

# Elmore

## Soil & Water Conservation District



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Elmore SWCD meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at

### Top 3-5 Priorities

1. Water
2. Soil
3. Rangeland
4. Outreach

### FY 2024-2025 Revenue

-	\$ 28,334.45	State
-	\$ 8,500.00	County
-	\$247,500.00	WQPA
-	\$284,334.45	Total

### Local Working Group

The Local Working Group is a valuable part of the NRCS planning process and provides an opportunity for local agency, landowners and managers to be part of a collaborative effort to improve natural resources within the Elmore SWCD and Bruneau River SCD. The LWG reviews performance of the past year's projects, help shape plans and priorities for projects, connect with partners and learn about other NRCS programs. Elmore SWCD & Bruneau River SCD held the LWG meeting on September 3, 2025, at the Pioneer Federal Credit Union building. Several partnering agencies attended the LWG providing resource information in their field of expertise.

### Idaho Legislative Social and Display

Elmore SWCD participated in the Idaho Legislative Social and display in Boise on January 20, 2025. Our supervisors and admin displayed our accomplishments of the past year for legislators and spoke with legislators regarding needed conservation practices in Elmore County and southwest Idaho.

### Elmore SWCD Community Grant

Elmore Soil & Water Conservation District is offering Elmore County landowners a cost share grant to help with habitat restoration, watershed health, soil erosion prevention/control, soil health, water quality, water conservation, and environmental and agricultural education. The supervisors have approved four projects this year; an irrigation pod system, seeding a multi-species dryland forage mix, seeding to help restore an Elk habitat, irrigation system for fruit bearing trees and stock water system.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Field Day

The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Field Day was held at the Gingrich Farm on the southside of the Snake River near Bruneau. Six stations are set up by presenters who instructed and provided information regarding their field of expertise. This year's presenters were Idaho Rangeland Management, Mountain Home Parks & Rec, Elmore County 4-H, Elmore County U of I Extension, Elmore County Sheriff water safety, Wild Spaces Farms. The students participated in hands on activities.

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## **Natural Resource Camp**

Student campers work with renowned instructors to gain experience in each of the natural resources, wildlife, forestry, soils, rangeland and water. The student campers get the chance to participate in hands-on labs to apply their knowledge. By the end of the week, the student campers have a new appreciation for Idaho's natural resources, as well as the knowledge required to manage and preserve them for generations to come. Natural Resource Camp was held June 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This year Elmore SWCD partnered with Elmore County Sportsman and provided funding for 21 student campers to attend NRC.

## **Arbor Day/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day**

Elmore SWCD participated in Mountain Home Parks & Recreation Arbor Day on April 25, 2025, at Richard Aguirre Park. Elmore SWCD provided and instructed youth planting a seed in a clear plastic cup. The district handed out pollinator seeds, and NRCS coloring books and crayons.

Elmore SWCD provided a hand-on activity that showed 300 4<sup>th</sup> graders to make a garden in a cup. The district provided the material to plant seeds in a cup to grow at home and then to plant in a home garden.

## **Elmore County Fair**

Elmore SWCD set up a booth at the Elmore County Fair held in Glenns Ferry July 14<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Elmore SWCD provide pencil, note pads, pollinator seeds packets, and Elmore SWCD informational flyers. Supervisors attended the booth and spoke with fair attendees regarding the district and programs available through NRCS.

## **Code of the West**

Elmore Soil & Water Conservation District partnered with local businesses and agencies created a booklet for current and new residence of Elmore County with information pertaining to resources within Elmore County. The Code of the West resource booklet can be found in local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, city hall USDA Service Center and realtors offices.

## **King Hill Irrigation District**

### **Cold Springs**

The KHID's Pump and Piping Project from Cold Springs to King Hill includes the installation of new pumping stations along the Snake River, conveying water in pipelines (closed conduit) to the irrigation turnouts. These improvements will eliminate tail water and canal operational spills, evaporation, infiltration losses and eliminate the canal systems. By strategically locating pump stations, the piped delivery shortens the overall delivery length of the system. The project is expected to improve conveyance water efficiency by 35 percent. The 35 percent improvement is based on measured losses between the diversion pumping plant and the irrigated area.

KHID applied and was approved WQPA grant through the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC) to provide additional funding for materials for a portion of the canal that services the Cold Springs area. The new canal will eliminate the water loss that is occurring with the aging canal system.

## **Elmore SWCD's goals**

Enhance environmental outreach efforts to youth and adults.

Assist Elmore County with comprehensive planning for wise land use and to reduce and prevent surface and ground water pollution. Promote measures to reduce wildfire hazards to forests and rangelands.

Assist landowners in efforts to improve their soil and water management techniques.

Work with Elmore County on the new state legislation under the Idaho Local Land Use Planning "Agriculture Protection Area Act".

Working with Mountain Home Parks & Rec with the community garden located at North 3<sup>rd</sup> East and McMurtrey Road, near the walking path.

We will have a booth shared with NRCS & FSA at the Elmore County Fair.

Code of the West - provides new residents with booklet on resources in Elmore County.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:** Elmore Soil & Water  
Conservation District

**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.



Board Supervisor Signature

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Printed Name

**December 19, 2025**

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