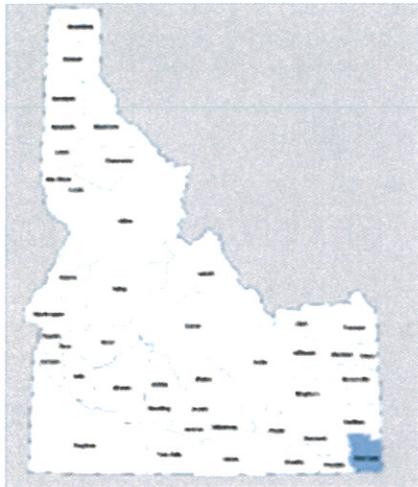


Bear Lake

Soil and Water Conservation District



New Projects



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SWCD Board Meetings: 1st Monday of each month

Top 7 Conservation Priorities

1. Water Quality & Quantity
2. Rangeland
3. Invasive Species
4. District Operations
5. Urban Interface
6. Cropland
7. Public Outreach and Education

2014 Revenue

State Funding	\$23,952.10
County Funding	\$6,620.00
Funds Administered	
Highlands CWMA	\$91,875.00
Georgetown SRF/319 Grant	\$140,934.66
PBJ 319 Grant	\$206,878.57
Stauffer Creek 319 Grant	\$186,321.20
Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant	\$195,597.00
Balance due on loans to	
Local Irrigation Companies	\$11,161.88

Project totals administered during 2014 \$866,340.41

Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant began on May 8, 2014 in the Hollows up Paris Canyon where there is an old 80 acre mining claim surrounded by the Caribou-Targhee Forest. Today this inholding has been split into 13 private units ranging in size from ½ acre to just over 20 acres. Together the Bear Lake SWCD, Idaho Department of Lands, Forest Service and private landowners have secured a grant to help make their property “LESS” fire friendly if/when a wildfire comes through the area. Individual prescriptions/plans have been created to cater to the individual landowners needs to accomplish a unified goal.



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New Projects continued...

Highlands CWMA Phragmites Grant started in the fall of 2014 along the shores of Bear Lake. Cooperatively with the State of Idaho Department of Agriculture the Highlands CWMA will be fighting to control the invasion of the Noxious Weed Phragmites. Chemical and mechanical treatments will continue through the winter to be completed by the spring of 2015.



Stauffer Creek 319 Grant began in the fall of 2014. This project will work hand in hand with a conservation easement that is in the beginning stages of development. We will be assisting the landowner with a flood to pipe irrigation, off-site water system, new irrigation diversions, fencing off the creek from livestock, and a bridge to eliminate the hardened crossings. Partnerships have been strengthened between the landowner, the SWCD, Fish and Game, DEQ and the local landowners.



PBJ 319 Grant was awarded early 2014. The PBJ project will help with irrigation efficiency, safety and allow for a continuous flow of water to travel down Ovid Creek for the Bonneville Cutthroat trout to travel upstream and increase their spawning habitat as well as improve bank stabilization.



Continued Projects

Highlands CWMA received their regular ISDA grant where education of local landowners and producers continued. The CWMA held numerous workdays including their general spring meeting where they offered licensed applicators continuing education credits (credits were received for licenses in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming).



Georgetown SRF/319 Grant has made great strides during the year and we are very optimistic that we will be finished before the summer 2015 deadline. Cross fencing, off-site watering and corral relocation were all a part of this grant.



Educational Programs

- Conducted a Tree Sales Program in conjunction with the Bear Lake FFA Chapter and awarded 8 scholarships to graduating Bear Lake Seniors who plan to attend college.
- Sponsor the poster contest for 100 students at the BLMS using the NACD theme “Dig Deeper! Mysteries in the Soil”
- Spent the day with the 6th grade science classes.



- Held an essay contest in conjunction with the Highlands CWMA to promote weed awareness.
- Held the annual Cooperator of the Year Banquet.
- Participated in the Bear Lake County Fair educating the public by using the NACD theme “Dig Deeper! Mysteries in the Soil”
- Sponsored one teacher and two students to attend the Natural Resource camp in Challis, Idaho.



Britnee McMullen and Jodi Transtrum

Garth Boehme, Chairman
Kerry Romrell, Vice Chairman
Jennifer Jenson, Secretary/Treasurer
James Hardcastle, Supervisor
Mark Parker, Supervisor
Lisa Transtrum, Administrative Assistant

The Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District plans to continue working on meeting the requirements of the ISWCC and IASCD and IDEA. We are anticipating updating our 5 year Plan and Annual Plan of Work along with Financial/Match and Performance reports. We plan to continue working with Division V in quarterly staff meeting and training. Division V staff were able to hold two different trainings this year. The first training was on new employee training and the second was on the Who, Whats, and where’s of QuickBooks. We participated in the Annual IASCD Legislative Displays at the Capital and Conference held in Lewiston, Idaho.



The 2014 Cooperators of the Year are: DeMar Romrell and Steven Smith. Their excellence in serving the community and promoting conservation is ever lasting.



Steven Smith

De Mar Romrell



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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Bear Lake SWCD

FOR YEAR:

2014

DUE :

December 20, 2014

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

Garth Boehme

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12/15/2014

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