

Wallowa Agricultural Water Quality Management Area

Biennial Review Report to the Board of Agriculture & ODA Director

Submitted by the Local Advisory Committee (LAC)



Oregon
Department
of Agriculture

Meeting Date(s): February 27, 2020				
LAC Members Present: Heather Melville, Kevin Melville, Dan Warnock				
PROGRESS				
Management Area				
Measurable Objectives: Prevent runoff of agricultural wastes and provide adequate riparian vegetation for stream bank stability and stream shading consistent with site capability.				
Milestone(s): Have been established for each objective and will be reviewed at the 2022 Biennial review.				
Current Conditions: N/A				
Progress Towards Measurable Objective: N/A				
Activities and Accomplishments: N/A				
Focus Area: Bear Creek Focus Area 2019-2023				
Measurable Objective: By June 30, 2020, measurable objectives will be developed by the SWCD after remote sensing results are ground-truthed.				
Milestone(s): N/A				
Current Conditions: N/A				
Progress Towards Measurable Objective: N/A				
Activities and Accomplishments: N/A				
Strategic Implementation Area (SIA): Wallowa Management Area 2020				
Measurable Objective: Wallowa will have a SIA beginning in 2020.				
Milestone(s): N/A				
Current Conditions: N/A				
Activities (2015-2019)		Number	Discussion	
Active Events		10	Local RCPP Project Tour, civic group presentations	
Landowners Participating in Active Events		1,049		
Landowners Provided TA		371	Irrigation efficiency, fish passage, habitat, forest thinning	
Site Visits		85		
Conservation Plans Written		7	Irrigation projects designed and installed. Forest thinning and livestock forage grazing plans	
Funding Applications Submitted		32	Irrigation efficiency, forest thinning	
Funding Applications Awarded		26	Irrigation efficiency and diversion upgrades, forest thinning	
Summary of Progress and Impediments				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity targets are being met. Wallowa SWCD has lost staff and a lot of data were destroyed when the SWCD office burned a few years ago. There are existing photo points and water quality data from Bear Creek. ODA will look into these two data sets and report at the next Biennial Review. The LAC said large-acre landowners understand the need for water quality protection, but the small acreage landowners are hard to get to and get them to improve land use to improve water quality. 				
Recommended Modifications and Adaptive Management				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the assessments being done on Bear Creek, which is the SWCD's new Focus Area. This includes looking at data collected back in the 1990s to determine if any changes have happened within that watershed and where to go in the future with this Focus Area. Look at the BOR samples collected in the Prairie Creek area before all the irrigation projects went in over the past 4 years. Reach out more to FFA/4H and equine groups and provide workshops and flyers on water quality. 				
COMPLIANCE ACTIONS (2015-2018)				
Location	Letter of Compliance	Pre-Enforcement Notification	Notice of Noncompliance	Civil Penalty
Outside SIA(s)	1	0	0	0
Within SIA(s)	0	0	0	0