

MADISON SWCD PERFORMANCE REPORT

FY-2021

MISSION STATEMENT:

To take available Technical, Financial and Educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of Soil, Water and related resources. Also, to protect and improve the natural resources in Madison County for landowners to use for generations to come.

IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:

County: Madison

Cities: 4

Legislative District(s): 34

Madison

Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: Third Thursday

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Soil Quality
2. Water Quality and Water Resources
3. Vegetative Management
4. Riparian / Wetlands
5. Fish and Wildlife

Conservation dollars spent in Madison County in FY-2021

State Funding	\$ 18,482
County Funding	\$ 6,500
Federal Gov't conservation dollars	\$ 1,430,007
Landowner Contribution	\$ 453,651
Value of Volunteer Time	\$ 20,000
Total	\$ 1,928,640

Recent Projects

Natural Resource Projects:

- The Madison County Health Soil Initiative project continues to assist farmers to improve their soil health through such practices as cover crops, no-tillage/minimum-tillage, variable rate irrigation and variable rate fertilizing.
- High tunnel projects continue to be funded by the NRCS.
- Irrigation pivot systems that provide both water and financial savings to landowners continue to be funded.
- Reduced tillage was applied to 1,846 acres benefiting county landowners.
- Cover crops were used on 2,814 acres assisting landowners to reduce wind erosion and improve soil quality and crop production.
- The Madison SWCD chaired a local working group (LWG) that consisted of four conservation districts and over 30 conservation partners to develop conservation funding priorities.



A pasture irrigation system that reduces the amount of water used as well as cost savings on utility bills.

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Educational Programs



4th grade students from Burton elementary attended a “birth of a river” conservation field trip sponsored by the Madison SWCD.

- The District hosts an annual conservation tour that highlights conservation efforts in Madison County and eastern Idaho.
- The District sponsored students from Hibbard and Burton elementary schools to attend a “Birth of River” conservation field trip which educated the students on the importance of water as a natural resource.
- The District is working with the NRCS, BLM and the Idaho Department of Transportation to install fuel breaks along highway 33 to reduce the devastating effects of range fires and protect crop land and private homes.
- The District provides administrative assistance to the NRCS that allows the NRCS to provide more assistance and resources to county producers and ranchers.



4th grade students from Hibbard elementary attended a “birth of a river” conservation field trip sponsored by the Madison SWCD.

Future Projects

Madison SWCD continues to focus on the statutory requirement in their annual and 5-Year Plan. Water Quality and Water Resources remains the top resource concern. The Madison SWCD will continue to plan and seek funding for programs such as the Rexburg Bench Energy Savings Program that promote energy and water conservation.

Continued efforts will be made with the assistance of the Natural Resource Conservation Service to address, educate and promote the conservation of our natural resources and to promote such practices as No-Till, Cover Crop, Crop Rotations, Stream Bank Restoration and Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

Our focus will continue to be to conduct educational conservation tours, workshops and local working group planning meetings to gain insight from county leaders and residents to formulate our continuing plan of action concerning natural resource conservation.

Funding from various nontraditional sources is needed to retain the current office level. This includes the Resource Conservation and Development council and administrative fees from potential grants.



Board of Supervisors & Staff

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Brett Ricks, Member

Robbie Taylor, District Manager

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

PERFORMANCE REPORT
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT:

Madison SWCD

FOR FISCAL YEAR:

2021

PERIOD:

July 1, 2020 to June 30 2021

DUE :

DECEMBER 20, 2021

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 and supporting documents shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

JOE JEPPESEN, Chairman

Printed Name

8-19-21

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