

Clearwater

Soil and Water Conservation District Performance Report for 2012-2013



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Top 3-5 Priorities

1. Address priority stream resource concerns
2. Community Outreach
3. Maintain Viable District Operations

FY 2011-2012 Revenue

- State	\$ 26,745.74
- Local Government	\$ 9,000.00
- Corporate Donation	\$ 10,000.00
- Private Landowner	\$ 71.66
- 319 Grant	\$ 10,635.95
- BMP's	\$332,137.55
- Foundation Money	\$ 2,500.00
- Other Monies private	\$ 300.00
- Volunteer Time	\$ 5,125.00
- Total District Funding	\$393,673.92
- Return on Investment: Local	42.74
- Return on Investment: State	13.74

Mission:

To provide local leadership to educate and assist the public on the wise stewardship and management of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources, and to promote strong conservation partnerships to find practical, economical solutions to natural resource problems and coordinate their implementation.

Service Area:

Legislative District – ONE, Clearwater County, City of Orofino

Consisting of: 1,607,201 acres

Private Land	479,959
Federal Land	864,088
State Land	252,078
Tribal	11,076

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Forest Land in Clearwater County makes up 94% of the total acres in the county. The Clearwater District recently completed the first of three Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Grants in 2013 and also a Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) Grant on Whiskey Creek. These grants focus on the implementation of forest Best Management Practices (BMP's) to improve water quality, fish passage, and sediment reduction to Class I and II receiving waters in the NF Clearwater River and Lolo Creek Watersheds. These forest BMP implementation efforts consist of forest road obliteration and/or abandonment, culvert upgrades, bridge installations and road rocking.

The Clearwater District continues to partner with the Idaho Department of Lands, Potlatch Corporation and private landowners to implement forestry BMP's.

Goal #1: Watershed Health Improve Water Resources and Water Quality in Clearwater County

Objective: Address priority stream resource concerns

Action Plan:

- Continue partnership with Potlatch Corporation, Idaho Department of Lands and private landowners on implementing forestry BMP's to improve water quality, fisheries and sediment reduction.
- Seek funding to develop A Watershed Management Plan on Orofino Creek and the adjacent railroad corridor.
- Continue to collaborate with our Federal and State partners and local agencies on natural resources management.
- Secure funding for future water quality improvement projects within the Clearwater Sub-basin.

Value: By maintaining a strong bond with our partners we are able to collaborate with the proper agencies and focus on grants specific to the area and resource concerns we seek to address.

Measurable Results: Successfully completed the 1st of 3 SRBA Grants in the NF Clearwater and a PCSRF Grant on Whiskey Creek, addressing forestry BMP's to improve water quality, fisheries and sediment reduction. Continue to implement SRBA forestry-based grants.

Goal #2: Renewable Energy

Objective: Develop a Biomass Plant in the Community

Action Plan:

- Monitor grantee actions to complete an investment grade engineering design for a biomass plant
- Work with City and State entities to locate a site for building a biomass plant
- Search for a funding source to construct the Biomass plant

Value: By completing the engineering plan and constructing a biomass plant the customers will enjoy a greater supply of heat and hot water at a substantial lower cost

Measurable Results: Document the cost of running a biomass plant for 1-5 years and compare those cost to current methods. Use comparisons to solicit additional customers with the long range objective of building additional plants in the community to better utilize biofuel.

Goal #3: Community Outreach

Objective: Actively promote youth education in natural resources and encourage landowner participation in managing private resources using educational, hands-on forums.

Action Plan:

- Sponsor and participate in the Eight grade Overnight Field and Forest Trip
- Co-Sponsor and participate in the Sixth grade Forestry and Nature Resource Tour
- Co-Sponsor 7th Grade Science fieldtrip
- Participate in the Fourth grade Earth Day Outdoor Classroom
- Participate and collaborate with working groups on local natural resource issues
- Continue to work with Clearwater County Public Health on up-grading septic systems to safeguard our groundwater supply.

Value: By taking an active part in the community we show a strong support for conservation initiatives as well as education of the public on federal and state resource enhancement programs. Our commitment to resource management helps resolve environmental issues in the community, ie - Nov 2010 wind storm, forest road damage from flooding and landslides.

Measurable Results: Increased involvement in natural resource programs by community youth. The completion of three septic system upgrades in 2012 to safeguard groundwater. Increased participation in District sponsored learning events i.e.: weed clinics, soil clinics etc.

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Clearwater

FOR YEAR:

2013

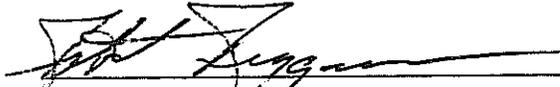
DUE :

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

Robert Reggear

Printed Name

December 12, 2013

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