

Bear Lake

Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: 1st Monday of each month

Garth Boehme, Chairman
 James Hardcastle, Vice-Chairman
 Jennifer Jenson, Secretary/Treasurer
 Mark Parker, Supervisor
 Todd Lloyd, Supervisor
 Lisa Transtrum, District Manager of Operations
 Rebecca Keetch, Administrative Assistant

2015 Revenue

State Funding	\$23,952.10
County Funding	\$6,450.00
Funds Administered	
Highlands CWMA	\$104,175.00
Georgetown SRF/319 Grant	\$140,934.66
PBJ 319 Grant	\$206,878.57
Stauffer Creek 319 Grant	\$186,361.20
Thomas Fork AFO 319 Grant	\$299,665.00
Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant	\$498,000.00
ECC projects	\$41,460.00
Balance due on loans to	
Local Irrigation Companies	\$11,161.88
Project totals administered during 2015	\$1,519,038.41

Top 7 Conservation Priorities

1. Water Quality & Quantity
2. Rangeland
3. Invasive Species
4. District Operations
5. Urban Interface
6. Cropland
7. Public Outreach and Education

New Projects...

Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant on site work began on Monday, October 26, 2015. Landowners as well as contractors are working together to create a less wild fire friendly environment. Individual prescriptions or plans were created by each landowner. Some landowners desired more trees and brush removed than others and our contractor is working patiently with all 12 landowners to create a successful project. Partners include landowners, IDL, USFS, BL County, BL SWCD, and the Highlands CWMA



Using a 'Skidder' to gather timber.



Burning the timber as it is cut to create a Wildfire fuel break.

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Current Projects continued...

Stauffer Creek 319 Grant began in the fall of 2014. This project has expanded from 1 landowner to 6 due to reduction in the original project plan. Conservation will still include a ditch to pipe conversion, cross fencing, brush management, fencing off live streams and telemetry. Partners include landowners, DEQ, Idaho Fish and Game, ISWCC, BL SWCD, NRCS, and Conservation Basics, LLC.



PBJ 319 Grant was awarded early 2014. The PBJ project is to repair an old irrigation structure which has been depleting with age. The repairs will help with irrigation efficiency, safety and allow for a continuous flow of water to travel down Ovid Creek for the Bonneville Cutthroat trout to travel upstream and increase their spawning habitat as well as improve bank stabilization. High water levels have made work challenging. An expected completion date is expected to be January 2016. Partners include landowners, DEQ, ISWCC, BL SWCD, and Conservation Basics, LLC.



Highlands CWMA received their regular ISDA grant where education of local landowners and producers continued. The CWMA held numerous workdays including their general spring meeting where they offered licensed applicators continuing education credits (credits were received for licenses in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming).

Continued Projects continued...



Highlands CWMA Phragmites Grant started in the fall of 2014 along the shores of Bear Lake. Cooperatively with the State of Idaho Department of Agriculture the Highlands CWMA will be fighting to control the invasion of the Noxious Weed Phragmites. Chemical and mechanical treatments continued through the summer and fall of 2015 when the project was completed.



Completed Projects...

Georgetown SRF/319 Grant was originally called the Ovid Irrigation project but was denied funding through the usual 319 process. As the City of Georgetown was looking to receive a State Revolving Grant from DEQ the BL SWCD was able to piggy-back this project on with theirs. This project was completed during 2015 and was a great success and included cross fencing, off stream water along with water gaps, and a corral relocation. Partners include landowners, DEQ, Georgetown City, ISWCC, BL SWCD, and Conservation Basics, LLC

Educational Programs

- Conducted a Tree Sales Program in conjunction with the Bear Lake FFA Chapter and awarded 8 scholarships to graduating Bear Lake Seniors who plan to attend college.
- Sponsor the poster contest for 100 students at the BLMS using the NACD theme “Local Heroes! Your Hardworking Pollinators”
- Spent the day with the 6th grade science classes.
- Held an essay contest in conjunction with the Highlands CWMA to promote noxious weed awareness.
- Held the annual Cooperator of the Year Banquet were Monte and Leisa Transtrum were honored as the 2015 Cooperators of the Year.
- Participated in the Bear Lake County Fair educating the public by using the NACD theme “Local Heroes! Your Hardworking Pollinators”
- Sponsored one teacher and two students to attend the Natural Resource camp in Challis, Idaho.
- Assisted with the Idaho Envirothon Contest in Challis, Idaho.
- Attended the Nation Envirothon Contest in Missouri with the Idaho Envirothon team.



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The Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District plans to continue working on meeting the requirements of the ISWCC and IASCD and IDEA. We are anticipating updating our 5 year Plan and Annual Plan of Work along with Financial/Match and Performance reports. We plan to continue working with Division V in quarterly staff meeting and training. Division V staff were able to hold two different trainings this year. The first training was on new employee training and the second was on the Who, Whats, and where’s of QuickBooks. We participated in the Annual IASCD Legislative Displays at the Capital and Conference held in Boise, Idaho.



2015 Legislative Displays at the Idaho Capital with the Division V Ladies.



Southwest Pacific Region Meetings, Park City, Utah 2015



Division V Project Tours and Trainings 2015

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:
Bear Lake SWCD

FOR YEAR:
FY 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

James Hardcastle

Printed Name

12/17/2015

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