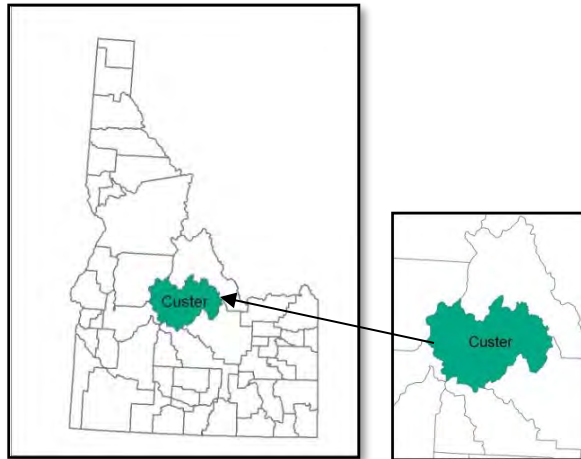


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Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: Second Thursday

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. Water Quantity
3. Endangered Species Act Mandates
4. Urban Development
5. Recreation use impacts

2023-2024 Revenues (not based on audit)

ISWCC - WQPA	\$ 66,760
State Funding - SWC	\$ 23,153
Local Funds For Programs	\$ 7,757
County/Local Funding	\$ 7,000
Federal Grants to Custer SWCD	\$ 534,910
Total Conservation Funding	\$ 639,580
NRCS	\$ 983,568
Landowner Match	\$ 394,000
Total Conservation Funding	\$ 2,017,148

Recent Projects

Conservation and Anadromous Fisheries

Projects:

- Secured funding from ISWCC and completed a third WQPA project to address water conservation and irrigation in Pahsimeroi.
- Completed Phase II design and Phase I implementation of a Habitat Complexity project in the Upper Stanley Basin on Pole Creek to address approximately .8 miles of stream complementing past projects.
- Completed a Monitoring of the County Wetland Mitigation for 2024 with the project showing great recovery of the vegetation.
- Completed design and consultation for passage barrier removal on Road Creek with an October 2024 implementation schedule planned.
- Coordinating with NRCS to completed one PCSRF fencing and stock-water project on the Salmon River and BPA funded stock-water and fencing project on Morgan Creek through assistance from NRCS/EQIP.
- Continued work with a landowner to improve fish passage on Warm Springs.

Results: Improved spawning, in-stream habitat and flow and removal of two passage barriers.





Annual 5th Grade Tour: Josh Chapman and Katie Waterton presenting Soils to 5th Grade students.

Educational Programs

- Sponsored the 5th and 6th grade poster contest for 61 students from Challis Elementary.
- Worked with the High School to encourage the Speech contest.
- Held an annual 5th grade tour reaching approximately 27 students and three parents. This included a tour of a seed potato and grain farm to increase student's knowledge about agriculture. IDFG, NRCS and the U of I Participated.
- Co-sponsored Ag Week for Challis including a farm tour and hands on activities for each class.
- Sponsored Two Natural Resource Awareness Days each for ages K-3rd and the second day for 4th-6th grades. Logging, mining, road and bridge maintenance, range management, agriculture and public lands management were all components of this year's event.
- Sponsored 4th grade class Bread in a Bag.
- Positions were open for three district supervisors and secured three incumbents for the positions.
- Held a town hall meeting and played an active role with the NRCS's Local Working Group prioritization process.
- Hosted the IASCD Division VI meeting in Challis in April of 2024.



5th Grade Students during the Conservation tour.

Providing action and information at the local level for promoting wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with an emphasis on soil and water.

Future Projects

Custer Soil and Water Conservation District continues to focus on the statutory requirement in their annual and 5-Year Plan. Water Quality and Water Quantity are the top resource concern in addition to the Endangered Species Act implications which are often intertwined with water quality and quantity.

Custer SWCD applied for, and received funding from the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission from their Water Quality for Agriculture program that will be implemented fall 2024 or early spring 2025.

The Custer SWCD will continue to work with willing landowners to address agricultural projects related to fish recovery by addressing flows, fish barriers and stream restoration projects.

Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation and Office of Species Conservation (PCSRF) continue to be important funding sources for the district's projects. Secured four grants from PCSRF for fish recovery projects.

We have installed Phase I of Pole Creek and reviewed the draft design phase II of a Habitat in-stream improvement on Pole Creek in the upcoming year.

An active youth information, education and outreach program will continue to be a focus of the Custer SWCD.



Pole Creek Stream Complexity Project 2024

Board of Supervisors & Staff

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Julia Piva, Vice Chairman
Dale Olson, Secretary
Tori O'Neal, Treasurer
Ryan Hughes, Member
Karma Bragg, Office/Project Manager

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Custer Soil and Water
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2023/2024

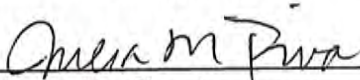
DUE :

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

Julia Piva, Vice Chairman

Printed Name

October 7, 2024

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