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Western Wyoming Community College Professor of geology Charlie Love explains how vast deposits of trona came to rest under Sweetwater County during a field trip for students in the Wyoming Land Trust and Teton Science School program. In addition to studying geology with Love students were treated to a tour of FMC.

Wyoming Nature Camp has trona lessons



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Miles Petro uses his senses to check out a piece of raw trona during a presentation on mining at FMC on Thursday morning.



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Miles Petro smashes a piece of raw trona as part of a hands on demonstration on the industrial processes that the trona industry uses to supply the world's demand for their product while generating \$66,819,052 in tax revenue last year for Wyoming and employing 2,264 people.



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FMC Mine Safety Manager Mike Crum show students the safety gear miners are required to carry when working underground.

ROCK SPRINGS — Over a four-day period, students in the Wyoming Nature Camp explored various topics involving ecology, history and mining with teachers from the Teton Science Schools.

Counting the local camp, multiple events in Wyoming this year involved about 150 participants.

Nearly 40 sponsors helped to make the camp a reality, including many local energy and natural resource companies along with banks, railways, hotels, government agencies and community colleges.

The program is an extension of the Green River Valley Land Trust, a program that works with ranchers and energy producers to conserve land and protect wildlife.



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FMC Technical Engineering Business Leader Tom Findlow and Safety Manager Mike Crum demonstrate how soda ash is made from trona during a presentation on the industry. Participants include, from left, Abbie Erramouspe, Kelsi Angelovich, Miles Petro, Tayler Etherton, Clancy James, Abbey Atkinson, Mica Crum, Findlow and Crum.