



**Amy Seiler**

### **Best Management Practices in Tree Planting with hands on activity**

BMP's will be discussed. Starting with selecting trees in the nursery that have high quality root systems and then moving through the process of planting and finally caring for trees through the establishment period. Following the presentation the participants will then break into groups and investigate and manipulate tree roots for a hands on experience.

### **Biography: Western Community Forestry Specialist – Nebraska Forest Service**

Amy Seiler is the Western Nebraska Community Forestry Specialist with the Nebraska Forest Service. Amy has served western Nebraska since 2012, providing communities with technical assistance for their tree resource and providing educational support to the green industry. In addition to technical support she assists communities with sustainable landscape design and environmental education programs.

Prior to joining the forest service Amy had her own landscape design and consulting business for 12 years. She worked closely with clients to design resilient commercial and residential landscapes. She also worked for the city of Gering, Nebraska in the parks department where primary roles were to coordinate events for the Five Rocks Amphitheater and assist with landscape design projects. She started her career working for Scottsbluff Landscaping doing retail sales and design work. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she earned a degree in Horticulture with an emphasis in Landscape Design. All of these experiences prepared her for the position she holds with the Nebraska Forest Service.

Amy thoroughly enjoys the education and outreach piece of her job. Planning workshops and hands-on trainings are favorite responsibilities of the job. Amy has been recognized by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum as the 2015 Educator of the Year for providing high quality trainings throughout the western half of Nebraska.

Amy lives in Gering with Scotts Bluff National Monument nearly in her back yard. She loves the high plains landscape and enjoys (most of the time) the challenges that arise from growing trees in the unpredictable west.