

Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940. They have assisted cooperators in land leveling, rebuilding irrigation systems, drainage of semi-wet cropland and applying other soil and water conservation practices.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources in the District.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Worked with IDL, USFS & private landowners to implement Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant project, providing assistance to landowners to clear undergrowth around trees and structures to help reduce damage during a wildfire.
- Helped landowners install cross fencing in large pastures, livestock watering systems, and relocated corrals off a 303d creek.
- Conducted a District tour showcasing a fuels reduction grant, SRF loan, and NRCS EQIP project.
- Conducted a Tree Sales Program and awarded five scholarships to graduating Bear Lake Seniors who plan to attend college.
- Highlands CWMA working with ISDA to control Phragmites and other invasive weed species.
- Awarded 8 college scholarships to Bear Lake Seniors.
- Sponsored 1 teacher and 2 students to attend the Natural Resources Camp in Challis.

- Stauffer Creek 319 Grant funds will be used to work with Fish & Game, DEQ and landowners to implement conservation practices designed to improve water quality.
- Highlands CWMA will continue to inform landowners of invasive noxious weed issues and provide opportunities for licensed applicators to earn continuing ed credits.



**Before and after corrals were relocated
away from stream**

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 23,952
County Funding	\$ 6,620
Highlands CWMA	\$ 91,875
Georgetown SRF/319 Grant	\$ 140,935
PBJ 319 Grant	\$ 206,879
Stauffer Creek 319 Grant	\$ 186,321
Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant	\$ 195,597
Due On Loans To Irrigation Co.s	<u>\$ 11,162</u>
Total	\$ 863,341

Future Plans and Projects:

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District Documents

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