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January 30, 2017

The Honorable Jim Rice, Chairman
Senate Agriculture Affairs Committee
Idaho State Capitol
Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: Agency Germane Committee Presentation and Supporting Materials

Dear Chairman Rice,

We appreciate the assistance of the Committee Secretary in scheduling our Annual Report to the Committee on February 16th at 8:00 am.

We have assembled materials for distribution to Committee members to provide background information and context. They include:

1. A hard copy of the Commission's PowerPoint presentation and presentation narrative.
2. District Fact Sheets. Questions may be posed to chairs listed on individual fact sheets.
3. A copy of our FY 2016 Performance Measurements Report.
4. The January 2017 issue of *Conservation The Idaho Way*, addressing why agricultural stewardship matters, and
5. A report on the North Central Wildfire Restoration Pilot Project.

We look forward to testifying before your Committee.

Sincerely,

TERI A. MURRISON, Administrator

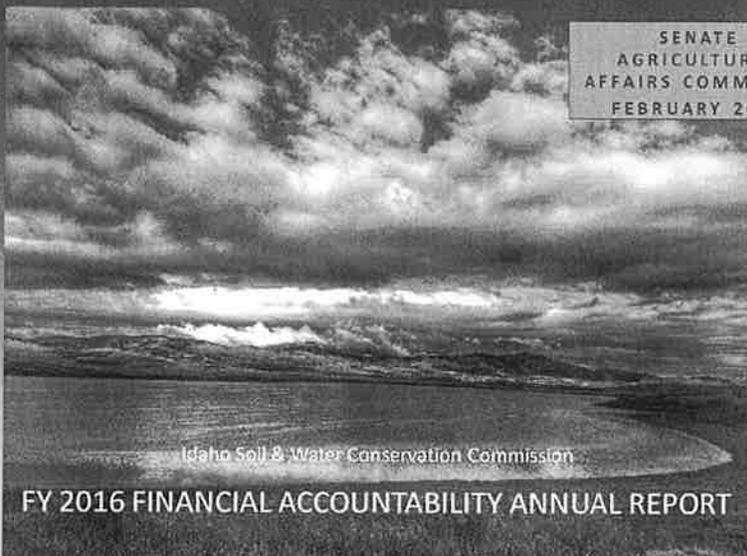
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FY 2016 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY ANNUAL REPORT

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TM2 Per conversation with Ray Houston 8/29, include slide with Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances to comply with IC 67-450(d)(4)
Teri Murrison, 8/29/2016

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Staff
17.75 FTPs

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CORE FUNCTIONS

1. Conservation district support
2. Non-regulatory, science-based
incentive and comprehensive
conservation programs
3. Administration and
4. Outreach & Education



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REVENUES

REVENUE	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
General Fund	\$2,306,400	2,364,100	\$2,531,000	\$2,590,700
Receipts	6,700	5,600	6,800	29,600
RCRDP Loan Program	1,793,900	1,447,600	1,033,700	960,800
SRF Loan Program	147,270	31,900	84,300	99,300
Federal Grant Funds	<u>80,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$4,334,270	\$3,849,200	\$3,655,800	\$3,680,400

EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Personnel Costs	\$1,137,421	\$1,151,400	\$1,149,700	\$1,239,400
Operating Expenditures	421,341	286,200	346,400	257,500
Capital Outlay	10,526	0	71,400	80,100
Trustee/Benefit Payments	1,103,198	1,169,200	1,203,200	1,253,200
RCRDP Loan Disbursements	232,623	794,100	352,400	415,200
SRF/DEQ Loan	<u>116,322</u>	<u>44,300</u>	<u>71,700</u>	<u>86,700</u>
Total	\$3,021,431	\$3,445,200	\$3,194,800	\$3,332,100

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CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

1. Ada
2. Adams
3. Blaine
4. Bear Lake
5. Benewah
6. Blaine
7. Banner
8. Boundary
9. Bruneau River
10. Butte
11. Camas
12. Canyon
13. Centennial
14. Central
15. Clark
16. Clearwater
17. Custer
18. East Cassia
19. East Side
20. Elmore
21. Franklin
22. Gem
23. Gooding
24. Idaho
25. Jefferson
26. Kootenai
27. Latah
28. Lemhi
29. Lewis
30. Madison
31. Minidoka
32. Nea Persa
33. North
34. North Side
35. Oneida
36. Owyhee
37. Payette
38. Portneuf
39. Power
40. Snake River
41. South
42. Squaw Creek
43. Teton
44. Twin Falls
45. Valley
46. Waiilatpu
47. West Cascade
48. West Side
49. Wood River
50. Yellowstone



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FY 2017 GENERAL FUND DISTRICT SUPPORT

\$ 1.25 million from Trustee & Benefits Fund

- \$11,300 base & operating, capacity building funding
- ~\$27,000 AVE (mean) per District (\$11,000 lowest allocation and 4 Districts capped @ \$50,000)

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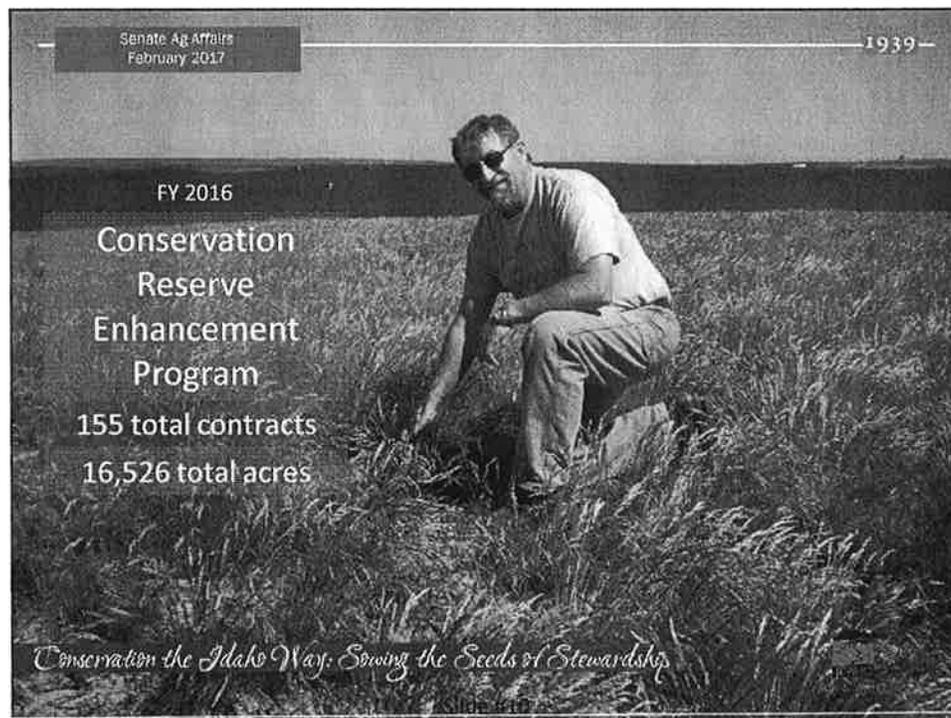
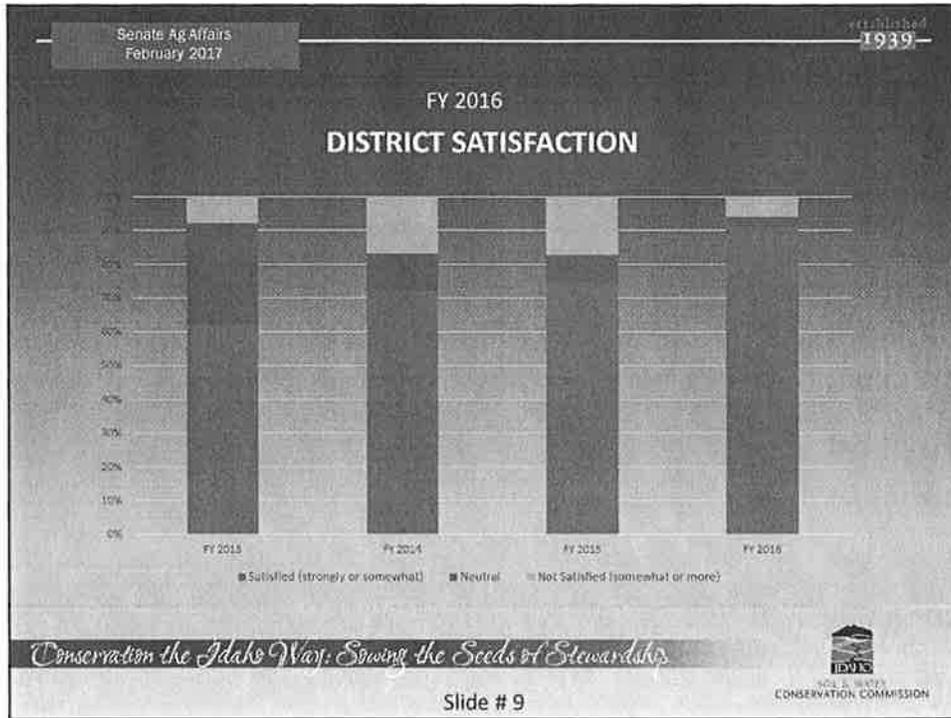
DISTRICT PRIORITIES

1. Water quality and quantity
2. Cropland productivity
3. District operations
4. Information and education
5. Rangeland health
6. Fish & wildlife
7. Urban-rural interface
8. Forest health

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RCRDP LOAN PROGRAM



FY 2016 RCRDP Loan Program

- 12 new loans
- \$875,049 in new conservation projects
- 63 inquiries received
- 15 applications submitted
- 3 applications denied or withdrawn

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FY 2016

- Completed plans
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- Plans in progress
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TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

- Plans pending review, addendums
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FY 2017 SUCCESS STORY

\$100,000 pilot project to coordinate regional response to 2015 wildfires
Nez Perce, Latah, Idaho, Clearwater, and Lewis Soil & Water Conservation Districts

North Central Wildfire Restoration Group

OUTCOMES

1. Group organization/facilitation of workgroups (leadership, admin, outreach, technical)
2. 2015 Post Fire Inventory & Analysis Plan
 - Critical values, resources, threats, and prioritized actions
 - Applicable practices



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FY 2017 SUCCESS STORY

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North Central Wildfire Restoration Group

LEVERAGING - ~ \$19 to \$1

- \$ 508,486 cash
- \$ 173,308 in kind
- \$1.2 million in grants pending



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2017 Idaho Envirothon

The 2017 Idaho Envirothon competition will be held April 24th and 25th at the Living Waters Ranch in Challis, Idaho.

www.kingdom4h.org

The **Idaho Envirothon** is a hands-on environmental problem solving competition for high school aged students in the Idaho. Participating teams complete training and testing in five natural resource categories: Geology & Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, and the current issue. Winning teams from each state and province advance to the North American Envirothon for an opportunity to compete for recognition, scholarships, and prizes.

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FY 2017 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT NARRATIVE
Thursday, Feb. 16, 8:00 AM – WW 53

Narrative ~7 mins, video – play 8 mins

SLIDE 2: INTRODUCTION The ISWCC does agricultural stewardship, Conservation the Idaho Way. Idahoans love the land, clean air, water, and well-managed landscapes. Good stewardship is voluntary and locally led action helping address mandated federal water quality and other environmental goals.

Conservation the Idaho Way is what we do and have done since 1939. We take care of and improve natural resources for future generations while maximizing their benefits to all Idahoans. We work with local people who know the land and natural resources. We have no regulatory authority. In fact, we help Idaho avoid more regulations. Our efforts lead to better water quality and water savings, less soil erosion and fuel for wildfires, improved habitat for wildlife, and more.

SLIDE 3: WHO WE ARE Governor Otter appoints our five member Board. Each commissioner serves five-year terms. Total FTPs are capped at 17.75: with 13 field staff located around the state, 2 loan program staff, and 2.75 administrative FTPs.

SLIDE 4: CORE FUNCTIONS The Conservation Commission focuses on

fundamental core functions:

1. Our main statutory charge in Idaho Code, Title 22 is to work with locally elected boards of conservation districts, providing financial and technical assistance to Idaho's 50 local conservation districts.
2. We also provide/promote non-regulatory incentive and science-based programs that enhance the environmental quality and economic productivity of the state.
3. We insure continuity of operations and establish protocols to support Commissioners and staff. AND
4. We do outreach and educate to engage local, state, and federal partners, non-governmental organizations, and resource and agricultural production groups. We support youth education via the Idaho Envirothon – more on that in a few minutes.

SLIDE 5: COMMISSION REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

The Legislature and the Governor's office have increased our level of support in the last five years. Sister state agencies compensate us for some services we provide, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in FY 2018 and

19, will fund ¼ of an existing position to strengthen district capacity and help attract new, non-traditional partners.

SLIDE 6: CONSERVATION DISTRICTS Idaho's 50 conservation districts are distinct units of local government.

SLIDE 7: GF DISTRICT SUPPORT: Districts are supported by General Funds (\$1.25 million in FY 2016). They receive \$8,500 base, \$2,000 operating, about \$800 of capacity building, and additional state to local matching funds. This allows them to employ a part time administrative assistant and to conduct information and education events. About 50% of our staff time goes to districts. This year districts requested almost 11,000 hours of technical assistance and identified needs for specific project funding of \$3 million statewide.

SLIDE 8: DISTRICT PRIORITIES According to districts, their priority issues are:

1. Water quality and quantity
2. Cropland productivity
3. District operations
4. Information and education
5. Rangeland health
6. Fish & wildlife
7. Urban-rural interface and
8. Forest health

SLIDE 9: DISTRICT SATISFACTION As you can see from the chart and in the Performance Measures Report in your packet, district satisfaction - the blue bar - with Commission services has been increasing over the past 4 years – gradually upward from around 60% in FY 2013, to a jump in FY 2016 to 91%. When grant funding is secured by districts, we also help them install best management practices.

SLIDES 10: PROGRAMS & SERVICES - CREP Again, more information on all of our programs is in the attached FY 2016 Performance Measurements Report, but among other responsibilities, we also provide statutorily mandated incentive and general conservation programs such as:

- the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program which promotes water conservation on marginal farm ground in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer,

SLIDE 11: RCRDP

- the Resource Development and Rangeland Conservation Program (RCRDP), providing low interest conservation loans to private landowners,

SLIDE 12: TMDL

- and we assist DEQ, writing Total Maximum Daily Load implementation plans to address agriculturally-generated water pollution in federally-listed waterways.

SLIDE 13: FY 2017 SUCCESS STORY

This year the Legislature appropriated \$100,000 as a onetime pilot project to fund the North Central Wildfire Restoration Group Led by Nez Perce, Latah, Idaho, Clearwater, and Lewis Soil & Water Conservation Districts. A report on the North Central Wildfire Restoration Pilot Project is in your packet.

The project helped local, state, and federal governments to identify and prioritize the restoration of private and municipal lands damaged by 2015 wildfires. It covered 9 wildfires that burned over 226,790 acres and across 5 counties. Land ownership included: 26% private land, 63% federal, 4% tribal, and 3% state lands.

