

## **JO FERGUSON**

Jo Ferguson, the Senior Rural Development Specialist for Wyoming Rural Development Council within the Wyoming Business Council, has been with the Business Council since its inception in July, 1998. She assumed this position in August, 2007. She was an Executive Assistant with WBC and served as a resource team member for many of WRDC's Community Assessments throughout the state.

Jo, a graduate of University of Wyoming and a lifelong Cheyenne resident, retired from teaching in 1989 after fifteen years as a business teacher at Cheyenne Central High School. She then was employed by the Senate of the Wyoming State Legislature as the Staff Supervisor from 1990-1999.

Her primary focus at the WRDC is the community assessment program, which helps communities and counties develop locally conceived and driven development strategies and provides a long-term support for achieving community and economic development goals. In addition, Jo organizes projects and conferences in partnership with local, state, private and federal groups.

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