreciate that our timeline has to be adjusted.

A quick update related to the ongoing electronic signature project: We are currently working with our IT Team to begin the testing phase of the application, so some of you may receive a request for help from us in the near future. We believe that the testing phase may take two to three months, and then depending on the outcome of the testing, we may be ready to roll-out the new application. We are optimistic that this new process for filing your monthly reports will be received favorably, and we are very appreciative of the resources being allocated to this project. As always, please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions about this project, and we will share additional information when it is available.

We took the opportunity to get out on the road in mid-June to visit with customers around Wyoming and Idaho. We appreciate the opportunity to meet face-to-face, whether it’s to help with specific issues or learn more about your business, and we always come away with a new appreciation of the challenges facing our customers. We find a great deal of value in these visits, and if you’d like us to include your business on one of our road trips, please let us know. While we understand the phrase “We’re from the government and we’re here to help” doesn’t always ring true, we are genuinely interested in partnering with our customers to make our relationship more effective and efficient. We’re hoping to cover the other half of the state as well as South Dakota sometime in August, and we may get some visits done in Colorado and Nebraska before the snow flies again.

From a technical perspective, we are happy to share that we have continued to refine the quality control process that we implemented approximately eight months ago, and we believe that it is now a very effective and useful process for the FTA Program. The process definitely comes at a cost as it takes one of our seasoned Fuel Tax Examiners out of the auditing mix, but it offers a valuable formal review of the work prior to it being finalized. Mistakes are inevitable when working with the volume of information that our team works with, and this new process has helped us catch those mistakes prior to them leaving the office. It has proven to be a great teaching and learning tool, and we will continue to refine the process as we move forward.

Wyoming FTA Word Search

Q H W A X L V L F O O D D N B
 L N N L N T E V U U K C O E I
 O W N E R S H I P E E I N N O
 G L F N E C F Q R W T L P A D
 J J O I P W C O M U T E C P I
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AMENDMENT
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 DYED
 GASOLINE
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DIESEL
 FUEL
 JET
 PROPANE

Licensing Update

Effective with the October 2017 license renewals and all new license applications, there will be several changes when licensing with Fuel Tax Administration.

In the past, fuel was separated into fuel families such as gasoline, ethanol and diesel. Historically, the Gasoline fuel family included gasohol, propane, aviation fuel, E-85 and CNG. Now, Gasoline will

only include gasohol and aviation gasoline. Diesel included undyed and dyed diesel, undyed and dyed kerosene, biodiesel, jet fuel, and LNG, but the Diesel family will only include undyed and dyed diesel, undyed and dyed kerosene. The Ethanol family included alcohol and blending components, but will now only include alcohol.

The fees for licensing will still be \$25 per new fuel

family per location as outlined above. Alternative fuels will encompass a \$25 fee per alternative fuel type per location. E-85, bio-diesel, CNG, LNG, electric, hydrogen, propane, methanol, ethanol, ethane, P-Series fuel, Renewable diesel as well are all others defined as alternative fuel in Wyoming Statutes.

Please contact our team if you have any questions or concerns.



FTA Members Helping The Community

FTA Team Members keep making a difference in our community, and we'd like to recognize them for their individual contributions to numerous community organizations. While the FTA Team looks for opportunities to give back to our community as a team, we also appreciate the individual efforts of our team members to make our community a better place to live.



Mike spends the summer coaching his 12 year old son's baseball team, and while that can be a little challenging, they have a lot of fun.



Carol volunteers time in the classroom working with Autistic children.



Bruce is the Vice-Chairman of the Blue Credit Union Board of Directors, and he participates in the Eagle Scout Mentor Program for Boy Scouts of America. Additionally, Bruce is participating in a 380 mile bike ride raising funds for the Wyoming MS Foundation. He is also participating in a 525 mile bike ride raising funds for Arthritis research grants.



Cheyenne Regional Cancer Center

Tiffany participated in the recent Bike Week events in Cheyenne. Bicycling awareness week offers various events to create awareness for bicycle safety. Tiffany rode in the poker run where they had a total of 16 locations and participants rode their bicycle to as many locations as they could to collect a playing card. At the end of the run, the best poker hand won a gift card at a local bicycle retailer. Unfortunately, Tiffany didn't win. Tiffany also recently helped her dad in a horseback ride with the Pony Express Club in Casper. They did a short ride and delivered letters from school kids all over the state to the veterans at the VA Hospital.



Jon and his family do different activities throughout the year to support Cheyenne Regional Cancer Center, Cheyenne Needs, and the Cheyenne Animal Shelter.

Vicki has been volunteering for several years with the Truck Rodeo that takes place at WYDOT. The latest event was just this month (June). This event is sponsored by the Wyoming Trucking Association, and every year brings a new experience and adventure.

Richard created the group named FORGE which is a men's group of all ages in his church that helps each other try to be better men. They work on supporting each other and leading the younger men to show there is nothing wrong in asking for help. Richard also volunteers with 4-H as he is on the Shooting Sports committee and one of the leaders for teaching Archery to the 4-H members from ages 8-18. In both roles, he helps guide children into safety, direction and fun. Additionally, Richard serves as the Treasurer and on the Finance Council at his church. Richard also serves as a personal mentor to a couple of young men in his church that were adopted at a young age and who do not have father figures.



It is great that so many members of the FTA Team find time to give back to their community. From Friday Food Bag to Cheyenne Frontier Days to the Veterans Administration to those groups listed in this article, FTA Team Members are giving their time, talents and financial resources to make our community better, and we are very proud to recognize them individually and collectively for their good work.



THANK YOU for your service to your community.



We Share Your **PASSION**



Richard Sartain:
Tax Examiner

I have a great passion for spending time outdoors with my family. Exploring God’s creation to learn what the world has to offer outside of the city through hiking, shooting, fishing, and hunting.

Camping provides me with many avenues to exercise my abilities at Fuel Tax. The attention to detail in the preparation for camping is essential. Ensuring you pack all the necessities is best completed when planning the trip. The planning for camping, the precision of shooting, the knowledge gained when fishing, and the excitement of the hunt are all

aspects of my passion for camping. The preparation, gaining of knowledge, precision and accuracy, and the thrill of discovering new things in the details is what keeps me excited about going to work each day.

In turn, teaching my family what I have learned from the past until now is of great importance to me to know that

whatever life throws at them, what I have taught them will help in their endeavors.

Providing people with knowledge to complete their jobs better is helpful for my team, myself and everyone involved within the lives that are touched.



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