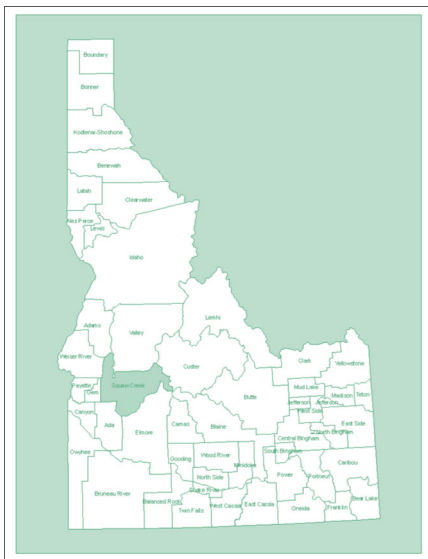


Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District



Significant FY 2022 Projects:

Forestry Tour

Squaw Creek SCD partnered with Idaho Department of Lands, NRCS, and Idaho Tree Farm Program to sponsor the Southwest Idaho Forestry Tour in High Valley on June 8, 2022. The day started with an educational seminar regarding the benefits of forest soils, forest management treatment, risks for uncontrolled noxious weeds, bugs and pests of the forest, wildfire risk reduction, and programs available for private forestry landowners. After lunch, the tour proceeded to the field for a look at the forestry practices and implementations in action.



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Outdoor School

On May 24, 2022, Squaw Creek SCD partnered with the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission and Gem SWCD to sponsor and organize Outdoor School for 120 local fifth grade students at Black Canyon Dam Wild Rose Park.

Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission offered rangeland education through the hands-on I-Room trailer. The US Forest Service participated with their Watershed trailer and matchstick forest fire education. The Safari Club attended with a STEM trailer display on wildlife conservation, Courtney Cosdon with U of I offered soil health education, and Gem and Squaw Creek SWCDs provided smores and a habitat game. Students also toured Black Canyon Dam.



Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Service to the Cooperators
2. Weeds / Urban
3. Rangeland
4. Forest Health
5. District Operations / Information & Ed

FY 2022 Revenue

County Funding	\$ 7,950.00
State Funding	25,149.42
CWMA Funds	948.74
USDA NRCS Funds	86,000.00
Total	\$ 120,048.16

Conservation Project Financial Assistance

The USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is helping producers in the Squaw Creek SCD get conservation projects on the ground. This year 5 EQIP contracts were funded for \$86,000.00. Projects included sprinkler systems, pasture seeding, cross fencing, and streambank protection. EQIP also helps private forestland owners address forest health and wildfire concerns. EQIP pays about half the cost of conservation practices and most contracts are completed in 3 years or less.

Education / Outreach

2022 Theme "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life"



2022 Poster & Speech Contest Winners

First Place winning poster this year came from Ola, Second Place- Garden Valley, Third Place- Horseshoe Bend, HM- Horseshoe Bend, and two HM's- Basin Elementary. Abby Foruria won First place in the District Speech contest and Second place at Division Level.



Squaw Creek SCD actively promotes education and outreach:

- Sponsored 247 fifth grade students from 6 schools within the district to participate in the Poster Contest.
- Hosted District Speech contest.
- Gave away 250 Ponderosa Pine seedlings to students in Sweet, Ola, and the Boise County School District during the Arbor Day observance and educated about conservation through the importance of planting trees.
- Squaw Creek SCD congratulated Loretta Strickland on her promotion as Deputy Administrator ISWCC and presented Stuart and Quintin Nesbit with Cooperators of the Year.

With funds from the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission the District was able to have material published for outreach and education.

No-Till Drill



The Squaw Creek SCD educates and promotes the use of reduce-till farming practices to help conserve and protect organic matter in the soil, reduce erosion, promote biodiversity in and around the soil, and increase water absorption. Last year the drill was used on over 153 acres and by 8 producers in the Gem and Squaw Creek Districts.

Future Plans / Projects

Education and outreach to students and cooperators within the Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District is our number one focus. This includes, but not limited to, the following:

Participation in Stewardship Week, such as Poster & Speech Contests, Arbor Day, Ag Day and other forms of education and information. Planning workshops to inform the general public of the latest technology and a Forestry Tour. Promotion and financial assistance through newsletters, social media, and other forms of media.

The District's 5-year Plan of Work lays-out the priorities, and the district reviews the work plan on a regular basis.

Encourage and assist landowners and operators in installing Best Management Practices through cost-share programs and other financial aids as well as technical support. Continue to apply for grant funding to provide local landowners financial assistance for conservation projects.

The District plans to install a pollinator garden/ outdoor classroom for Ola Elementary School. We also plan to introduce bio-control for noxious weed control in the District for Rush Skeleton Weeds. Our hope is to develop an insectary to be able to distribute the insects to landowners in the District.

The District has a representative on Division and State of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts for policy development, the Boise Forest Coalition for watershed enhancement, five Cooperative Weed Management Areas for program support of weed control, and has members on the Lower Payette Watershed Advisory Group.



Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District

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The District's mission is to be the leading organization for providing action at the local level to promote wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with emphasis on soil and water.

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:

Squaw Creek Soil
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

FY 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.



12/6/22

Board Supervisor Signature

Randy Heffner

Printed Name

December 6, 2022

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