

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: KOOTENAI-SHOSHONE

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.



Board Supervisor Signature

Fran Hughes

Printed Name

December 18, 2014

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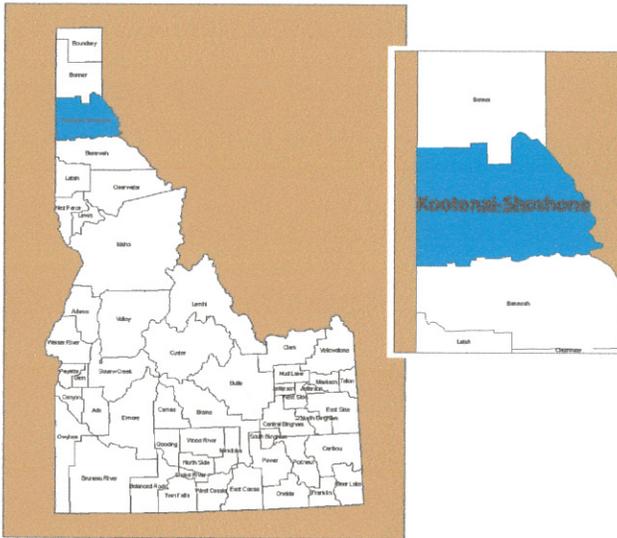
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DATE OF CONFIRMATION:

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KSSWCD Board Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month, 9:00 a.m.

Top 5 Priorities

1. District Operations
2. Water Quality (Surface & Groundwater)
3. Woodland, Forestry and Silviculture
4. Cropland (Farm and Pasture Lands)
5. Information, Education and Outreach

FY 2014 Revenue

- State - ISWCC	12,229
- Idaho Water Resources Board Irrigation Grant	9,000
- 319 Grant Program	33,979
- Tree Sales	7,145
- Aquifer Protection Dist	1,200

District Mission

To restore the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District as a leading partner with other government agencies, private landowners and users, and the public in promoting voluntary, non-regulatory, locally-led conservation and wise stewardship of the natural resources with which our area has been so richly blessed.

District Operations

The District's financial health has been improving. The District has secured several new projects that can sustain the basic District efforts over the next several years.

David Fortier and Ed Pommerening were reelected to new terms. The District appointed Bob Burke to fill a vacant position on the board. Bob and Doug England attended the IASCD Annual Conference in Lewiston.

The Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission and NRCS need to be recognized for the support they provide to the partnership. Aubrey Hoxie and Brett Holmes of NRCS, and Mark Hogen and Bill Lillibridge of ISWCC provide the technical support that allows the District to complete conservation projects.

Water Quality

Mica Creek: The District completed the last 319 project on Mica Creek. After many years of BMP installations through various programs, including SAWQP, WQPA, EQIP, and 319, water quality has improved to the point that IDEQ is considering de-listing the lower reach of Mica Creek. Beneficial uses have been restored. The upper reaches will still be watched closely for possible water quality issues.

Medimont Bank Stabilization and Nutrient Reduction 319: After completing armoring and revegetating 4000 feet of riverbank on Idaho Department of Fish & Game Wildlife Management Area property on the lower Coeur d'Alene River last year, the District completed monitoring and inspections. Wetland and upland plants were added to supplement the original willow plantings. Much of newly-planted upland vegetation suffered from heat

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Water Quality (continued)

and drought, while the wetland vegetation and willows prospered.

The District continues to work with the Coeur d'Alene Tributaries WAG on implementing BMPs and watershed planning. This coordinated effort has led to IDEQ finding extra 319 funds to do projects in Wolf Lodge Creek.

Cropland (Farm and Pasture Lands)

The District installed smart controllers on residential and municipal irrigation systems with a grant from Idaho Water Resources Board, and assisted Bureau of Reclamation to install four new AgriMet stations over the aquifer. Data is currently being analyzed to see if water savings can be realized through scientific irrigation scheduling.

The NRCS Moscow Soils Office performed soil analysis on the Prairie. Results of the analysis will be presented at the next Growers' Meeting. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to NRCS, the National Soil Survey Center, the Moscow Soils Office, and especially to Allyson Young, Resource Soil Scientist.

Woodland, Forestry and Silviculture

The District participates in a forestry tree sales program now administered by Idaho Forest Owners Association. This year we sold a record 79,790 seedlings. The majority of these seedlings are planted on new CRP-Forestry (CP-3) fields.

The District received partial funding (\$68,100) for a Western Competitive Grant through Idaho Department of Lands. These funds will be used to fly LiDAR over the Wolf Lodge/Blue/Fernan Creek watersheds to begin assessing conditions and recommend treatments. This project is in cooperation with U of I, USFS, IDEQ, and IDL. Private landowners and various local agencies will benefit from these efforts. The District submitted another application for the balance of funds needed to complete the watershed planning, with a limited number of BMPs throughout three small watersheds near the city of Coeur d'Alene and extensive outreach to landowners. It will focus primarily on forest health and wildfire protection. This second proposal ranked very high and has great potential to be funded. Thanks to Diane Partridge of IDL for her great contribution.



Willows and sedges emerging through armor

Information, Education and Outreach

The District held their 3rd Annual Growers Meeting at the Coeur d'Alene Inn. The meeting was sponsored by Kootenai County Aquifer Protection District and Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission. Next February the 4th Annual Growers Meeting will, among other topics, present findings from NRCS soil analysis on the Prairie and smart controller applications. The Growers Meeting will also dedicate time to soil health, farm planning, aquifer protection, and financial assistance.

The District will also be doing outreach throughout the community to promote District programs and Western Competitive Grant project efforts.

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Board of Supervisors and Staff

Fran Hughes	Chairman
Ed Pommerening	Vice-Chair
Nina Eckberg	Treasurer
David Fortier	Supervisor
Mike Schlepp	Supervisor
Doug England	Supervisor
Bob Burke	Supervisor
Bob Flagor	Administrator

“Putting conservation on the ground by promoting stewardship”