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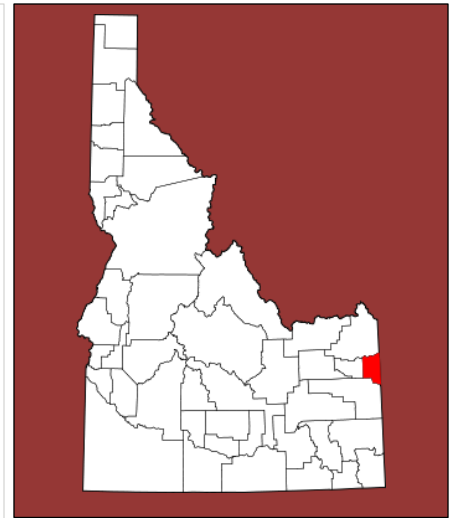
TWCD MISSION STATEMENT: *To work with willing landowners in a non-regulatory manner to reduce erosion, protect water quality, improve air quality as well as fish and wildlife habitat, provide assistance to landowners and conduct active information and education programs. Landowners receive technical assistance through that Natural Resource Conservation Service.*

IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:

County: *Teton*

Cities: 4

Legislative Districts: 31



2021 AT A GLANCE:

Teton Soil Conservation District in the fiscal year of 2021

With so much of our county shut down during the Summer and Fall of 2021 as a board it was decided to postpone our 2021 Farm Tour, and concentrate on doing something to benefit the community in a real way. The board decided to put those Soil Health Initiative Funds to good and benefit the community in a real way by purchasing a Plotmaster Seeder 300, this seeder works in the same way as our larger implement the Great Western No till Drill, for use on smaller parcels, yards and gardens. The community member only needs an ATV or hobby tractor to pull the drill which will seed about an acre an hour.

Teton SCD in an effort to support Teton County is allowing the county Weed Manager to use the seeder at no cost to them for reseeding river banks, easements and mitigation for weed management. The community leases the seeder at \$50 for the first day and \$30 each day after. We also have found local support from a small business owner who we refer our community members to when they don't have an ATV to seed their property. By doing this we support local business in Teton County as well.

Since the purchase of the Plotmaster Seeder the community has planted forage and pollinating ground cover on over 230 acres, planted parcels vary from .5 acre on up to 15 Acres. Going forward the district plans to expand this program to include seed mix ideas to address the various desires of the community. The seeder also has a row planting and harrowing attachment.

The Soil Health Initiative pinnacle is our 15' Great Northern No Till Drill- which the district has been leasing to local producers for 5 years continues to be an asset with new cover crop programs, extensive grazing programs, new producers and experiments being implemented in Teton County each year.

The TSCD Soil Health Initiative Program has educated hundreds in our community and has also encouraged many of our local producers to use cover crop/no till/extensive grazing management and various programs for soil health in Teton County.



Teton SCD Supervisors: Nathan Penfold, Harley Hill, Robert Piquet, Ron Hansen, Lynn Bagley

Teton SCD Grant and Scholarship Program

2021 marks the second year that Teton SCD has offered our Soil Health Grant to the community. The specifics of the grant are as follows; it is for the improvement of soil health, in Teton Valley, and the maximum grant amount is \$2500.

Supporting informative and well thought out events such as the East Side/West Side Soil Health Workshop are important to TSCD. These events are invaluable to educating our community members regarding new innovation, local producer experimentation and local testimonials and suggestions from their own experiences.



TSCD with a grant from our partner Friends of the Teton River, now offers a **scholarship fund** for *any* local producer for *enrollment and mileage* to this, or any approved workshops involving new innovations for soil health and best practices in farming and ranching.

Teton SCD continues to support our community as best we can by offering, information, education and support. We look forward to getting back into the schools with our poster and speech contests, our Soil Health booth at the 6th grade field trip and into the high school with envirothon presentations. Until that can happen, we will provide Soil Health Workshops when we can and, scholarship and grant programs.

We will offer education through the use of our no till drill and new seeder, keeping our river and streams clean and safe using what we know helps – Soil Health, Cover Crops and a willingness to work together for the end result.

2021 Soil Health Workshop

As part of Teton SCD's commitment to Teton County and our local farm and ranchers, we offer a valuable Soil Health Workshop for our producers and to keep the community apprised of our efforts we have our Farm Tour – both annually.

Because 2020 was a trying year with the pandemic, mask mandates and the inability of many of our state and federal partners from joining our outreach programs, the Farm Tour and initially scheduled workshop were cancelled or postponed.

By April of 2020 we and our partner Friends of the Teton River had decided that we would offer our originally scheduled January Soil Health Workshop with Ray Archuletta in June and we'd have it outdoors for safety.

On June 25th 2021 we were joined by renowned conservation agronomist Ray Archuleta – for a three-hour outdoor soil health workshop. With beautiful weather, food and friends. Ray shared and answered questions, we had almost 40 attendees and if we learned one thing it was that next time, we need him to stay a few days- three hours was not enough time for all that information. It was a great experience and many questions answered.

Photos Below Soil Health Workshop 2021 with Ray Archuleta



Workshop held at NOLS outdoor school. Many thanks to our NRCS partners who made it possible to have the NRCS rain simulator in Teton Valley for this presentation.

38 attendees, Ray Archuleta spoke about the importance of having cover crop management and planted ground cover on every inch of bare land and how it can change an ecosystem.





Teton Soil Conservation Team & Business

FY 2019 REVENUE

✓ Teton County ID	\$ 6,851.00
✓ State of Idaho	<u>\$ 18,913.36</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 25,764.36

TETON SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD AND STAFF:

<i>J Lynn Bagley</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Robert Piquet</i>	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
<i>Harley Hill</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Ron Hansen</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>
<i>Nathan Penfold</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>

Tina Dean – Office Manager, Outreach Coordinator

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PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: TETON

FOR YEAR:

FY2021


DUE:

December 20, 2022

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

J. Lynn Bagley

Printed Name

12-30-2021

Date

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