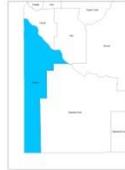


Owyhee Conservation District

Performance Report 2015



FY 2014/2015

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 OCD Board Meetings: 2nd Thursday of Month
 Winter Hours 10am - noon
 Summer Hours 8pm – till done

Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. District Operations
3. Information and Education
4. Soils: Rangeland, Riparian, Crop
5. Fish and Wildlife

Revenue

Source	Funding Received	In-kind Match
Owyhee County	\$3000.00	
State of Idaho	\$15,207.77	
NOCWMA	\$29550.00	\$45,000.
NOCWMA admin	\$1426.00	
NRCS Funding	\$1,783,159.90	\$1,699,562.
Total	\$1,932,348.67	

NOCWMA Noxious Weed Management



Figure 1. Landowner participating in Spray Day

Spray Day

Owyhee CD- has sponsored the NOCWMA for 7 years. This year the board hired a new administrative assistant; Tammy Hedges owner of New Environment weed mgt. Company, also Owyhee County weed supervisor-we are lucky to have her. Tammie knows her business –after 20 years- she’s the go to person. She understands and knows the weed problems of the west. She is familiar with chemicals, weeds, spray times for best results, and is on first name bases with most chemical salesmen. We are truly lucky to have her.



Figure 2. Owyhee CD Crustbuster

The Owyhee CD purchased a No till drill in spring of 2015 . The No till drill concept is one of the best things that has happened to farming for many years. Saving land and money for the farmer. One of our board members -a forward thinker- Brad McIntyre has praised the many benefits of no till farming and shares his success stories; and encourages others to try No till farming. Our ISCC partner Jason Miller has been the go to man for questions on no till farming for OCD constituents. For more information or rental on the no till call the Owyhee CD 208-896-4544 102

Information and Education

In the know:

Brad McIntyre, Supervisor 2014 elected supervisor a great addition to our team, has been promoting no-till strip-till farming for several years. He and his family were one of first farmers in the state to begin this practice. Healthy soil begets- healthy plants. Brad has been working with Marlon Winger, NRCS Idaho State Agronomist for several years; and planting cover crops, plant diversity, and companion crops has benefited them by cutting down on fertilizers, weed management and equipment cost. For more information contact your local NRCS office or go on line to sustainable agriculture.

Owyhee CD Chairman Charles Kiester, and Supervisor Brad McIntyre at the 2015 IASCD Conference in Boise, Idaho.



Youth Programs

2015 Poster Contest

Theme: "Hard Working Pollinators"

1st place winner

Lexi Heck 4th grader Homedale Elementary



Owyhee County Fair & Livestock Auction

Owyhee County has an annual Fair & Rodeo and Livestock Auction in Homedale, Idaho in August. Here the Owyhee CD's displays a booth with information on the districts various programs, projects and events for youth and adults. Our goal is to share the newest and best information about NRCS and about farming and other related practices. The Owyhee County Fair - FFA Jr. Livestock Auction Sales teaches junior farmers about farming practices good and bad. The OCD contributes to the FFA youth livestock sales. In 2015 OCD Supervisor Tim Volk, purchased \$795 of livestock sales helping the youth do well for their hard work. It is a great learning experience for the FFA Youth- teaching dedication, responsibility and accountability-as well as love and care of their charges.

Farmers Appreciation Luncheon & Pesticide License Renewal Class

The Owyhee Conservation District offers a free class to farmers and others to renew their pesticide license. Each year we have over 30 people attend, we include a free lunch chili, sandwiches, drinks and cookies. This program is well received and attended every year.

Conservationist of the Year 2014 Rick Smith

In January we host a banquet to recognize outstanding ranchers, farmers, community leaders and our partners. In 2014 we honored Rick Smith and his wife Kathy for their sustainable calf cow operation. They raise cows and calf pairs, and the hay and grain for forage and nutrients. The Smiths farming and ranching techniques has created a successful business.

Rick Smith and one of his prize winning bulls



Future of Owyhee CD

In 2014 election 3 new farmers joined us: Jeanette Farrell, Levi Loucks, and Brad McIntyre. Levi and Brad having been instrumental in getting no till farming to our area. Our role as conservation district is to educate. The district also coordinates with our conservation partners for protection of land, water, and air.

The Soda Fire this fall caused a lot of hardship to many farmers and ranchers, the OCD is working with our partners to help these victims. An exciting undertaking is the RCPP venture, Trout Unlimited is working on. This is an all-encompassing project to improve the Owyhee Watershed. Pam Harrington, TU has been leading this venture and we are excited to be a partner.

Owyhee CD Supervisors dedicate their time and energy to keeping Owyhee farmers and ranchers informed. Left to right : Charles Kiester, Chair; Charles Chadez, Vice Chair; Ray Mansidor, Associate; Supervisors -John Cossel, Jeanette Farrell, Tim Volk, Levi Loucks, Trea/Sect.,(Brad McIntyre, not pictured)



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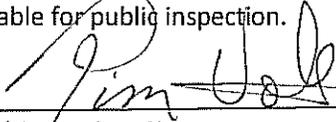
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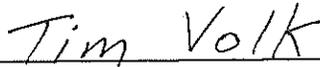
CERTIFICATION

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



Printed Name

DECEMBER 1, 2015

Date

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