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**Vision:** A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement, and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources in Oklahoma and beyond.

**Mission:** To promote through education and example, an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.

### Welcome New Members:

Andrew Whitaker

## Oklahoma Chapter Member Survey

The Oklahoma Chapter of SWCS recently conducted a survey of its membership. Did you know that nearly 48% of the members have worked in the field of conservation for more than 20 years and almost 7% worked less than one year. Fifty-nine percent said they wanted to learn more about sustainable agriculture and 57% said they would also like to learn more about water quality. And we like that over 75% of you said that you read the chapter newsletter monthly. Eighty-four percent attended the chapter's annual conferences. There was also a great interest expressed in the chapter hosting workshops and field days. We appreciate all the responses and will be implementing them into the chapter's activities. The results will be posted on the web site if you would like to see more of the results.

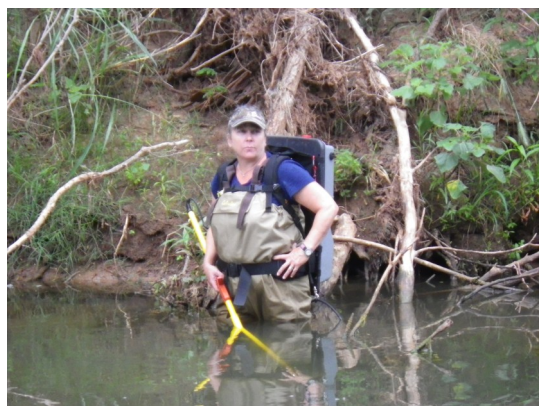
## Meet One of the Chapter's Newest Members—Jeanette Lamb

Jeanette Lamb has been working for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission since May 2005 as a Water Quality Monitoring & Assessment Specialist. Her primary duties are monitoring the chemical, physical and biological health of Oklahoma streams. Data compilation, data analysis and drafting of data summaries and/or Water Quality division reports.

Jeanette received her Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries & Wildlife from Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK) in 1994. She went on to obtain her Master's degree in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences from the University of Florida (Gainesville, FL) in 2000.

Jeanette has worked in the field of surface water sampling for over 15 years. She currently lives in Choctaw with her boyfriend, Doug, and their two big dogs.

Jeanette added, "I love being outdoors, whether it's reading a book or fishing for trout in Colorado every fall. I love my job because of the team I work with, the independence, challenges, respect and the ability to be an integral part of water conservation."



Jeanette Lamb doing what she enjoys, monitoring streams.

## Oklahoma Envirothon Contest Closes

It is with some regret that I inform you that Oklahoma will no longer be participating in the Envirothon program. Due to decreasing financial resources and increasing time constraints on steering committee members, we feel that we can no longer sustain the Oklahoma Envirothon Program. All files and documents from past program years will be archived at the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

If you are aware of any organization that would like to take over the program, feel free to give them my contact information. I would be happy to consult with them on reestablishing the program in Oklahoma. On behalf of the Oklahoma Envirothon Steering Committee,

Respectfully,

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## Drought Seminar

The Deer Creek Conservation District is hosting a drought seminar on Wednesday September 5, 2012, at the SWOSU Conference Center, 7th and Davis Street, Weatherford, OK. Many of the presentations will be made by members of the Oklahoma Chapter of SWCS, see schedule below.

11:00 Welcome - Deer Creek Conservation District

11:10 NRCS Programs - Brandy Pietz-Jones, NRCS

11:35 Climate: Seasonal forecasts - Jeanne Schneider, ARS Grazinglands Research Laboratory

12:00 Lunch (Provided by Center for Economic and Business Development)

12:30 Forage Management during a drought - Dr. James Rogers, Noble Foundation

1:00 Livestock Management during a drought - Clay Wright, Noble Foundation

1:30 Cropland Management during a drought - Jason Warren, Oklahoma State University

2:00 Listening Session - Setting conservation priorities for natural resource management

2:30 Adjourn