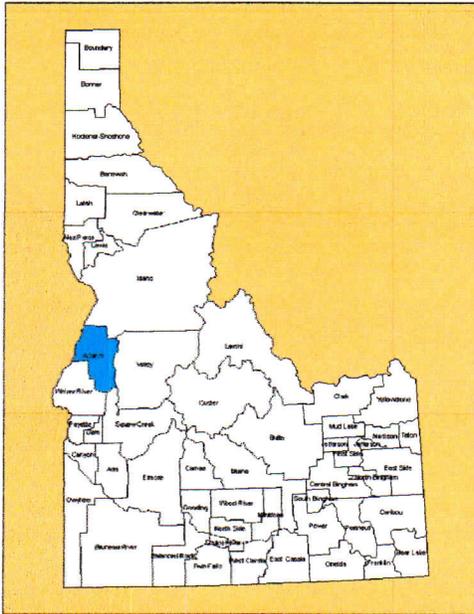


Adams Soil and Water Conservation District

Significant 2015 Projects



Before a 319 restoration project, severe bank loss was occurring on the Weiser River in the Goodrich area.

The Upper Weiser River Restoration Project

Following the completion of the Little Weiser 319 projects, the Adams Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was awarded a new grant that will begin efforts to protect and restore portions of the upper Weiser River. The project area includes roughly a 20 mile stretch of the Weiser River beginning near the East Fork Weiser River confluence south to Goodrich Creek. New 319 grant guidelines allow a three-year rather than a five year project completion window. This makes project planning and implementation more challenging. One project was installed in the first year of the grant with five more planned and/or permitted for 2016. Other projects will likely enter the design phase in 2016. This 319 Grant totaling \$190,796 will expire at the end of 2018. There is plenty of opportunity for landowners to participate in stream bank stabilization work. The District expects to apply for another 319 grant in 2016 to complete Phase 2 of this long-term project.

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Top 5 District Priorities:

1. District Operations
2. Water Quality
3. Information & Education
4. Pasture & Hay Land
5. Rangelands

FY 2015 Revenue

State	\$ 21,552
Adams County	\$ 4,000
City of Council	\$ 500
319	\$ 19,080
NRCS	\$ 71,478
Landowner/Local Match	\$ 48,448

BOARD MEMBERS

Julie Burkhardt, Chairman
 Wendy Green, Secretary
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 Jerry Yantis, Supervisor
 Dean Dryden, Supervisor
 Bev Clagg, Admin. Assistant



After project installation at the Goodrich site.

303d Listed Streams in Adams Co.

(completed TMDLs & Ag Implementation Plans)

Weiser Sub-Basin

Weiser River, Little Weiser River,
 Middle Fork Weiser River

Little Salmon Sub-Basin

Little Salmon River, Big Creek, Mud Creek, E. Goose
 Creek, W. Goose Creek

Wildhorse River

Significant Accomplishments and Outreach:

- Administered the cost share funding from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for the Adams CWMA.
- Co-sponsored the 6th Annual Soil Health Symposium February 2015.
- Administered a capacity–building grant from the Soil & Water Conservation Commission, co-sponsoring the first-ever Rangeland Skillathon with the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission and the University of Idaho Adams County Extension in May 2015.
- Donated toward travel costs for Skillathon winners to attend National Wildlife Habitat competition in Alabama.
- Co-sponsored the Council Education Resource Crew (CERC).
- Wrote and distributed 2 newsletters highlighting stream conservation and landowner accomplishments and opportunities.
- Provided landowners access to tools and implements, such as a pasture aerator, rock drill and water jet stinger.
- Maintained a website and Facebook page about District activities and services (www.adamsconservationdistrict.org).

Looking ahead to 2016 the District will continue outreach and education efforts for the public and local leaders. These may include displays at local fairs and other venues, as well as maintaining our website and Facebook page.

The District will continue to make various tools available to landowners.

Adams SWCD will co-sponsor the annual Soil Health Symposium with the Payette SWCD and other conservation districts in February 2016.

Adams SWCD will assist with completing agriculture implementation plans for streams which have completed TMDLs.

The Adams District will work with landowners on the Weiser River from Glendale to Goodrich to restore and protect river bank.



The Council Education Resource Crew using the water jet stinger to plant willow cuttings.

The Council Education Resource Crew

(CERC) is a grant-funded summer program that gives local teens an opportunity to learn and earn by completing conservation work in Adams County. This June, ASWCD put the teens to work planting willow cuttings to stabilize stream banks on several sites along the Little Weiser River. On these sites, the plantings will augment other conservation and bank stabilization measures that landowners had previously implemented. These willow plantings should help further stabilize the banks enough to eliminate the need to install additional, more costly hard structures such as rock bars.



Participants attending the first-ever Rangeland Skillathon held in May 2015.

The first ever Rangeland Skillathon,

sponsored in part by the Adams Soil and Water Conservation District, was held in the spring of 2015. 4H and FFA teams from across Idaho were tasked with a scenario of how to enhance wildlife habitat for sage grouse in a pasture bordered by roads and power lines. The winning team from Canyon County, chosen by a panel of judges, went on to compete at the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program competition in Alabama in August. The Adams SWCD continued to support the winners by giving an additional donation to the group to help defray expenses while at the national competition.

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:

Adams SWCD

FOR YEAR:

2015

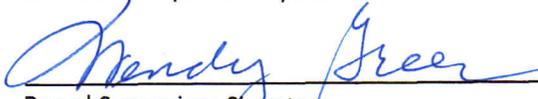
DUE :

December 20, 2015

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

Wendy Green

Printed Name

12/17/2015

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