

OWYHEE CONSERVATION DISTRICT



FY 2024 Accomplishments

WQPA Grant Projects

The completed WQPA project in 2024 was converting forty-two acres from flood to sprinkler irrigation comprising two pivots. The project will immediately benefit Jump Creek and the Jump Creek sub watershed by reducing sediment and nutrient loss. This project was in partnership, and co-funded, by a WQPA grant and the landowner.

Our other 2024 WQPA project, which was still being completed by the end of the fiscal year, was replacing approximately 4,500 feet of dilapidated concrete ditch. The ditch was installed in 1967, which was estimated to have a life span of 30 years. Reynolds Creek Irrigation District plans to continue changing the broken concrete ditch to a buried pipeline. The project was funded by WQPA, Owyhee Watershed Council, and the Reynolds Creek Irrigation District.

Junior Livestock Sales

OCD continued support of the local FFA Chapters by purchasing \$2,334 of livestock at the Owyhee Livestock Sale at the Owyhee County Fair in August. We are always excited to support the community directly with our ability to help keep kids engaged with the ag lifestyle.

Natural Resource Camp

The Natural resource camp resumed this year through the University of Idaho extension office. We offered tuition payment for age-appropriate students who applied to attend. We had two take us up on the offer. Both really enjoyed the experience and learned a few things about nature and conservation practices. We appreciate the value of getting kids out in nature early, understanding the role they can play in conservation. We were excited to invest in two students in this way!

FY 2024

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OCD Board Meetings:
2nd Thursday each month
Hours 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Email: alib.ocd@gmail.com

Top Priorities

1. Water Quality
2. District Operations
3. Outreach & Education
4. Soils, Rangeland, Riparian & Crop

FY 2024 Revenue

Owyhee County	\$4,500.00
ISWCC	\$26,537.00
OTHER /GRANT	\$13,000.00
TOTAL	\$44,037.00

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Education/Outreach

Ag Scholarship Award

OCD awarded four students with scholarships. Each received \$1,000 to further their ag based education.

Ag Equipment Made Available to Land Users

OCD owns an OTECO Track Filler and a Verminator. These are available for a low rental fee to any who is in need.

Owyhee Fair Display

OCD participated in the August fair with a display educating attendees about the Juniper abatement programs. We also displayed our Verminator and OTECO for the entirety of the fair to see and observe to garner more widely spread knowledge about its availability and effectiveness!

Annual Pesticide Class

The annual pesticide recertification class and farmer appreciation luncheon was held in December 2023.

Summer Tour

OCD hosted a public tour located at the Josephine Creek Ranch for our summer tour. We learned about the continuing Juniper eradication project they have been working on. They partnered with the NRCS to eradicate junipers on the ranch. Finding a rattlesnake was the highlight of the tour!



Future Projects

- Enhance environmental and agricultural outreach to youth and adults through a variety of projects
- Host an instructional booth at Owyhee Dam Days
- Host a summer tour
- Continue to award ag scholarships
- Host annual pesticide class
- Homedale Library Story time
- Homedale Library Teens & Tweens

OWYHEE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Andrea McRae, Chairman

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION <u>PERFORMANCE</u> <u>REPORT</u> <u>CERTIFICATION</u>	DISTRICT: Dwyhee Conservation
	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.

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Board Supervisor Signature

Andrea McKae

Printed Name

12-19-2024

Date

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