PRODUCTS:

1. Group organization/facilitation of work groups

- **Leadership** (decision-making)
- **Administrative**
- **Outreach, and**
- **Technical** (39 members) represented 18 agencies and organizations in developing the Post Fire Inventory and Analysis report. They included experts in soils, range, hydrology, vegetation, roads, forestry, fire processes, and emergency management.

2. 2015 Post Fire Inventory & Analysis Plan Identified:

- Critical values, resources, threats, and prioritized actions
- Applicable practices like seeding, fencing, water-quality projects and timber salvage projects.

SLIDE 14: FY 2017 SUCCESS STORY

For every \$1 invested by the Legislature, almost \$19 of cash, in-kind, and pending grant awards will be applied to mitigation activities there.

SLIDE 15----OUTREACH & EDUCATION

We actively promote voluntary conservation through our newsletter, Conservation the Idaho Way, and in social media, and videos. This year we co-produced with the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission and Life on the Range, a video about the Idaho Envirothon. The Envirothon is one of several youth outreach efforts we support.

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SLIDE 16: THANK YOU

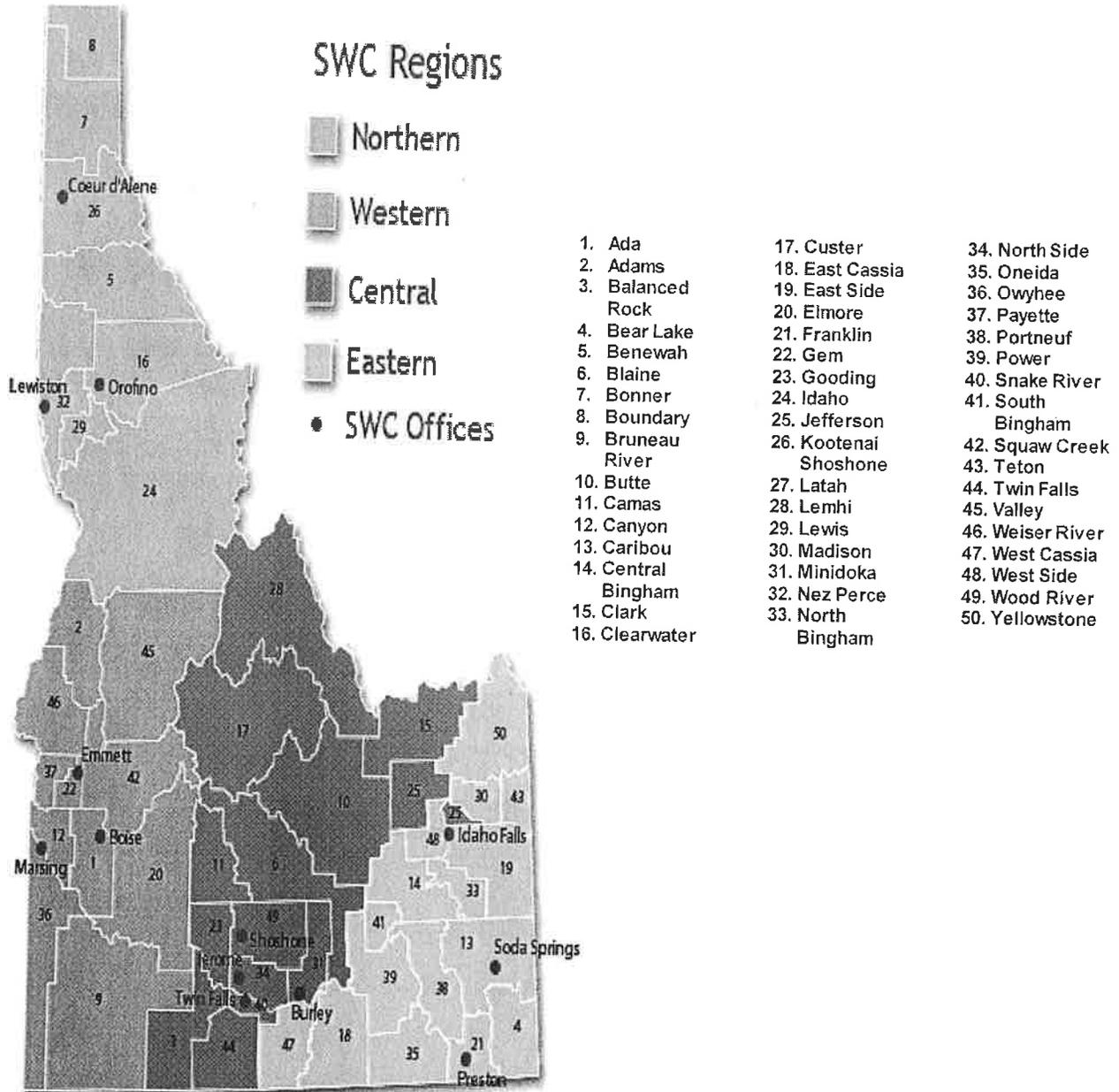
Mr. Chair, Committee members, thank you for your support, time, and attention.

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Conservation District Fact Sheets

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Ada Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Ada Soil and Water Conservation District has achieved over 60 years of successful conservation implementation and is fully engaged in meeting present day conservation needs. They work cooperatively with area farmers and ranchers and have adapted and evolved to work actively within the urban and suburban areas of the district.

Mission:

The vision for the Ada Soil & Water Conservation District is to be the leader of natural resource planning, conservation, and implementation activities in Ada County.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Planted 5,000 starts of bitterbrush and native pollinator forbs at the 800-acre conservation easement at Avimor in the Boise Foothills.
- Used a Conservation Innovation Grant to study the use of biocontrol agents to control invasive weeds in the Boise Foothills.
- During the 2015-2016 crop season the District followed the efforts of 3 local producers who are using innovative conservation tools and techniques to enhance the sustainability of their operations. Beautiful documentaries which chronicle these producer's bold attempts to change the way they farm will be completed in February, 2017. These documentaries will be used to provide educational information to farmers and the general public about voluntary conservation methods.
- The District's two no-till drills have been rented almost continuously this season, reducing soil erosion and increasing soil health.
- Sponsored 4 students to the University of Idaho's Natural Resources Camp where students learn about conservation in an outdoor setting.

- Held five 5th Grade Conservation Field Days for 1,200 students from Boise, Kuna and Meridian. schools. At each event, environmental and industry leaders educate students about soil health, agriculture, watersheds, animal habitat, healthy food and pollinators.



5th Grade Conservation Field Day Event.

Future Plans and Projects:

A new focus for the Ada Soil & Water Conservation District is preserving farmland in the Treasure Valley. Agriculture contributes \$1.7 billion to the Treasure Valley's economy, but acreage dedicated to farms is declining rapidly. Over one quarter of Idaho's total farmland is located in the Treasure Valley and its preservation is vital to the economy of the entire state

FY 2016 District Funding:

State	\$60,330
County	\$45,000
Avimor Easement Management	\$5,000
No-Till Drill Rental	\$16,000
SWID RC&D Admin Assistance	\$1,700
5th Grade Field Day	\$1,000
Conservation Improvement Grant	\$7,500
Total	\$136,530

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Prepared by Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Adams Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: Organized in 1966 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the Adams Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries. The District supports diverse land uses, including irrigated and dryland farming, grazing, woodlands, recreation, and urban areas. Each of these land uses presents different conservation challenges.

Mission:

The mission of the Adams Soil and Water Conservation District is to use the educational, fiscal and technical resources at our disposal to assist landowners, especially agricultural producers, in putting voluntary resource conservation into practice on the ground.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Completed one implementation project of the \$319-funded Upper Weiser River Restoration project. Three additional projects are ready to implement as soon as weather allows
- Administered the cost share funding from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for the Adams CWMA.
- Co-sponsored the 7th Annual Soil Health Symposium February 2016 attended by 140 local producers. The Symposium features leading innovators from around the country, along with panels of local producers, discussing information and techniques such as no-till farming, cover crops and other methods to improve soil health and crop production.
- Co-sponsored the second annual Rangeland Skillathon with the UI Adams County Extension and Idaho Rangeland Resources

Commission and administered the capacity building grant from ISWCC.

- Co-sponsored the Council Education Resource Crew (CERC) for the second year.
- Wrote and distributed two newsletters.
- Maintained a website and Facebook page about District activities and services.



Weiser River streambank restoration underway.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Work to develop new partnerships for water quality and stream restoration projects.
- Consider applying for Phase 2 of the Upper Weiser Restoration project.
- Co-sponsor the annual Soil Health Symposium with the Payette SWCD and other conservation districts in February 2017.
- Continue to reach out to and educate landowners through newsletters, workshops and other means to encourage resource conservation.
- Work with landowners on the Weiser River from Glendale to Goodrich to restore and protect river bank.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State	\$27,339
Adams County	\$4,000
City of Council	\$500
319 Grants	19,767
Landowner/local match	\$27,986
Total	\$81,453

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Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District was organized in 1961 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to local landowners and operators, and conserve soil, water and related natural resources within the District’s boundaries. Although cropland provides the majority of income for the District’s cooperators, the bulk of the resource base is rangeland or grazing land.



Multi-species cover crop mixes.

Mission:

- Help people help the land.
- Provide local leadership to educate and assist the public on the stewardship of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources, and to promote strong conservation partnerships to find practical, economical solutions to natural resource problems and coordinate their implementation.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- The District is in the final year of a three-year Conservation Innovation Grant funded project to provide cost share assistance to cooperators to experiment with cover crops and/or no-till plating techniques. In 2016 approximately 680 acres were seeded to multi-species cover crop mixes, and approximately 1,200 acres were seeded using a no-till drill.
- The new 39/39A Wetland west of Filer became operational for the 2016 irrigation season.
- Sponsored a conservation poster contest for 4th, 5th & 6th grade students and a speech contest for high school students.
- Provided two campers with \$500 scholarships to the U of I Natural Resources Camp.
- Participated in the 2016 Ag Pavilion at the Twin Falls County Fair.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Balanced Rock SCD has received a 319 grant to construct a wetland in the Mud Creek area. This project will be a continuation of the effort begun two years ago to address water quality in that region by constructing a series of smaller projects rather than one large wetland at the end of the drain.
- The district is also exploring opportunities to gather deep soil nitrate data throughout the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area.

FY 2016 District Funding

State	\$21,981
County	\$8,750
Conservation Improvement Grant	\$55,982
Total	\$86,713

Balanced Rock SCD
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Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940. They have assisted cooperators in land leveling, rebuilding irrigation systems, drainage of semi-wet cropland and applying other soil and water conservation practices.

Mission:

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources in the District.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY2016 Accomplishments:

- Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant project work continued through 2016. Landowners as well as contractors are working together to create a less wildfire friendly environment. Partners include 12 landowners, IDL, USFS, CL County, BL SWCD, and the Highlands CWMA.
- The French Dutch and Williamson Hollow Fuels Reduction projects are also being implemented by the District.
- Stauffer Creek 319 Grant began in the fall of 2014, and has expanded from 1 landowner to 4. Conservation will include a ditch-to-pipe conversion, fencing and brush management. Partners include landowners, DEQ, IFG, ISWCC, BL SWCD, NRCS and Conservation Basics, LLC.
- Two other grants are helping landowners implement water quality improvement projects—the Highlands CWMA grant is ongoing while the PBJ grant was completed in November, 2016.
- Held the annual Cooperator of the Year Banquet where Dustin Ford and Beth Rasmussen were honored as the 2016 Cooperators of the Year.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue working with Division V in staff meetings and training.



Using a skidder to gather timber



Burning timber to create a wildfire fuel break

FY 2016 DISTRICT FUNDING:	
State Funds	\$28,916
County Funds	\$10,000
Funds Administered:	
Highlands CWMA	\$34,650
PBJ 319 Grant	\$206,879
Stauffer Cr 319 Grant	\$186,361
Thomas Fork AFO 319 Grant	\$299,665
Paris Hills Fuels Reduction Grant	\$598,500
ECC Projects	\$36,460
French Dutch Fuels Reduction	\$148,500
Balance Due on Loans From Local Irrig. Co.s	\$11,162
Total:	\$1,561,093

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Benewah Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Benewah Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946, and boasts a large agriculture base, as well as a significant timber base. The District has introduced conservation practices such as contour and cross-slope farming, stubble mulching, strip cropping and range and pasture management.

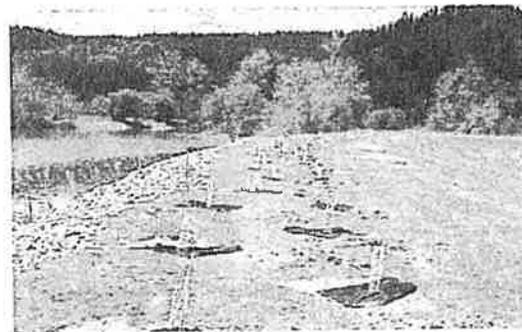
Mission:

- Serve as a liaison bringing together state, federal and private sector’s resources to solve conservation and natural resource issues.
- Assist landowners in the planning and implementation of best management practices and provide technical information to help landowners and land users make the best use of land and water resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Participated in DEQ Watershed Advisory Group for the St. Joe and St. Maries Rivers.
- A Board Supervisor and a District employee received SEEP training and certification to assist with water monitoring in project areas.
- Outreach to St. Joe and St. Maries River landowners regarding stream bank remediation assistance available through the district.
- Partnering with the Hangman Bi-State Advisory Group, the group received USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program funding for conservation work including projects on several of waterways within Benewah SWCD.
- Sold 18,000 tree seedlings to local landowners for conservation plantings.
- Partnered with Benewah County, SWCC, and DEQ to complete a 319 project rebuilding a roadway and installing 19 culverts to improve access for residents and emergency responders in this remote area.

- Awarded a 1-year partnership with NRCS to provide landowners with technical and administrative assistance with NRCS programs.
- Assisted local NRCS with streambank erosion measurements for a future conservation project near Clarkia on the St. Maries River.



Streambank plantings

Future Plans and Projects:

- Provide information and assistance in obtaining cost-share funding to control non-point source pollution and soil erosion.
- Plan and apply visible conservation on designated priority watersheds.
- Provide information to landowners/operators on existing practices to reduce soil erosion through the District information outreach.

FY 2016 District Funding

State	\$ 21,639
Local Government	\$ 5,000
District Fundraising	\$ 2,064
Total	\$ 28,703

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Blaine Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Blaine Soil Conservation District was organized in 1954 to provide voluntary land conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners. From its beginning, the District has strongly supported snow survey and plant materials programs and has helped install, maintain and measure 16 snow courses that affect local rivers and streams.

Mission:

- To Coordinate and deliver technical, financial and educational assistance for responsible natural resource management.
 - To establish and support efforts of effective natural resource conservation in Blaine County.
- Function:** To make available technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Partnered with another district to purchase a no-till drill for use in local counties.
- Worked hard to make the community more aware of soil and water issues that affect Blaine County and what they can do to help reduce soil erosion and increase water-use efficiencies.
- Continued to conduct Snow Surveys to provide data for water reports.
- Continued to offer forage and soil sampling to Blaine county producers.
- Partnered with other district to provide VRI Pivots to local land owners.
- Offered three scholarships to Blaine County

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High School Seniors; one for \$1500, one for \$1000, and two for \$500.

- BSCD is a sponsor of the Poster Contest at local, state, and national levels.



- Sponsored 2 teams from Carey High School for the 2016 State Envirothon Competition.
- Worked with Blaine County elementary and high schools to reintroduce Agricultural programs, speech and poster contests, and Envirothon into the schools.

Future Plans and Projects:

- We are currently looking for ideas and speakers to put on a workshop for the Blaine and Camas areas covering no till drilling and cover crops.

State	\$ 29,536
Local Government	\$ 14,000
District Fundraising	\$ 6,500
Total	\$ 50,036

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Prepared by Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 to provide voluntary land water conservation, technical and financial assistance to landowners and users. They have assisted cooperators in classifying rangeland, proper fertilization methods, residue management, woodland management and irrigation practices.

Mission:

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Lake Assist (LAS) and Pend Oreille Basin Commission (POBC) Joint Projects, including monitoring water quality in Priest River and the Waterlife Discovery Center viewing pond.
- Tree Seedling Sale – conifer tree seedling sales increased from 67,180 in 2015 to 73,135 in 2016.
- Boat inspection station hours expanded to 16 hours per day for 2016. Of the 16,173 boats inspected at our three Bonner County stations, no mussels were found but 31 boats were hot washed and invasive weeds were found on an additional 112.
- Over 1,800 willows harvested for the Clark Fork Delta project. Willows were planted in the spring, and planting success was very high.
- Idaho State Forestry Contest: 405 students, 20 schools, 200 volunteers participated. Competition covers 10 forestry related areas.
- Pend Oreille Water Festival: 375 5th graders from 13 schools participated in this 2-day event that includes 6 learning stations.

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Future Plans and Projects:

Our focus will continue to be on projects, outreach, and education that protect the lakes, rivers, forests and soil of Bonner County.

- Monitor status of East Spring Creek fish hatchery decommissioning in preparation of submitting 319 grant for road and streambank stabilization along East Spring Creek Road.
- Projects next year include managing 3 boat inspection stations, selling AIS stickers, the annual tree seedling sale, Pend Oreille Water Festival, Idaho State Forestry Contest, and Waterlife Discovery Center classes.
- Continue to work with other agencies and organizations to determine priority projects in the County.



Inspecting Watercraft Entering the State for invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels.

FY 2016 District Funding

State Funds	\$ 21,721
County Funds	\$ 8,500
State Grant Funds	\$ 352,888
Private Funds/Projects	\$ 103,153
Landowner/Volunteer Match	\$ 99,784
Total	\$ 586,046

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Boundary Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Boundary Soil Conservation District was organized in 1947 to provide voluntary land water conservation, technical and financial assistance to landowners and users. The District has introduced several improved varieties of grasses and legumes into the area, used to stabilize severe erosion sites.

Mission:

- Establish conservation priorities and resource needs of the county and work with land managers, local government agencies and other local interests in addressing a broad spectrum of resource concerns.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- The District gave away to the public 150 seedlings on Earth Day and gave an additional 150 to 4th graders on Arbor Day.
- Conducted annual educational farm tour to provide information on agricultural, wildlife habitat, noxious weed and urban aspects of conservation in the district. Every year a different project site is toured, giving the community a look at the good work being accomplished by NRCS and the District.
- Purchased supplies for a weed awareness poster in the elementary schools within the district, and also purchased seedlings for all 3rd graders in the school district. The administrative assistant gave them out to excited youngsters after giving an educational class explaining the importance of trees.
- Weed and Pollinator education - The district partnered with County Extension to help

educate new landowners of the importance of eradicating noxious weeds on their entire lots, not just the immediate area around dwellings. Additional public education was provided about the importance of pollinators and farming, encouraging landowners to plant pollinator friendly flowers and shrubs to help the pollinators have a more abundant food source giving them a better survival rate.

- Agriculture and related topics are highlighted in the District booth at the county fair. As many as 10,000 people pass through during the week.



Annual Farm Tour Activities

FY 2016 District Funding

State Funds	\$ 24,214
County Funds	\$ 9,000
Farm Bureau Donation	\$ 400
District Tree Sales	\$ 7,400
RC&D	\$ 3,546
Total	\$ 44,560

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Bruneau River Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Bruneau River Soil Conservation District was organized in 1953 and identified their priorities as drainage investigations, developing and irrigating new land for agriculture and performing soil surveys and water table studies. The district's long-range resource conservation program places high priority on irrigation water management, rangeland management, animal waste management and protection of wildlife habitat.

Mission:

Our mission is to take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water, and related resources. Our vision is to help our local producers conserve irrigation water, control noxious weeds, reduce erosion, and develop sustainable agricultural practices to reduce nitrates in our water supply, while maximizing yields and decreasing inputs. This will ensure that farming and ranching will continue far into the future.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- In partnership with the BLM, sprayed wilderness areas for noxious weeds with pack animals.
- Partnered with the Shoshone and Paiute tribes to spray for noxious weed on 4,500 acres.
- Partnered with the Fish and Wildlife Service and landowners to control the invasive species Hydrilla in the Bruneau River.
- Administered the ISDA Watercraft Inspection stations at Bruneau and Marsing. Conducted more than 4,000 boats at our two stations in an effort to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species to Idaho.

- Partnered with landowners and DEQ to implement Nutrient Management BMPs on 8,000 acres of irrigated cropland within the Bruneau and Grand View Nitrate Priority Areas.



The Bruneau river Canyon

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to administer watercraft inspection stations in Bruneau and Marsing.
- Educate ranchers on rangeland and riparian Best Management Practices.
- Continue to provide leadership in controlling invasive terrestrial and aquatic weed species.
- Reduce the use of hot water irrigation to maintain the hot water aquifer for the benefit of the Bruneau Hot Spring Snail population.

FY 2016 District Funding

State Funds	\$ 12,808
County Funds	\$ 2,900
ISDA Boat Inspection Program Funds	\$ 170,400
Total	\$ 186,108

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Butte Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Butte Soil and Water Conservation District was organized by the citizens of Butte County, Idaho in 1953 to offer technical assistance to farmers and ranchers in water use and conservation, land leveling, soil fertility, crop rotation, introduction of new crops, use of windbreaks and range management.

Mission:

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources in the District.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Cooperated with NRCS to improve residual grass cover, plant diversity and vigor, and long term range health in potential sage grouse breeding, nesting and winter habitat.
- Rented the District’s no-till drill to local growers as a tool to improve soil health and reduce erosion.
- Sponsored an Applicator Re-Certification and Soil Health Workshop in January, 2016. Subjects included understanding and managing soil health, noxious weed identification, and the good, the bad and the ugly facts related to how herbicide residues in soils affect insects, earthworms and other organisms in the soil.
- Students from Arco and Mackay schools participated in District-sponsored poster and speech contests with the theme being “We All Need Trees”.
- Sponsored four student scholarships to the Natural Resources Camp in Ketchum.

- In conjunction with partners, held a 6th Grade Natural Resources Day for students at Butte Middle School and Mackay Elementary School.
- Sponsored two teams from Butte and Mackay to the Idaho State Envirothon Competition.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue sponsoring and hosting educational and outreach programs for the youth and adults in the community.



A High Tunnel provides many environmental benefits.



6th Grade Poster Contest Winner

FY 2016 District Funding

Local Units of Government	\$ 8,781
State of Idaho	\$ 23,170
Donations and Fundraising Income	\$ 4,595
Value of Donated Time	\$ 9,000
ISDA Weed Program Administration	\$ 1,050
Total	\$ 46,596

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Camas Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Camas Conservation District was organized in 1957 to help landowners lay out irrigation systems and assist ranchers with soil quality and forage information. Each year, the District donates money, technical assistance, and office space for Southern Idaho Biological Weed Control staff, awards graduating seniors scholarship funds and sends youth to Natural Resource Camp and Envirothon, and sponsors educational activities. They also provide input to the Camas County Zoning and Planning Committee, monitor water quality in groundwater wells, and assist in NRCS snow surveys. The District's top priorities are: improve rangeland, improve wildlife habitat, increase public outreach, improve water quality and reduce soil erosion, and provide fiscally responsible district operations.

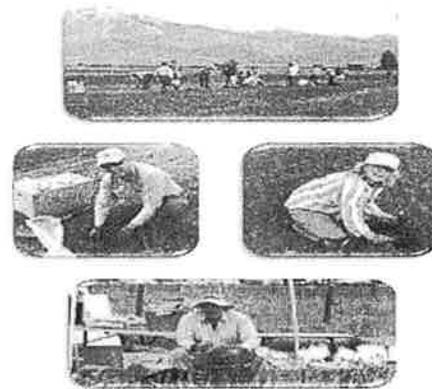
Mission:

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources in the District and to encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and selected officials.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Co-hosted and participated in the District 26 Legislative Luncheon.
- Two tree sales were held this year.
- Five well depth measurements on 30 wells were taken during this fiscal year – three in calendar 2015 and two in calendar 2016.
- Sponsorships were provided to Southern Idaho Biological Control Program, LSEE, Idaho Forestry Contest and AITC.

- Continuing a partnership with NRCS, USFS, Idaho Power, Camas County, the City of Fairfield and the Conservation District, we completed planting of a shelterbelt at our local medical facility. Over 25 volunteers and four agencies participated and seedlings and tree-related information were provided to interested individuals.



Volunteers planting shelterbelt trees.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Work with landowners to implement streambank restoration projects.
- District Supervisor and staff training.
- Public education and outreach.
- Well depth and snow measurements are continual.

FY 2016 District Funding

Federal Funds	\$ 48,739
State Funds	\$ 18,606
County Funds	\$ 4,400
Grants	\$ 2,000
Tree Sales	\$ 1,024
Value of Volunteer Time	\$ 4,362
Total	\$ 79,131

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Canyon Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: Organized in 1951, the Canyon Soil Conservation District focused on farm-related soil and water problems. Farmers receive help leveling their land, lining ditches, installing irrigation pipelines, developing conservation cropping systems and learning to utilize crop residues for better soil and water conservation. Irrigation companies receive help upgrading their canals and diversions along the Boise River.

Mission:

- Provide quality leadership, information, education, technical assistance and financial assistance for the conservation and wise use of natural resources.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Provided Conservation Technical Assistance to 39 different producers on approximately 687 acres. Assistance consisted of site visits, conservation planning and system engineering for improved gravity systems, sprinklers and drip systems.
- Hosted the Canyon SCD/319 project tour which focused on best management practices for improving soil health.
- Participated in the 6th annual Soil Health Symposium. 150 folks attended the 2-day event.
- Sponsored Poster and Speech Contests for area school students.
- Provided a scholarship which enabled one student to attend the Natural Resources Camp.
- Canyon SCD and Ada SWCD partnered to present the No-Till Organic Cover Crop and Roller Crimper Day in July, where over 80 attendees gained valuable information.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to seek future projects for Agricultural Best Management Practices for water quality improvements.
- Numerous 319 projects have been submitted for consideration, including center pivot sprinklers, wheel lines, annual drip systems and permanent drip systems.
- Partner with agencies and organizations to seek additional funding with which to address resource concerns.
- Promote natural resource conservation through outreach and education programs for youth and adults.



Cover crop being used to control erosion and sediment runoff on this Canyon County field that slopes at 5-7% directly towards the Snake River.

FY 2016 District Funding

County Funds	\$ 10,000
State Funds	\$ 24,325
319 Grant Funds	\$ 103,305
Newsletter Ad Revenue	\$ 2,020
Value of Volunteer Time	\$ 13,247
Total	\$ 152,897

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Caribou Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Caribou Soil Conservation District was organized in 1951 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to local landowners and operators, and conserve soil, water and related natural resources within the District's boundaries.

Mission:

- Dedicated to promoting wise land and water use, providing information and education and giving assistance to anyone looking for ways of conserving and improving our natural resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- The 319 project on Bear River is installing solar panels and an off-stream watering system on an animal feeding operation. Cross-fencing, exclusion fencing, willow planting and grazing management plans will all be used to reduce the amount of pollutants entering surface waters in the watershed.
- The Trout Creek SRF project removed an old dairy and outbuildings, along with stream restoration.
- The Upper Blackfoot 319 project fenced off a portion of the Blackfoot and installed a solar pumping station.
- The Pebble Creek 319 project was completed, having accomplished 4,719' of streambank restoration, 11,900' of riparian fencing, 1,500' of stock-water pipeline, 2 livestock watering facilities and numerous additional BMPs to improve water quality in Pebble Creek.
- Sponsored poster and speech contests.
- Held a project tour and rangeland tour.
- Sponsorships to Natural Resources camp and Idaho Envirothon.
- Annual tree sale program

- Continue ongoing projects.
- Sponsor annual tree sales program.
- Host and sponsor multiple outreach and education programs throughout the county.



Installing culvert in the Pebble Creek watershed.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State	\$28,464.30
County	\$12,000.00
City	\$1,805.00
319 Grants	\$295,979.78
PacifiCorp, Trout Unlimited, US Forest Service, JR Simplot, Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust, Southeast Idaho Fly Fishers, Portneuf SWCD, & Landowners.	\$103,703.50
Total	\$441,952.68

Future Plans and Projects:

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Central Bingham Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Central Bingham Soil Conservation District was organized in 1955 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the District boundaries. The District has traditionally carried out a vigorous information program including radio, newsletters, tours and presentations to civic groups.

Mission:

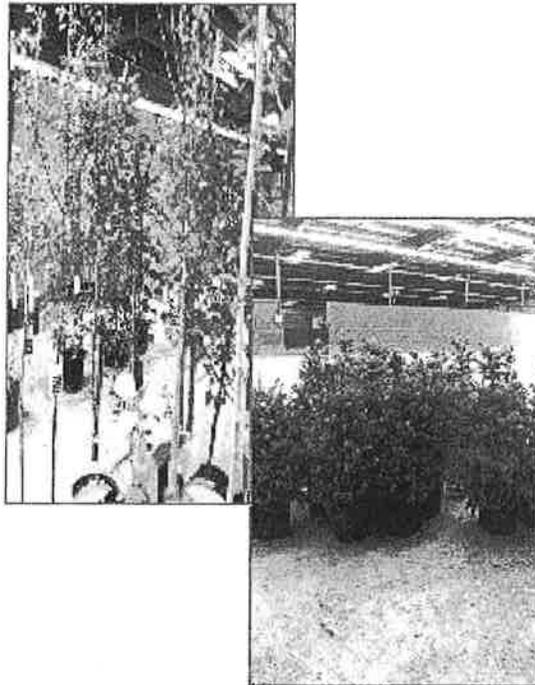
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.
- Promote programs, implement plans and educate the public on conservation issues.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Held annual Tree Sale receiving \$39,959. The proceeds to be used throughout the year to fund outreach and educational events for school children in the county.
- Partnered with Snake River High School Ag Department and the USDA Plant Materials Center we are developing a Perennial Grass Display along Hwy 39, west of Blackfoot.
- Donated trees for distribution to county 4th grade students on Arbor Day.
- Co-sponsoring a Workshop and Seminar on Controlling Cheat Grass in February 2017.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Work on a stream flow project with a canal company in the summer of 2016.



