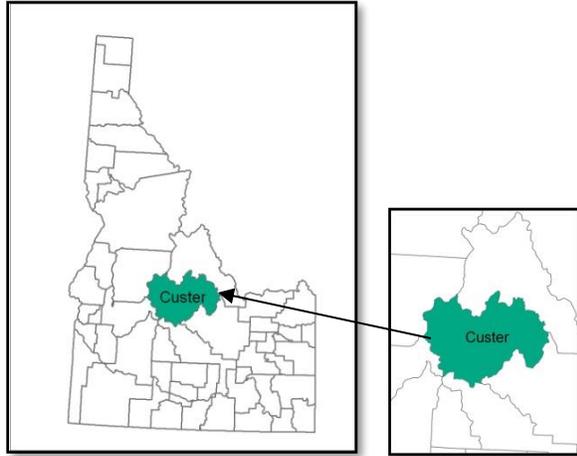


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Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: Second Tuesday

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. Water Quantity
3. Endangered Species Act Mandates
4. Urban Development
5. Recreation use impacts

2018-19 Revenues

Federal Grants to Custer SWCD	\$ 375,014
State Funding - SWC	\$ 18,790
County/Local Funding	\$ 6,000
Total District Administered Funds	\$ 399,804
NRCS	\$ 45,000
Landowner Match	\$ 50,000
Total Conservation Funding	\$ 494,804

Recent Projects

Anadromous Fisheries Projects:

- Completed consultation for a water conservation project in the Upper Pahsimeroi. The project is on hold until landowner consensus can be obtained.
- Removed two passage barriers on Garden Creek near Challis by replacing undersized culverts and installing steel bridges. The Chipmunk Hill Bridge now allows safe access to the local volunteer Ski Hill near Challis.
- Worked with IDFG and IDL to complete riparian fencing and install stock-water on State Lands.
- Coordination of a fish passage and barrier project on a remote property in Loon Creek, a private holding within the Frank Church Wilderness area. This project will to upgrade a Hydro facility and reduced water needs by approximately 8 cfs. The project will also address fish screening needs and a passage barrier issue. The Hydro plant has been developed this year. This is a three year project with Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Funding.
- Assisted with the implementation of one Ag-Energy Conservation project in Pahsimeroi.
- *Results:* Improved spawning and habitat availability and removal of two passage barriers.





Annual 5th Grade Tour: Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission Range Activity Tent.

Educational Programs

- Sponsored the poster contest for 60 students
- Held an annual 5th grade tour reaching approximately 20 students. This included a tour of a seed potato and grain farm to increase student’s knowledge about agriculture.
- Sponsored an advisor and one member to attend the Idaho Envirothon.
- Co-sponsored Ag Week (180 students)
- Sponsored Natural Resource Day (160 students)
- Assisted with the Challis Fishing Derby - community support.
- Legislative Display at the State Capitol.
- Assisted with the implementation of the Idaho Envirothon at Living Waters Ranch in Challis. Served as a member of the State Envirothon Committee.
- Sponsored 4th grade class Bread in a Bag
- Encouraged Challis FFA and Envirothon students in conservation projects to increase their awareness of natural resource issues.



Tour of the Parkinson Seed Farm. Student are allowed to climb on the harvest equipment during the tour of the seed farm which included discussion about wheat and potato production.

Future Projects

Custer Soil and Water Conservation District continues to focus on the statutory requirement in their annual and 5-Year Plan. Water Quality and Water Quantity are the top resource concern in addition to the Endangered Species Act implications which are often intertwined with water quality and quantity.

Continued efforts will be made to address Energy Conservation within Agriculture sector in cooperation with the Salmon River Electric Cooperative with BPA funding.

The Custer SWCD will continue to work with willing landowners to address agricultural projects related to fish recovery by addressing flows, fish barriers and stream restoration projects. Funding has been allocated to address three to four additional projects over the next year.

Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation and Office of Species Conservation (PCSRF) continue to be important funding sources for the District’s projects.

Custer SWCD is currently administering a large Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund Grant to assist a remote ranch on Loon Creek address fish passage and fish habitat at a back country facility. The district is continues work on Garden Creek with installation of a bridge to improve fish passage. A stream reconnect and new bridge will be installed along with a campground modification near Stanley under the direction of the SNRA. The District is working with a private grazing association and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to address habitat on a small fencing project.

An active youth information, education and outreach program will continue to be a focus of the Custer SWCD.

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Providing action and information at the local level for promoting wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with an emphasis on soil and water.

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	FOR YEAR: <i>2018/2019</i>
	DUE : December 20, 2019

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.

Ben O'Neal
Board Supervisor Signature

Ben O'Neal
Printed Name

10/22/2019
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