

**CAMAS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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FIVE-YEAR RESOURCE CONSERVATION BUSINESS PLAN

Fiscal Year 2021

JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2025

Foreword

The Camas Conservation District is one of 50 Conservation Districts in Idaho. Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Districts are political subdivisions of state government but are not state agencies. Conservation Districts are charged with carrying out a program for the conservation, use and development of soil, water, and other natural resources.

Conservation Districts are the primary entities to provide assistance to private landowners and land users in the conservation, sustainment, improvement and enhancement of Idaho's natural resources. They are catalysts for coordinating and implementing conservation programs, channeling expertise from all levels of government into action at the local level. Programs are non-regulatory; science-based technical assistance, incentive-based financial programs and informational and educational programs at the local level.

Both by legislation and by agreement the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance to landowners and land users through Conservation Districts. Each Conservation District in Idaho has a signed Mutual Agreement with the Secretary of Agricultural and the Governor of Idaho that establishes a framework for cooperation.

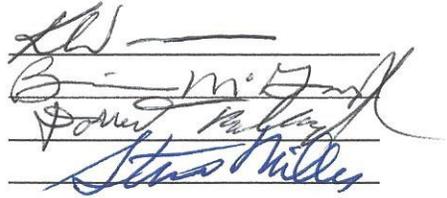
This Annual Plan/Five-Year Resource Conservation Business Plan was developed not only to guide the Conservation District, but also to encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, and elected officials. Through knowledge and cooperation, all concerned can ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations in the Camas Conservation District.

This document identifies the resource needs in the Conservation District and presents a resource conservation action plan for meeting those needs.

Certificate of Adoption

The Board of elected supervisors of the Camas Soil Conservation District this 17th day of March, 2020 do hereby approve the following document known as the Resource Conservation Business Plan. This Plan will be in effect for a five-year period ending June 30, 2025 during which time it will be updated annually and/or amended, as necessary.

As evidence of our adoption and final approval, we do hereby affix our signatures to this document.

Handwritten signatures of the board members: Kevin Wear, Bonnie McGough, Forrest Ballard, and Steve Miller.

Chairman, Kevin Wear
Vice Chairman, Bonnie McGough
Treasurer, Forrest Ballard
Supervisor, Steve Miller

Supporting Idaho Conservation Partners;

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission
Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts



Five-Year Resource Conservation Plan Business Plan (2020 to 2025) Camas Conservation District



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Organization of the Camas Conservation District

A political subdivision of the State of Idaho – authorities, powers and structure contained in Soil Conservation District Law, Title 22, Chapter 27, Idaho Code

- Organized in 1957 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and uses within the Camas CD boundary.
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Function of the Camas Conservation District

To make available technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

Who We Serve & Why

- The people and natural resources in the Camas CD, to conserve the natural resources for the beneficial and sustainable use by all.
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Mission of the Camas Conservation District

- To set high standards for conservation of the natural resources in the District. To encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, and selected officials. Through knowledge and cooperation, all concerned can ensure adequate natural resource base for present and future generations in the Camas CD. Camas CD is dedicated to multiple land use and promotion of human and species preservation for sustainable populations for present and future generations.
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Vision of the Camas Conservation District

- The vision of the Camas CD includes implementing our standards and goals with a progressive outlook on our ever-changing community. We hope to continually educate our peers and children about conservation practices and provide the means for public involvement in all aspects of conservation practices. We strive to establish a strong, proactive Conservation District, providing resource leadership and assistance to land owners/users within the District with independent fund sources capable of sustaining staff and programs on a continual basis.
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Values of the Camas Conservation District

- Sustainable use of natural resources
 - Support for agriculture activity that uses sustainable and economically feasible practices
 - Value and respect for the Idaho Conservation Partnership
 - Conservation education for adults and youth
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Natural Resource Priorities and Goals

1. WATER QUALITY

To improve ground and surface water quality in Camas County by conservation planning, funding, and promote implementation of Best Management Practices to control erosion and improve nutrient management.

2. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- Conservation District cooperator addresses and files will be updated.
- Annually conduct youth environmental education programs and increase participation in, (including but not limited to) Little City of Rocks 5th grade outdoor workshop, "Bug Crew", seek and sponsor a local high school Envirothon Team, Ag in the Classroom, Land and Soil Evaluation Event, Fifth grade poster contest, Idaho State Forestry Contest,.
- Annually provide an information booth at State legislature and county fair and conduct an Arbor Day Open House.
- Target landowners and operators in priority conservation areas and encourage participation in EQIP and other Farm Bill programs to use conservation measures to solve resource issues.
- Continue to support SCIPE (South Central Idaho's Precipitation Enhancement Program)

3. SOIL EROSION

- Conservation Partners provide and/or determine need for windbreak projects and continue to assist with District priorities.
- Provide assistance to landowners and land users to plan, develop, and implement soil conservation plans.
- Target landowners and operators in priority sheet and rill or wind erosion areas and encourage participation in EQIP and other Farm Bill programs to use conservation measures to reduce sheet and rill or wind erosion.

4. RANGELAND

- To improve range land trends and condition within the District.
- Promote biological noxious weed control utilizing the Southern Idaho Biological Control (SIBC) program and work with the Camas Weed Superintendent.
- Seek NRCS technical assistance for private landowners in order to develop grazing plans.
- Promote rangeland health and condition to provide essential habitat for wildlife and ESA candidate species where applicable.
- Continue development of rangeland health and specifically address the Greater Sage Grouse habitat and provide a base for coordination with federal agencies on land management plans.
- Promote development of Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA)

5. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

- Make available 5 Year Plans, Annual Reports and budget as needed for federal and state agency assistance.
 - Provide information to landowners on current environmental issues.
 - Provide the opportunity for supervisors to complete supervisor training.
 - Complete effective and efficient operations including accounting, personnel management, training and development, annual planning and reporting.
 - Be in cooperation with Conservation Districts to develop and carry out an effective legislative outreach program to ensure 100% State matching funds for all Districts with economic increases in base funding.
 - Conduct Conservation District elections 2nd Tuesday in November (even years).
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Camas Creek Sub basin

Trends Impacting Conservation in the Camas Conservation District

- Urban impact on agriculture production
- Growth in agricultural areas
- Increasing small acreage farms, five acres or less
- Limited availability of funds for conservation
- Focus on water quality compared to other conservation and environmental issues
- Trend to regulate agriculture and ranching
- Loss of technical assistance from ISWCC and NRCS
- Lowering of ground water table

Strategies to Address Trends

- Increase educational efforts targeted to outreach
- Identify opportunities to coordinate outreach activities with traditional and non-traditional partners.
- Raising awareness of conservation values with state legislature and elected officials – help decision makers be better informed
- Strengthen locally led efforts
- Supervisors to become more informed on current issues impacting working lands, Farm Bill programs, Information from agencies instead of Partnership for leadership
Expand assistance to County Planning and Zoning issues impacting natural resources.
- Encourage CCWMA, map noxious and invasive weeds to more effectively target weed control efforts
- Establish a data base to track resource conditions
- Host an open house to make public aware of goals
- Solicit input to improve Annual Plan/Five-Year Resource Conservation Business Plan
- Take a proactive approach to funding water delivery systems on irrigated cropland
- Identify information methods to communicate with small land owners
- Sponsor project proposals with other districts
- Conservation training for District Supervisors and staff

Staffing Needs

- Conservation District Administrative Assistant
- Conservation District Technician

Annual Budget Needs

- Enter a summary of the annual budget needed to carry out the plan of the Camas Conservation District based on the above information.

Key Decision Makers

- Citizens in Conservation District

- Conservation District Supervisors :Kevin Wear-Chairman, Bonnie McGough-Vice Chairman, Forrest Ballard-Treasurer, Steve Miller, Administrative Assistant- Dominique Kramer
- County Planning and Zoning: Dwight Butlin - Administrator, Jerry Nelson - Chairman, Jeff Kreyszig, Chuck Baldwin, Ron Chapman
- County Commissioners: Marshall Ralph, Travis Kramer, Galen Colter, Korri Blodgett - Clerk
- City of Fairfield Elected Officials : Terry Lee- Mayor, Tyler Ballard-Council President, Barbara Cutler, John Pine, Doug Hoskinson, Mickey Dalin - City Clerk/Treasurer
- State legislators representing Conservation District: Michelle Stennett, Muffy Davis, Sally Toone
- U.S. Senators, Representatives and Staff
- Chamber of Commerce
- Technical Expertise: NRCS Field and Soil Office, County Weed Management-Terry Lee, County Extension Office- Extension Educator-Cindy Kinder, Secretary/ 4-H Program manager- Connie Funkhouser, Southern Idaho Biological Control, Disaster Service Coordinator- David Sanders