Central Bingham Tree Sale

FY 2016 District Funding

State	\$19,115.00
County	\$3,000.00
Tree Sales	\$39,959.00
Total	\$62,074.00

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Clark Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Clark Soil Conservation District was organized in 1952 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance within the District. Some conservation measures emphasized today include conservation tillage, brush control, irrigation water management, windbreaks, grazing management, use of crop residue, and irrigation system improvements.

Mission:

- Provide landowners and users with a legal mechanism to cooperate with one another and with state, local and federal agencies in establishing sound soil and water conservation measures within the district.
- Encourage each landowner to put all land and water resources to the most beneficial use and treat each acre in accordance with its needs for protection and improvement.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Worked with landowners and NRCS to improve rangeland health and forage productivity, and manage noxious weeds.
- Continued leadership of the Camas Creek Rangeland Fire Protection Association (CCRFPA).
- Sponsored a Conservation poster contest for 5th and 6th grade students.
- Conducted an annual Conservation Tour.

- Sponsored a “Birth of a River” field trip for Clark County School District to teach students the importance of water.
- Contributed funds to assist with the purchase of a greenhouse for the Clark County School District’s Science department.



A turnip dug from a cover crop field in Clark County. Turnip seed is planted as part of the cover crop mix to help reduce soil erosion and improve soil health.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continued efforts with the assistance of NRCS to address, educate and promote such practices as crop rotations, stream bank restoration, stock water systems, grazing management, wildlife habitat and combating invasive noxious weeds.
- Conduct educational conservation tours, workshops and local working group planning meetings to gain insight from county leaders and residents.

FY 2016 District Funding

State	\$21,069
County	\$7,500
Value of Volunteer Time	\$15,000
Total	\$43,569

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Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to local landowners and operators, to conserve soil, water and related natural resources. Forest land in Clearwater County makes up 94% of the total acres.

Mission: Provide local leadership to educate and assist the public on wise stewardship and management of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources, and to promote strong conservation partnerships to find practical, economical solutions to natural resources problems and coordinate their implementation.

Vision: Productive and sustainable natural resources in harmony with an elevated land stewardship ethic of the people.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Completed the second and third of three Snake River Basin Adjudication grants implementing forest BMP's to improve water quality, fish passage, and sediment reduction to Class I and II receiving waters of the NF Clearwater River and Lolo Creek watersheds. The forest BMP implementation efforts consisted of forest road obliteration and/or abandonment, culvert upgrades, bridge installations and road blocking.
- Completed forestry BMPs to improve water quality, fisheries and sediment reduction on Whiskey Creek.
- Partnered with the County to address items identified in post-fire assessments, including wildfire prevention and post-fire flood control and restoration actions.
- Completed the Orogrande Creek Bull Trout Habitat Improvement project, improving fish passage and spawning habitat.
- Completed the Burcham Creek/Lolo Creek Salmon & Steelhead Habitat Improvement project.

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- Co-sponsor and participate in the 6th grade Forestry and Natural Resources Tour.
- Participate in the 4th grade Earth Day Outdoor Classroom.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Address priority stream resource concerns.
- Provide an investment grade engineering design for a woody biomass renewable energy project in the community.
- Actively coordinate with the County "Hazard Mitigation" team to develop and promote a "Fire Wise Program" and evaluate "Flood Control" measures as well as identify potential landslide locations in the community.



School students getting a hands-on introduction to natural resources conservation.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$39,351.82
Local Funding	\$10,000.00
Corporate Donation	\$10,000.00
319 Grant	\$25,677.00
BMP'S	\$81,496.59
Other Monies Private	\$751.77
Volunteer Time	\$5,125.00
Total	\$172,402.18

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Custer Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Custer Soil and Water Conservation District was established in June of 1953. Through the years, the District has sponsored many trial seedings of new and improved grasses furnished by the Soil Conservation Service’s Plant Materials Center in Aberdeen, Idaho.

Mission:

- Provide action and information at the local level for promoting wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with the emphasis on soil and water.
- Have productive and sustainable natural resources in harmony with elevated land stewardship ethics.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Sponsored Natural Resource Awareness Day and co-sponsored Ag Week with approximately 200 students participating at each event.
- Assisted with implementation of the Idaho Envirothon, a hands-on environmental problem solving competition for high school students.
- Sponsored one team to the State Envirothon Competition.
- Sponsored speech and poster contests for local students to reflect the theme “We All Need Trees”.
- Held annual 5th grade tour, reaching approximately 30 students. The tour included seed potato and grain farms.
- Installed a pipeline to make upper reaches of the Pahsimeroi River accessible to local and anadromous fish.
- Installed three bridges to improve fish passage in the Pahsimeroi area.
- Removed a barrier to fish passage on Garden Creek.

- Installed a stock-water system on Pole Creek to benefit fish by increasing flow in the creek.
- Applied for and received IASCD Field Office Partnership Award for Challis FO.



Annual 5th Grade Tour: Students discussed rangeland with Jackie Ingram and also visited the Parkinson Seed Farm.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Custer SWCD continues to focus on resource concerns related to water quality, water quantity, and the Endangered Species Act.
- The Custer SWCD continues to work with willing landowners to implement projects related to fish recovery by addressing flows, fish barriers and stream restoration projects. The district has allocated funds to implement six of these projects over the next year.

FY 2016 District Funding:

Federal Grants to Custer SWCD	\$2,040,362
State Funding - SWC	\$19,116
County/Local Funding	\$6,478
OCS Funding	\$616,168
IDFG	\$9,730
Landowner Match	\$315,000
Total	\$3,006,854

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East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in September of 1956 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users in the eastern half of Cassia County.

Mission:

- Set high standards for conservation of natural resources.
- Educate both youth and adults in conservation practices and needs.
- Encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, etc. to accomplish conservation goals.
- Carry out a well-balanced resource conservation program focused around soil erosion, water management improvements and reduction of flood damages on the Raft River.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Held the annual Tree Sale, which provides an opportunity for the District to interact with local patrons, promote good conservation, and generate income to help fund district projects.
- Supported youth education by awarding one \$500 college scholarship to a graduate of Raft River HS and two scholarships to the Natural Resources Camp as well as by financially supporting Envirothon and the Forestry Contest.
- Supervisors volunteered time to help with the Land and Soil Evaluation Event.
- Sponsored a Soil Health Workshop which featured Brendon Rocky teaching about using cover crops to increase potato production and Marlon Winger demonstrating how tillage affects water infiltration into soil.
- East Cassia, West Cassia and Minidoka SWCD's worked jointly to promote the Direct Seed Drill program. The districts have been renting both

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drills out this year to landowners for test plots, as well as offering a cover crop seed rebate to landowners who purchase cover crop seed.



• Youth participating in the 2016 Land and Soil Evaluation event.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue the partnership with NRCS and the Conservation Commission to promote the Nutrient and Irrigation Water Management program available to landowners.
- Continue to promote soil health by educating agricultural producers on how no-till and cover crops offer benefits to productivity, economic yields, and the sustainability of their agricultural operations.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State - SWC	\$17,812.95
County	\$5,000.00
Tree Sale	\$1,661.68
Administrative Revenue	\$4,175.72
Other Income	\$424.30
Total	\$29,074.65

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East Side Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The East Side Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1948 to provide voluntary land and water conservation. On November 16, 2012 at the 70th IASCD Conference held in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Matt Woodard, Chairman of the East Side SWCD received the Doyle L. Scott award. The purpose is to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of natural resource conservation and one who has made exceptional personal contributions to further those efforts. Congratulations Matt.

Mission:

Our Mission: To deliver natural resource conservation technology and education to promote management practices and wise use of natural resources to ensure sustainable resource base in perpetuity.

Our Vision: To continue to provide education and support in all aspects of conservation needed for the areas, and to hope that all residents of the East Side SWCD will look to us for guidance and cooperation with the soil and water conservation issues.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Helped fund cloud seeding through the High Country RC&D.
- Hosted a Soil Health and Weed School, which attracted more than 100 landowner participants to learn about current cover crop technologies and weed management strategies.
- Worked with NRCS and other partners to promote soil health, improve irrigation efficiency and nutrient management, and enhance rangeland productivity.
- Worked with Trout Unlimited and other partners to stabilize streambanks and create fish-friendly habitat that will improve spawning and rearing sites for the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout in Palisades Creek.

- District staff presented natural resource conservation concepts to 375 students during the annual Water Festival Day in Idaho Falls.



Palisades Creek, restored back to its original flow and fish-friendly habitat.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue partnership with RC&D for the Cloud Seeding Program.
- Continue efforts to provide education to youth and adults through the Water Festival Conservation Jeopardy game.
- Continue wildfire prevention workshops
- Alert landowners of the availability of Energy Conservation programs.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$24,325.91
County Funding	\$10,000.00
Landowner Contribution	\$118,381.89
Value of Volunteer Time	\$12,000.00
Total	\$164,707.80

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Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940 to provide voluntary land and water conservation and technical and financial assistance within the District. The District assists in the preparation and implementation of conservation plans to help conserve and wisely use resources.

Mission:

- The Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District serves as the grass roots entity for the County of Elmore. The County of Elmore is diverse and the supervisors prioritize the projects by importance that is deemed relative to our unique area.
- The Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District is dedicated to working together to conserve Elmore County's natural resources.
- The Elmore Soil and Water Conservation District assists land managers with their conservation choices.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Completed work on the Cold Springs Creek Riparian Restoration Project to restore and maintain water quality in the sub-watershed. The project addressed resource concerns associated with 2,800 acres of private rangeland, 3 ½ stream miles and 31 acres of riparian zone land.
- Held a 9th grade Conservation Field Day with 115 students Mountain Home high school science students participating.
- Sponsored Mountain Home Elementary and High School students competing in the "We All Need Trees" themed speech and poster contests.
- Worked with NRCS and USFWS to implement a conservation plan in the Hill City area that includes a prescribed grazing plan, development of a spring and off-site watering tanks and

additional conservation measures designed to enhance the productivity of wet meadows vital to successful sage grouse nesting and brood rearing.



The restored riparian zone along Cold Springs Creek.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Assist landowners in efforts to improve their soil and water management techniques.
- Continue to assist county with comprehensive planning for wise land use, as well as working with groups to reduce and prevent surface and ground water pollution.
- Work with cooperators to develop and implement grazing plans and practices.
- Promote measures to reduce wildfire hazards to homes and forestlands.
- Enhance environmental outreach efforts to youth and adults.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State – SWC	\$30,646
County	\$8,000
SGI & FW Partnership	\$3,925
Total	\$42,571.57

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Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1947 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to local landowners and operators, and conserve soil, water and related natural resources within the District's boundaries. The SWCD has been instrumental in helping farmers design and incorporate sprinkler irrigation into their farm plans.

Mission:

- Support high quality and effective projects that engage private landowners in the conservation and enhancement of wildlife and natural resources on their lands.
- We place high priority on innovative concepts that integrate conservation practices in ongoing agriculture and ranching operations.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- The following highlights a portion of our entire work, which encompassed education programs for youth and adults, and ongoing projects with partners such as Idaho State Department of Agriculture, water districts, and the Franklin County Planning and Zoning.
- Coordinated a Franklin County Irrigation Reservoir Alliance project that augments ISDA boat inspection efforts and helps to protect against Quagga/Zebra mussel infestation.
- Worked with multiple landowners to implement the Station Creek Water Quality Project, installing livestock exclusion fence, off-stream watering facilities, riparian plantings and other Best Management Practices to reduce sediment and phosphorous loads in the Bear River system.
- Implemented an EPA Diesel Emission Reduction project, reducing diesel emissions by replacing older vehicles with Tier 4 emission standard diesel vehicles. Replaced 3 school buses, 7 tractors, and 1 diesel irrigation pump.

- Taught a 75-hour Ecology course for 20 students at Franklin County High School.
- Hosted a conservation-themed poster contest for 220 5th-grade students of Preston and West Side School Districts.
- Presented a display at the Franklin County Fair highlighting conservation projects and concerns within the County.
- Present a Water Fair during which we introduce 8th-grade students to a plethora of Natural Resources issues.



Construction of an Irrigation Hydro Facility completed last year.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Focus on riparian corridors along the Bear River.
- Noxious weed management in the Oneida Narrows area.

FY 2016 District Funding:

Grants	\$219,608
State Appropriation	\$39,494
County Appropriation	\$6,450
Cities Contribution	\$5,750
Programs & Contracts	\$169,348
Sales & Services	\$11,684
Other local entities	\$35,135
Total	\$487,469

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Gem Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Gem Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1954 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the District boundary. The major soil and water conservation needs in the district today are soil protection on cropland, animal waste management, irrigation water management, and land reclamation.

Mission:

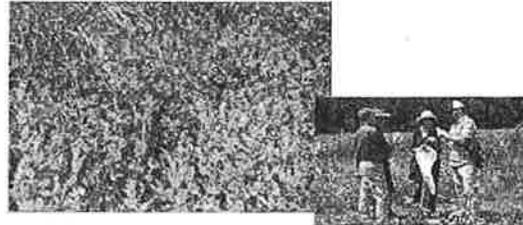
- Set high standards for conservation of soil, water and related natural resources and encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and elected officials, through education, technical support and financial assistance.
- Coordinate conservation activities and disseminate natural resources information to organizations and the public in Gem SWCD.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Worked with NRCS to provide cost-share funds through EQIP that helped 9 landowners install best management practices on their land. Some of the Best Management Practices installed were:
 - Cover Crops
 - Windbreaks/Shelterbelts
 - Sprinkler Irrigation Systems
 - Mulch Tillage
 - Firebreaks
 - Fencing
- Sponsored a District Speech Contest
- Sponsored 215 5th grade students from 3 schools in the poster contest.
- Provided 50% scholarships for two students to attend the Natural Resource Camp in Ketchum.
- Distributed Blue Spruce seedlings to 3rd grade students during Arbor Day and explained the

importance of tree planting and renewable resources.

- Published and mailed a District newsletter to 800 subscribers.



Landowners are learning of the natural resource benefits of cover crops.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Focus on load reductions of 33% bacteria at the confluence of the Lower Payette and Snake Rivers, 30% phosphorus in Hells Canyon and 34% reduction in sediment and 87% reduction of bacteria in Bissel Creek.
- Continue to promote natural resource conservation through outreach and education programs for local youth, landowners, and future farmers and ranchers.
- Education of landowners, students, and the general public remains a Gem SWCD priority that requires continued commitment and participation in efforts such as National Stewardship Week, Poster and Speech Contests, Arbor Day, Ag Day and others.

FY 2016 District Funding:

County Funding	\$6,000.00
State Funding	\$18,204.00
319 Grant Funds	\$75,103.00
Total	\$99,307.00

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Gooding Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Gooding Soil Conservation District was formed in 1945 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance within the District.

Mission:

- Promote voluntary conservation through an active education and demonstration program designed for assisting cooperators.
- Establish strong, proactive District providing resource leadership and assistance with independent fund sources capable of sustaining staff and programs on a continuous basis.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- The District received a grant to establish warm and cool season cover crop demonstration plots. In partnership with the U of I we hosted a Field Day where we provided community members with information related to what we have learned about the costs and benefits of cover crops
- In partnership with North West Farm Credit Service, we purchased a no-till corn planter that we are using to improve the community garden and to demonstrate no-till vs. conventional tillage.
- The Gooding SCD High Tunnel Project continues to provide conservation benefits. Rocky Mountain Juniper seedlings – potted in 1-gallon containers—will be utilized for the Trees Against the Wind Project or possibly to be sold to Wood River SWCD to raise money.
- The District worked with 5th grade students from Gooding and North Valley Charter Schools to clean up the Community Garden, and took the opportunity to educate them on the benefits of cover crops while we were at it!

Future Plans and Projects:

- Host workshops, tours, and soil health demonstrations to encourage other Gooding County community members to become involved in soil health and growing local food in their communities.
- Offer “Tree Max” fabric mulch. After initial planting, the success of a windbreak depends mainly on adequate water, weed and pest control. Purchasers may use the fabric-laying machine rent-free with fabric purchase.



Tom Woodland (FFA Teacher) planting sweet corn with the District's new no-till corn planter.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$24,326
County General Services	\$5,500
Fabric Mulch	\$3,530
NWFC grant	\$1,000
Junipers	\$100
Total	\$34,456

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Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Idaho Soil Conservation District was formed in 1954 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the District. The Idaho SWCD has diverse resources and has developed a conservation program to protect woodlands, cropland, rangelands and wildlife. They encourage landowners to include wildlife habitat in their farm and woodland operations.

Mission:

- Make technical, financial and educational resources available for responsible natural resource management that conserves and improves soil, water, air quality, and wildlife habitat.
- Focus on available technical, financial and educational resources and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land user.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- The district is using SRBA and DEQ funds to help landowners adjust agricultural practices in ways to improve water quality, restore riparian functioning and improve aquatic habitat in Rock Creek, a Salmon River tributary. The District works with landowners to design and implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) selected based upon the specific resource concerns present at each project site. The district is following NRCS standards and specifications for BMP installation and is collecting effectiveness data to document progress and results. Annual status reviews ensure that the applied BMPs are being operated and maintained properly. To date, the Rock Creek project has assisted with BMP implementation on 2,731 acres of

private land, treating 13,400 feet of stream that is located on lands grazed by 354 head of cattle.

- Sponsored a 3-day campout as a conservation training event for 75 6th grade students.
- Purchased Blue Spruce seedlings for the 3rd-5th grade students at local schools to celebrate Arbor Day and introduce the conservation benefits of trees.



Great fun at the 6th grade campout!

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue work on the Rock Creek implementation project.
- Maintain focus on community education and outreach.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$20,418.14
County Funding	\$7,000.00
SRBA Funds	\$27,094.74
319 / DEQ Funds	\$20,000.00
IDL Funds	\$2,857.58
Total	\$77,370.46

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Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1952 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance within the District. Each year the District provides technical assistance to landowners and operators on a variety of soil and water conservation practices. Some popular conservation measures practiced in the District today are conservation tillage, brush control, irrigation water management, windbreaks, grazing management, use of crop residue and irrigation system improvements. Congratulations to Shania Jensen who won 1st place in the Speech Contest.

Mission:

- To protect and promote the natural resources found in the Jefferson SWCD.
- To work cooperatively with various agencies, businesses and individuals to motivate and educate various entities regarding natural resources issues.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow has travelled to all the 4th grade classes in the District, as well as being part of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers program. In addition to learning about the milking process, children learn how to properly care for the water, soil and environment.
- Sold almost 5,000 trees and shrubs for windbreak and ornamental use in the district.
- Donated poplar and blue spruce trees to beautify and provide shade at Jefferson County Lake.
- Sponsored speech and poster contests, with almost 100 participants – the District’s Speech winner also went on to win at the Division and place third at the State contest!
- Awarded 4 scholarships for students to attend Natural Resources Camp.

- Sponsored an Erwinthon team.
- Awarded four \$500 scholarships to High School seniors planning a career in an agriculture-related field.
- Sponsored a Weed Awareness Meeting and offered Pesticide Applicator License credit.



Students can get up close and personal with the “business end” of Dolly, the travelling dairy cow.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to seek funding for programs such as the Jefferson Snake River Irrigation Efficiency Project to improve irrigation efficiency and promote water savings.
- Focus on youth and adult education with educational conservation tours, district newsletters, workshops and local working group planning meetings.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding – SWC	\$22,793
County Funding	59,500
Tree and Fabric program	54,964
Total	537,257

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Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1941 to assist the farmers in applying conservation practices and improving their land. Just a few years later the District was actively promoting conservation cropping systems, contour farming, crop residue use, pasture and woodland improvements, grassed waterways, farm ponds and drainage improvements.

Mission (or Function):

- Partner and lead other government agencies, private landowners and users, and the public in promoting voluntary, non-regulatory, locally-led conservation and wise stewardship of the natural resources with which our area has been so richly blessed.

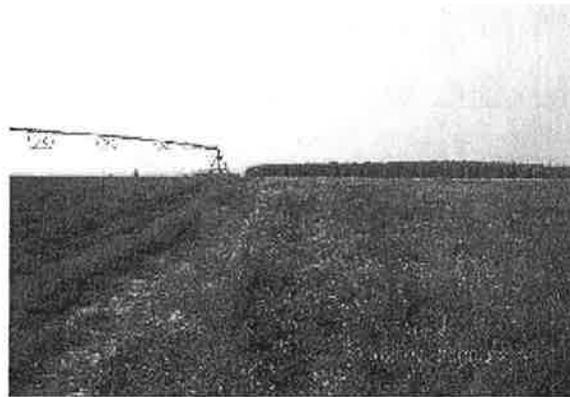
FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Completed 250 ft of stream bank stabilization at the lower end of Mica Creek. Working with the Mica Bay Property Owners Association, a comprehensive sediment reduction plan is being developed. Notably, Kokanee salmon have returned to Mica Creek and are actively spawning.
- Was awarded 2 separate Western Competitive Grants which will be used in 2017 & 2018 to conduct assessments and develop action plans for specific watersheds located within the District.
- Completed road relief work on Bloomsburg Rd to reduce the sediment load delivered to Lake Coeur d'Alene. By installing relief culverts, runoff was diverted to the proper subwatersheds where it was able to disperse properly.
- Received funding for an Idaho Department of Lands Western Competitive Grant which will be used to complete the original proposal to assess

and plan restoration in the Wolf Lodge/Blue/Fernan Creek watersheds.

Future Plans and Projects:

- The District continues to work with the Coeur d'Alene Tributaries WAG on implementing BMPs and watershed planning. This coordinated effort has led to IDEQ finding extra \$19 funds to do projects in Wolf Lodge Creek.
- Outreach throughout the community to promote District programs and Western Competitive Grant project efforts.



Hay production under a center-pivot sprinkler irrigation system.

FY 2016 District Funding

State Funding	\$11,412
RC & D Donation	\$3,546
Western Competitive Grant	\$31,191
Tree Sales	\$26,846
Growers Meeting Support	\$2,800
Total	\$75,795

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Latah Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Latah Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940. The District works through non-regulatory mechanisms to identify conservation practices that are beneficial to resource conservation objectives of the landowner and the public.

Mission:

- Lead local efforts to promote stewardship of natural resources through development of comprehensive plans/implementation strategies for economic and ecological sustainability through coordination of leadership, information and funding.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Developed a new agriculture program designed to foster producer-driven innovations and research to address local concerns related to soil health.
- Implemented meadow restoration projects on private lands within the Big Bear Creek watershed and on public lands within the Corral Creek watershed.
- Coordinated annual Conservation Awareness Day, with over 300 local students participating.
- Installed forest road improvements in collaboration with IDL and Potlatch Forest Holdings Inc. These improvements enhanced water quality and steelhead habitat within the East Fork Potlatch River watershed.
- Implemented a Soil Health program to help local producers address issues associated with acidic soils and soil health monitoring.
- Implemented Palouse Prairie restoration projects on private lands throughout Latah County.



Latah SWCD collaborated with other entities to replace culverts that impeded fish passage within the Potlatch River watershed.



Latah SWCD soil scientists work directly with local producers to monitor soil health and address issues associated with acidic soils.

FY 2016 District Funding*

Local Units of Government	\$18,000
State of Idaho	\$38,654
Bonneville Power Administration	\$1,084,674
Idaho DEQ	\$104,975
Idaho Office of Species Conservation	\$818,208
US Fish and Wildlife Service	\$47,632
USDA NRCS	\$37,592
ID Department of Lands	\$12,124
Foster Creek SCD	\$1,299
Miscellaneous	\$1,150
Total	\$2,164,308

*The above represents Latah SWCD grant and contract income within FY2016. Six new grants totaling \$1,395,515 were awarded in FY2016 to be expended over the next several years.

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Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1962. Main industries include agriculture, livestock operations, recreation, and some mining. Cooperative efforts among private landowners, BLM, FS and Idaho Fish and Game are accelerating conservation on rangeland.

Mission:

- Setting high standards for conservation of the natural resources within the District and assisting local landowners in improving soil and water practices on private lands.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Organized a conservation-themed poster contest for local 6th grade students.
- Sponsored and participated in National Agriculture Week activities in Lemhi County.
- Sponsored a Range Ride in which 50 riders rode the Nicholia Ranch allotment, stopping along the way to discuss rangeland issues.
- Shared an educational booth at the Lemhi County Fair with the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Project and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Installed a new point of diversion, pump and inline pod sprinkler irrigation system on 18 Mile Creek.
- Replaced an existing culvert in Agency Creek with a prefabricated bridge to improve fish passage and water quality.
- Replaced an existing culvert in Pratt Creek with a prefabricated bridge to improve fish passage and water quality.
- Purchased a hydro seeder for use revegetating project sites.
- Work in progress includes Access and Flow Enhancement projects on Canyon Creek, Hawley Creek Access, and Lower Pratt Creek.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue efforts to leverage available federal anadromous fish monies to benefit landowners and natural resources within Lemhi County in addition to ESA-listed and resident fish species.
- Continue the educational programs already in place, including participation in Family Fun Night at the Lemhi County Fair, poster contest, and taking a more active role in National Agriculture Week.



This bridge over Agency Creek replaced a culvert that had been impeding fish passage, thereby improving habitat for Endangered Species Act listed and resident fish species.

FY 2016 District Funding:

Bonneville Power Administration	\$1,354,032.51
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	\$326,017.27
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	\$20,780.75
Idaho Dept of Water Resources	\$11,611.41
State Funding	\$20,373.65
County Funding	\$7,500.00
Total	\$1,740,315.59

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Lewis Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Lewis Soil Conservation District was organized in 1941. Rolling plateaus cut by deeply entrenched streams characterize most of Lewis County. Slopes on the agricultural land range from 5 to 15 percent, some reach 30 percent. The District provides technical assistance in areas such as non-irrigated cropland, non-industrial private forestland and rangeland management.

Mission:

- Dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.
- The LSCD works towards conserving and enhancing resources (soil, water, air, plants and animals) for the economic and environmental benefit of the present and future generations of Lewis County. It is recognized as a source of financial, technical and educational assistance in Lewis County, and as the organization of choice to implement on-the-ground stewardship activities.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Organized a Field Day for more than 110 6th grade students from 5 local schools.
- Provided and staffed a display at the Lewis County Fair.
- Organized a conservation-themed Poster Contest, with 33 students from 2 schools participating.
- Coordinated a Hatchery in the Classroom program, in which 60 students from 4 schools raised steelhead from egg to release size.
- Assisted with the North Idaho Land Judging Contest hosted by Highland FFA. Eighty students from 7 schools participated.
- Organized and hosted a Soil Health Workshop attended by 65 local people.

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- Actively participated in the North-Central Idaho Wildfire Restoration Group, attending landowner meetings and assessing the severity of the Fisher Fire in Big Canyon.
- Provided and staffed an informational display at the State Capitol during the legislative session.



The Fisher Fire burning, and producers participating in the Soil Health Workshop.



Future Plans and Projects:

- A \$319 project to replace culverts in areas affected by the August 2015 Fisher Fire.
- USFWS National Fish Passage Program proposal to replace culverts in the Fisher Fire area and reduce sediment loads in Big Canyon Creek.
- A Regional Conservation Partnership Program proposal submitted in partnership with the U of I, the Okanogan (WA state), and the Umatilla (OR state) Conservation Districts to help farmers improve soil health.

FY 2016 District Funding:

County Funding	\$8,000.00
State Funding	\$22,720.73
319	14,575.86
Landowners	\$7,222.54
Total	\$52,519.13

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Madison Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Madison Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1948, primarily to help farmers modernize irrigation systems, level land, control the spread of noxious weeds, and improve the quality and quantity of forage for their cattle. Strip cropping on dryland farms has gradually been replaced with terraces and debris basins and the District also promotes dryland conservation practices.

Mission:

Our mission is to make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water and related resources.

The vision of the district is to provide landowners and users with a legal mechanism whereby they might cooperate with one another and with state, local and federal agencies in establishing sound soil and water conservation measures within the district. Also, to encourage each landowner to put all land and water resources to the most beneficial use and to treat each acre in accordance with its needs for protection and improvement.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Awarded a Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) grant that enabled the District to collect soil health data and prepare a report of findings.
- Cooperated with NRCS to promote the Madison County Soil Health Initiative aimed at assisting farmers to improve their soils through use of such practices as cover crops, reduced tillage, variable rate irrigation and variable rate fertilization.
- Conducted the annual conservation tour, which featured conservation practices being applied in Madison County, including; a Low Energy Spray

Application (LESA) irrigation project; soil health projects utilizing cover crops, reduced tillage and variable rate irrigation and fertilizer applications; and the Egan lake aquifer recharge project that is assisting in the recharge of the Snake River aquifer.



