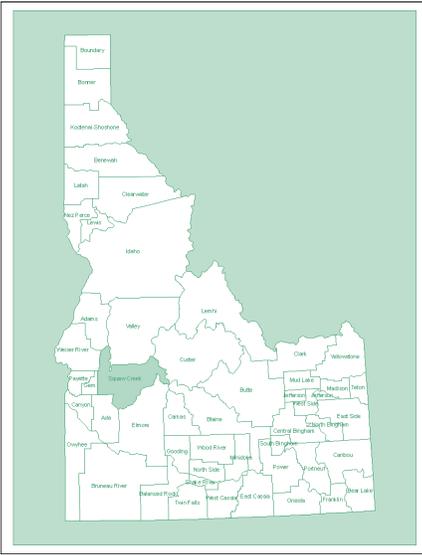


# Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District



## Significant FY 2019 Projects:

### 319 Critical Area Planting

In July 2018, the Mile Marker 73 Highway 55 wildfire burned 4600 acres north of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho. Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District partnered with ISWCC and NRCS to provide financial assistance to private a landowner to reseed 100 acres of range and pasture. The ground was aerial seeded with a mix of wheatgrass and alfalfa. The seeding will help increase vegetative cover during the first few critical years to prevent or decrease erosion.



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 1:00PM at the Sweet Montour Field Office  
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### Financial Assistance for Conservation Projects

The USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is helping producers in the Squaw Creek SCD get conservation projects on the ground. This year five EQIP contracts were funded for \$133,166. Projects included sprinkler systems, pasture seeding, cross fencing, and streambank protection. EQIP also helps private forestland owners address forest health and wildfire concerns. EQIP pays about half the cost of conservation practices and most contracts are completed in 3 years or less.

### Conservation Practices:

- Stock Water
- Permanent Seedings—Range
- Forest Thinning
- Weed Control / Mulch Till
- Firebreaks
- Streambank Protection
- Sprinklers

With funds from the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission the District was able to have material published for outreach and education. Also assisted in funding a workshop to educate landowners on resource concerns.

## Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Service to the Cooperators
2. Weeds / Urban
3. Rangeland
4. Forest Health
5. District Operations / Information & Education

## FY 2019 Revenue

County Funding	\$ 7,950.00
State Funding	22,089.00
CWMA Funds	24,782.97
USDA NRCS Funds	133,166.00
319 Grant Funding	5,400.00
Landowner Match	\$ 134,321.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 327,708.97</b>

Squaw Creek SCD actively promotes conservation through education and outreach:

## Education / Outreach



**2019 Theme “Life in the Soil: DIG DEEPER”**

### 2019 Poster Contest Winners

The winners this year came from both, Garden Valley Elementary and Ola Elementary. Six schools within the District participated. First Place winner was from Garden Valley Elementary and Second, Third, and Honorable Mention were from Ola Elementary.



### Poster Contest Winner at Division Level

Our First Place winner, from Garden Valley Elementary, competed at Division level and won Third Place. She goes on to compete at State level.

- Sponsored 247 fifth grade students from 6 schools within the district to participate in the Poster Contest.
- Gave away 233 Western White Pine seedlings to third graders during the Arbor Day observance and educated about the importance of planting trees.



### 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. We have one No-Till Drill available for lease to producers in the Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District.

## 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:

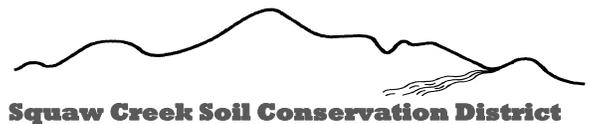
Participation in Stewardship Week, such as Poster & Speech Contests, Arbor Day, Ag Day and other forms of education and information. Planning workshops to inform the general public of the latest technology. Promotion and financial assistance through newsletters, social media, and other forms of media.

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.

Many projects are planned for 2020, including projects funded by a 319 Grant. Some BMP’s planned are Streambank Stabilization.

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 and five Cooperative Weed Management Areas for program support of weed control.



### Board of Supervisors and Staff

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**Daryl Morgan, Vice-Chair**

**Arthur Beal, Secretary**

**Franklin Gatfield, Treasurer**

**Sarah Fry, Supervisor**

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**Leanne Buck, Administrative Assistant**

The Districts 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.

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**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:** Squaw Creek Soil  
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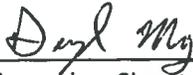
**FOR YEAR:**  
2019

**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.



Board Supervisor Signature

**Daryl Morgan**

Printed Name

**12/03/2019**

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