Priority Actions – 6 Months

Action	Begin Date	End Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board of Supervisor review of Annual Plan/Five-Year Resource Conservation Business Plan priorities, actions, and public comment 	07/2020	06/2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete written update of Annual Plan/Five-Year Resource Conservation Plan 	07/2020	06/2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify budget and staff needs 	07/2020	06/2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop, adopt and submit annual budget 	07/2020	06/2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adopt and submit Annual Plan/Five-Year Resource Conservation Business Plan 	07/2020	06/2025	

Annual Plan of Work

2021

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Treasurer: Forrest Ballard
Supervisor:
NRCS DC: Derek Romer

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Administrative Assistant: Dominique Kramer
ISWCC WQRC: Rob Sharpnack



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Conservation District Priority Number 1: Water Quantity

Goal: The Camas Board of Supervisors will provide assistance to private landowners and land users to plan, develop, and implement water conservation plans.

Objective: Seek opportunities and funding to improve water management.

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Promote Best Management Practices and seek available funding.	All Year	CD IASCD
Continue well depth study and correlate to the sole source aquifer assessment and development of aquifer management plan.	All Year	Staff, CD USGS
Review Planning and Zoning Subdivision applications and provide recommendations.	All Year	CD, NRCS
Look into and consider opportunities for aquifer protection and recharge Continue implementing annual NRCS Snow Survey in Camas County	All Year	CD IASCD NRCS
Continue support for South Central Idaho's Precipitation Enhancement Strategy (SCIPES) cloud seeding efforts.	All Year	CD

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Conservation District Priority Number 2: Water Quality

Goal: To improve ground and surface water quality in Camas County by conservation planning, funding, and promote implementation of Best Management Practices to control erosion and improve nutrient management.

Objective: To meet the rules and regulations of the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act and Anti-Degradation Plan for Agriculture and increase awareness of water conservation.

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Fund and implement Best Management Practices (BMP) throughout Camas County and provide support and educate the citizens on preventing water pollution and increasing water quality.	All Year	CD NRCS IASCD/SCC
Seek NRCS technical assistance to encourage comprehensive Resource Management Systems (RMS) Planning.	All Year	CD NRCS IASCD/SCC
Continue to seek funding to assist landowners/operators to control soil erosion and improve water quality in 303(d) listed water bodies.	All Year	CD NRCS IASCD/SCC
Review Planning and Zoning Subdivision and building applications and provide recommendations.	All Year	CD NRCS IASCD/SCC

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Erosion-Soldier Creek

Conservation District Priority Number 3: Soil Erosion

Goal: To reduce soil erosion.

Objective: The Camas Board of Supervisors will provide assistance to private landowners and land users to plan, develop, and implement soil erosion conservation plans.

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Promote Best Management Practices through all funding available. Encourage development of Resource Plans to control wind and sheet and rill erosion to maintain sustainability and eligibility for USDA Programs.	All Year	CD & Partners, NRCS
Participate in Watershed Advisory Group (WAG), Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation, and agriculture implementation plans.	All Year	CD, Staff NRCS/SCC/IASCD

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Arbor Day Celebration

Conservation District Priority Number 4: Information and Education

Goal: Conduct adult and youth education activities and programs.

Objective: To promote the natural resource conservation with Camas CD constituents.

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Conduct conservation meetings and programs for landowners, operators, and the general public. Provide sound, economical alternatives. Promote demonstration projects. Encourage resource based minimum impact development planning. Arbor Day celebrations in conjunction with the City of Fairfield and the Forest Service.	All Year	NRCS, Supervisors, Staff
Support youth environmental programs: Idaho Envirothon Ag in the Classroom NACD Poster Contest Coordinate & promote Little City of Rocks 5 th grade workshop Natural Resources Camp Idaho State Forestry Contest Southern Idaho Biological Control Idaho State Land & Soil Evaluation Event Provide conservation information and lessons for Camas Arbor Day field trip.	Annually	Supervisors, Staff
Conduct tree sales.	Annually	Supervisors, Staff
Participate and help promote a Tree Care Workshop for tree buyers.	All Year	Supervisors, Staff University of Idaho Extension
Promote public awareness of wildlife and habitat issues.	All Year	CD

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Conservation District Priority Number 5: Rangeland

Goals: To improve rangeland conditions within the Conservation District.

