

# Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District



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SCD Board Meetings: First Tuesday at 1:00PM  
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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 2025 Revenue

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

## Significant FY 2025 Projects: State Ag BMP Irrigation Improvement Grant



Squaw Creek SCD recently sponsored an irrigation improvement center pivot project on 48-acres in Sweet, Idaho on Squaw Creek. The irrigation improvement center pivot project will increase irrigation efficiency to 85-90%. The project also reduces sediment by 67 tons per

year, nitrogen by 215 lbs per year, and phosphorus reductions at 108 lbs per year. Eliminating tail water also positively impacts temperature in the downstream receiving bodies of water into Squaw Creek which then feeds into Black Canyon Reservoir.

## Outdoor School

Last May, the district co-sponsored Outdoor School with Gem SWCD, and Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission for 200, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. It was a fun filled day with demonstrations and presentations with the US Forest Service who had rotations on Wildlife, Fire, Archeology, and the Watershed trailer. We also had the NRCS and U of I Extension for Soil Health, S'more and campfire safety and pollinator education with Squaw Creek SCD, ISWCC, and NRCS, a tour of Black Canyon Dam, Rangeland Education with IRRC, and the Gem County Fire Dept. for fire education.



## SW Idaho Forestry Tour

The Squaw Creek SCD partnered with Idaho Department of Lands, the Idaho Tree Farm Program, and Natural Resource Conservation Service, to host the Southern Idaho Forestry Tour in Idaho City with presentations from the Tree Farm Program, The Idaho Department of Lands Forestry Assistance Program and the Natural Resource Conservation service (NRCS) forestry projects available through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Boise County Fuels Reduction Programs, the National Forest Foundation Programs, and a presentation called Bugs and Crud and Silviculture, about common pests and diseases in a forestry stand and IDL Forest Health Program. The tour proceeded to the Flat Fire burn and the Endowment Spanish Terrace Timber Sale-Thinning and Residual Stocking presentation and a tree planting demo, tree identification, and Bugs and Crud demo with the U of I.



## Education / Outreach

### 2025 Theme "Home is Where the Habitat is."

#### 2025 Poster Contest

Last spring, Squaw Creek SCD sponsored their annual Poster contest for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Sweet, Ola, Horsehoe Bend, Garden Valley, Lowman, and Idaho City. The theme was "Home is Where the Habitat is". This year's winning poster contestants came from Ola School, Horsehoe Bend School, and Sweet Elementary.



#### 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 Alan Darnell as Cooperator of the year for his conservation efforts as contractor on numerous streambank repairs.



- Partnered with NRCS and FSA to provide a fair display.
- Seeded the Squaw Creek SCD building property with a dryland grass blend.

#### 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 by 9 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:

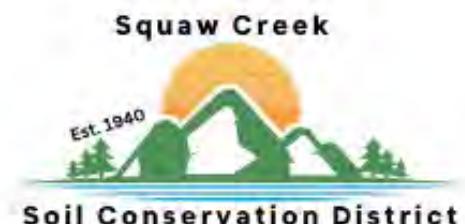
Participation in Stewardship Week, such as Poster & Speech Contests, Arbor Day, Ag Day and other forms of education and information. Planning workshops to inform the general public of the latest technology and a Forestry Tour. Promotion and financial assistance through newsletters, social media, and 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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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.

<b>IDAHO SOIL &amp; WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b> <b><u>PERFORMANCE</u> <u>REPORT</u> <u>CERTIFICATION</u></b>	<b>DISTRICT:</b> Squaw Creek SCD
	<b>FOR YEAR:</b> FY2025
	<b>DUE :</b> <b>December 20, 2025</b>

## 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

Deborah Carlock-Newton

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12/2/2025

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