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Workforce Development will customize training specifically for your organization. Training can be offered at your location, offered on certain dates, times, and revised to include specific content requested.

Contact our office at 307-872-1326

## Save The Date











August 17, 2019





# KNOWING HOW THE NEW TAX LAW AFFECTS YOUR BUSINESS

Senator Enzi's February Chamber of Commerce Submission Knowing how the new tax law affects your business By U.S. Senator Mike Enzi

Tax filing season has arrived – and as an accountant, it is the time of year when I usually become a bit more "popular" with my friends. But in case you aren't lucky enough to have an accountant as a friend, it is important that you know how the new tax law affects your small business.

This is the first filing season after the recent comprehensive tax reform, and the changes impact nearly every taxpayer across the country. If you have not already filed, it could be helpful to know more about the changes and how your business is affected. The IRS has prepared a number of helpful news releases, guides, tutorial videos and webinars to help small businesses navigate the new tax law.

It can be daunting to begin filing your taxes, but a good place to start is the <u>"Tax Reform for Small Business" page</u> on the IRS website. From there, you can learn more about withholding, deductions, the employer credit for paid family and medical leave, opportunity zones and much more. Each section has a dropdown menu so you can click on specific topics you are interested in. The page also includes a list of helpful resources and upcoming webinars.

The IRS created a side-by-side <u>comparison chart</u> for small businesses that outlines many of the changes under the recent tax reform. It includes information about changes to deductions, depreciation, expensing and much more. One important change is a deduction of up to 20 percent of qualified business income for many small business owners. The IRS put together a <u>page for frequently asked questions</u> to help determine if your business qualifies for this deduction.

A <u>highlights page</u> on the IRS website includes a fact sheet that summarizes changes businesses will see this year. It explains many of the new laws and provides links to pages with more information. Understanding these changes can help businesses plan accordingly.

I know tax season can be a stressful time of the year, especially if you are unfamiliar with the laws, but looking at some of the guidelines the IRS has provided may make it a little easier. There are plenty of additional resources out there like preparation checklists and calendars of due dates. Knowing the current tax law and how it impacts your small business can help make tax season smoother. If you have already filed your taxes this year, these resources and guidelines can be helpful in the years to come to make sure you are taking advantage of the benefits provided by the new tax law.

March 2019

Thank you for your Investment!

**Eagle Uniform & Supply** 

K-Motive & Sports

Southwest Wyoming Regional Airport

First Choice Buick GMC

**PMS Screen Printing** 

**Food Bank of Sweetwater County** 

**Green River Bible Baptist Church** 

Castle Rock Veterinary Center, INC

**ELWood Staffing** 

Western Wyoming Community College

**High Desert Human Resources Association** 

**Wyoming Waste Systems** 

**Wyoming Mining Natural Resource Foundation** 

**Hub International** 

**Brady's Auto Body** 

Hitching Post Restaurant and Saloon

**Wyoming Data Security** 

**Teton Distributors** 

**Manufacturing Works** 

White Mountain Lumber

**Sweetwater County Child Development Center** 

**Gro Wyo LLC** 

Ciner

First American Title

**Rocky Mountain Car Wash** 

U.W. Extension of Sweetwater county

Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County

DJ's Glass

FCU

**Plains Tire** 

**Desert View Eye Care** 

**Town Bar & Grill** 

**Broken Arrow** 

**Hampton Inn** 

Tata

**High Plains Physical** 

**McDonalds** 

**High Country Bottling Company** 

**Inberg-Miller Engineers** 

**Lucerne Marina** 

**Electrical Connections** 

**Ace Hardware** 

**Lovely & Amazing Cakes** 

**Muley Fanatic Foundation** 

**Pioneer Park LLC** 

**Rolling Green Country Club** 

**Sweetwater County Board of Realtors** 

**Family Dynamics Counselling** 

**Green River Pond Tour** 

**Exxon Mobil Corp** 

**United Site Services** 

**Wyoming Wireless** 

**Climb Wyoming** 

**Dreaming Tree Reiki** 

**Green River Imports Plus** 

**Dominion Energy** 

307 Salon

**Keamas Quilts** 

**Work Force Development** 

Wild Sage Market

**Green River Insurance** 

**Domions** 

**Lemich Law Center** 

**Greater Wyoming Big Bothers and Sisters Club** 

**Sweetwater One Public School** 

**Hydra Fab LLC** 

**Little Bear Motel** 

The Oil Can

**Whisler Chevrolet Cadillac** 

**Infinity Power and Controls** 

**Uinta Engineering and Surveying** 

**Artic Circle** 

**Sweetwater Creations** 

**Media of The Rockies** 

**Elysha Cook Allstate** 

Your Cordially Invited To The Green River Chamber Mixer

**Hosted by The Hole In The Wall Gang** 

Join Us For

- Networking
- Hors d'oeuvers
  - Beverages Giveaways

& an Opportunity

or EMAIL by March 18th to Learn About 307-875-5711 Your Chamber

pr@grchamber.com

Friday

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**RSVP - PHONE** 

Green River Chamber/Visitor Center 1155 W Flaming Gorge Way, Green River, WY 82935



