

Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940 to provide voluntary land and water conservation and technical and financial assistance within the District. The District assists in the preparation and implementation of conservation plans to help conserve and wisely use resources.

Mission (or Function):

- Deliver natural resource conservation technology and education to promote management practices and wise use of natural resources to ensure a sustainable resource base for present and future generations.
- Promote Best Management Practices implemented by landowners on a non-regulatory basis rather than mandated by government agencies.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Began Cold Springs Creek Riparian Restoration Project to restore and maintain water quality in the sib-watershed. This project will help prevent excessive soil loss, protect stream banks, and establish vegetative cover to reduce intensive livestock or vehicle use. The completed project will improve water holding capacity of the uplands and reduce degradation of the riparian zone.
- Held a 9th grade field day for Mountain Home High schoolers to participate in multiple groups on different areas on the Gingrich Farm.
- Promoted measures to reduce wildfire hazards to homes and forestlands.

- Quarterly newsletters sent to 300 district residents.
- Promoted annual Speech and Poster Contests at the local schools.



Future Plans and Projects:

- Assist landowners in efforts to improve their soil and water management techniques.
- Continue to assist county with comprehensive planning for wise land use, as well as working with groups to reduce and prevent surface and ground water pollution.
- Work with cooperators to develop and implement grazing plans and practices.
- Promote measures to reduce wildfire hazards to homes and forestlands.
- Enhance environmental outreach efforts to youth and adults.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	6,700
State Match	\$	<u>9,166</u>
	\$	24,366

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District Documents

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