Objective: The Camas Board of Supervisors will provide assistance to private landowners and land users to plan, develop, and implement rangeland plans.

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Seek NRCS technical assistance for private landowners in order to establish grazing land inventories and develop prescribed grazing plans.	All Year	CD NRCS
Use programs like EQIP and RCRDP to fund range management projects where it improves overall range conditions.	All Year	CD NRCS/IASCD
Develop Camas County land use plan for rangeland.	All Year	CD NRCS/IASCD
Promote biological noxious weed control using the Southern Idaho Bug Crew Program.	Annually	CD IASCD
Promote printed materials to encourage landowners to control weeds. Encourage county weed superintendent to use biological efforts for control of noxious weeds.	All Year	CD IASCD

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Conservation District Priority Number 6: Wildlife

- Goals:**
- 1. Sustainable wildlife populations and habitat.**
 - 2. Proactive actions to reduce the need for Endangered Species Act federal listings such as Sage Grouse, Pygmy Rabbits, and Columbia Spotted Frogs**
 - 3. Protect local livelihoods.**

Objective: Seek opportunities and funding to improve and protect wildlife habitat, particularly for potential ESA listings.

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Promote Best Management Practices and available funding.	All Year	CD, NRCS
Integrate sage grouse planning within existing programs.	All Year	CD, NRCS
Provide leadership to local working groups.	All Year	CD, NRCS
Promote public awareness of wildlife and habitat issues.	All Year	CD, NRCS
Participate in North Magic Valley Sage Grouse Local Workshop Group.	All Year	CD, NRCS
Participate in interagency beaver committee. Assist in relocation of beaver in to CSP areas.	All Year	CD, NRCS
Develop Camas County land use plan for rangeland.	All Year	CD, NRCS, IASCD, Idaho Fish & Game US Wildlife Service

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Conservation District Priority Number 7: District Operations

Goal: To operate efficiently in accordance with Conservation District Law

Objective: The CCD will develop a quality business plan and operate in accordance with district law.

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Identify local conservation needs; develop and implement program/projects. Provide direct input to NRCS identifying priorities and guidance on program development.	All Year	CD, Staff
Hold monthly Conservation District Meetings. Design and maintain a website and social media outreach for current information, district activities and cooperator opportunities.	All Year	CD
Develop a Camas CD annual budget. Submit Conservation District requests for funding to Camas County Commissioners, and the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Participate in WRRC&D, IASCD and Division IV meetings.	All Year	CD
Maintain Conservation District financial records and insurance in compliance with the District Law Policy. Utilize QuickBooks for district budgetary and record keeping needs and payroll. Conduct Conservation District elections according to State of Idaho guidelines.	All Year	CD
Develop an employee position and work plans. Conduct an annual performance review. Contact elected officials about Conservation District programs and needs. Maintain a working relationship with the Idaho Conservation Partnership. Develop and maintain an effective Supervisor and Staff development program.	All Year	CD, staff

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*Snowmobiling
 Over Couch Summit
 Photo by Fred Marolf*

Conservation District Priority Number 8: Recreation

Goal: Collaborate with partnerships or entities to minimize environmental impacts from recreational activities within Camas Conservation District.

Objective: Seek partnerships with recreational entities to enhance the resources and economics of Camas CD.

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
Provide feedback to the USFS and other entities when developing public recreation routes and site proposals.	All Year	CD IASCD
Review Planning and Zoning development applications and provide recommendations.	All Year	Staff, CD USGS
Assist the public with questions about responsible recreation in Camas County and assist with local grazing associations in developing Best Management Practices.	All Year	CD
Assist the Southern Idaho Bug Crew and the Camas Weed Superintendent in educating the public on weed identification and awareness and responsible recreating.	All Year	CD IASCD NRCS

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IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION <u>FIVE-YEAR (5) PLAN and ANNUAL WORK PLAN CERTIFICATION</u>	DISTRICT: <i>Camas</i>
	FOR FISCAL YEAR: <i>2021</i>
	DUE : March 31, 2020

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Five-Year (5) Plan and Annual Work Plan is true and accurate, and further submit said Plan for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Five-Year (5) Plan and Annual Work Plan shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

* *[Signature]*

Board Supervisor Signature

* *Kevin Wear*

Printed Name

* *3/17/20*

Date

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