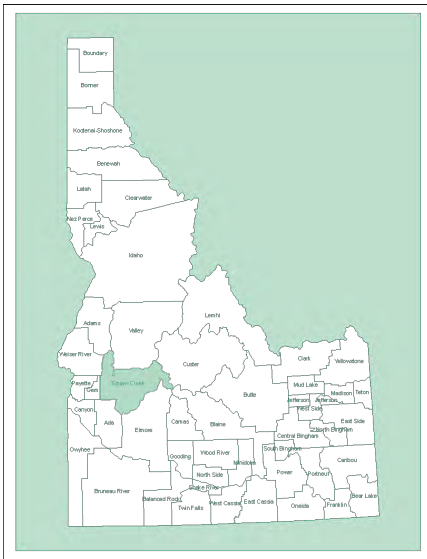


# Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District



## Significant FY 2024 Projects:

### WQPA Irrigation Improvement Grant



The Squaw Creek Streambank Improvement Project treated 3 sites of eroding streambank on Squaw Creek in Ola, Idaho, for a total of 460ft of improved streambank and 530ft of riparian fencing installed. This project decreased sediment load by 51 tons per year, nitrogen by 163lbs per year, and phosphorus by 82lbs per year.

### Outdoor School

In the Spring of 2024, the district partnered with the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission and Gem SWCD to sponsor 5th grade Outdoor School at Black Canyon Dam. The students had the opportunity to tour the dam, hands-on watershed education with the US Forest Service, US Forest Service wildlife education, Archaeology spear throwing with the US Forest Service, Soil health education with NRCS and U of I extension, fire education with Gem County Fire Dept and US Forest Service, rangeland education with IRRC, and they finished the day with campfire safety education and s'more making.



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## 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	\$	8,025.00
State Funding		25,466.84
CWMA Funds		2,886.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,378.09</b>

### Squaw Creek SCD Building Restoration

The District's building's history as a former Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) building at Black Canyon Dam, has been a priority through its recent rehabilitation and were grateful for ASAP Construction's expertise and time to repurpose and define the buildings unique historical attributes. The building's awning was constructed with repurposed cedar lumbar saved from the interior office demolition. The barn doors were also preserved from the interior of the building. The district is in the processes of securing more grant funding to complete the proposed interior office rehab project and hope to offer the space for conservation education and outreach purposes in the future.

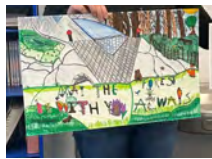


## Education / Outreach

2024 Theme “May the Forest be with you Always.”

### 2024 Poster Contest

First Place, Second Place, Third Place winning posters this year came from Ola School. Honorable Mention winning posters came from Ola School. 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 recognized Vaughn Spiker as Co-operator of the year for his conservation efforts and streambank restoration project.



- Partnered with NRCS and FSA to provide a fair display.
- Delivered soil to fill garden boxes for Ola School to add to their outdoor classroom, 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.**



### Board of Supervisors and Staff

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William Pratt, Supervisor

Mike Fry, Associate    Leanne Buck, Admin Asst.

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.

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**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:** Squaw Creek SCD

**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



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