

Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District



Significant 2015 Projects

EQIP Programs

- Eighteen EQIP contracts have resulted in BMP's installed on 2472 acres.
- Streambank Protection and Forest Stand Improvements and components were two of the prominent programs in Boise County, upper Gem County and the High Valley portion of Valley County for FY2015

Streambank Protection:

Surface water, streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes are some of our most precious natural resources. They provide clean water for a variety of human uses, as well as habitat for wildlife and aquatic life.



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Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Service to the Cooperators
2. Weeds / Urban
3. Rangeland
4. Forest Health
5. District Operations / Information & Education

2015 Revenue

County Funding	\$ 6,050.00
State Funding	18,022.89
USDA NRCS Funds	92,212.00
Landowner Match	\$ 59,937.80
Total	\$ 176,222.69

Some of the activities were:

- ◆ Streambank Protection
- ◆ Seeded 315 acres with No-Till Drill/worked in conjunction with CWMA's (Cooperative Weed Management Area)
- ◆ Tree/Shrub Establishment
- ◆ Forest Stand Improvement
- ◆ Range Planning & Inventory
- ◆ Forage & Biomass Planting
- ◆ Prescribed Grazing
- ◆ Fencing

Riparian areas protect water quality by capturing, storing, and treating water through their soils before it gets to streams. Riparian areas with a diversity of plant species are most effective in slowing the flow of water and keeping erosion to a minimum.

Education / Outreach



2015 Poster Contest Winners at the District level

Poster Contestant winners were from three of the six schools that participated this year with the theme “Local Heroes — Your Hardworking Pollinators”. First and Honorable Mention from Ola. Second, Third and Honorable Mention from Garden Valley, and an Honorable Mention from Idaho City.

- Sponsored 212 fifth grade students from 6 schools within the district to participate in the Poster Contest.
- Gave away 263 Blue Spruce seedlings to third graders during the Arbor Day observance and talked to them about the importance to planting trees.
- The District sent two students to the Natural Resources Camp and sponsored them by paying half of the registration fee.



- Participated in two outdoor schools to teach students about conservation, one in Cascade and one in Idaho City.
- A series of “Living on the Land” workshops are in the planning stage for 2016.

With funds from the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission the District was able to have material published for outreach and education. Distribution occurred at the outdoor class room sessions in May and the 75th Anniversary celebration in October.

Future Plans / Projects

Education to students and cooperators is the Squaw Creek SCD’s number one focus. This includes but not limited to the following: participation in Stewardship Week, such as Poster & Speech Contests, Arbor Day, Ag Day and other forms of education and information. Planning workshops that informs the general public of the latest technology & financial assistance through newsletters, or other media.

The District’s 5-year Plan of Work lays-out the priorities and the district reviews the work plan on a regular basis.

Encourage and assist landowners and operators in installing Best Management Practices through cost-share programs and other financial aids as well as technical support.

Many projects are planned for 2016, including projects funded by a 319 Grant. Some BMP’s planned are Streambank & Shoreline Protection, Forest Stand Improvements, forage & biomass, rangeland & hayland plantings, as well as cross fencing.

The District has a representative on both the Division and State Committee’s of the Idaho Association of Conservation Districts.



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The Districts mission is to be the leading organization for providing action at the local level to promote wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with emphasis on soil and water.

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Squaw Creek Soil
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2015

DUE :

December 18, 2015

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.

Arthur H. Beal, Secretary

Board Supervisor Signature

Arthur Beal

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