

CLARK SCD PERFORMANCE REPORT

2015

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 Clark County for landowners to use for generations to come.

IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:

County: 1

Cities: 2

Legislative District(s): 35

Clark Soil Conservation District



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SCD Board Meetings: First Thursday

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Rangeland
2. Water Quality and Quantity
3. Cropland
4. Pasture / Hay land
5. Fish and Wildlife

Conservation dollars spent in Clark County in FY 2014

State Funding	\$ 21,294
County Funding	\$ 7,500
USDA Conservation Programs	\$ 221,307
Landowner Contribution	\$ 121,719
Value of Volunteer Time	\$ 15,000
Total	\$ 386,820

Recent Projects

Natural Resource Projects:

- The planning, design and installation for a stock water system that provides water to five troughs for better water distribution and better use of 24,000 acres of rangeland to benefit both domestic livestock and wildlife.
- 332 acres of pest management practices were implemented to control noxious weeds throughout Clark County.
- 5,027 acres of prescribed grazing was implemented to improve overall rangeland health and plant productivity by improving cattle distribution on the range which will allow for more uniform grazing utilization.
- The Conservation District continues to take the lead in assisting County landowners to establish a Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA) that will reduce the damage and loss of the Counties natural resources as a result of wild fires.



Dr. Brett Taylor discussing projects at the U.S. Sheep Station in Dubois during the annual tour

Educational Programs



Clark SCD Chairman Andy Wagoner pictured with Poster contestants from Clark Junior High

- The Clark SCD sponsored a Conservation Poster contest for 5th and 6th graders at Clark Junior High to educate the importance of conservation of our natural resources. The theme was “Dig deeper, mysteries in the soil”.
- The District conducts an annual Conservation tour and sends out an annual Newsletter to educate landowners and legislative members concerning conservation practices that are applied and practiced on the ground in Clark County.
- The District contributed to the Idaho Ag in the Classroom, Idaho Forestry contest, the State Land and Soil evaluation contest and the Envirothon to encourage and promote conservation.
- The District sponsored a youth to attend the Natural Resource camp in Ketchum.
- A capacity grant from the Soil and Water Commission was used by the District for its public outreach program.



Kathy Wagoner is pictured with the Poster contest winners.

Future Projects

Clark SCD 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 Clark SCD will continue to plan and seek funding for programs that promote and educate land owners in natural resource 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 Crop Rotations, Stream Bank Restoration, Stock Water Systems, Grazing management, Wildlife Habitat improvements and combating invasive Noxious Weeds.

Our focus will continue to be conducting 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 non traditional 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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Robbie Tavlör, District Manager

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**PERFORMANCE REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:

Clark SCD

FOR FISCAL YEAR:

2015

PERIOD:

July 1, 2014 to June 30 2015

DUE :

DECEMBER 20, 2015

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

ANDY WAGONER, Chairman

Printed Name



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DATE OF CONFIRMATION:
