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- 1. Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns
- 2. Insufficient Water
- 3. Soil Quality Degradation
- 4. Inadequate Habitat for fish and Wildlife
- 5. Range and Pasture
- 2021 Revenue
- Federal \$1,010,800.00
- State \$21,197.68
- County \$0.00

RECENT PROJECTS

Local ranch owners and landowners were very concerned about the harmful impact of the 106,000 acre Grassy Ridge wildfire in 2018. The fire burned up valuable native shrub-steppe habitat that provides a home to the sage grouse and big game animals. Additionally it harmed rangelands that local ranchers depend upon for raising cattle and livestock.

In response to the fire, Yellowstone Soil Conservation District officials worked together with 14 local farmers and ranchers. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) officials, Idaho Department of Land Management officials, Bureau of Land Management, Pheasants Forever, Idaho Fish and Game, High Country RC&D officials and other conservation groups put together a plan on creating fuel breaks along county roads to hopefully prevent another major wildfire from occurring in the area.

In the summer of 2021 fuel breaks were sprayed with herbicide on 150 feet on either sides of the roads. County roads such as Red Road, Sand Creek Road, and many miles of two-track primitive roads were sprayed. The areas lie north of the St. Anthony Sand Dunes and immediately to the east of the fire perimeter of Grassy Ridge Fire.

A contractor then mowed the fuel breaks to keep vegetation close to the ground so if a wildfire does occur, firefighting crews can use them as safety zones, access and anchor points for suppressing a wildfire.

The objective is to create 103 miles of fuel breaks, or treat 4,400 acres of land along roadways.

Funding for the project totals to \$167,800 to date. It is expected to take two more years to complete the rest of the mowing.

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PERFORMANCE REPORT CERTIFICATION

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Yellowstone Soil Conserv

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

Nathan Scafe

Printed Name

5/31/23

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: