

UPPER HONDO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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ANNUAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR -2021

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The Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (UHSWCD) abides by the Soil and Water Conservation District Act and by the Open Meetings Act. Programs and assistance are available to all people, without regard to race, color, sex, or national origin, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Upper Hondo District Office, 267 Main Road, Capitan, New Mexico. The Public is encouraged to attend meetings.

CONSERVATION

FEDERAL FUNDING

- BLM: Noxious weed treatments on Tracts 1-4 (125 acres), archaeological survey (265 acres), and fuel reductions/brush removal (265 acres) projects totaling \$332,296.00
- Wildland Urban Interface: Brush removal projects on 38.8 acres totaling \$48,360.00

STATE FUNDING

- Energy Minerals and Natural Resource Invasive Plants Grant: Noxious weed treatment on Alamogordo property in Bonito Canyon (800 acres) totaling \$15,000.00
- New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission Grant: Salado Creek Restoration Project (4.5 acres) totaling \$21,384.00

COUNTY FUNDING

- Noxious, invasive weed program for Lincoln County thru the Lincoln County Cooperative Weed Management Area (LCCWMA) totaling \$20,000.00 (\$15,000 used as match to Energy Minerals and Natural Resource's Bonito Canyon project)
- Treatment of 42 acres of public areas

DISRICT FUNDING

- Conservation cost share projects totaling \$60,885 namely water wells, wildlife exclusion fence, enlarge dirt tanks, acequia irrigation pipelines, and rainwater harvesting
- Native grass seed (2,213 pounds) and wildflower (3 pounds) mixes sold to local landowners
- Free wattles for soil and water erosion prevention and technical assistance in using them
- 5,700 gallons of horticultural vinegar for treatment of invasive thistle, was distributed to over 200 area landowners free of charge. This included the partner agencies of Village of Ruidoso, City of Ruidoso Downs, and Carrizozo.
- A 50/50 cost share is available, to qualifying applicants for chemical purchase when treating noxious weeds

EDUCATION

- Due to Covid-19 pandemic educational ventures were ceased
- 250 brochures were printed with Upper Hondo SWCD information, grass seed, wildflower mix, and common noxious weed identification information
- 250 noxious weed calendars distributed