

Clearwater

Soil and Water Conservation District Performance Report for FY 2014-2015



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Top 3-5 Priorities

1. Water Resource and Water Quality
2. Renewable Energy
3. Hazard Mitigation

FY 2014-2015 Revenue

- State	\$ 36,120.74
- Local Government	\$ 10,000.00
- Corporate Donation	\$ 10,000.00
- Grant Income	\$562,737.19
- Other Monies private	\$
- Volunteer Time	
- Total District Funding	\$ 622,617.59
- Return on Investment: Local	61.26
- Return on Investment: State	14.61

Mission:

To provide local leadership to educate and assist the public on the wise stewardship and management of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources, and to promote strong conservation partnerships to find practical, economical solutions to natural resource problems and coordinate their implementation.

Service Area:

Legislative District - ONE, Clearwater County, City of Orofino,

Consisting of: 1,607,201 acres

Private Land	479,959
Federal Land	864,088
State Land	252,078
Tribal	11,076

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Forest Land in Clearwater County makes up 94% of the total acres in the county. The Clearwater District recently completed the second and third of three Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) Grants in 2015. These grants focused on the implementation of forest Best Management Practices (BMP's) to improve water quality, fish passage, and sediment reduction to Class I and II receiving waters in the NF Clearwater River and Lolo Creek Watersheds. These forest BMP implementation efforts consist of forest road obliteration and/or abandonment, culvert upgrades, bridge installations and road rocking. The District also completed the Floodwood SRBA Grant consisting of more forest road obliteration and/or abandonment and road rocking in the Floodwood State Forest.

The Clearwater District continues to partner with the Idaho Department of Lands, Potlatch Corporation and private landowners to implement forestry BMP's in addition to implementing Firewise projects.

Goal #1: Watershed Health Improve Water Resources and Water Quality in Clearwater County

Objective: Address priority stream resource concerns

Action Plan:

- Continue partnership with Potlatch Corporation, Idaho Department of Lands and private landowners to implement forestry BMP's, improve water quality, enhance fisheries and continue sediment reduction in the streams and river.
- Secure funding for future water quality improvement projects within the Clearwater Sub-basin.
- Monitor the replacement of culverts and bridges to protect Salmon and Steelhead habitats and prevent excess sediment from entering the streams.

Value: By maintaining a strong bond with our partners we are able to implement BMP's designed to focus on grants specific to the area and resource concerns we seek to address.

Measurable Results: Successfully complete the 3-SRBA Grants in the NF Clearwater region. Resurface with rock over 20 miles of forest road, up-grade 63 culverts, abandon roads and/or restore road surfaces in the Burcham Creek, Bonner Creek, Blonde Creek, Cooper Creek and White Pine Creek in the North Fork Clearwater River Watershed.

Goal #2: Renewable Energy

During this reporting period, the building of the Bio Fuel Plant was abandoned due to cost and lack of community interest in the project. The grant awarded in 2013 was completed which authorized the District to design a bio energy plant and market it to local businesses for implementation. Due to the relative low costs of electricity in this area, a bio-mass plant was not feasible. The District will still pursue the use of a chipper for creating a reusable fuel source.

Goal #3: Hazard Mitigation

Objective: To actively coordinate with the County "Hazard Mitigation" team to develop and promote a "Fire Wise Program" and evaluate "Flood Control" measures as well as identify potential land slide locations in the community.

Action Plan:

- Actively search for funding to implement wildfire prevention measures around the county
- Coordinate with local volunteer fire districts for potential fire wise partnerships
- Identify locations susceptible to road failure due to landslides and suggest fixes
- Develop and market a "Firewise" program to present at a community forum

Value: By securing funding for a "Fire wise Program" we can assist in the fight of wildfires and help prevent devastating loss of lives and property. By working with City and County agencies on the prevention of floods and landslides, community residents will be protected from potential devastating events throughout the Clearwater and Whiskey Creek locations.

Measurable Results: Active involvement of County Residents requesting "Firewise Home Inspections" and attendance at bi-annual seminars will determine direction of the program. The District is also working with the 13 Fire Districts within the County to create a partnership for fire prevention and education.

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:
Clearwater**

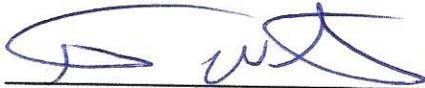
FOR YEAR: 2015

**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

Terry White

Printed Name

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