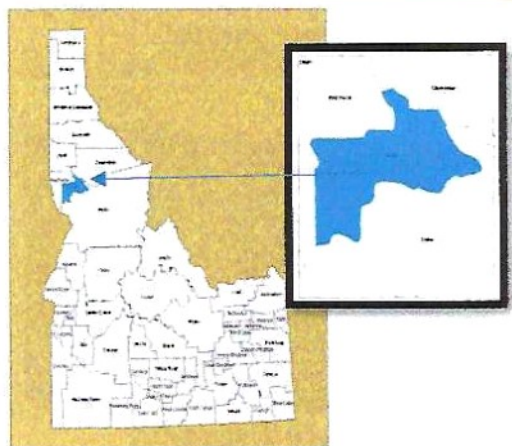


Lewis Soil Conservation District

FY 2022



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Top Priorities

1. Rangeland/Pastureland
2. Cropland
3. Forestland
4. Environmental Improvement/Mitigation/Protection
5. High Tunnels
6. Water Quality
7. Wind and Water Erosion

Revenues

County	\$8000.00
State Match	\$10,716.00
State Base Funding	\$14,500.00
Contributions & Donations	\$775.00
Grant Funding	\$106,811.00
Total:	\$140,802.00

Statement Mission

The Lewis Soil Conservation District (LSCD) is dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.

Recent Activities

This year, work was completed on a **Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 319 Grant for Lower Lawyer Creek Phase 2**. This project provided technical and financial assistance in the amount of \$60,605 to two landowners on the Lawyer Creek Watershed. The applied practices will prevent livestock from accessing the creek. This allows vegetation to return to stabilize the streambanks, thus reducing sediment loading and providing shade to reduce the water temperature. Heavy use pads were installed to help decrease bacteria loading in concentrated areas. Access roads were established for ease of access to feeding and manure cleanup operations. Fencing was installed to prevent livestock access to the creek.



Work is being performed on a second phase of an **Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Western States Fire Managers Grant for Fuels Reduction in Western Lewis County (Winchester)**. This project is providing funds in the amount of \$240,000.00 to improve forest health by decreasing stand densities and reducing hazardous fuels. A total of 326 acres are receiving fuels reduction treatments.

The LSCD was awarded funding in the amount of \$250,000 for a **DEQ 319 NPS Grant Proposal for Big Canyon Implementations**. BMPs will be implemented on up to ten worksites in the Big Canyon watershed to reduce sediment and nutrient transport to streams and provide shade to the streams. Improvements will reduce sediment and nutrients directly and temperature will be reduced.

Funding was approved in the amount of \$250,000 for a **DEQ State Agriculture Grant for Lewis County Soil Health BMPs**. The goal is to work with volunteer landowners to improve soil health and improve water quality in Lewis County by decreasing nutrient and herbicide inputs.

The LSCD was approved for funding for two **Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC) Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA) grants**: for Livestock Operations - \$105,471 and Soil Health - \$58,300.

The LSCD received funding for a flood management grant project with the **Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)**. The culvert at Tiede Road (3.8 miles north of Winchester) was removed and replaced with a 138" Bottomless Eco Arch Half Round Culvert with integrated headwall and 4' wingwalls. The road was reinstalled, graded and reshaped. Work was performed by the Evergreen Highway District, a division of the Idaho Department of Transportation.



Information and Education

Soil Health Workshop

The District hosted a Soil Health Workshop in February. The topic of our workshop was "Strategies to Reduce Synthetic inputs. There were 38 attendees at the workshop.

Noxious Weed Poster Contest

The Lewis Soil Conservation District (LSCD) gave a "Noxious Weeds in Lewis County" presentation to 3rd grade students from Nezperce, Highland and Kamiah Elementary Schools. This contest addressed noxious weeds in Lewis County. Each student was given a noxious weed to research and design a poster of. First place winners in each class received a t-shirt and had their posters displayed in the local newspapers. All participants received a mini frisbee. All posters were on display at the Lewis County Fair.



Hatchery in the Classroom

The "Hatchery in the Classroom" Project has been going on for 8 years now. Students from local schools participated in a project made possible by a past grant from the Nezperce Tribe, and from continued support of the Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. Students from Highland and Nezperce schools learned about the Steelhead lifecycle. They received eggs from the hatchery, which they hatched and cared for until their release into Lawyers Creek in the spring.

Farm & Forest Fair



4th and 5th graders throughout the area attended the Farm and Forest Fair at the Greencreek Community Hall in April. Eileen Rowan from the ISWCC and Janette Mendenhall from the LSCD presented a "Soils and Geology" station.

Winchester Lake State Park 6th Grade Field Day



The LSCD served the community by organizing and hosting the 49th Annual Sixth Grade Field Day at Winchester Lake State Park. This year, 6th Graders from Prairie, Kamiah, Highland, and St. John Bosco school districts.

Crop Tour

The LSCD partnered with the University of Idaho Extension Office for the Annual Prairie Crop and Conservation Tour in June. A total of 37 people attended.



Future Projects

We will continue to encourage and assist landowners with projects to implement BMP's, have outreach and educational events that focus on protecting the lakes, rivers, forests, and soil of Lewis County.

LSCD will be hosting their 9th Annual Soil Health Workshop on Tuesday, January 24th. Special thanks to ISWCC, NRCS, IASCD and local businesses for the funding to help sponsor this event.

We will continue to have an active information and education program. We will continue to work with the local schools and students, the County Weed Department, and other agencies to encourage the students to obtain the knowledge of the environment around them.

District Operations and Accomplishments

- Met with Lewis County Commissioners to discuss funding.
- Set up a display and funded a small animal trophy for the Lewis County Fair.
- Applied for, presented, and ranked on grants from DEQ, IDL, IWRB.
- Maintain website and Facebook page.

Lewis Soil Conservation District Board of Directors

Jonathan Rosenau	Chairman
Greg Branson	Vice-Chairman
Tyler Nelson	Sec-Treasurer
Drew Leitch	Member
Eric Hasselstrom	Member



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Lewis

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.

For JRB Vice Chair

Board Supervisor Signature

Jonathan W. Rosenau

Printed Name

12/13/2022

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