Hampton Inn & Suites | Green River

1055 Wild Horse Canvon Road

**Hampton Inn** 12:00pm-1:00pm

\$12 for members \$15 for non-members

(Lunch is included in admission cost.) Please RSVP by 10am March 18th online

www.grchamber.com or call (307) 875-5711



March 20th 12:00PM **Featuring:** Seedskadee Trout **Unlimited** 

The Green River **Chamber will be hosting** a Business Enhancement **Training- Active Shooter** part 2- Emergency **Planning for your** business

- March 26th 7:30am-9:00am @Green River Chamber 1155 West Flaming Gorge Way
- Limited to the first 25. 2 sign-ups per business
- Free Training

If we have more than 25 are Interested we will plan on hosting more training's in the year

Contact us at 307-875-5711



Check out the events calendar

for Sweetwater County at the link below!

https://www.tourwyoming.com/ calendar



Check out the events calendar for Sweetwater Events Complex at the

Link: https:// www.sweetwaterevents.com/ events

Thank you to the Rock Springs

The UPS Store Ups

# Green River Chamber of Commerce The Chamber Enhances The Community Through Advocacy and Partnerships. 2018 Snapshot



3,407 Newsletters mailed out

Relocation/ Vacation Packets

1,818

Convention Packets

24,187 16% Walk-ins

July's National High School Final Rodeo brought 3,614

Walk-ins

Visitors from all 50 States and 12 different countries!



Gertificate \$214,687 kept local

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Green River Pride T-Shirts New Colored

Shirts are for Sale at The Chamber

29,305

Brochures were
Distributed at \$2
Brochure Racks at
Local Business,
The Green River
Chamber/Visitor
Center and the 24
Hour Klosk



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Dec. 31, 2018

@GreenRiverChamber





12 Ribbon Cuttings Held



## 2018 Chamber Involvement

- ⇒ Political Forums for Green River City Council/Mayor Race and School District #2 Board
- ⇒ City Wide Clean up Day

March 2019

- ⇒ National High School Finals Rodeo (Info Booth & Shooting Sport Events)
- ⇒ Sweetwater County Leadership Class
- ⇒ Distinguished Citizen, Outstanding Business, Volunteer of the Year Awards
- ⇒ Proud Wyoming Womens Retreat
- > Trails days—Wilkins Peak Bike Trail System
- ⇒ Sweetwater County Fair—Wyoming Big Show
- ⇒ 150th Anniversary for The City of Green River / Union Pacific Arriving to Green River
- ⇒ Adopt A Tree
- ⇒ River Festival / Run With The Horses Marathon
- ⇒ Holiday Business Showcase
- ⇒ Monthly Lunch & Learns ( Business profile, 1/4 page Ad, Digital Sign Ads)
- ⇒ Chamber Trip (Canadian Rockies Train Experience)
- ⇒ Event Ticket Sales
- ⇒ Holiday Ornament Contest and Shop Local This Holiday Season Promotion
- ⇒ Name the River Festival Fish Contest
- ⇒ Monthly Member Spotlight (Displayed at Chamber)
- ⇒ The Weekly Howler & Daily Social Media Business & Community Promotions
- ⇒ VESEP Program / Green River High School
- ⇒ Promotion of Sweetwater County Lodging Tax Renewal
- ⇒ 2018 Burbot Classic
- ⇒ Sale of Green River Art Council Mining Memorial Brick or Paver and GR Puzzles

## Hole In The Wall Gang Community Participation

- ⇒ Clean up day
- ⇒ Sweetwater County Fair
- ⇒ River Festival/ Run With The Horses Marathon
- ⇒ 150th Anniversary for The City of Green River
- $\Rightarrow$  Bite Night
- $\Rightarrow$  Trunk or Treat
- ⇒ Cowboys Against Cancer

- ⇒ Mayor Tree Lighting
- $\Rightarrow$  2018 Chamber Mixer
- ⇒ 12 Ribbon Cuttings
- ⇒ Mansface Mountain Music Festival
- ⇒ FlamingGorge DaysParade

