



2020-2021 Annual Report Ute Creek Soil & Water Conservation District

Mission of the Ute Creek Soil & Water Conservation District

Provide leadership in a partnership effort to educate people to conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment.

Farm Bill Implementation:

- Ute Creek currently does not have any EQIP or CSP contracts in the district.



Basic Funding:

- Received \$17,434.00 from NMSU for annual funding.
 - Harding County Board of Commissioners \$2,000.00.
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Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration:

- Ongoing participation with the Canadian River Riparian Restoration Project removing salt cedar along the Canadian River.



Collaboration and Coordination:

- Ute Creek SWCD co-sponsored an EQIP Local Workgroup Zoom meeting along with the Mesa Soil & Water Conservation District.
 - Ute Creek SWCD, Mesa SWCD, and the NRCS share an administrative assistant; which reduces the cost of many workshops, mileage and other items for both districts.
 - Ongoing collaboration with Canadian River Riparian Restoration Project on the spraying of salt cedar along the Ute Creek; which has totaled approximately 75 miles.
 - Ongoing collaboration with NMSU including the mapping of the progress of the spraying of the salt cedar, as well as ongoing research of resprouts and total kill on the salt cedar.
 - Ongoing collaboration with the United States Forest Service treating musk thistle in Mills Canyon and installing a new habitat crossing on the Canadian River.
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Information and Education:

- Along with NRCS, Ute Creek SWCD attended the Canadian Valley field exploration day and the Kiowa Grasslands field exploration day with Roy High School students. Students explored a variety of different aspects along the Canadian River and the Kiowa Grasslands. Students identified different grasses, learned how to map out an acre, learned how to identify different types of wood and how to weigh and clip grass.



Conservation Projects:

- Collaborated with the Forest Service on treating Musk Thistle in Mills Canyon.

