

# Caribou

#### Soil Conservation District



Caribou Soil Conservation District 390 East Hooper Ave.

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#### FY 2022 Revenue

 State Base/Match Funding
 \$26,822.00

 County Funding
 \$12,000.00

 319 Grant Funds
 \$285,543.42

Total \$324,365.42

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

-----Franklin D. Roosevelt

## **District Operations/Public Outreach**

- Continued working with Conservation Basics LLC on 319, state BMP and newly WQPA grants.
- Sponsored the IASCD poster contest for 215 students.
- Presented scholarships to worthy graduating seniors.
- Supported the Natural Resources Workshop, State Soil Evaluation Event, and Forestry Contest.
- Donated to and assisted with the Idaho Envirothon.
- Donated seedlings to the City of Soda Springs for Arbor Day.
- Helped with school Arbor Day Celebration.
- Continued to support the Bag-of-Woad program.
- Articles in the local newspaper of conservation and district activities.

Mission Statement and Purpose: The Caribou Soil Conservation District is dedicated to promoting wise land and water use, providing information and education, and giving assistance to anyone looking for ways of conserving and improving our natural resources.

# **Top 5 District Priorities**

- 1) Water Quality and Quantity
- 2) Range & Pasture Management
- 3) Plant & Soil Health
- 4) Public Outreach
- 5) District Operations



## Chesterfield 319 Project

This project concluded this fall, and the final report was filed. This project worked with 7 individual landowners and includes ditch to pipe conversion & installation of 2 pivots, installing a solar pumping plant. Drilling a stock water well, installing pipe, troughs, heavy use protection, and cross fencing. Installation of a Buck and Rail Riparian fence, cross fencing and installing pipe (beaver pond

#### North Caribou Irrigation Enhancement State BMP Project

This project involves 3 landowners. It includes a pivot instillation, cover crops, and a livestock water improvement. So far the first pivot is installed, and we are working on the other pivot. Also, the livestock water involves a new well, which is planned for springtime.

## **South Caribou Water Quality Project**

This project is ongoing. The South Caribou is a new project that is designed to focus on stream restoration, stabilization, and a diversion structure with a fish screen. This stream is a tributary to the Bear River and is used by the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout (BCT).

There are several benefits and projected outcomes to this project such as: better fish passage, shelter, and spawning for the BCT. Water for livestock by drilling a well and improving grazing management. Corral relocation, off-stream watering, and riparian use exclusions. Reduced feeding time for wintering livestock and improved soil health, more covered soil for less wind erosion.

# **District Capacity Building Funds**

The Caribou SCD used the capacity building funds to help the city of Soda Springs with their Arbor Day program. We hosted a project tour/lunch this year(pictured at right) It also purchased office supplies and equipment. As well as district expenses for 3 supervisors and the administrative assistant to attend conference this year.





# **Cooperator of the Year**



# Caribou Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors and Staff



Above picture: Board Members Brett Torgesen, Robert Comish, John Lau, Wilder Hatch, Rulon Wistisen, Sherman Toone and Pat Lozier.

#### Left:

It was a year of retirees for put District. Rulon Wistisen, Larry Mickelsen and Heather Ainscough were all selected as the cooperator of the year. They are all retiring this year. Rulon has served on the board for over 25 years. Larry has worked closely with the District for many years with the NRCS. Heather has been a fixture in the office and a big help for many years. Pictured are Rulon Wistisen and Vice-Chairman Wilder Hatch, top. Chairman Jon Lau and Larry Mickelsen. Not pictured is Heather Ainscough.

# IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

# PERFORMANCE REPORT CERTIFICATION

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DISTRICT	Caribou	2011	Conservation

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

John Lace

**Printed Name** 

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: