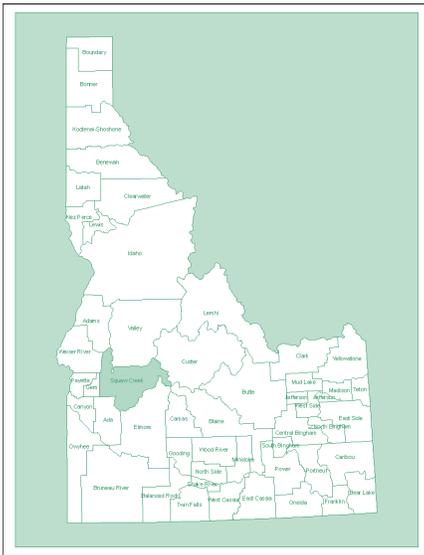


# Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District



## Significant FY 2021 Projects:

### Dry Buck Creek Assessment

Squaw Creek SCD hosted an assessment tour on Dry Buck Creek. Dry Buck Creek tributary was monitored by DEQ in the summer of 2020 and found to have samples that exceeded the Idaho water quality standard for E. coli., which required DEQ to develop a water quality improvement plan called a TMDL.



Since our District is the local stake holder who will carry out the actions identified and work with landowners to voluntarily apply Best Management Practices aimed at improving water quality, we organized a tour day to better assess the testing sight. The day started at Pine Hurst

Church for a brief history lesson about Dry Buck area from Art Beal and ended at the Dry Buck Creek testing site. After thorough review of the site, the board requested further testing of the creek and samples to be taken at different times of the year.



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### Conservation Project Financial Assistance

The USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is helping producers in the Squaw Creek SCD get conservation projects on the ground. This year 3 EQIP contracts were funded for \$20,212.25. Projects included sprinkler systems, pasture seeding, cross fencing, and streambank protection. EQIP also helps private forestland owners address forest health and wildfire concerns. EQIP pays about half the cost of conservation practices and most contracts are completed in 3 years or less.

### Other District Support and Involvement

Participated in Lowman Spray days, with the Upper Payette CWMA, in identifying and spraying noxious weeds (skeleton weed, spotted knapweed, and yellow toadflax). Continue to support Upper Payette and Lower Gem CWMA's with bookkeeping services.



Squaw Creek SCD supported South West Idaho RC&D with projects for Ola School rehabilitation and Centerville fire mitigation.

## Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

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

## FY 2021 Revenue

County Funding	\$	7,950.00
State Funding		20,262.99
CWMA Funds		3,187.85
USDA NRCS Funds		56,741.00
319 Grant Funding		<u>20,212.25</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>108,354.09</b>

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## Education / Outreach

2021 Theme "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities."



### 2021 Poster Contest Winners

First, Second, and Honorable Mention this year came from Garden Valley Elementary School. Third and Honorable Mention came from Ola Elementary School. Six schools within the District participated.

### Squaw Creek SCD actively promotes education and outreach:

- Sponsored 247 fifth grade students from 6 schools within the district to participate in the Poster Contest.
- Gave away 250 Ponderosa Pine seedlings to students in Sweet, Ola, and the Boise County School District during the Arbor Day observance and educated about conservation through the importance of planting trees.
- Sponsored Idaho City High School students to participate in the Idaho Envirothon, and they won second place.
- Squaw Creek SCD congratulated Scott Henderson on his retirement and presented him with the Partner of the Year Award and presented Mike Fry with Cooperator of the Year. We also welcomed Ron Brooks to the NRCS team as acting Area Conservationist.



**With funds from the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission the District was able to have material published for outreach and education.**

### No-Till Drill



The Squaw Creek SCD educates and promotes the use of reduce-till farming practices to help conserve and protect organic matter in the soil, reduce erosion, promote biodiversity in and around the soil, and increase water absorption. Last year the drill was used on over 153 acres and by 8 producers in the Gem and Squaw Creek Districts.

## Future Plans / Projects

Education and outreach to students and cooperators within the Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District is our 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 to inform the general public of the latest technology and a Forestry Tour. Promotion and financial assistance through newsletters, social media, and other forms of 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. Continue to apply for grant funding to provide local landowners financial assistance for conservation projects.

The District plans to co-sponsor a Rangeland Day collaborated with the Idaho Rangeland Commission and geared to offer a hands-on learning opportunity for 5th grade students with a focus on Rangeland conservation.

The District has a representative on Division and State of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts for policy development, the Boise Forest Coalition for watershed enhancement, five Cooperative Weed Management Areas for program support of weed control, and has members on the Lower Payette Watershed Advisory Group.



**Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District**

### **Board of Supervisors and Staff**

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**Arthur Beal, Secretary**

**Sarah Fry, Treasurer**

**Debbie Carlock-Newton, Supervisor**

**Mike Fry, Associate**

**Leanne Buck, Administrative Assistant**

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The District's 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  
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Squaw Creek SCD

**FOR YEAR:**

FY 2021

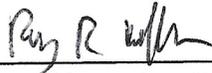
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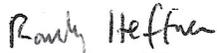
On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature





Printed Name



**December 7, 2021**

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