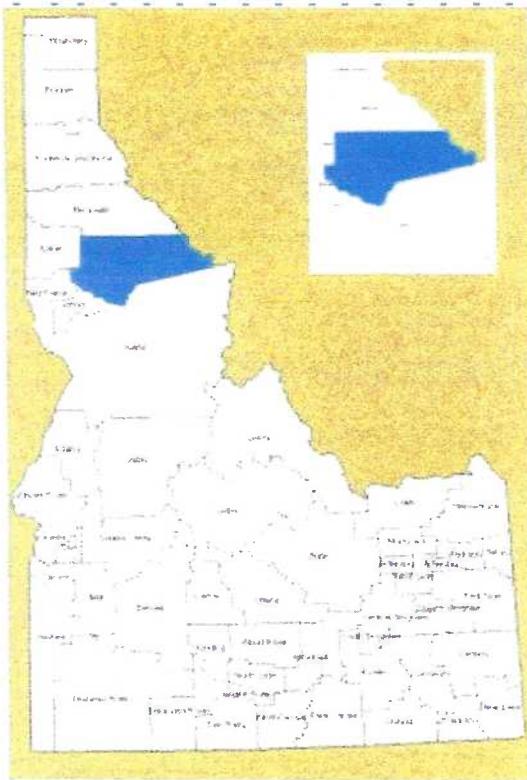


Clearwater

Soil and Water Conservation District Performance Report for FY- 2025



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Legislative District-One

Clearwater County:

Private Lands	479,959
Federal Lands	864,088
State Lands	252,078
Tribal Lands	11,078
Total	1,607,201 acres

<u>FY 2025 Revenue:</u>	State (ISWCC)	\$47,051.64
	County Gov't	10,000.00
	Corporate Donation	10,000.00
	Grants	597,399.86
	Other	4,740.00
		\$669,191.50

Clearwater County is 94% forest-lands. In our grants we will continue to focus, along with our partners, Idaho Department of Lands, ID Department of Environmental Quality, PotlatchDeltic, and private landowners, on Forestry and Cropland Best Management Practices (BMP's), to improve habitat, water quality, fish passage, and sediment and temperature reduction in Class I & II Clearwater River tributaries.

Mission:

To provide local leadership to educate and assist the public on the wise stewardship and management of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources, and to promote strong conservation partnerships to find practical, economical solutions to natural resource problems and coordinate their implementation.

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Major Projects

The Clearwater District had another successful construction season. We partnered with the Clearwater Highway District to replace a failing structure on Jim Fords Creek with a new 65 ft bridge, partly funded by an IWRB grant. This project required a large crane to place one of the bridge components that weighed 30,000 pounds.

On the E.Fork Potlatch River, east of Bovill, we partnered with PotlatchDeltic, and L&S Construction (Kendrick) to replace a large culvert that was undersized and a fish passage barrier, with a 35 ft bridge. ID fish and Game headed up the fish salvage. In this small work site, they saved 18 steelhead, many Sculpin, crayfish, Western Pearlshell Mussels and hundreds of young Pacific Lamprey. This was funded by a Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Grant.

With our partner, PotlatchDeltic, we also replaced a large undersized and flood damaged fish passage culvert at the lower end of Casey Meadows just off of the Silver Creek Road, funded partly by an IWRB Flood grant.

We are continuing our efforts to pave the last few miles of the Musselshell Road. We used a RAC Grant to work on components like Cultural Studies (complete) and working out the easements across State lands that will make the application for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds more likely to succeed.

The District worked on important fuels reduction in and around the Lolo Creek drainage. With funds from a WSMF grant, we worked with six private landowners to complete much-needed fuels reduction on their properties in an area with a recent history of destructive wildfires. We are continuing this process with another grant and with additional landowners.

We are continuing work on projects on the East Fork of Potlatch River, aided by PCSRF, PCEI, AmeriCorps, and IDL, grants and assistance. We are working on the East Fork to help increase stream diversity and to re-water the riparian areas with the use of PALS (Post Assisted Log Structures) and BDAs (Beaver Dam Analogs)

In the Elk River area, we will be continuing our effort to replace undersized and failing culverts near where Partridge Creek enters Elk River, with a concrete box bridge. We have completed the survey, design, and cultural survey and are continuing with our Forest Service partner to complete funding and implementation of the replacement structure.

On Silver Creek Road, near Headquarters, we will be working with our PotlatchDeltic and IDL partners to replace 2 large, complicated fish passage crossings of Alder and Casey creeks. These involve large (10 ft+) culverts in deep fill and construction of an extensive and difficult to build detour.

