

CLARK SCD PERFORMANCE REPORT

FY-2023

MISSION STATEMENT:

To take available Technical, Financial and Educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of Soil, Water and related resources. Also, to protect and improve the natural resources in Clark County for landowners to use for generations to come.

IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:

County: 1

Cities: 2

Legislative District(s): 35

Clark Soil Conservation District



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SCD Board Meetings: First Thursday

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Rangeland
2. Water Quality and Quantity
3. Cropland
4. Pasture / Hay land
5. Fish and Wildlife

Conservation dollars spent in Clark County in FY 2023

State Funding	\$ 26,523
County Funding	\$ 7,500
Federal Government funding	\$ 487,722
Landowner Contribution	\$ 240,894
Value of Volunteer Time	\$ <u>20,000</u>
Total	\$ 782,639

Recent Projects

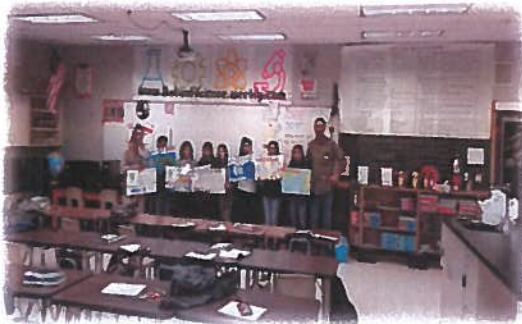
Natural Resource Projects:

- Stock water pipeline and trough projects continue to be funded to deliver water not only to domestic livestock but wildlife as well.
- A fuel reduction project to reduce and control sage brush and grasses that fuel range fires is on-going. This project involves state and federal agencies along with private landowners.
- Projects identified through the LWG that benefit range land continue to be addressed.
- Brush management practices continue to be implemented in Clark County to reduce the threat of range fires and protect Sage Grouse habitat.
- The Conservation District continues to assist the Camas Creek Rangeland Fire Protection Association (CCRFPA) that will reduce the damage and loss of the Counties natural resources because of wildfires.



Jake Owens with the NRCS discusses a fuel reduction project during a recent District sponsored education event.

Educational Programs



Clark SCD sponsored Conservation Poster Contest.

- The Clark SCD sponsors a Conservation Poster contest for 5th and 6th graders at Clark Junior High to educate youth on the importance of conservation of our natural resources. Each year the theme is a different conservation topic.
- The District conducts and sponsors events that educate local producers and landowners to assist them in preserving our natural resources for current and future generations.
- The District continues to support the Clark County School District with its Green House project which benefits all the school district's students.
- The Clark SCD along with four eastern Idaho Conservation Districts that make up conservation team 13 hosted a LWG to determine resource concerns and how to address them.
- The District provides administrative assistance to the NRCS that allows the NRCS to provide more assistance and resources to county producers and ranchers.

Future Projects

Clark SCD continues to focus on the statutory requirement in their annual and 5-Year Plan. Water Quality and Water Resources remains the top resource concern. The Clark SCD will continue to plan and seek funding for programs that promote and educate land owners in the conservation of our natural resources.

Continued efforts will be made with the assistance of the Natural Resource Conservation Service to address, educate and promote the conservation of our natural resources and to promote such practices as Crop Rotations, Stream Bank Restoration, Stock Water Systems, Grazing management, Wildlife Habitat improvements and combating invasive Noxious Weeds.

Our focus will continue to be youth education and conducting educational conservation tours, workshops and local working group planning meetings to gain insight from county leaders and residents to formulate our continuing plan of action concerning natural resource conservation.

Funding from various non-traditional sources is needed to retain the current office level. This includes the Resource Conservation and Development council and administrative fees from potential grants.



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