

Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District



Recent Projects

Mud Creek/Silo Creek Water Quality Project



These ponds are part of the \$155,000 Mud Creek/Silo Creek Water Quality Project. A system of two cleaning cells and two ponds were built between Filer and Buhl, to clean up irrigation return flows entering Silo Creek and then Mud Creek. The center pivot seen in the upper left corner of this picture was also installed through the federal 319 grant.

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Meets third Tuesday of each month

Top Five Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. Groundwater Quality
3. Cropland
4. Animal Waste Management
5. Rangeland

2013 Revenue

Federal Grants	\$195,700
State Grants and Services	\$22,240
County General Services	\$8,000
Total	\$225,940



This pivot was one of two installed on steep ground that drains into Mud Creek, and eventually to the Snake River. This cropland is also directly above an aquaculture production facility. Mud Creek is a 303(d) listed stream.

Educational Events



Jay Barlogi, field supervisor with the Twin Falls Canal Co., explains how the E Coulee wetland project cleans irrigation return drains that enter Salmon Falls Creek in less than a half mile.

Balanced Rock SCD sponsored a wetland tour in September 2013 for members of the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Commissioners toured several constructed wetland projects including E Coulee, the new Shriver Pond, LS/LQ ponds and Malone Pond. This tour was paid for, in part, by the FY 2013 district capacity building grant.

Approximately 75 fifth and sixth grade students from three schools participated in the 2013 poster contest for elementary students. A speech contest for high school students is also held each fall.

Balanced Rock SCD also participated in the 2013 Ag Pavillion at the Twin Falls County Fair.

Future Projects

Water quality projects

Balanced Rock SCD worked with the Twin Falls Canal Company to submit three federal 319 grant applications on troublesome irrigation return drains on the west end of the Twin Falls Tract. One proposal would install four sprinkler irrigation systems on highly erodible land, the other two involve constructing wetland complexes.

A proposal to construct a wetland complex on the 39/39A drain north of Filer was ranked first by the Middle Snake Basin Advisory Group in October 2013. The district is hopeful this project will receive funding in 2014. The other two proposals were ranked lower and are not likely to receive funding in 2014, but will be resubmitted for consideration.

Video Released

Balanced Rock SCD completed a 10-minute video featuring water quality projects that have been completed across Twin Falls County through federal 319 funding. The video is titled, "Clean Water, 319 and Two Guys Named Jeff." The video will be distributed through links on the ISWCC, canal company and conservation district websites. DVDs are also available through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The video was part of the E Coulee Water Quality Project.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Balanced Rock Soil
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:
FY 2013

DUE :
December 20, 13

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.

Richard Rodgers

Board Supervisor Signature

Richard Rodgers

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