These projects, along with several others in progress, are among the continuing efforts of Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District to promote conservation in Clearwater County.

Goal #1: Watershed Health- Improve Water Resources and Water Quality in Clearwater County

Objective: Address priority stream resource concerns.

Action Plan:

Continue partnerships with PotlatchDeltic, Idaho Department of Lands, NRCS, public agencies and private landowners for implementing BMP's to improve water quality and fisheries habitat and sediment reduction; with major culvert replacement, forestry, cropland and other projects in the Clearwater drainage.

Value: By maintaining a strong bond with our partners, we can collaborate with multiple agencies and focus our grants on specific BMP's for water quality and agriculture production.

Measurable Results (2025):

- Worked with PotlatchDeltic to complete the **Casey Creek Culvert Replacement** Project that replaced an undersized, fish barrier culvert, and partly funded by an IWRB Flood Management Grant.
- Completed a **Conservation Innovation Grant** from NRCS to work with producers in the Weippe area to do field trials with cover crops and manure to improve soils and reduce the use of chemical fertilizers.
- Partnered with the Clearwater Hwy District to replace a failing culvert with a bridge on **Jim Ford Creek**, using IWRB Flood Funding to purchase the 65'prefabricated bridge.
- Partnered with PotlatchDeltic on the **East Fork of the Potlatch River Bridge above Mallory Creek**. This project replaced an undersized fish barrier culvert with a bridge.
- Worked with PotlatchDeltic to complete the first of 3 problematic culverts on the Silver Creek Road, under the **Alder Cr Culvert Replacement 319 project** through IDEQ
- Began work on a second phase of PALS and BDAs to improve steelhead habitat in the EF Potlatch.

Goal #2: Continue to address Hazard Mitigation issues with the Community Hazard Mitigation Team.

Objective: Focus on strengthening the Fire Wise Community on forested lands. Decrease the effects of flooding by replacing undersized and failing stream crossings.

Action Plan:

- Further develop a continuous workable Fire Wise program in conjunction with the Community Hazard Mitigation Team and the State Fire Wise program manager.
- Work with City and State entities to educate landowners on available programs that assist with the cost associated in fuel load reduction.
- Maintain an active presence on the Community Hazard Mitigation Board for input on fuel reduction measures, and restorative actions.
- Continue to work with private landowners on the Lolo Creek Fuels Reduction project to reduce fire risk on their properties.

Value: By partnering with the Hazard Mitigation Team in communications and planning efforts, the District will be more prepared and better informed regarding our valuable contributions towards soil and water conservation issues on forest, farm and rural/urban interface lands.

Measurable Results (2023):

- Completed work with 6 landowners in the Lolo Creek area to reduce fuels on 120 acres through a WSFM grant from IDL and the USFS.
- Assisted PotlatchDeltic and the local highway district on projects to replace flood prone and problematic stream crossings on their roads.

Goal #3: Community Outreach

Objective: Actively promote youth education in natural resources and encourage landowner participation in managing private resources using educational, hands-on forums.

Action Plan:

- Actively work with the U of I Extension and others, to conduct a variety of workshops and educational opportunities addressing issues of concern to local landowners in Clearwater County
- Co-Sponsor and participate in the Sixth Grade Forestry and Nature Resource Tour
- Participate in the Fourth grade - Earth Day Outdoor Classroom
- Participate and collaborate with groups on local natural resource issues as requested
- Assume responsibility for ownership, management, and monitoring use of a watershed trailer constructed as a senior project last year by two OHS students . This project is funded through the US Forest Service and the Clearwater Economic Development Association. The intent is to have the watershed trailer available for multiple agencies and organizations, including the CSWCD and other area Conservation Districts, to work with schools and educational programs across North Central Idaho.

Value: By being active in the community we show strong support for conservation initiatives as well as education of the public and our youth.

Measurable Results:

- Increased involvement in natural resource programs of community youth and home school groups.
- Continued work on the "watershed trailer". The watershed Trailer will be a tool to teach all ages about erosion, water-road interaction, floodplains, and best management practices.
- Increased participation in District sponsored/partnered workshops i.e.: weed clinics, soil clinics, pasture management, and forest management, etc.
- Increased outreach to youth and others through the use of the watershed trailer. The Clearwater SWCD will schedule and track use of the trailer, as well as tracking the number and age group of students reached.

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Clearwater

FOR YEAR:

2025

DUE :

December 20, 2025

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.

Michael Hoffman

Board Supervisor Signature

Michael Hoffman - Supervisor

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12/18/2025

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