Some of the fourth grade students who participated in the Birth of a River field trip

Future Plans and Projects:

- Seek funding from traditional and non-traditional sources for projects such as the Rexburg Bench Energy Savings Program.
- Continue to promote implementation of conservation practices.
- Conduct educational conservation tours and workshops for local producers, youths and others.
- Seek funding from various nontraditional sources to retain the current office level.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$20,418
County Funding	\$6,000
Tree and Fabric Program	\$9,290
Value of volunteer time	\$15,000
Total	\$50,708

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Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information:

The Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1955 and spent its first five years helping farmer’s level land, build irrigation structures, and develop proper crop rotation. This year Steve Bradshaw was awarded 2012 Co-operator of the Year at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Mission: Deliver natural resource technology and education, to promote wise use of natural resources and to promote management practices to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations of producers in Minidoka County.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- The District sponsored a Soil Health Workshop with 120 attendees. Presenters provided insights into the scientific basis and the practical application of using no-till and cover crops to improve soil health and productivity.
- District Supervisor Dusty Wilkins serves on the Minico High School Ag Advisory Council working to increase interest in the school’s Ag program.
- The value of the District’s No-Till Drill program is growing amongst area farmers, who are benefiting from improved soil composition, better insect control, and additional winter forage for cattle and sheep.
- The District’s second Cover Crop Tour gave area growers the opportunity to see first-hand what other producers are doing having success with. Use of cover crops results in less soil compaction, better water retention, benefits for pollinator insects, and great winter forage for grazing animals.
- Minidoka SWCD provided a display at the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Annual Conference, highlighting the District’s no-till, cover crop and pipeline activities.

- The District conducted a Poster Contest for area elementary school students with a whopping 504 students participating!



Poster Contest winners, selected from the 504 posters submitted by students.

Future Plans and Projects:

- The Minidoka District board is researching Pollinator Gardens, looking for a site that can be observed and enjoyed by the public.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$17,674.24
Direct Seed Project	\$4,632.00
Tree Sales	\$1,661.68
Match	\$2,800.00
Total	\$26,767.92

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Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1941 after several farmers became alarmed after seeing the fertility and the livelihood of the land they loved disappear. The District’s overriding goal is to minimize soil erosion. Great headway has been made on this goal. They continue to put voluntary conservation on the ground.

Mission Statement:

To be the primary entity leading non-regulatory efforts in the conservation, sustainment, improvement, and enhancement of Nez Perce County’s natural resources.

Vision Statement:

A county with a sustainable landscape.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Installed a riparian buffer along 1.8 miles of Lindsay Creek.
- Hosted a watershed tour of Lindsay Creek to identify solutions to bacteria loading. Attendees included Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District, Nez Perce County, City of Lewiston, Idaho DEQ, and Central Orchards Sewer District.
- Coordinated a 5-county wildfire response team resulting in the post-fire assessment of 265,000 acres burned during the 2015 fire season.
- Completed a hydrology and channel stability assessment of potential flood impacts on the Big Canyon in response to the 2015 Fisher Fire.
- Implemented conservation practices to protect 3,793 acres of cropland from excessive sheet and rill erosion.
- Developed a community pollinator garden in Culdesac, Idaho.
- Implemented 2,077 feet of fence, 3.4 acres of channel bank vegetation, and 925 acres of noxious weed control along Lapwai Creek.

- Installed 1,350 trees along 3 miles of stream in the Lapwai and Lindsay Creek Watersheds.
- Collected hydrologic data at 8 stations in Nez Perce County.
- Hosted the 29th annual Environmental Awareness Days to educate 500 5th and 6th grade students about natural resources and conservation practices.



Tour participants investigate ways to reduce the amount of bacteria entering Lindsay Creek.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Assist City of Lewiston with Thain Grade Stormwater Project.
- Mission Creek Bridge Removal and Replacement Project.
- Implementation of Phase IV of the Tom Beall Riparian Restoration Project.
- Continued implementation of projects to restore steelhead habitat on Lapwai, Big Canyon, Cottonwood, Jacks, Hatwai, Pine and Catholic Creeks.
- Removal of fish passage barriers along Mission, Sweetwater, Tom Beall, and Bear Creeks will be the focus for the next two years.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$63,424.00
County Funding	\$30,000.00
Donations	\$6,346.00
Grants/Contracts	\$351,856.00
Earned Income	\$77,252.00
Total	\$528,878.00

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North Bingham Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The North Bingham Soil Conservation District was organized in 1945 and was active in promoting erosion and weed control and doing windbreak planting. Sprinkler irrigation increased dramatically in the 1960s and the District assisted in mainline development and installation. Most of the canal system farms in the District today are sprinkler irrigated.

Mission:

- Promote programs, implement plans and educate the public on conservation issues in the North Bingham Soil Conservation District.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Provided financial support for construction of a walking path and fencing at the North Bingham Park. The Park provides a hands-on learning opportunity for schools and others. We also provided the signs used to identify plants and their medicinal purposes.
- Conducted a workshop and seminar addressing ways to control Rye Grass in fall wheat and other crops.
- Provided grant funds to help a producer control Rye Grass on his cropland.
- Worked with the Shelley FFA to provide agricultural and conservation education to the youth in our district.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue teaching students in District schools about conservation.
- Collaborate with Central Bingham Conservation District to produce a Cheat Grass Control Workshop.

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North Bingham Park, showing the walking path and fencing that was completed with District assistance.



Teaching conservation in local schools.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$17,031.00
County Funding	\$2,200.00
Total	\$19,231.00

North Side Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The North Side Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946. They assist farmers and residents with soil and water conservation and are now branching out to address other natural resources needs of Jerome County.

Mission:

- Educate the public and assist landowners in the implementation of sound land management practices, and work towards improvements and preservation of natural resources
- With their long standing relationship with private landowners, they work effectively with federal, state, county and other agencies and organizations

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Co-sponsored an HEL Compliance Workshop with attendees from Blaine, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Twin Falls counties.
- Distributed samples of cover crop seed mixes and information to growers.
- Sponsored an IDWR/IWRB presentation, "Efforts to Resolve Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Issues", at the Water Summit.
- Partnered with Valley Recreation District, Jerome Recreation District, Jerome County and City of Eden to modernize water systems, conserve water, reduce erosion and improve recreational opportunities.
- Coordinated with NRCS & U of I to sponsor a Soils Judging Event in Jerome County.
- Sponsored participants in the Natural Resources Camp and Idaho Envirothon Competition.
- Coordinated with NRCS and FSA to sponsor workshops and supply educational materials to local producers.

- Supported the 2016 Idaho Envirothon Competition by sponsoring the Jerome High School Envirothon Team.
- Supported the Natural Resources Camp by sponsoring campers and cabin leaders to attend the camp.



Some of the 80 students who participated in the soils judging competition.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$37,351.82
County Funding	\$12,000.00
City of Eden	\$8,864.50
Valley Recreation Dist	\$9,500.00
Jerome Recreation	\$18,972.00
Total	\$86,688.32

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Oneida Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Oneida Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1941. They work with landowners to solve site-specific erosion problems. Oneida District counts on the skill of farmers and ranchers to help conserve their most precious resources, contributing to the District's financial, technical and educational support.

Mission:

- Make available technical, financial and educational resources.
- Develop county solutions to sustain, conserve and improve natural resources and promote sound management practices that protect the environment which are economically feasible and productive.

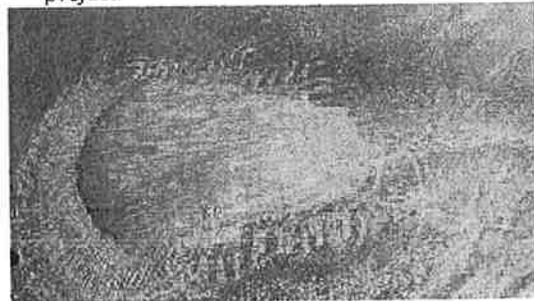
FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Completed a large implementation project on Cherry Creek as part of the Wide Hollow \$319 grant-funded project that included installing off-stream watering troughs, riparian fencing, new corrals with containment berms and heavy use area protection.
- Through an agreement with ISDA, the Oneida SWCD supervised all operations of the watercraft inspection and decontamination station located on Interstate 15, south of Malad. During the 2016 season, we inspected 6,029 boats, 376 required hot water cleaning, and 5 were found to be harboring invasive Quagga or Zebra Mussels.
- In September, Oneida SWCD Supervisors celebrated 75 years of providing Conservation services in Oneida County.
- Supported Arbor Day by distributing 100 Blue Spruce seedlings.
- Sponsored a Speech Contest for High School youths and a Poster Contest for elementary students.

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Future Plans and Projects:

- Pursue funding for a No-Till pilot project that we will use to educate landowners on the benefits of No-Till.
- Work with the City of Malad to secure State Revolving Fund monies to fund the No-Till project.



Wide Hollow Project sediment basin



Boat Inspection and Decontamination Station

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$29,536
County Funding	\$15,000
City Funding	\$1,500
319 and other grant funds	\$6,840
Snotel	\$1,500
ID Dept of Ag	\$123,904
Total	\$178,280

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Owyhee Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Owyhee Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1953. The district assists landowners and managers with irrigation water management, erosion control, and range improvements. District interest in the quality of water resources has resulted in helping livestock operators develop and maintain animal waste systems.

Mission, Vision or Function:

OCD Mission is to preserve a locally administered voluntary approach for control and abatement of agricultural non-point source pollution, protect our soil and water resources on working lands, educate the public, and protect our food source.

The vision of the Owyhee Soil and Water Conservation District is to cultivate a prosperous agricultural lifestyle for producers of Owyhee Conservation District, by supporting their choices and encouraging sustainable viable production of commodities and livestock in a free market society.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Sponsored the Coordinated Weed Management program Spray Day (for the 7th year).
- Collaborated with landowners and with local, state and federal agencies to initiate restoration of the 280,000 acres of land burned by the Soda Fire of 2015.
- Hosted a luncheon and offered a free Pesticide Applicators License recertification class.
- Youth Programs – sponsored the 2016 poster contest, which had the theme “We All Need Trees”; provided a scholarship to a high school student entering college to study agriculture; offered Natural Resource Camp scholarships for up to 4 children.
- Set up and staffed a booth at the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo in August to share information about conservation.

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- Contributed to the FFA youth livestock sale.
- Conducted a No-Till Demonstration Tour featuring grower experiences with no-till.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to encourage coordination with conservation partners for the protection of land, water and air.
- Continue to promote soil health through educating producers on no-till farming practices.
- Continue to disseminate conservation information throughout our district, with special emphasis on educating the youth.



Operator participating in “Spray Day”

FY 2016 District Funding:

County Funding	\$3,000.00
State of Idaho	\$15,207.77
NOCWMA	\$35,341.45
NOCWMA Admin	\$1,426.00
Total	\$54,975.22

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Payette Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Payette Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1958. The district contains 259,130 acres, of which 147,014 acres are in farmland. Soil erosion associated with irrigation continues to be the main natural resource concern. The district continues to provide technical, financial and educational resources to the landowners of the Payette SWCD in an effort to meet their conservation needs related to soil, water, and other resources.

Mission, Vision or Function:

Payette Soil and Water Conservation District will work towards conserving and enhancing all natural resources for the economic and environmental benefit of present and future generations.

Our vision is to rise up to the challenges facing conservation districts today and in the future to protect our air, soil and water. By working side by side with our partners, we will take on this new challenge to deliver a sustainable working environment for the next generation.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Organized the 7th annual Soil Health Symposium with partners from Malheur, Canyon and Adams SWCDs, NRCS, U of I and OSU. Speakers discussed the importance of healthy soils and panels of local growers shared their experiences using conservation tillage, cover crops and grazing to restore soil health
- Completed three \$319 grant-funded implementation projects to reduce sediment loading of the Payette River.
- Staffed a County Fair display booth to provide information related to District programs.
- Produced and distributed a quarterly District newsletter.

Future Plans and Projects

- Continue to provide landowner and entities in Payette County with projects to improve water quality in the TMDL-listed Payette and Snake Rivers and their tributaries.
- Administer \$319 Grant, Middle Snake-Payette Clean Water Project phase 2, working with area farmers and the Lower Payette Ditch Company to reduce the amount of sediment entering the Payette, Snake and Weiser Rivers from irrigated ag lands .
- Organize and present the 8th annual Soil Health Symposium and continue educational programs and outreach.



Some of the 140 who attended the 2016 Soil Health Symposium.

FY 2016 District Funding:

Payette County	\$5,000.00
City (New Plymouth and Payette)	\$1,600.00
Water District # 65	\$500.00
State of Idaho - SWC	\$10,550.00
Total	\$17,650.00

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Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940. The district contains 741,120 acres with about 254,244 acres of privately owned farmland. The topsoil of Bannock County is very erosive and the District assists dryland farmers using a variety of conservation practices including terraces, strip cropping, chiseling and managing surface residue to capture water in the soil and reduce soil runoff and erosion.

Mission:

- To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil, and water quality as well as fish and wildlife habitat.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Completed the Lava Trails project to improve water quality, reduce erosion, improve health and human safety, and insure the future of a popular recreation opportunity on the Portneuf River.
- In partnership with the City of Pocatello, US FWS, IDT, Zoo Idaho and the Bannock County Historical Museum, the District is developing pollinator habitat, a walking path, an educational kiosk, and a Monarch Butterfly weigh station in Sacajawea Park, Pocatello.
- Through the Portneuf Watershed Partnership, the District is involved in maintaining an extensive watershed monitoring program.
- Hosted a booth at the Pocatello Environmental Fair and helped participants plant baby Blue Spruce trees.
- Supported the Idaho Envirothon Competition by sending staff and providing financial support.
- Participated in the Farm Bureau sponsored Ag Days at Swore Farms.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to seek additional grants or other funding opportunities for BMP's and outreach education. Three grants were written this year.
- Continue to be an active part of the Portneuf Watershed Partnership.
- Sponsor a team to compete at the 2017 Idaho Envirothon Competition.



The Lava Trails project.

FY 2016 District Funding:

Grants	\$34,457.13
State Funding	\$40,566.22
County Funding	\$0.00
Local Funding	\$200.00
Interest Earnings	\$221.10
Total	\$75,444.45

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Power Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information:

The Power Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1948. The Snake River is the dominant water feature. In the Rockland Valley primary land uses are dry farming and cattle ranching, while lands west of the Snake River are predominantly irrigated cropland.

Mission:

- Make available technical and financial assistance for improved erosion control for non-irrigated cropland.
- Monitor and advise NRCS of areas in the Power SCD that need further attention to meet Food Security Act obligations.
- Promote and provide information to improve control of noxious weeds on both public and private lands.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- 300 trees were distributed to students in American Falls for Arbor Day.
- Sponsored the local poster contest with the theme "We All Need Trees".
- Sponsored a Conservation Field Day, in which over 135 students took part. The event had the added benefit of getting students geared up and knowledgeable for the poster contest. Local FFA students, District staff and other agencies provided volunteers for the event.
- Provided a scholarship for a high school senior who will be attending a college in Idaho in a field relating to Agriculture or Natural Resources.
- Participated in the NRCS Local Working Group, providing guidance to NRCS by prioritizing natural resource concerns at the local level.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to educate and support youth in natural resources, FFA, poster contest, agriculture in the classroom and water festival.
- Map noxious and invasive weeds to more effectively target weed control efforts.
- Continue to take a proactive approach to funding water delivery systems on irrigated croplands.



American Falls students participating in Arbor Day tree planting activities.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$20,738
County Funding	\$7,500
Elected Officials	\$31,650
Total	\$59,888

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Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1966. The District boundaries follow the Snake River through Twin Falls County from the eastern county line to Filer. Irrigation-induced soil erosion is a primary resource concern.

Mission:

- Work with small landowners to reduce the potential for surface and ground water contamination.
- Help cooperators adopt more intensive nutrient and irrigation water management practices through the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative.
- Continue to provide assistance to USDA-Agricultural Research Service with the ongoing Conservation Effects Assessment Program.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Sponsored a poster contest for 100 elementary students and a speech contest for high school students, both based upon the theme "We All Need Trees".
- Supported the Kimberly FFA Envirothon team.
- Sponsored a Filer Wetland Day for Hansen and Murtaugh 5th graders.
- Sponsored the Harrington Fork Educational day for Hansen and Murtaugh 3rd graders.
- Provided several full scholarships to the Natural Resources Camp in Ketchum.
- Participated in the 2016 Ag Pavilion at the Twin Falls County Fair.
- Sponsored, in partnership with three other conservation districts, a Highly Erodible Lands Workshop.

Future Plans and Projects:

- As one of several partners involved in the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area CCPI, Snake River SWCD is exploring options to educate more producers about the interrelationship between nutrient management and irrigation water management by cost-sharing deep soil testing to determine the nitrate levels at 3- or 4-foot depths.
- Continue to work with small landowners to reduce the potential for surface and ground water contamination.
- Continue to educate cooperators about soil health practices.



Enhanced irrigation management includes sophisticated technology.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$21,300.00
County Funding	\$8,250.00
319 & Other Grants	\$2,300.00
Total	\$31,850.00

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South Bingham Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The South Bingham Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1954. The majority of the district consists of irrigated cropland with a small portion of rangeland and pasture grass. The majority of the land in the district is privately owned. With the exception of the northwestern shoreline of the American Falls Reservoir and Danielson Creek, there are few natural water systems within the District.

Mission:

- Provide awareness to the community on importance of conservation.
- Help preserve and protect soils from wind erosion by use of shelter belts and wind breaks.
- Enhance beneficial use of recreational resources between recreation groups, grazing associations, local working groups and ranchers.
- Maintain viable facilities to carryout plant materials program.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

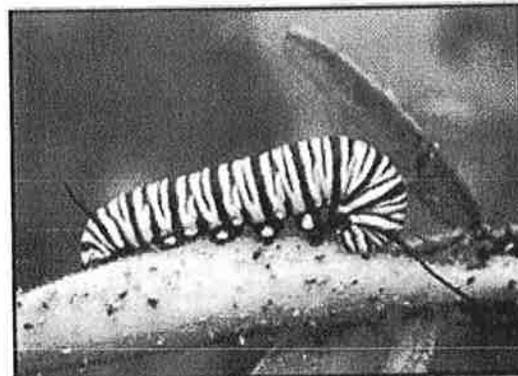
- Conducted grass straw and alfalfa sales generating \$23,031 to support summer labor at the Plants Materials Center.
- Partnered with USDA Agriculture Research Services, the U of I, and the NRCS Plant Materials Center on a Soil Conservation field trip for 5th grade students.
- Partnered with Franklin SWCD to produce a Conservation Education Day in 3rd and 4th grade classrooms.
- Promoted pollinator habitat with a new pollinator garden exhibit.
- Provided facility upgrades at the Plant Materials Center.
- Sponsored a poster contest for 65 fifth grade students at local schools.
- Supported the Idaho Forestry Contest.
- Supported the Idaho Envirothon Competition.

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- Supported Ag in the Classroom.
- Partnered with Power County on tree sales
- Supported the Friends of the Aberdeen Gem Trail in adding a new section to the trail.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to maintain and support a complete plant materials program through partnership with Aberdeen Plant Materials Center.
- Continue to expand public outreach by continuing to support the poster contest, FFA and scholarships.
- Work with Power County and local businesses to acquire a soil tunnel for use as an educational tool.
- Partner with the Plant Materials Center to create Monarch butterfly habitat in the area.



A Monarch Catepillar on Milkweed similar to the habitat the SBSCD will be establishing.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$18,418
County Funding	\$2,000
Lease Income	\$24,346
Hay/Straw Sales	\$23,031
Weed Mat/Tree Sales	\$2,664
Total	\$70,459

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Squaw Creek Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Squaw Creek Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940 to promote voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the Squaw Creek SCD boundary.

Mission (or Function):

- To lead local voluntary conservation efforts.
- To recognize and encourage cooperators, partnering agencies, and others who promote wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Sponsored the participation of 247 fifth grade students from six schools within the District in the "We All Need Trees" poster contest.
- Made Forest Stand Improvements in Boise County, upper Gem County and the High Valley portion of Valley County.
- Sponsored two students with half scholarships to Natural Resource Camp.
- Gave away 233 Blue Spruce seedlings to third grade students for Arbor Day, and talked to them about the importance of planting trees.
- Participated in two outdoor schools (Cascade and Idaho City), teaching students about conservation.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Educating students, cooperating landowners and the general public on conservation issues and opportunities remains the District's main focus. We will continue to sponsor youth education activities, coordinate workshops and disseminate our newsletter.
- We will continue to encourage and assist landowners in the installation of Best Management Practices by offering financial and technical assistance to the extent we are able.

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- We will utilize §319 grant funds to provide financial assistance to landowners interested in implementing conservation practices such as Forest Thinning, Sprinkler Irrigation Systems, Cover Crops and Cross Fencing



A stand of timber pre- and post-thinning. Forest thinning improves forest health by reducing the threat of pest damage, moisture stress, or wildfire.



2016 Poster Contest winners.

FY 2016 District Funding:

County Funding	\$7,975.00
State Funding	\$19,604.00
319 Grant Funding	\$132,662.00
Landowner Match	\$157,320.00
Total	\$316,961.00

Teton Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Teton Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1950 to assist landowners with technical assistance in Teton County plan and implement conservation practices on their land. The District works on conservation practices to improve wildlife habitat, vegetative management and water quality and quantity.

Mission (or Function):

- Teton Soil Conservation District's mission is to work with willing landowners in a non-regulatory manner to reduce erosion, protect water quality, improve air quality and fish and wildlife habitat, provide assistance to landowners and conduct an active information and education program.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- With our partner, Friends of the Teton River, we have purchased a no-till drill. The drill will help protect and improve water quality in the Teton River by reducing soil erosion and improving soil health while also improving crop production efficiencies. These efforts will also benefit the native Yellowstone Cutthroat trout.
- Sponsored the yearly poster contest with the theme of "We All Need Trees."
- The District provided guidance to Teton County through the process of the County hiring a full-time County Weed Manager. The District has held several workshops to educate the community about the importance of weed management in Teton County.
- Provided additional weed information to the community via flyers and advertising.
- Held a windbreak fundraiser, and sold over \$3,000 worth of trees to the community. Windbreaks provide water quality benefits by reducing soil erosion.

- Participated in a Friends of the Teton River sponsored Water Wise Week educational event for Teton Valley 6th grade students.



Demonstrating the District's new no-till drill.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Pursue funding for research of the water temperature in the Teton River in order to help protect native cutthroat trout habitat.
- Coordinate effort with the US Forest Service, Teton Conservation District and landowners to address Wildland Urban Interface fuels reduction projects.
- Complete a mitigation project that we have embarked upon with the Teton County Planning and Development Dept. to increase the functional aquatic and riparian habitat and reduce the sediment load to Fox Creek.

FY 2016 District Funding

Teton County ID	\$8,586.00
State of Idaho	\$19,025.91
Tree Program	\$2,235.44
Grants/Contributions (with FTR partner)	\$42,500.00
Total	\$72,347.35

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Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1951. Much of the District is rangeland or grazing land. Approximately 20,000 acres of cropland is irrigated by the Salmon River Canal Company.

Mission (or Function):

- Promote conservation practices on every acre in the district which will build a more stable and prosperous agricultural community.
- Encourage cooperation among landowners. Government agencies, private organization, and elected officials to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Received an NRCS Special Projects grant that will provide cost-share funds to landowners who choose to implement Best Management Practices selected to reduce wind erosion. Practices that are eligible for this program include herbaceous wind berries, cover crop establishment, residue management, and conservation tillage.
- Sponsored a Poster Contest for 4th, 5th & 6th grade students from three schools. Approximately 120 students created posters with the theme "We All Need Trees".
- Sponsored a Speech Contest for high school students.
- Provided two full scholarships to Natural Resources Camp in Ketchum.
- Sponsored the Harrington Fork Educational Day for Hollister 3rd grade students.
- Participated in the Ag Pavilion at the 2015 Twin Falls County Fair.

- Collaborated with 3 other Conservation Districts to sponsor a Highly Erodible Lands Workshop.
- Helped sponsor the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Legislative Social held during the 2016 legislative session.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Explore opportunities to gather deep soil nitrate data throughout the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area. Supervisors hope to work with researchers at the ARS NW Irrigation and Soils Lab in Kimberly, as well as the University of Idaho.
- Twin Falls SWCD is helping to develop a new soil health forum in Twin Falls County as a means of increasing interest in soil health.



Producer Ron Ballard checks navy beans planted into a field that had a cover crop planted following malt barley harvest. Ballard noticed the field had better water infiltration following the cover crop.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$21,291
County Funding	\$8,000
Total	\$29,291

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Valley Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Valley Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1957. The total land and water area of the Valley SWCD is nearly 3,680 square miles, which is over 2.3 million acres. Approximately 2/3 of its privately and state owned land are woodlands.

Mission (or Function):

- Encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and elected officials to improve natural resources thereby ensuring an adequate natural resource base for present and future generations.
- Belief of knowledge, peer involvement, cooperation and incentives are the best methods to improve Soil and Water resources.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Presented in conjunction with IDL and NRCS, a Forestry Workshop and Tour that included visits to a forest management project, a bark beetle control project, and a pre-commercial thinning and pruning project.
- Sponsored a demonstration experiment Donnelly 5th grade students are conducting to investigate livestock preferences between water troughs located out of the riparian zone, vs. creek access.
- Sponsored the U of I – McCall Outdoor Science School for local 5th graders.
- Distributed tree seedlings and gave a presentation at local Arbor Day Celebration.
- Supported the Women In Agriculture Conference held in Cascade, Idaho.
- Was awarded a new \$319 grant which will help to fund educational activities directed towards increasing watershed-wide natural resource stewardship as well as enabling the District to provide financial assistance to landowners who implement practices to improve water.

- Provided seed money for a UI Extension Noxious Weed project that is targeting 4th grade students for weed awareness and education.
- Provided two portable toilets at the Boulder Meadows Trailhead, a critical need at this popular site that has experienced rapid growth in the number of users.



A group of 4th graders learns about noxious weeds.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Seek funding for a permanent solution to the restroom situation at Boulder Meadows Trailhead in order to preserve water quality and habitat in the area.
- Utilize new \$319 funds to build upon previous restoration successes in the watershed.
- Continue targeting owners of Valley County forest lands in an effort to promote healthier, more productive forests that resists insects, disease and wildfires.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$43,350
County Funding	\$29,899
319 Grant	\$10,910
Other Program Support	\$7,904
Total	\$94,063

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Weiser River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Weiser River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1941. Originally the Weiser River SCD included only the area in Washington County drained by the Weiser River. In 1971 the remaining area was annexed into the district.

Mission:

- Provide local leadership in the conservation, development and productive use of soil, water and related resources. To act as a catalyst to bring people and programs together, to bring about a quality way of life, a quality resource base, and a quality environment.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Collaborated with the Weiser Irrigation District to construct a wetland on the Weiser Flat. The wetland reduces sediment and phosphorous loads before they enter surface waters listed in the Weiser and Snake River TMDLs.
- Completed the Smith/Hemmingway Wetland and the Warm Springs Wetland. These projects significantly reduce the amounts of sediment and phosphorous that end up in TMDL-listed surface waters.
- Installed four automated head gates, providing irrigators a tool with which they can manage the limited supply of available water in the most efficient manner.
- Sponsored the annual poster contest for 6th grade students. The theme this year was "We All Need Trees".
- Held a 6th grade Conservation Field Day with 220 students, teachers and volunteers participating.
- Held a 1st grade Conservation Field Day with 200 students, teachers and volunteers participating.
- Created and staffed an educational booth at the Washington County Fair and the IASCD Conference.
- Coordinated a Field Day Tour of District projects.

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- Sponsored a team to the Idaho Ervirothon Competition.
- Created and distributed a District Newsletter.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Weiser River SCD has initiated a series of round table discussions with IDWR, Payette Forest Service, IDF&G, Idaho Power, NRCS, Washington County Commissioners, City of Weiser, ISWCC and others stakeholders to discuss natural resource challenges within Washington County and to explore opportunities for addressing those concerns. A result of these meetings has been that the Conservation District, Pheasants Forever, IDEQ, IDF&G and the City of Weiser have joined forces to restore Weiser River streambanks.
- Continue efforts to secure funding to automate head gates on Crane Creek.



Newly constructed wetland on Weiser Flat.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funds	\$24,325
County Funds	\$10,000
Federal Funds	\$25,727
Match Funds	\$148,232
Total	\$208,284

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West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1958. Priorities are animal waste management, information & education, irrigated cropland, pasture/hayland, water quality-ground water and surface water and water resources and erosion control. This year an awards banquet was held to honor a Cooperator of the Year and Rancher of the Year.

Mission:

- To encourage responsible natural resource management and to implement conservation goals which improve air, soil, and water quality while improving wildlife habitat.
- To educate both youth and adults about our local conservation practices and needs.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- In early spring, West Cassia, Minidoka, and East Cassia SWCD's held their annual Tree Sale, selling 2,000 seedling trees to community patrons and landowners around the area. This income helps fund our youth education efforts.
- Promoted soil health by renting the District-owned no-till drills and offering a cover crop seed rebate to landowners.
- Hosted a Soil Health Workshop where landowners learned of innovative ways to use cover crops to improve soil health.
- Held a summer picnic for landowners and County Commissioners.
- Hosted a cover crop tour with more than 50 participants.
- Awarded two college scholarship of \$750.00 each to high school seniors who will be majoring in an agricultural related field.
- Sponsored conservation-theme Poster and Speech Contests for students.

- Supported the Land and Soil Evaluation Event for High School students.
- Supported the Envirothon Competition and the Forestry Contest, two important state-wide youth education events.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Will continue to promote soil health through encouraging landowners to adopt no-till and cover crop practices.
- Participate in annual tree sale.



Four participants in a healthy, growing Cover Crop.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$17,813
County Funding	\$5,000
Local Tree Sale	\$1,662
Administrative Funds	\$4,176
Newsletter Advertising	\$225
Total	\$28,876

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West Side Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Westside Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1944 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the District. The original SCD contained 56,000 acres in south-central Jefferson County and almost 82,000 acres in Western Bonneville County. In 1946 an additional 149,120 acres in Western Bonneville County were added to the district, bringing the districts total acreage to 281,696.

Mission (or Function):

- Deliver natural resource conservation technology and education.
- Promote management practices and wise use of natural resources to ensure sustainable resource base for present and future generation.
- Promote BMP's implemented by landowners on a non-regulatory basis rather than mandated by government agencies.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Cooperated with NRCS and landowners to place 126 acres under Nutrient Management.
- Continued to promote the successful Adopt-A-Canal project, with 38 teams participating and over 25 miles of canals cleaned.
- Participated in the High Country RC&D cloud seeding project.
- Cooperated with NRCS and landowners to promote the voluntary implementation of practices such as conservation cover, residue management and wildlife habitat management to help mitigate erosion created by both the wind and water.
- Provided a full scholarship for 1 student to attend the Natural Resource Camp.
- Sponsored a team to the Idaho Envirothon Competition.

- Sponsored a Poster Contest for elementary students addressing the theme "We All Need Trees".

Future Plans and Projects:

- Research Variable Frequency Drive pump project with assistance to landowners in energy use reduction and better water control.
- Continue to work with landowners for the conversion of hand or wheel line watering to pivot to provide better water efficiency.
- Continue to work with Idaho Department of Transportation and Bonneville County to educate landowners on the importance of planting windbreaks and cover crops to control the blowing soil and snow that can cause major highway issues.



Natural Resource campers fishing for their dinner during the Camp in Sun Valley

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funds	\$24,326
County Funds	\$12,500
Local Organization's Funds	\$1,400
Total	\$38,226

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Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1943 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within District boundaries.

Mission:

- Inform and educate landowners of practices that will enhance water quality, reduce soil erosion, protect riparian areas and wildlife.
- Assist landowners in solving resource problems while supporting agriculture activities using sustainable and economic feasible practices.
- Offer Conservation education for both adults and youth.

FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- Completed the Shoshone Entry Park Project. Using grant funds secured by the District, we partnered with City, Chamber, School and County to provide an Arbor Day Celebration tree planting in Shoshone Entry Park.
- Conducted the annual tree sale. The trees provide environmental benefits when planted by local patrons, and the revenue generated helps to fund educational activities throughout the District.
- Implemented a Variable Rate Irrigation Project using 'special project' funds awarded by Idaho NRCS. This project helps to fine-tune the rate of irrigation water application based on topography and soil conditions. Success depends upon the appropriate application of practices such as:
 - Field mapping
 - Yield data and water application analysis
 - Soil Moisture sensors
 - Online access to weather & crop use data
- Completed the second season of our Green Stripping Demonstration Project.

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- Contributed both time and money to Idaho Envirothon.
- Contributed time and money to the Lincoln County Bug Crew.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Conduct Annual Arbor Day Tree Sale
- Coordinate Rangeland Management Workshop
- Implement Trees Against the Wind Projects
- Coordinate Pesticide & Forage Workshop
- Create and Staff Fair Booth
- Sponsor Green Stripping Demonstration
- Participate in Legislative Display at State Capitol
- Sponsor Speech & Poster Contest
- Sponsor Envirothon & Natural Resources Camp
- Support Lincoln County Bio-Control Efforts



Third grade students listen to a Conservation District presentation on how trees benefit our environment.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funds	\$18,464
County Funds	\$5,500
Local Tree Sale Income	\$4,700
Miscellaneous Grants	\$1,850
Miller/Coors Grant	\$42,515
Total	\$73,029

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Yellowstone Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Yellowstone Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1944. They work with producers to reduce soil erosion, improve soil and water quality and improve rangeland through the use of BMP's with other soil and water conservation practices.

Mission:

- Provide service, information and opportunities to the residents of Fremont County Idaho.
- Encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organization, and elected officials to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations.

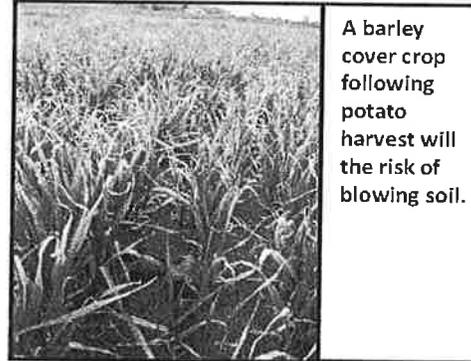
FY 2016 Accomplishments:

- **Envirothon Activities:** The Yellowstone Soil Conservation District continues strong support of this growing youth program, providing funding and staff time to organize and participate in the State and International events. The State competition involves approximately 100 high school students from around the state. Team are assigned five areas of study, which they are then tested on. The winning team qualifies to attend the International event, where 700 teams compete for college scholarships. Ultimately, the goal of Envirothon is to develop knowledgeable citizens who can make informed decisions that will affect the quality of life in our communities in a positive fashion.
- Participated in field trips focusing on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River included all the second graders in Fremont County. The 200 children and their teachers were very grateful for the working field trips. Grant money provided by the Idaho Soil Commission allowed for fuel for the buses for the financially strapped school district.

- Yellowstone Soil Conservation District also facilitated an environmental education trip for a group of 4th graders from Madison County. The District donated \$700 to the school district to help with bus expenses.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Work with NRCS and a local producer to develop an Agricultural Energy Management Plan to identify ways producers can conserve energy.
- Continue to provide opportunities for area schools to participate in educational field trips focusing on Henry's Fork of the Snake River and the local and national Envirothon.
- Continued support of Natural Resource Conservation Service efforts to promote the conservation of our natural resources utilizing The Conservation Security Program and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.
- Continue to provide service, information and opportunity to the residents of Fremont County, Idaho.



A barley cover crop following potato harvest will the risk of blowing soil.

FY 2016 District Funding:

State Funding	\$17,813
County Funding	\$5,000
Total	\$22,813

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Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC) was created in 1939 under Idaho Code § 22-2716, et. seq.) to form local conservation districts to work on reducing soil erosion generated by agricultural land management practices. ISWCC is now also the lead agency for a number of voluntary conservation programs that address water quality and other natural resource issues. ISWCC has no regulatory authority.

The ISWCC was led in FY 2016 by five Commissioners appointed by the Governor: Chairman H. Norman Wright, Vice Chairman Gerald Trebesch, Secretary Leon Slichter, and members Dave Radford and Glen Gier. The administrator was Teri Murrison. In FY 2016, the agency had 17.75 administrative and technical staff located in Boise and in offices around the State.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

1. **District Support and Services:** provides technical, financial, and other assistance to Idaho's 50 local conservation districts.
2. **Comprehensive Conservation Services:** provides/promotes non-regulatory incentive and science-based programs to support voluntary conservation activities enhancing the environmental quality and economic productivity of the state.
3. **Administration:** ensures continuity of operations and establishes protocols to support Commissioners and staff.
4. **Outreach:** engages local, state, and federal partners, non-governmental organizations, and resource and agricultural production groups to coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate on voluntary conservation efforts.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
General Fund	\$2,306,400	\$2,364,100*	\$2,531,000	\$2,590,700
Receipts	6,700	5,600	6,800	29,600
RCRDP Loan Program	1,793,900	1,447,600	1,033,700	960,800
SRF Loan Program	147,270	31,900	84,300	99,300
Federal Grant Funds	<u>80,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$4,334,270*	\$3,849,200*	\$3,655,800	\$3,680,400
Expenditures	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Personnel Costs	\$1,137,421	\$1,151,400	\$1,149,700	\$1,239,400
Operating Expenditures	421,341	286,200	346,400	257,500
Capital Outlay	10,526	0	71,400	80,100
Trustee/Benefit Payments	1,103,198	1,169,200	1,203,200	1,253,200
RCRDP Loan Disbursements	232,623	794,100	352,400	415,200
DEQ Loan	<u>116,322</u>	<u>44,300</u>	<u>71,700</u>	<u>86,700</u>
Total	\$3,021,431*	\$3,445,200	\$3,194,800	\$3,332,100

* indicates where numbers have been updated in FY 2016 to correct prior year errors.

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Conservation systems implemented on all cropland (acres)	133,625	186,076	97,432	133,586
Conservation implemented on other land uses (acres)	107,090	78,925	83,255	6,348
Grazing/pasture management systems implemented (acres)	539,007	531,613	486,449	506,625

Riparian acres implemented with protection, restoration, enhancement or creation (acres)	487	289	1,201	3,399
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – Private agricultural land removed from tillage-induced erosion through financial incentive for a contractual time period.	349,617	589,484	583,135	568,839

- Numbers above include conservation statistics from federal and local partners: NRCS and districts. The reason "other land uses" declined so significantly was unknown, although it may have dropped due to a policy, funding, or programmatic change. While an analysis by partners has not been conducted, it is likely that overall acres in conservation systems on all cropland and grazing/pasture management systems in FY 2015 were down due to the fact that the amount of land treated by NRCS in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) went down. There were also several large projects still in the middle of construction in other programs - those acres affected data are reported in FY 2016.

Performance Highlights

- District Support and Services** In FY 2016 districts received Trustee and Benefit funding that included the usual base funding (\$8,500), local matching funds (capped at \$50,000 per district), \$2,000 in operating funds per district, and capacity building awards that ranged from \$800 to \$2,300 per district. District satisfaction with Commission services continues to strengthen.
- Comprehensive Conservation Programs and Services** New loan volume in the RCRDP fund increased from 7 loans made for \$392,517 in FY 2015, to 12 loans made totaling \$875,049 in FY 2016. This is an increase of 223% from FY2015. The number of loan inquiries increased to 63, yet the number of loan applications decreased to 15. Approval rates increased from 70% to 80% of applications received. The average loan increased to \$72,921. Commercial lender rates are still low, making the additional paperwork required for a public funds loan less attractive. The impact of much lower commodity prices may also be a factor in fewer loan applications received.
- Outreach** The Commission published monthly issues of our newsletter *Conservation the Idaho Way* in FY 2016 to a distribution list of 591 subscribers (list was updated in FY 2016). Stories covered included: district efforts to benefit water quality on the Snake River, Snake and Pole Creeks, and key tributaries of Lake Cascade, fires in Southern and Northern Idaho, brush thinning and fire restoration efforts around the state, reduction of nitrate levels in ground water, online conservation resources for landowners, no-till, direct-seed, and cover crops, this year's youth Envirothon competition, and more. Newsletter articles have been reprinted by newspapers and other agencies, including the Farm Bureau. *Conservation the Idaho Way* received an award from the Idaho Press Club in 2016.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure		FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	Current Year
District Support & Services						
1. # of District Surveys on Commission Satisfaction - Strongly agree - Somewhat agree - Neutral - Somewhat Disagree - Disagree N/A		40 of 50	36 of 50	35 of 50	34 of 50	
	actual	18%	17%	28.6%	29%	-----
		45%	25%	45.7%	62%	
		30%	33%	8.6%	3%	
		8%	17%	14.3%	3%	
		0%	3%	2.9%	3%	
	0%	0%	0%	0%		
benchmark	50 of 50					
	36%	25%	25%	34%	36%	
	49%	47%	47%	47%	46%	
	10%	23%	23%	7%	8%	

		5% 0% 0%	5% 0% 0%	5% 0% 0%	10% 2% 0%	8% 2% 0%
2. District five-year plans updated	actual	50	50	50	50	-----
	benchmark	50	50	50	50	50
3. Technical Assistance Provided to districts						
# of districts w/projects	actual	31	38	40	38	-----
	benchmark	35	39	39	39	40
# of new projects	actual	24	57	81	34	-----
	benchmark	47	58	58	50	50
# of ongoing projects	actual	41	103	106	101	-----
	benchmark	45	65	115	100	75
# of landowners served	actual	246	386	229	241	-----
	benchmark	271	300	400	300	245
Comprehensive Conservation Programs						
4. CREP Program Deliverables						
Total Contracts	actual	159	156	155	155	-----
	benchmark	175	160	160	175	160
Total Acres	actual	17,236	16,792	16,729	16,526	-----
	benchmark	18,500	17,500	17,500	21,000	22,000
Certified Contracts	actual	0	28	7 (82 total acres)	6 (88 total acres)	-----
	benchmark	9	7	15	15	10
Certified Acres	actual	0	2,537	300 (8,880 total acres)	647 (9,527 total acres)	-----
	benchmark	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
5. Ground Water Quality/Nitrate Priority Areas						
Acres Treated	actual	35,685	27,918	39,863	42,594	-----
	benchmark	36,400	37,700	37,700	37,700	42,000
Nitrates Reduced (lbs.)	actual	114,797	141,779	138,247	145,370	-----
	benchmark	114,650	132,100	132,100	132,100	140,000
Phosphorus Reduced (lbs.)	actual	24,473	32,084	27,745	29,575	-----
	benchmark	24,450	26,500	26,500	26,500	28,000
Sediment Reduced (tons)	actual	137,414	54,618	143,670	150,170	-----
	benchmark	140,900	142,600	142,600	142,600	150,000
6. RCRDP Loan Program						
# of new loans	actual	4	12	7	12	-----
	benchmark	21	12	15	12	15
Total \$ conservation projects	actual	\$128,100	\$841,624	\$392,517	\$875,049	-----
	benchmark	\$1,300,000	\$350,000	\$950,000	\$850,000	\$900,000
Inquiries received	actual	-----	-----	48	63	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	50	65
Applications submitted	actual	-----	-----	20	15	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	25	28

Pending @ end of FY	actual	-----	-----	5	0	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	2	2
Applications denied or withdrawn	actual	-----	-----	6	3	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	5	5
7. TMDL Ag Implementation Plans (subject to DEQ priorities)						
Completed	actual	5	6	8	7	-----
	benchmark	7	7	6	6	7
In Progress	actual	19	15	16	17	-----
	benchmark	13	12	12	12	15
Pending	actual	31	19	18	18	-----
	benchmark	5	24	19	19	18
Outreach						
8. Communications						
Website (Total Visitors)	actual	383,964	-----	71,822	-----	-----
	benchmark	320,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
(Ave. Page Views)*	actual	-----	-----	-----	26	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	-----	26
(Ave. Hits/Day)	actual	-----	-----	-----	31,936	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	-----	33,000
(Total Hits)	actual	-----	-----	-----	1,018,241	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,100,000
Facebook (impressions/# of posts)**	actual	49	220	153	230	-----
	benchmark	10,000	-----	275	275	275
(Post Reach)	actual	-----	-----	-----	48,046	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	-----	50,000
(New Page Likes)	actual	-----	-----	-----	170	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	-----	200
Twitter (# of tweets)	actual	29	89	36	40	-----
	benchmark	75	-----	150	150	75
(Twitter Impressions)	actual	-----	-----	-----	11,144	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	-----	12,000
(Profile Views)	actual	-----	-----	-----	762	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	-----	800
(New Followers)	actual	-----	-----	-----	111	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	-----	-----	200
Newsletter subscriptions***	actual	-----	505	725	591	-----
	benchmark	-----	-----	750	750	675

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes

*Average page views is per visitor.

**From FY 2013 on, # of posts are reported. In FY 2016 new analytics for different metrics were captured to provide a better picture of readership and growth.

***FY 2016 reduction in distribution list due to a cleanup and consolidation of subscription list.

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