

MADISON SWCD PERFORMANCE REPORT

FY 2014

MISSION STATEMENT:

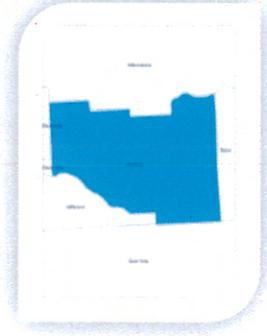
To take available Technical, Financial and Educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of Soil, Water and related resources. Also, to protect and improve the natural resources in Madison County for landowners to use for generations to come.

IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:

County: Madison

Cities: 4

Legislative Districts: 34



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SWCD Board Meetings: Third Thursday

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality and Water Resources
2. Soil Quality
3. Vegetative Management
4. Riparian / Wetlands
5. Fish and Wildlife

Conservation dollars spent in 2013

State Funding	\$ 17,708
County Funding	\$ 6,000
Tree and Fabric Program	\$ 13,541
NRCS Funding	\$ 1,705,886
Landowner Contribution	\$ 877,061
Value of Volunteer Time	\$ 15,000
Total	\$ 2,645,630

Recent Projects

Natural Resource Projects:

- Seven landowners enrolled 2,874 total acres in the Idaho Soil Health Initiative which is the largest enrollment of acreage in the State.
- The Rexburg Bench Energy project is a three year project aimed at assisting farmers to reduce electrical energy use and groundwater with drawls in a large agricultural area. 11 Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) were installed benefiting County producers.
- 50 Water and Sediment Control Basins were installed on agriculture land benefiting eight landowners to improve both water quality and also reduce soil erosion.
- No-Till was practiced on 1,550 acres benefiting six landowners which greatly improved both soil quality and water quality.
- Cover crops were used on 1,324 acres assisting eight landowners to reduce wind erosion and improve soil quality and crop production.



A grain field after harvest shows the benefits of Cover Crop and no tillage

Educational Programs



Francine Lheritier, NRCS area Soil Scientist, explains the benefits to our soil as a result of Cover Crop and no tillage practices at the 2013 tour

- The District conducts an annual Conservation tour to educate landowners and legislative members concerning conservation practices that are applied and practiced on the ground in Madison County.
- The District conducted its annual tour which highlighted Cover Crops and no/minimum tillage practices.
- College students continue to be utilized to learn and promote Natural Resource conservation.
- The District sponsored two County youths to attend the Natural Resource camp in Ketchum.
- A capacity grant from the Soil and Water Commission that was used by the District for its public outreach program.



The benefits of Cover Crops and no tillage is discussed at the annual tour

Future Projects

Madison SWCD continues to focus on the statutory requirement in their annual and 5-Year Plan. Water Quality and Water Resources remains the top resource concern. The Madison SWCD will continue to plan and seek funding for programs such as the Rexburg Bench Energy Savings Program that promote energy and water conservation.

Continued efforts will be made with the assistance of the Natural Resource Conservation Service to address, educate and promote the conservation of our natural resources and to promote such practices as No-Till, Cover Crop, Crop Rotations, Stream Bank Restoration and Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

Our focus will continue to be to conduct educational conservation tours, workshops and local working group planning meetings to gain insight from county leaders and residents to formulate our continuing plan of action concerning natural resource conservation.

Funding from various nontraditional sources is needed to retain the current office level. This includes the Resource Conservation and Development council and administrative fees from potential grants.



Board of Supervisors & Staff

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Charles Ricks, Member
Robbie Taylor, Administrative Assistant

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:

Madison SWCD

FOR FISCAL YEAR:

2014

PERIOD:

July 1, 2013 to June 30 2014

DUE :

DECEMBER 20, 2014

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 and supporting documents shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

GREG BLASER, Chairman

Printed Name

15 Sept. 2014

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