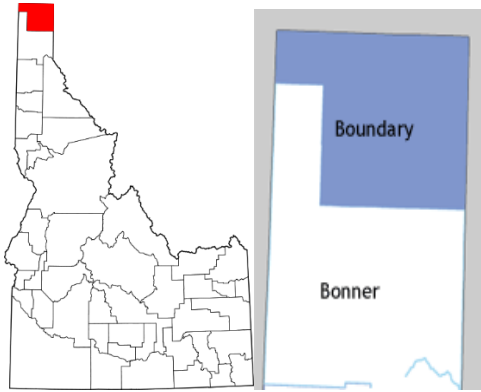


Boundary

Soil Conservation District



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SCD Board Meetings: 1st Tuesday of every month

TOP 5 NATURAL RESOURCE CONCERNS:

1. Degraded Plant Condition
2. Fire Management
3. Wind & Water Erosion
4. Concentrated Erosion
5. Plant Pest Pressure

FY21 Revenue

State of Idaho Funding: \$27,494
County General Funding: \$9,000
Farm Bureau Donation: \$700
USFWS Grant: \$25,000
Tree Seedling Program: \$17,250
Volunteer hours: \$6,500
Total: \$ 85,944

Boundary Soil Conservation District & Staff

Tom Daniel, Chairman
Spike Maas, Vice Chairman
Tim Dillin, Treasurer
Erik Olson, Supervisor /Ken Irons, Supervisor
Cassie Olson, Administrative Assistant

2022 Source Water Protection Grant

The Boundary Soil Conservation District has applied for funding through DEQ for a Source Water Protection Grant. This grant will help start a campaign to bring awareness to proper disposal of hazardous waste and materials that can be harmful to our local drinking water. Our hope in obtaining this grant will be to create an informational brochure for local citizens with viable information on how, where, and why to properly dispose of hazardous materials. This project will protect drinking water in Boundary County by stopping contamination from hazardous household materials at its source: the households. By educating the public we can prevent intentional dumping of hazardous materials, incidental spills due to improper storage or use, and we can promote a mindset within the community that will protect groundwater and other drinking water sources. Our long-term goal is to apply for this grant yearly and hold a 2-day event at the local landfill for community members to bring their hazardous materials and properly dispose of them with the help of our sanitation department and a contracted chemical disposal company.

Cow Creek 319 Culvert Project

The BSCD, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Kaniksu Land Trust, Boundary County Road and Bridge, and NRCS are working together with the help of the ISWCC to develop a plan and produce a grant proposal for culvert replacement and restored fish passage on the historic Cow Creek Road. Over the course of 2022, we have had many meetings, field tours, zoom calls, surveying, brainstorming and a few obstacles but we are hopeful that a 319 Grant proposal will be submitted in 2023. Currently, surveying is taking place and the next phase will be to develop a design with the help of many partners.

Farm and Forestry Tour with High School Students and the Annual Community Farm Tour

This year the BSCD partnered with BC Farm Bureau to put together several tours in Boundary County and brought to light several different avenues for Agricultural careers with local high school Ag students. This took place over National Ag Week and featured Forestry and Farming. Students visited Idaho Dept. of Lands, USFS, a local logging operation, Idaho Forest Group tour of the mill as well as North Idaho Energy Logs. The students had the opportunity to ask questions about different careers, operate equipment, get a history lesson about Farming in the Kootenai Valley, see the process of milling flour, and even got to eat barley chocolate chip cookies at the local flour mill. They learned about Hop farming, chemical research and commercial spraying, and had guest speakers talk about their career and educational backgrounds over the course of 2 days. The district also hosted their annual community farm tour in May and had over 60 participants. The tour is a great opportunity for networking with other farmers and local interested in supporting local farms. The tour featured local farms that produce and sell their products in Boundary County, an agricultural research company that conducts trials in 3 states on 10 different crop varieties, Alta Mill that specializes in the production of Western Red Cedar products, and an Equine training and boarding facility. This is well attended event and a highlight for newcomers and ol' timers in Boundary County.



A few other highlights from Boundary Soil Conservation District in 2022

District Admin Cassie Olson traveled to Boise for Legislative days, Board Chairman Tom Daniel presented Conservation Farmer of the Year to Lynn and Leah Jantz, Agriculture Baby of the Year was Cole Fitch, the BC Fair was a huge hit with Cassie Olson putting together 2 Fair Booths to promote Agriculture, and a couple field days on Cow Creek for 319 grant planning.



Capacity Grant Funding Sponsors Arbor Day!

With the capacity grant BSCD received from the ISWCC, the district was able to sponsor their annual community Arbor Day Celebration. The district purchased several varieties of locally sourced tree seedlings and educational materials. On April 29th, district admin Cassie Olson partnered with Idaho Department of Lands, US Forest Service and University of Idaho Extension and handed out trees and educational materials explaining the importance of trees and proper forest health. Over 350 people came to pick up a tree as well as play games, ask forestry questions and enter drawings! It was a great time!



**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Boundary

FOR YEAR:

2022

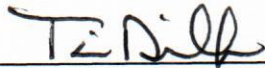
DUE :

December 20, 2022

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

12.09.2022

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