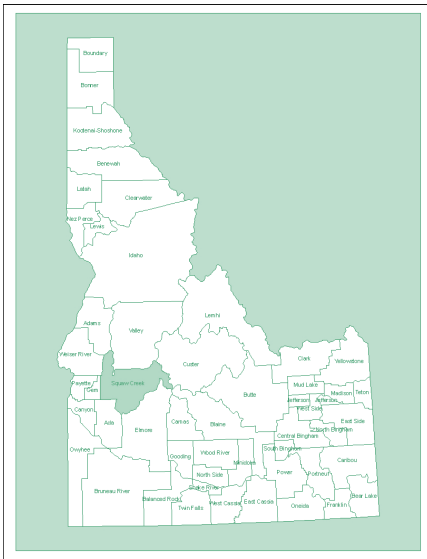


# Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District



## Significant FY 2023 Projects:

### Outdoor School

Squaw Creek SCD collaborated with Gem SWCD and Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission to host outdoor school for 120 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We offered pollinator education and Pollinator seed ball making, Forest Service watershed trailer, Smores and campfire education, fires education by Gem County Fire, Soil Health U of I Ext, Rangeland education, and wildlife conservation with the Safari Club.



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### Squaw Creek SCD Building Restoration

Squaw Creek SCD applied and received the runner-up grant from Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation to begin restoration on the District's historical building. The District plans to preserve the building's rich history that tells our conservation story and plan the building and grounds to be an outreach and educational resource to the public, showcasing conservation practices and the history and purpose of Soil Conservation Districts.



### 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 \$210,000.00 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.

## Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

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

## FY 2023 Revenue

County Funding	\$	8,200.00
State Funding		27,245.28
CWMA Funds		215.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>35,660.28</b>

## Education / Outreach

2023 Theme "One, Water"



### 2023 Poster Contest Winners

First Place, Second Place, Third Place winning posters this year came from Ola



School. Honorable Mention winning posters came from Sweet Elementary and Ola School. The posters went on to compete at Division Level and won First, Second and Third. Hadley Nelson's poster from Ola School then went on and won First Place at State. She will now compete at the National 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.
- Attended the Legislative Social and display Day.
- Squaw Creek SCD congratulated Art Beal as a "True Conservationist" and recognized Tim Gibson as Cooperator of the year.



- Partnered with NRCS and FSA to provide a fair display.
- Purchased 3 garden boxes for Ola School to add to their outdoor classroom, and butterfly and vegetable garden.



### 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 11 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 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.

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

Squaw Creek



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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.