

YEARS 2020-2021 Report of Accomplishments

Border Soil & Water Conservation District

Mission of the Border Soil & Water Conservation District

- To assist communities, private landowners and organizations in the wise development and conservation of our natural resources and to preserve and protect these resources for future generations.
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Natural Resource Improvements in FY21

- Border SWCD (BSWCD) was awarded SWCC grant for grass reseeding project.
 - District cost-share awarded for water catchment system, shade balls and trees for erosion control and wind break.
 - District 50/50 Cost Share - trees for erosion control and carbon sequestration.
 - BSWCD & Roosevelt SWCD (RSWCD) continues to help facilitate the High Plains Weed Management Group (CWMA) targeting African Rue. The group is mapping areas, providing spray to landowners and spraying the weed.
 - Expand scope of CWMA to manage additional noxious weeds in the area.
 - District resident began water table monitoring. This practice will be used for training and to encourage water well monitoring.
 - Working with RSWCD to encourage use of Shade Balls to reduce evaporation and ice formation on open storage and stock tanks.
 - We focused our attention on the legislative process. We took action by contacting our legislators and submitting formal comments to government entities in order to voice our guidance and expertise.
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Accomplishment in Information and Education:

- Border Supervisors & Employee Events/Meeting attended in person or via tele conference: 2 Healthy Soils Program listening/training sessions, 2 Legislative updates, NMACD Annual Meeting, Taos SWCD Noxious Weed Webinar, RC&D Meetings, 2 NM Ag Resources & Trust Webinars, Conf. call with President Trump's office concerning ag/conservation-related issues.
 - Visited with legislators to encourage their support.
 - Educating the youth in our District is crucial. We sponsor and had plans to attend (cancelled for COVID) Kids, Kows & More with Rolling Rivers & erosion simulators.
 - Noxious weed calendars were mailed to district residents to help with weed identification and eradication.
 - RSWCD and BSWCD publish a newsletter to send to our producers.
 - Supervisor & employee actively participate in CoCoRaHS weather gauge reporting.
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Accomplishments installed through the NRCS Programs include:

- District land managers participating in EQIP and CSP have better utilization of range land by constructing fencing better suited for deferred grazing as well as brush control. Pipelines, storage and stock tanks have been installed with regard to wildlife safety by using features like tank escape ramps.
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Community Collaboration & Coordination:

- We continually participate and work with our Local Work Group by providing guidance and input for local natural resource concerns.
 - We annually review the Memorandum of Agreement with our local NRCS.
 - Border recognized the conservation accomplishments of producers through award nominations.
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Local Funding

- Border SWCD receives funding from NMACD using the Point System.
- SWCC award for Grass Reseeding Project.