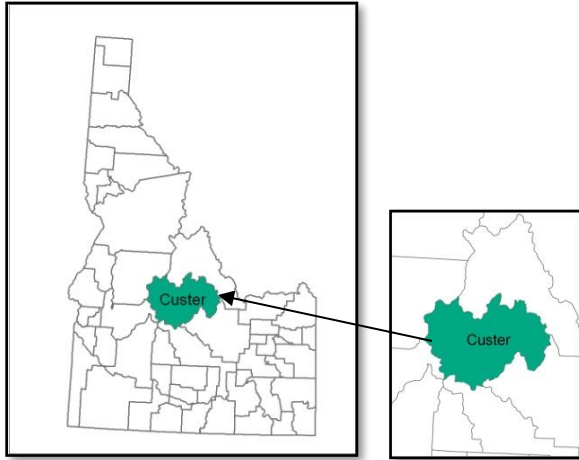


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Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: Second Tuesday

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. Water Quantity
3. Endangered Species Act Mandates
4. Urban Development
5. Recreation use impacts

2021-2022 Revenues (not based on audit)

Federal Grants to Custer SWCD	\$ 555,944
State Funding - SWC	\$ 22,537
Local Funds For Programs	\$ 2,284
County/Local Funding	\$ 6,000
Total District Administered Funds	\$ 586,765
NRCS	\$ 135,483
Landowner Match	\$ 25,500
Total Conservation Funding	\$ 747,748

Recent Projects

Conservation and Anadromous Fisheries Projects:

- Coordination of a fish passage barrier project on a remote property in Loon Creek, a private holding within the Frank Church Wilderness area. The Hydro is fully functional and fish screen has been installed and the screen will be operational in the next season.
- Completed approximately .8 miles of stream complexity and habitat improvement project in Pahsimeroi.
- Completed a passage barrier removal project on Road Creek in cooperation with Custer County Road and Bridge and private landowners.
- Secured Funding from ISWCC for the new WQPA program to address water conservation.
- Began design Phase I of a Habitat Complexity project in the Upper Stanley Basin on Pole Creek to address approximately .8 miles.
- Completed fencing on Mitigation project on Garden Creek and have prepared a seeding and revegetation plan to be implemented fall 2022 or spring 2023.
- Continued work with landowners to improve passage and water management on Morgan Creek.
- *Results: Improved spawning and habitat in stream availability and removal of two passage barriers.*





Annual 5th Grade Tour: Rosana Rieth, Soils.

Educational Programs

- Sponsored the 5th grade poster contest for 42 students
- Sponsored High School Speech contest. Three students participated from the speech contest and one advanced to the Division Meeting.
- Held an annual 5th grade tour reaching approximately 17 students. This included a tour of a seed potato and grain farm to increase student's knowledge about agriculture.
- Co-sponsored Ag Week for Challis including a farm tour and hands on activities for each class. Sponsored a day for Home School also.
- Sponsored Two Natural Resource Awareness Days each for ages K-3rd and the second day for 4th-6th grades. Logging, mining, road and bridge maintenance, range management, agriculture and public lands management were all components of this year's event.
- Sponsored 4th grade class Bread in a Bag
- Participated in Pioneer Day at Stanley School including approximately 45 students from Stanley and Challis 4th grade
- Sponsor field trip for the Ag students and Science class in Pahsimeroi to visit project sites installed by the District and Partners.
- Played an active role with the NRCS's Local Working Group prioritization process.



5th Grade Tour Group and Presenters

Future Projects

Custer Soil and Water Conservation District continues to focus on the statutory requirement in their annual and 5-Year Plan. Water Quality and Water Quantity are the top resource concern in addition to the Endangered Species Act implications which are often intertwined with water quality and quantity.

Custer SWCD applied for, and received funding from the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission from their Water Quality for Agriculture program that will be implemented late fall of 2022 or early spring.

The Custer SWCD will continue to work with willing landowners to address agricultural projects related to fish recovery by addressing flows, fish barriers and stream restoration projects.

Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation and Office of Species Conservation (PCSRF) continue to be important funding sources for the district's projects.

Custer SWCD met the requirements of the Independent Scientific Review Committee to continued funding from BPA starting in 2023/2024 and continuing to 2027.

The district continues work with a private grazing association and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to address habitat on a small fencing project.

We have installed Phase I of Muddy Springs Habitat restoration and will begin Phase II next February. We have met with the landowner on Pole Creek and will be in the design phase in the upcoming year.

An active youth information, education and outreach program will continue to be a focus of the Custer SWCD.

Board of Supervisors & Staff

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Custer Soil and Water
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2021/2022

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.

Wayne Baker

Board Supervisor Signature

Wayne Baker, Chairman

Printed Name

10/13/2022

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