

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Idaho Soil & Water
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:
FY 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.

Leon Slichter

Board Supervisor Signature

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Recent Projects

Rock Creek SRBA

Goals:

- Reduce pollutant loads to streams, stabilize streambanks, reduce water temperature and restore riparian plant community, and the implementation of approved BMPs' depending on the landowner cooperation and resource needs. There has been no previous work done in this watershed, as there has never been any funding available up until recently.

Methods:

- The Idaho SWCD will work with landowners to amend agricultural practices and to restore riparian functions to improve aquatic habitat. Technical staff has selected specific best management practices to address upland issues in the Rock Creek watershed. The district is using NRCS approved BMP practices, standards and specifications for BMP installations. As resource concerns are identified the established BMP's to target the resource concerns are designed and installed. BMP effectiveness data and photographs are taken to document progress and results. Annual status reviews are done on all active contracts and spot checks on 5% of the past contracts to ensure maintenance is being performed on the installed practices.

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SWCD Board Meetings: First Friday of each month

Top 5 Priorities

1. District Operations
2. Water Quality
3. Non-Irrigated Croplands
4. Animal Waste Management
5. Rangeland

FY 2014 Revenue

State Funding	\$	20,228.69
County Funding	\$	7,000.00
SRBA Funds	\$	413,971.66
319:DEQ Funds	\$	4,524.40

Products:

- BMP installations have been implemented on 2,730.5 acres, 13,400 feet of stream, and for 354 head of cattle as of June 2014. There are 20 contracts and plans that have been written.

Conclusions:

- To date, we have completed 5 projects located in the Rock Creek watershed.
- Rock-05 is a road construction and stream crossing project that moved a roadway that was contributing sediment to a tributary of Rock Creek. The road was moved out of the draw to a more stable, rocky area. Culverts were emplaced to eliminate wheel traffic through the waterway. Waterbars installed on steep sections of the road will control gullying during annual spring run-off.
- Rock-07 created two Heavy Use Protection feeding pads that were installed to contain the feeding area of 40 head of cattle. The pads aid in manure collection and redistribution of the nutrients onto nearby fields and eliminate muddy feeding and calving areas. Ground water nutrient contamination is decreased and animal health is increased through the elimination of muddy bedding grounds.
- Rock-10 was an extensive pasture management project that added fencing, spring development and trail construction to entice cattle and wildlife to graze in areas previously undesirable because water was not readily available. The project manages pasture utilization through rotation and by providing more watering options among the pastures. A culvert was also installed on an access road which decreased sediment deposited into Rock Creek.

- Rock-13 saw the installation of concrete heavy use pads to two watering systems on the producer's grazing lands. The pads will eliminate the creation of mud holes around the water troughs.
- Rock-16 is a very beneficial erosion control project done in conjunction with two landowners and the local Highway District. Over 800 feet of rock lined ditch was constructed in order to control and channelize a deep gully that had cut into a wheat field and swept tons of soil into a seasonal stream. The ditch directs and filters spring run-off and protects the cropland from further erosion.

If you would like more information on these projects, including tables, reductions and photos please contact the Idaho SWCD.