

Active Weed Control District encourages landowners

An active Weed Control District in the county encourages landowners to control noxious weeds. With the use of contracts with Federal and State agencies, utility and logging companies, weeds on public lands are located and controlled. In the last few years, a biological control program was started in the county introducing insects developed for the control of certain weeds. This project is continually monitored to learn the effectiveness of the introduced insects. Operators with land in CRP are encouraged to inspect their fields for noxious weeds and control their spread.

Each year the SWCD and Weed District participate in the County Fair handing out conservation and weed control information pamphlets and hold a door prize drawing.

In an effort to identify water quality concerns and be involved in solutions, District staff and directors participate in local and area watershed projects and basin

area meetings.

The Chuck and Lisa Nelson Farm was selected as the District's Outstanding Cooperator for 1992 and was presented a plaque at the Annual Meeting. The Nelson Farm was also selected to receive the Take Pride in America sign in recognition of being one of the many American farmers who are caring stewards of the land.

The Doug and Carley Drake Farm was selected as the 1991 Outstanding Cooperator and was submitted in the Goodyear Contest and was selected as the Area 7 winner. The Morrow SWCD was named as an honor district in the contest. A District is allowed to win this contest only once within a five year period (the Morrow district was the Grand Award Winner in 1988). An honor district is one that is judged to have maintained a strong program, but is ineligible because of the five year time limitation.

Six districts make up Area 7 of the Oregon Association of Con-

servation Districts (OACD). Representatives attended the Spring and Fall Area Meetings and the OACD State meeting. The Morrow SWCD supports OACD, National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), and Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D), through annual dues.

The District program has strengthened throughout the years and this would not have been possible without the coordinated efforts of the District and its working partner, the Soil Conservation Service.

Over the years the District has been recognized for its ac-

ASCS Cost Share

The Morrow County ASCS Committee paid \$123,885 in cost share money to 40 participants during the 1992 ACP program. In all approximately 13,700 acres were treated with conservation systems such as terraces, grazing

compleishments. The District has been able to carry out its programs because of the help of the cooperators, supporting businesses and coordinating agencies and we share our accomplishments with you.

We would like to thank the Morrow County citizens for their continued financial support of the District. This funding, along with that of our many contracts, makes it possible to provide conservation programs to the citizens of Morrow County. We would also like to thank the countless others, too numerous to mention, whose assistance helped make 1992 a very productive and gratifying year.

land protection and enhancement,

grass seedings, ponds, waterways and pipelines. Livestock water development and grazing land enhancement received the bulk of the funds at \$57,118. The following chart summarizes the year's activity.

No. Farms	Annual Practice	Acres Served or treated	Cost Share \$
1	Thinning	202.0	\$ 3,500
2	Grass Seeding	67.5	2,718
7	Terraces	926.0	6,388
7	Livestock wtr.	2524.0	12,540
1	Critical Area sdg.	6.2	1,991
1	Strmbank	33.0	1,000
1	Pond	94.0	3,500
3	Pipe	68.0	6,805
1	Waterway	1.0	1,076

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Rock Creek Watershed

Morrow SWCD personnel have continued to be active with the John Day River Basin Council and the Rock Creek Planning Group to improve and enhance the Rock Creek Watershed.

Since the inception of the Rock Creek CRMP, landowners on it's tributaries have expressed a desire to reduce spring runoff, improve late season flows and in general improve the riparian zones.

The Gilliam SWCD is sponsoring a Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board (GWEB) project and the Morrow SWCD has completed a GWEB project on Lefevre Prairie.

Many benefits will result from stream restoration programs such as improved forage and livestock production, fisheries, forestry improvements, enhancement of esthetics and recreation enhancement of local economics.

Accomplishments listed for 1992

On August 30, 1941 a referendum vote was held forming the Heppner Soil Conservation District which encompassed the southern end of the county. In May, 1947 a vote to form the Boardman Soil Conservation District covering the northern end of the county was held and passed. Then in December 1972 both districts joined to create the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, the boundaries of the district then conformed to the boundaries of the county. Over the years the District has played a vital role in the conservation of natural resources in Morrow County. A lot of changes have occurred over the years, but one thing has not changed. That is the goal of providing a sound conservation program of soil, water and related resources to the citizens of Morrow County. We reach this goal through many different means.

Seven directors make up the governing board of the District. All Directors are elected by the voters of the county. Five are

zoned directors and two are at large positions. These directors are responsible for planning and implementing the conservation program in Morrow County, and serve without pay. The District also appoints associate directors to serve in an advisory capacity.

Each year the District develops an Annual Plan of Work which lists major concern areas and problem solving solutions. We enlist the participation of other agencies, individuals, and interested groups in preparing the Annual Plan of Work. We call on these individuals throughout the year to assist us in carrying out the objectives set forth in the Annual Plan. Quarterly reviews of the Annual Plan are made so that progress can be analyzed.

Through developing the Annual Plan of Work, we have learned that education and awareness are the most effective ways to insure the protection and wise use of our natural resources. We try to make the public aware of local problems concerning our environment and conservation of

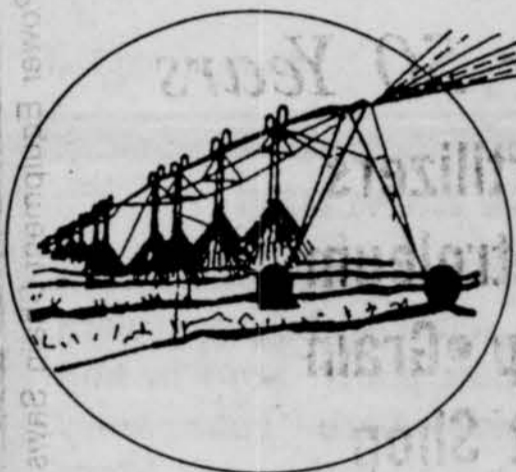
our natural resources.

In an effort to achieve the objectives set forth in the Annual Plan of Work, we have solicited the support of agencies, groups, and individuals. Several committees have been formed to assist in carrying out the activities of the District.

Cost share available

A total \$1,723 was distributed to 11 Morrow County cooperators who signed up for noxious weed cost share assistance in 1992. Cost shares consisted of 50 percent reimbursement for chemicals used to control "A" List noxious weeds up to a maximum of \$200 per cooperator. This program will continue for the 1993 season and sign-ups are encouraged anytime prior to treatment. For more information stop by or contact Dave Pranger at the Weed Control office in Heppner by calling 676-5452.

IRRIGATION CONSERVATION PROGRAM



- Irrigation Scheduling
- Pump Testing
- System Conversions
 - Flood to Drip
 - Desert to Drip
 - High Pressure to Low Pressure
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 Rudy Bergstrom.....Vice Chair (Gooseberry/Ione - Zone 3)
 Tom Currin.....Director (Buttercreek Area - Zone 5)
 Duane Neiffer.....Director (Boardman Area - Zone 1)
 Chris Rauch.....Director (Lexington Area - Zone 4)

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

Bob Krein.....Wildlife Bio.
 Skip Matthews.....ASCS Director
 Doug Drake.....Farmer
 Dave Sykes.....Businessman
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 Tim Keith.....State Forestry

DISTRICT STAFF

Jerry Anderson.....Dist. Manager
 Janet Greenup.....Office Manager
 Dave Pranger.....Weed Supervisor

AGENCIES WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN CONSERVATION PROGRAMS: SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

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 Tom Bennett.....Soil Conservationist
 Cliff Harris.....Soil Cons. Tech
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COUNTY COMMITTEE

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STATE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Frank Vetter.....Unit Forester

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NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

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