

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Elmore Soil & Water
Conservation District

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

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December 6, 2022

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION:

Elmore

Soil & Water Conservation District



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Elmore SWCD meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the USDA Service Center.

Top 3-5 Priorities

1. Water
2. Soil
3. Rangeland
4. Outreach

FY 2021-2022 Revenue

- \$ 22,780.49	State
- \$ 8,500.00	County
- \$ 0.00	Other
- \$ 31,280.49	Total

Atlanta Idaho Dry Hydrant project

Fire Chief Gene Haught contacted the Elmore SWCD with the need for fire suppression in and around the City of Atlanta. The pond that had been used to help with fire suppression had been filled with sediment in the years after the 2013 Elk and Pony Complex fires. The landowner applied for an EQIP cost share project regarding the pond and surrounding field and was awarded a contract. The NRCS project will begin late August 2022. Elmore SWCD partnered with the Atlanta Fire Department to provide a dry hydrant system. Elmore SWCD provided the materials for the dry hydrant. Fire Chief Haught will oversee the installation of the dry hydrant. The installation will coincide with the landowners NRCS project.

King Hill Irrigation District

The Elmore SWCD is partnering with KHID to support their irrigation project through Water Smart, Bureau of Reclamation and the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

The KHID's Pump and Piping Project from Cold Springs to King Hill includes the installation of new pumping stations along the Snake River, conveying water in pipelines (closed conduit) to the irrigation turnouts. These improvements will eliminate tail water and canal operational spills, evaporation, infiltration losses and eliminate the canal systems. By strategically locating pump stations, the piped delivery shortens the overall delivery length of the system. The project is expected to improve conveyance water efficiency by 35 percent. The 35 percent improvement is based on measured losses between the diversion pumping plant and the irrigated area.

Our partnership with KHID may provide potential funding resources to other county irrigation system improvements.

9th Grade Conservation Field Day

For the second year in a row, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) had a profound effect on the Elmore SWCD youth outreach programs. ESWCD was not able to hold the 9th Grade Conservation Field Day in May. The Mountain Home School District was limited on extracurricular activities. Elmore SWCD is committed to making the 2023 field day memorable.

Mountain Home Irrigation District tunnel repair.

Elmore SWCD continues to partner with the Mountain Home Irrigation District to help resolve the issue with the tunnel improvements. Elmore SWCD has been researching grant funds. The Mountain Home Irrigation canals and tunnels is a significant part of the area water source for local farmers. It also provides water recharge for the area.

Natural Resource Camp

Natural Resource Camp was held June 20th through June 24th, 2022. This year Elmore SWCD provided funding for four youths to attend camp. All four participants gave a presentation at the district meeting and stated how much they enjoyed the camp; all participants plan to attend NRC in 2023.

Local Working Group

The Local Working Group is a valuable part of the NRCS planning process and provides an opportunity for local landowners and managers to be part of a collaborative effort to improve natural resources within the Elmore SWCD and Bruneau River SCD. The LWG reviews performance of the past year's projects, help shape plans and priorities for projects, connect with partners and learn about other NRCS programs.

NRCS Training

Elmore SWCD Supervisor Chairman John Kieffer made his property available for the field training portion of the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Training.

Future Plans and Projects

- Enhance environmental outreach efforts to youth and adults.
- Assist Elmore County with comprehensive planning for wise land use and to reduce and prevent surface and ground water pollution. Continue assistance with the mosquito and weed abatement program.
- Promote measures to reduce wildfire hazards to forests and rangelands.
- Assist landowners in efforts to improve their soil and water management techniques.
- Work with Cooperators to develop and implement grazing plans and practices.
- Work with Elmore County with a water recharge project.

City of Glenns Ferry Xeriscape project

Christy Accord is currently working on a xeriscape project in Glenns Ferry to reduce the landscape/park water usage. Ms. Accord has applied to RC&D for funding in this project. Elmore SWCD supports this project by promoting volunteer help, letters of support and financial assistance if needed.

People's Garden

This year the People's Garden was brought back to life. District Supervisor Steve Nemeth, NRCS Justin Deekin, the local 4-H and Boy Scout Troop weeded and prepped the garden beds. District Supervisor Steve and NRCS Justin repaired the drip system and the garden beds. The garden beds were utilized by local residence and the 4-H club producing various vegetables and pollinating plants.