TETON SCD PERFORMANCE REPORT

2013

MISSION STATEMENT:

Teton Soil Conservation District's mission is to work with willing landowners in a non-regulatory manner to reduce erosion, protect water quality, improve air quality and fish and wildlife habitat, provide assistance to landowners and conduct an active information and education program. Landowners receive technical assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:

County: Teton
Cities: 3
Legislative Districts: 31

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Soil Conservation District

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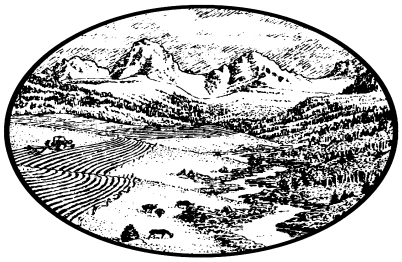

Top Priorities

1. Water Quality and Quantity
2. Vegetative Management
3. District Operations
4. Fish and Wildlife

FY 2013 Revenue

- Teton County	5,737.00
- State of Idaho	17,598.61
- USDA (NRCS)	276,660.97
(Federal Conservation Programs)	
- Tree Program	7,341.94
- Grants / Contributions	8,476.10
- Other	426.70
- Total Revenue	316,241.32

Current Projects

- Teton SCD received another 2013 wildfire protection grants from NW Management in cooperation with High Country RC&D. As part of the grant, a demonstration project was completed to remove large conifers and to provide defensible space to a 40 acre forest landowner's homestead. This project was a 'fine example of a defensible space project,' according to a US Forest Service Natural Resource Specialist, who was one of 28 people to attend a tour of the area. The adjacent Packsaddle Estates Subdivision was targeted in 2013 to provide information and incentives to landowners implementing defensible space projects. (see photo below)
- In its 3rd and final year, the Ag Energy Efficiency Program grant resulted in 49 energy audits to determine potential for energy efficiency measures. So far this year, 589,578 KwH were saved through implementation of energy efficient irrigation practices. This grant is in cooperation with High Country RC&D, Bonneville Power Administration and local utilities.
- NRCS restored 1036' of streambank and enhances fish habitat on the Teton River. Tree barbs and rock clusters were installed to address the severe cutbanks.

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Educational Programs

- Teton Soil Conservation District hosts a poster contest every year. In February 2013, nearly 160 students participated. An art show featuring the winning posters was held in April 2013.
- In May, Teton SCD participated in a Teton Valley community event with the Teton Conservation District in Wyoming. Teton SCD featured it's programs and services along with children's face painting.
- Teton SCD purchased a Dell LED projector with their district capacity funds to promote district programs and facilitate professional presentations.
- Teton SCD participated in the City of Driggs Arbor Day celebration June 8, 2013 with face painting and participating in critical area plantings. Over 100 people participated in this wet, rainy event.
- Teton SCD participated in the Tin Cup Challenge on July 20, 2013. This local fundraising effort through the Teton Valley Community Foundation. Teton SCD provided face painting to kids and adults on the event day.
- Teton SCD met with the US Forest Service in August to address the diminishing aspens stands and the conifers that are taking over federal lands along the forest boundaries with private lands.
- Teton SCD researched a 319 grant to implement the soil health initiative.
- Teton SCD promotes windbreak tree and shrub sales to reduce soil and water erosion. In 2013, 626 trees and 600 linear feet of fabric were sold.
- In September 2013 Teton SCD participated with the local Harvest Fest activities.
- In October, Teton SCD hosted the IASCD Division VI meeting with 55 people registered and 28 participating in the tour in the afternoon.

Future Projects

- Teton SCD is working closely with High Country RC&D to continue an Ag Energy Program utilizing the momentum that has already started with the local utility, Fall River Electric, and landowners to implement findings from the audits have been conducted.
- A coordination effort with the US Forest Service, Teton Conservation District in Wyoming and landowners to address Wildland Urban Interface fuels reduction projects.
- Teton SCD is pursuing purchase of no-till drill to address the soil health initiative.
- Teton SCD is interested in a demonstration project to determine the feasibility of the high altitude crop, Quinoa.
- Teton SCD offers an annual windbreak tree and shrub program each year and will continue with 1064 trees sold in 2012. The program will continue into the next year to promote conservation planting of trees and also promote fire resistant species in conjunction with the wildfire program.
- Ongoing education programs will continue of: Poster contest; weed workshop; participation in the Tin Cup Challenge and more.

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION **PERFORMANCE REPORT CERTIFICATION**	DISTRICT: Teton Soil Conseration District FOR YEAR: 2012 - 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.

J Lynn Bagley

Board Supervisor Signature

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12/18/2013

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