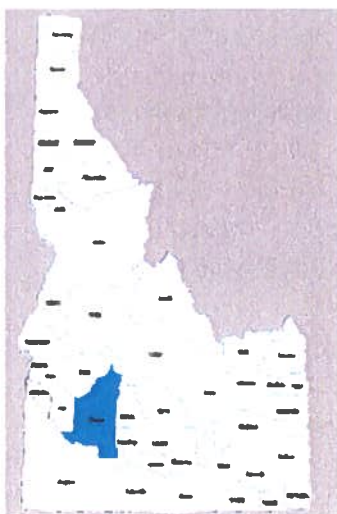


Elmore

Soil & Water Conservation District



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Elmore SWCD meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10:00am at the Mountain Home USDA Service Center.

Top 3-5 Priorities

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

FY 2022-2023 Revenue

- \$ 19,627.02	State
- \$ 8,500.00	County
- \$ <u>275,000.00</u>	WQPA
- \$ 303,127.02	Total

King Hill Irrigation District Hammett Project

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.

KHID applied and was approved WQPA grant through the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC) to provide additional funding for materials for a portion of the canal that services the Hammett area. The new canal will eliminate the water loss that is occurring with the aging canal system.

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. Elmore SWCD & Bruneau River SCD held the LWG meeting on September 6, 2023 at the Pioneer Federal Credit Union building. Several partnering agencies attended the LWG providing resource information in their field of expertise.

Idaho Capital Display Day

Elmore SWCD participated in the Idaho Capital display day January 17, 2023. Our supervisor and admin display our accomplishments for legislators and visitor to view and spoke with legislators regarding needed conservation practices in Elmore County and southwest Idaho.

Elmore SWCD Community Grant

Elmore Soil & Water Conservation District is offering Elmore County landowners a cost share grant to help with habitat restoration, watershed health, soil erosion prevention/control, soil health, water quality, water conservation, and environmental and agricultural education.

9th Grade Conservation Field Day

The 9th Grade Conservation Field Day is held at the Gingrich Farm on the southside of the Snake River near Bruneau. Six stations are set up by presenters who will instruct and provide information in their field. This year's presenters were Bee/Pollution Habitats, Idaho Rangeland, Mountain Home Parks & Rec, Bergh Farms, Elmore County Sheriff/Boat safety. The students participated in hands on activities.

Natural Resource Camp

Student campers will get to work with renowned instructors to gain experience in each of the natural resources, wildlife, forestry, soils, rangeland and water. The student campers will become an expert on our environment, they will get the chance to participate in hands-on labs to apply their knowledge. By the end of the week, the student campers will have a new appreciation for Idaho's natural resources, as well as the knowledge required to manage and preserve them for generations to come. Natural Resource Camp was held June 19th through June 24th, 2023. This year Elmore SWCD provided funding for four student campers to attend NRC. All four participants gave a presentation at the district meeting and stated how much they enjoyed the camp.

Arbor Day

Elmore SWCD participated in Mountain Home Parks & Recreation Arbor Day on April 28th, 2023 at Richard Aguirre Park. Elmore SWCD provided and instructed youth grow a seed in a plastic baggie. The district handed out pollinator seeds, NRCS coloring books and crayons.

Elmore County Fair

Elmore SWCD set up a booth at the Elmore County Fair held in Glens Ferry July 19th through the 22nd, 2023. Elmore SWCD provide pencil, note pads, pollinator seeds packets, and Elmore SWCD informational flyers. Supervisors attended the booth and spoke with fair attendees regarding the district and programs available through NRCS.

Code of the West

Elmore Soil & Water Conservation District partnered with local businesses and agencies created a booklet for current and new residence of Elmore County with information pertaining to resources within Elmore County. The Code of the West resource booklet can be found in local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, city hall USDA Service Center and realtors offices.

Mountain Home Irrigation District

Elmore SWCD will continue to partner with the Mountain Home Irrigation District regarding the canal and tunnel improvements. Elmore SWCD will continue to research irrigation infrastructure grants. The Mountain Home Irrigation canals and tunnels is a significant part of the area water source for local farmers and water recharge for the city of Mountain Home.

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.
- 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 regarding water recharge.