

# Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District 2018 Fact Sheet

## General Information

The Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940. The District has assisted cooperators in land leveling, rebuilding irrigation systems, drainage of semi-wet cropland and applying other soil and water conservation practices.

## Mission

To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil, water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat.

## Location

Bear Lake County, in the southeast corner of the State.

## Legislative District 32

## FY 2018 Accomplishments

- The Annual District Tour focused on the Stauffer Creek Project, which is now completed.
- Noxious weed eradication and education in the Highlands Cooperative Weed Management Area. Applicator credits were also offered.
- Conducted annual Tree Sales Program.
- Participated in the Bear Lake County Fair.
- Thomas Fork Animal Feeding Operations Project continues to work with participating landowners.
- Upgraded diversion structures on St. Charles and Bennington Creeks with efficient and fish-friendly structures.
- Sponsored Annual Poster Contest.

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## FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Chad Hulme was named Co-Operator of The Year at the annual banquet.
- Cooperative fuel reduction project with the Bear Lake West Property Owners Association was postponed due to dangerous conditions.
- Awarded college scholarships to Bear Lake High School seniors.



Stauffer Creek Off-Stream Watering System

## Future Plans and Projects

- Williamson Hollow Fuels Reduction Grant will fund activities to protect area summer homes from wildfire.
- Bear Lake Nutrient Reduction Project will convert open ditch to pipe, install windbreaks, off-stream livestock watering system, and irrigation system pipe.

## FY 2018 Funds

<b>State</b>	<b>\$ 20,692.00</b>
County	\$ 10,000.00
Grants	\$1,304,136.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,334,828.20</b>

Chair: Jennifer Jenson  
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District Manager: Brandee Wells

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays

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