Jeff, his wife Kirsten, and son Jared Fanning are small acreage landowners located just southwest of Cheyenne. Jeff has always been conscientious about the best way to manage his 40 acres. He started In 1994 Jeff worked with the District to plant a four row 2000 foot windbreak to provide wind and snow control as well as adding aesthetic and wildlife value to the property.

In 2003 Jeff purchased two horses and contacted the Conservation District about creating a grazing management plan before he started any grazing. Jeff is running a rotational grazing plan utilizing portable electric fence. With proper grazing management he is able to control soil erosion, weeds, increase forage quality and quantity, and decrease health problems for his horses.

Jeff’s advice for other country landowners. “I guess the best suggestion that I can give to not only people looking to move out to the country, but those already there, is to be good stewards of the land. Involved with conservation districts, learn about responsible stewardship, and practice what you learn.”

This Month’s Featured Landowner...
JEFF FANNING

Planning the layout of the land before they started any construction. This included his home, septic, well, barn, windbreak, road, and outbuilding placement. Jeff has also utilized many information sources in setting up his small oasis including the Laramie County Conservation District.