

Clearwater

Soil and Water Conservation District Performance Report for FY 2014



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Top 3-5 Priorities

1. Address priority stream resource concerns
2. Community Outreach
3. Maintain Viable District Operations

FY 2012-2013 Revenue

- State	\$ 36,120.74
- Local Government	\$ 10,000.00
- Corporate Donation	\$ 10,000.00
- Grant Income	\$282,197.35
- Foundation Money	\$ 2,500.00
- Other Monies private	\$ 841.74
- Volunteer Time	\$ 2,250.00
- Total District Funding	\$ 341,409.83
- Return on Investment: Local	33.14
- Return on Investment: State	8.45

Mission:

to provide local leadership to educate and assist the public on the wise stewardship and management of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources, and to promote strong conservation partnerships to find practical, economical solutions to natural resource problems and coordinate their implementation.

Service Area:

Legislative District – ONE, Clearwater County, City of Orofino,

Consisting of: 1,607,201 acres

Private Land	479,959
Federal Land	864,088
State Land	252,078
Tribal	11,076

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Forest Land in Clearwater County makes up 94% of the total acres in the county. The Clearwater District recently completed the first of three Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Grants in 2013 and also a Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) Grant on Whiskey Creek. These grants focus on the implementation of forest Best Management Practices (BMP's) to improve water quality, fish passage, and sediment reduction to Class I and II receiving waters in the NF Clearwater River and Lolo Creek Watersheds. These forest BMP implementation efforts consist of forest road obliteration and/or abandonment, culvert upgrades, bridge installations and road rocking.

The Clearwater District continues to partner with the Idaho Department of Lands, Potlatch Corporation and private landowners to implement forestry BMP's.

Goal #1: Watershed Health Improve Water Resources and Water Quality in Clearwater County

Objective: Address priority stream resource concerns

Action Plan:

- Continue partnership with Potlatch Corporation, Idaho Department of Lands and private landowners to implement forestry BMP's, improve water quality, enhance fisheries and continue sediment reduction in the streams and river.
- Secure funding for future water quality improvement projects within the Clearwater Sub-basin.
- Monitor the replacement of culverts and bridges to protect Salmon and steelhead habitats and prevent excess sediment from entering the streams.

Value: By maintaining a strong bond with our partners we are able to implement BMP's designed to focus on grants specific to the area and resource concerns we seek to address.

Measurable Results: Successfully complete the 3-SRBA Grants in the NF Clearwater region.

Resurface with rock over 20 miles of forest road, up-grade 63 culverts, abandon roads and/or restore road surfaces in the Burcham Creek, Bonner Creek, Blonde Creek, Cooper Creek and White Pine Creek in the North Fork Clearwater River Watershed.

Goal #2: Renewable Energy

Objective: Provide an investment grade engineering design for a woody biomass renewable energy project in the community.

Action Plan:

- Award a contract for completion of an investment grade engineering design for a biomass plant in Clearwater County; using the correctional facility in Orofino as a "target client"
- Work with State entities to locate a potential site for building a biomass plant.
- Determine the necessity for a funding source to construct the biomass plant.

Value: By completing the engineering plan and making the results public, the community will be able to accurately compare the cost of heat between the current electric operations and the proposed Biomass facility to determine cost effectiveness for other future sites.

Measurable Results: Complete all of the Deliverable components of the Federal Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grant within the established timeframe.

Goal #3: Hazard Mitigation

Objective: To actively coordinate with the County "Hazard Mitigation" team to develop and promote a "Fire Wise Program" and evaluate "Flood Control" measures as well as identify potential land slide locations in the community.

Action Plan:

- Actively search for funding to implement wildfire prevention measures around the county
- Coordinate with local volunteer fire districts for potential "Dip Pond" locations.
- Partner with the Railroad owners, City and County Officials to identify and implement actions that prevent flooding and destruction due to trellis failures and stream blockage.
- Identify locations susceptible to road failure due to landslides and suggest fixes.

Value: By securing funding for "dip ponds" we can assist in the fight of wildfires and help prevent devastating loss of lives and property. By working with City and County agencies on the prevention of floods and landslides, community residents will be protected from potential devastating events in Clearwater and Whiskey Creek locations.

Measurable Results: Zero loss of life and/or property due to natural or man-made hazards in Clearwater County.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Clearwater

FOR YEAR:

2014

DUE :

December 20, 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

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Printed Name

December 12, 2014

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: