

Benewah

Soil and Water Conservation District



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 BSWCD Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month except
 August & November or December

Conservation Assistance

- ❖ Outreach to St. Joe River and St. Maries River landowners regarding stream bank remediation assistance
- ❖ Participated in activation of DEQ Watershed Advisory Group for St. Joe River and St. Maries River to assess priority project areas, based upon listed TMDL concerns and private landowner participation
- ❖ Met with Coeur d’Alene Tribal representatives to discuss conservation programs, conservation goals, & potential future program & project partnerships
- ❖ Along with IDEQ, inspection of previous \$319 grant projects in July 2014, including Soldier Creek, Santa Creek, & Upper Hangman Creek

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. Forestlands
3. Non-irrigated Cropland
4. Fish and Wildlife Habitat
5. Recreation areas

2014 Revenue

State Funding	\$ 17,302
County Funding	\$ 4,500
Tree Sale Income	\$ 220
Total District Funding	\$ 22,022
ROI – County Funding	4.9 -1
ROI – State Funding	1.27-1



Conservation Assistance

- ❖ Along with ISWCC, assisted Benewah County with road, cross-section measurements & other technical assistance for upcoming §319 Alder Creek Road Project in the St. Maries River drainage
- ❖ Participated in the Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission (BEIPC) meeting & tour in the Silver Valley
- ❖ Provided nearly forty 5th & 6th graders from Benewah, Shoshone, & Kootenai counties with soil education & demonstrations as part of the Natural Resource Tour in July 2014
- ❖ Sold nearly 4,000 tree seedlings to local landowners for conservation plantings
- ❖ St. Joe River tour of 5 potential, non-agricultural conservation projects, partnering with Avista (Utilities) to provide partial landowner cost share
- ❖ Participated in Idaho Forest Owners Association (IFOA) meetings. District 1 Conservation Districts partner with IFOA to offer five different native conifer seedling species, with over 100,000 being sold for the 2015 Spring planting season
- ❖ Participated in "One Earth One Sky" food coalition group, focusing on local food production & gardening
- ❖ Assisted local NRCS office with Local Working Group Meeting, stream bank erosion measurements, and outreach to landowners
- ❖ Participated in the Benewah County Fair in August of 2014. Benewah SWCD earned a blue ribbon for their display in the Educational Div.
- ❖ Created and launched a new website in December 2014
- ❖ Welcomed & trained a new District employee



Board of Supervisors & Staff

Billie Brown, Chair
Rich Morrison, Vice Chairman
Larry Cooke, Secretary/Treasurer
James W. Pierce, District Manager

Assisting landowners with their conservation choices

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Benewah

FOR YEAR:

Calendar Year 2014

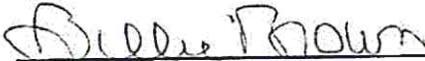
DUE :

December 19, 2014

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

Billie Brown

Printed Name

December 11, 2014

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: