

Elmore

Soil & Water Conservation District



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Elmore SCD meets on the 2nd Tuesday of Every month at 7pm, except in October. ESCD meets on the 1st Tuesday.

Top 3 Priorities

1. Water
2. Soil
3. Outreach

FY 2014 Revenue

- \$	0.00	State
- \$	0.00	County
- \$	<u>33,436.60</u>	319 Grant Project
- \$	33,436.60	Total

Elmore County approved to fund \$6,500.00 to the ESWCD. Due to miscommunication ESWCD did not receive the payment until after July 1, 2014. Therefore ESWCD did not receive funding from the state.

Cold Springs Creek Riparian Restoration Project

- This project is to restore and maintain water quality in the Cold Springs Creek sub-watershed.
- There are 2,800 acres of private range land, 3.5 stream miles and 31 acres of riparian zone land.
- The project has helped prevent excessive soil loss, heavy protect stream banks, manage grazing areas and establish vegetative cover to reduce intensive livestock or vehicle use.
- The project has improved water-holding capacity of the uplands, restoring a healthy hydrologic cycle and reduced degradation of the riparian zone caused by livestock and wildlife overuse.
- We are in the process of requesting additional funding to expand this project.



9th Grade Field Day

- May 14, 2014 was a warm and beautiful day at the Gingrich Farm for the 9th Grade Field Day. Students from Mr. Young's science classes attended the event. There were five presenters, Sage Grouse, NRCS, 4-H, Owyhee Sheriff and U of I Extension weed and pest control.



2014 Speech and Poster Contest



Four Mountain Home High School students competed in the speech contest, “Dig Deeper, Mysteries in the Soil”. Tawnie took first place and traveled to Weiser for the Division III contest and took third place. Thomas Fatzinger came in second, Macey Holland third and Jenna Crowe was fourth. Each of the students gave an insightful speech regarding the mysteries in the soil. This year ESWCD did not have 5th grade students participate in the poster contest due to time constraints.

Future Plans and Projects

- Assist landowners in efforts to improve their soil and water management techniques.
- Continue to assist count 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.
- Partner with Elmore County on the Mosquito and Weed Abatement program.
- Enhance environmental outreach efforts to youth and adults.

Fire Recovery



In August of 2013, the Pony and Elk Fire Complex burned nearly 300,000 acres of private and public land in Elmore County. The catastrophic wildfires severely damaged thousands of rangeland acres and greatly impaired watersheds. To help landowners protect resource losses, Idaho NRCS requested additional EQIP and WHIP funding from our national headquarters. The NRCS Mountain Home Field Office worked closely with private landowners and other public agencies to provide technical assistance. The field office also obligated nearly one million dollars in financial assistance to offset the preliminary recovery and rehabilitation efforts. Conservation practices such as grad stabilization structures, range seeding, fencing, tree planting and long term watershed rehabilitation. The Mountain Home Field Office continues to provide both technical and financial assistance to landowners affected by the fires. *(data provided by NRCS)*



NRCS dispersed \$1,254,091.00 in EQIP/CSP/WHIP

Elmore Soil Conservation District

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Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District applied the \$875.00 capacity building funds toward improving and increasing circulation of the ESWCD Exclamation newsletter, have a consultant research the mosquito and weed abatement program within Elmore County and helped provide materials for the outreach programs such as the 9th Grade Field Day and the Speech contest.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Elmore Soil & Water
Conservation District

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

John F. Kieffer

Printed Name

December 17, 2014

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