

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1947 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to local landowners and operators, and conserve soil, water and related natural resources within the District’s boundaries. The SWCD has been instrumental in helping farmers design and incorporate sprinkler irrigation into their farm plans.

Mission (or Function):

- Support high quality and effective projects that engage private landowners in the conservation and enhancement of wildlife and natural resources on their lands.
- Encourage a complete ecosystem approach that uses sustainable, economic and feasible practices to all land users.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Planned 9,500 acres during River Corridor Partnership with NRCS.
- Assisted 10 applicants to obtain contracts for implementation of Russian Olive Eradication.
- Was awarded funds to eradicate Russian Olive along the Bear River.
- Worked with landowner to install 5 barbs in Bear River to protect 990 feet of streambank
- Hosted and sponsored multiple outreach and educational workshops and events.

Future Plans and Projects:

- With funds from the Bureau of Reclamation district will develop Water Management Plans
- Sponsor adult educational workshop to focus on soil health and educate how improvement of soil can economically benefit land users while protecting their valuable resource.
- Investigatethe implementation of a community garden to accommodate community members

to utilize space that may not be available to them.

- Operate and manage Aquatic Invasive Species Check Station.



Rock for Barb installation on Bear River



Bear River

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	13,620
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>18,634</u>
	\$	41,754

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