

# Benewah

Soil and Water Conservation District



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*BSWCD Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month except August and November*

## Top 3 Natural Resource Concerns

*Soil Erosion*

*Degraded Plant Condition*

*Water Quality*

## CY 2024 Gross Revenue

State Funding	\$21,187
Shoshone County Funding	\$1,000
Benewah County Funding	\$4,000
Tree Seedling Sales	\$12,000
IDEQ 319 Grant	<u>\$31,541</u>
<b>Total District Funding</b>	<b>\$69,728</b>

## Conservation Assistance

### ◆ **Moses Mountain Road Sediment Reduction Project (\$195,464.00)**

Work left to complete on this project includes reimbursement and final report. Project accomplishments include:

- The replacement of four undersized and failing culverts
- The installation of three new culverts and perforated pipe to improve drainage
- Rock surfacing of approximately 1,500' of road.

New culverts and rock will reduce sediment and nutrients introduced to Hangman Creek and improve the general road condition.

**Partners are Benewah County Roads, ID Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Funding is provided by ID Dept. of Env. Quality and Benewah County—\$319 Grant Program**



### ◆ **Sheep/Smith Creek Culvert Replacement Project (\$270,998.00)**

This potential project will replace 2 undersized and failing culverts in the Hangman Creek Watershed on Sheep Creek and Smith Creek near Tensed, ID. Bottomless culverts will better accommodate the 100-year flood volumes at these sites as well as allow for fish passage. Additional benefits include reduction in sedimentation containing nitrogen and phosphorous.

**Partners in the planning are ID Soil & Water Commission, Benewah County Roads and the CDA Tribe. Potential funding source from IDEQ as well.**



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## Information, Education & Outreach

- ◆ Participate in **Benewah County Fair** each August with display of district activity. Supplying conservation education for the public.

- ◆ **Field Crop Signs** This year, with the help of FFA students Josiah Dole, Archer Brown-Sonder, Julian Moffitt, Elijah Sifford, Dylan Erickson, and FFA instructor Glenn Sailors, we posted approximately two dozen signs along Hwy 95, Tekoa Hwy, and Lovell Valley Road.



Partners are **Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Lakeside HS FFA, and the USDA Farm Service Agency.**

- ◆ **Modern Homesteading Conference** The District accepted Kootenai-Shoshone's invitation to join their booth at the Modern Homesteaders Conference, June 28th and 29th in Coeur d'Alene. We set up the day before and interacted with hundreds of people at the booth during the conference. The displays were a success with help from Bonner SWCD, and staff from NRCS and ISWCC.

- ◆ The District Manager and ISWCC staff presented the NRCS Rainfall Simulator



and a demonstration of freshwater availability for growing food on the earth. The **Student Camp** was held at Board member Larry Cooke's property and was organized by Benewah County Extension.

## ◆ **St. Joe River Continued Interest in Streambank Restoration**

Previous streambank stabilization projects have sparked interest among adjacent river lot owners in undertaking additional projects. Five additional properties, totaling approximately 400 feet of streambank, are looking to apply rock and plant willows to help stop the erosion and undercutting of the streambank.



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The Benewah SWCD participates in the **Panhandle Seedling Program** which includes the four Districts in the Idaho Panhandle. The program allows us to provide seedlings of diverse species to landowners and planting contractors. Seedlings are offered at an affordable cost for very small purchases or large scale revegetation. This year the District provided 12,000 seedlings for local landowners.

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Board member Sherry Klaus has decided to step down. We appreciate Sherry's service during her time on the board.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & STAFF

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**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Benewah

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

Tim Schaffer

Printed Name

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