

Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940. They have assisted cooperators in land leveling, rebuilding irrigation systems, drainage of semi-wet cropland and applying other soil and water conservation practices.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources in the District.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant project work began in October 2015. Landowners as well as contractors are working together to create a less wildfire friendly environment. Partners include landowners, IDL, USFS, CL County, BL SWCD, and the Highlands CWMA.
- Stauffer Creek 319 Grant began in the fall of 2014, and has expanded from 1 landowner to 6. Conservation will include a ditch-to-pipe conversion, fencing and brush management. Partners include landowners, DEQ, IFG, ISWCC, BL SWCD, NRCS and Conservation Basics, LLC.
- Two other grants currently in progress (PBJ and Highlands CWMA), helping landowners implement water quality improvement projects.
- Georgetown SRF and CWMA Phragmites 319 Grants were completed during 2015.
- Held the annual Cooperator of the Year Banquet where Monte and Lisa Transtrum were honored as the 2015 Cooperators of the Year.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Completion of the PBJ Grant project is expected in January 2016.

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- Continue working with Division V in staff meetings and training.



Using a skidder to gather timber



Burning timber to create a wildfire fuel break

FY 2015 District Funding:

State Funding	\$23,952
County Funding	\$6,450
Highlands CWMA	\$104,175
Georgetown SRF/319 Grant	\$140,934
PBJ 319 Grant	\$206,878
Stauffer Creek 319 Grant	\$186,361
Thomas Fork AFO 319 Grant	\$299,665
Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant	\$498,000
ECC projects	\$41,460
Balance due on loans to Irrigation Co.s	\$11,161
Total	\$1,519,036

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