

Owyhee Conservation District

Performance Report 2013

FY 2012/2013



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OCD Board Meetings: 2nd Thursday of Month
Winter Hours 10am - noon
Summer Hours 8pm – till done

Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. District Operations
3. Information and Education
4. Rangeland
5. Riparian

Revenue

Source	Funding Received	In-kind Match
Owyhee County	\$2500	\$2500-
State of Idaho	\$12922	--
NOCWMA	\$28000	\$37000
NOCWMA admin	\$1209	
USDA NRCS	\$1,222,125	\$1,300,000
Total	\$1,266,756.	\$1,339,500.

Noxious Weed Management



Canadian Thistle- extremely invasive
 Owyhee CD- the lead sponsor for NOCWMA - 5years.
 This grant funded program is designed to encourage and assist farmers, ranchers and landowners to stop the spread of noxious weeds: white top, puncture vine, perennial pepper weed , etc. Eradicating weeds helps save valuable farm land. We reach over 200 people yearly, and spray & map approximately 2000 acres.

2013 Summer Tour

Jerry Hoagland at Reynolds Creek **Columbian Spotted Frog**



June 2013 the Owyhee Conservation District tour featured ponds on Reynolds Creek - Jerry Hoagland ranch. For over a year Jerry Hoagland, Kristin Lohr, FWS and Chris Reighn, FWS have worked to install a series of ponds in the high mountain meadows in the Owyhee Mountains. A saturated area from spring runoff hosts a "species of concern" the Columbian Spotted Frog. After discovering the frog on his ground , Jerry contacted the FWS and applied for a grant to develop and preserve the area for these amphibians. A year later- 7 ponds were constructed and are teeming with new frog life. These ponds provide valuable safe habitat to the Columbia Spotted Frog and a reliable source of drinking water for the Jerry's livestock.

Success Story

Owyhee CD Local Farmer Richard Rausch was featured in two local magazines this summer for the work on his land. With a vision in mind Richard sought information and assistance from the Owyhee Conservation District: OCD, NRCS, NOCWMA, ISCC, IFWS, IFGS, NC, FFA and Boy scouts. His dream to make healthy improvements to his section of land. With his wife Sandy, Richard attacked weeds, irrigation problems, sediment runoff, stream restoration, water gaps, nutrient management, fences and more. Richard and Sandy continue to work with local and state agencies.

Figure 1 Sediment Pond



Figure 2 Jump Creek



Information and Education

Owyhee Conservation District is an advocate for higher education and offers opportunities for youth of our district. We offer grants, scholarships, programs, events and classes-growing conservation through our youth.

Agriculture Scholarship

Each spring the Owyhee CD offers college bound seniors \$500 AG scholarship. In 2013 we chose Shelby McRae an outstanding young woman help recognize the start of her dream as veterinarian.



County Fair & Livestock Auction

In August, Owyhee County holds a Fair, Rodeo and Livestock Auction in Homedale, Idaho. The OCD displays a booth at highlighting the districts programs, projects and events. The district supports youth programs contributing to FFA, Jr. Livestock Auction Sales \$750 contribution in 2013.



Farmers Appreciation Luncheon & Pesticide License Renewal Class

The Owyhee Conservation District keeps farmers, ranchers, and landowners informed through classes, news articles and mail. In December the district hosts a free Pesticide License Renewal class including a luncheon. This class enables licensed applicators to keep current on their license. NRCS and Dept. of Ag share new technologies and research information.

Annual Banquet

At the beginning of the year- January, the district hosts an annual banquet to highlight the exceptional practices in Owyhee County including all community events and money donated to the community. We recognize county, state, and federal partners & outstanding farmers, ranchers and landowners for their contribution to the land. One person or group is recognized for outstanding work and named as Conservationist of the Year.

Future of Owyhee CD

The Owyhee CD promotes good stewardship, and offers information to the land owner. Health soils create healthy lands. As district operators we will encourage coordination with conservation partners for the protection of land, water, and air; and through education we will assist farmers, ranchers and landowners as needed with laws and regulation. Finally, to continue to seek conservation grants; and research alternative energy opportunities to go forward into the 21st century.

Owyhee Conservation District

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Owyhee Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2013

DUE :

December 20, ²⁰¹³

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

Charles Chadez

Printed Name

Nov. 26, 2013

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