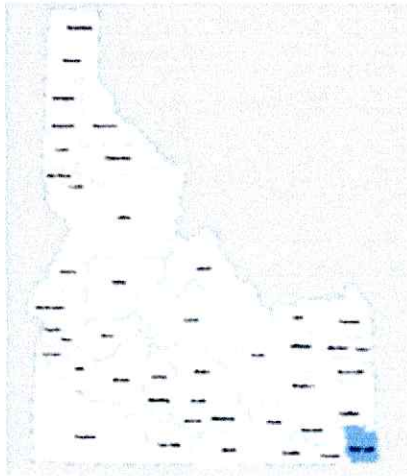




Bear Lake

Soil and Water Conservation District



Top 7 Conservation Priorities

1. Water Quality/Water Quantity
2. Soil Health
3. Urban Interface
4. Rangeland/Pasture
5. District Operations & Public Outreach
6. Fish & Wildlife
7. Woodland

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SWCD Board Meetings: 1st Monday of each month

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 Mark Parker, Supervisor
 James Hardcastle, Supervisor
 Brandee Wells, District Manager of Operations

2024 Project Funds

State Match Funding	\$24,120.89
County Funding	\$12,000.00
Funds Administered	
Highlands CWMA	\$104,684.40
Bear River Nutrient Reduction	\$55,136.05
Bear Lake Water Improvement	\$68,085.27
Dairy Island 319	\$75,151.27
Bear Lake West Irrigation BMP	\$6,617.40
Georgetown Irrigation BMP	\$29,160.16
Geneva Irrigation BMP	\$55,136.05
Pegram/Geneva 319	\$187,491.20
Bloomington Association	\$7,110.00
Arnell, Stucki, Keetch	\$73,411.00
Paris Canyon Pipeline	\$61,965.85
Bern/Liberty Grazing and Streambank	\$125,072.88
St. Charles Irrigation	\$109,000.00
Project totals administered during 2024	\$994,142.32

Educational Programs

- Conducted a Tree Sales Program and awarded 13 Scholarships to graduating Bear Lake Seniors who plan to attend college.
- Held the Annual Tour of Projects and had about 30 people attend, tour 4 different projects and eat lunch.
- Conducted a school day with the local 6th graders to teach them about Forests and invite them to enter the poster contest.
- Hand out seedlings to the local 2nd graders
- Held a Cooperator of the Year Banquet with about 40 people in attendance and awarded 2 plaques

Past Projects...

Bear River Nutrient Reduction Project

The goal of the project is to work on a large ditch to pipe conversion, install a large windbreak, install an off-stream watering system for livestock, and to work on another irrigation system piping project.

Paris Canyon Pipeline

This project provided a livestock watering system to allow livestock to graze in areas that have not been utilized in the past. The cattle used to rely on the open ditch water for drinking while grazing in the summer months.

Bloomington Paris Cattle Association Stock Well

This project drilled a well, installed solar panels, solar pump, installed mailline and water troughs. This project was to help because of the decommissioning of the Paris hydro-electric dam.



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Past Projects continued...

Bear Lake Water Improvement Project

This project was funded in August 2020. This project will focus on an animal Feeding operation with animals contained against a creek and a small spring located in one of the corrals. It will also focus on 2 mainlines and another spring where the cattle are. This year there was improvement on a spring. This project got an extension and will finish up this December

Bear Lake West Irrigation BMP Project

This project will impact the Paris Creek, Ovid Creek, and the Bear River. We did an irrigation diversion and some ditch to pipe conversion. This will help reduce the need to back up the water to such a high level. The producers did some cross fencing and some more ditch to pipe.

Geneva Irrigation and Soil Health BMP Project

This project focused on two irrigation projects, planting of 50 acres cover crop to improve soil health, and fencing off a creek to reduce livestock impacts. This project ends this December.

Georgetown Irrigation Improvement and Livestock BMP Project

This project focused on 2 upgrades to irrigation systems, riparian fencing, Solar Pumping Plan, troughs, and pipeline for a stock water conveyance. This grant will also end this month.

Current Projects...

Highlands CWMA

Highlands CWMA received an ISDA grant. The CWMA held workdays and worked with landowners to spray for noxious weeds with this grant. The CWMA held a spring meeting where they offered continuing education for licensed applicators credits in Afton, WY. It was well attended. They also funded 2 Dyer's Woad days where sports teams picked it as a fund raiser. It was very effective. They also had a helicopter come spray for Phragmites at Bear Lake.

Current Projects Continued...

St. Charles Irrigation Canal System and Water Improvement BMP Project

This grant will work with an irrigation company to put in some diversions with workman gates, upgrade an irrigation system from flood to sprinkler, put in some solar arrays, stock water, and fencing. This project is just getting started with engineering.

Pegram/Geneva Stock water and Irrigation Enhancement 319 Project

This project is focusing on a open ditch to pipe irrigation, troughs, solar power, cover crops, and fencing. This project is just starting with the landowner prepping land for the cover crop.

Arnell, Stucki, and Keetch BMP Project

This project will focus on an irrigation mainline, a wheel line, irrigation guns, pump, solar arrays, and some fencing. This project is in the early stages of work.

Bern Liberty Grazing Management and Streambank Restoration 319 Project

This project is still in the very early stages. This project will focus on some brush management with some hay and pasture planting, cross fencing to help with section feeding, troughs, and some spring development.

Dairy Island 319 Project

This project will focus on reducing TSS and livestock impacts on the Bear River and tributaries through streambank stabilization and improvement with a large diversion structure.

New Project...

Bear Lake 2024 Projects

This project will install mainline and 3 water troughs with a storage tank. Its purpose is to reduce impacts to Calcite Springs and a creek.

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

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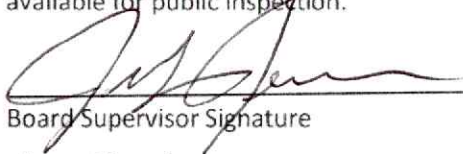
FOR YEAR:
2024

DUE :
December 20, 2024

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

Jennifer Jenson

Printed Name

12/18/2024

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