

Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation



Recent Projects

Multi-species Cover Crop Demonstration Project



This site was conventionally planted at the rate of 150 lbs. per acre of multi-species cover crop and well irrigated. It was grazed in the fall of 2013.



Below: This site was no-till planted at the rate of 45 lbs. per acre on the Salmon Tract. Only 2 inches of irrigation water were available after planting.

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Meets first Wednesday of each month

Top Five Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quantity
2. Water Quality
3. Cropland
4. Rangeland
5. Animal Waste Management

2013 Revenue

Federal Grants	\$28,721
State Grants and Services	\$19,556
County General Services	\$7,500
Total	\$55,777

The Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District received a Conservation Innovation Grant for a two-year multi-species cover crop in July 2013. The project includes three sites in Twin Falls County, two in Jerome County, two in Lincoln County, one in Cassia County and one in Minidoka County. Seed was planted in August. The intention is to see how a multi-species cover crop performs under different management strategies and environmental conditions.

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Educational Events



Third graders from Hollister Elementary School learn about riparian areas during the annual Harrington Fork Environmental Day.

Each spring the Twin Falls SWCD hosts two environmental events for area elementary schools. Approximately 125 fourth graders from Filer Elementary School attended the annual Rock Creek Environmental Day at Rock Creek Park. Students rotate through four stations covering soils, water quality, aquatic life and surveying. Students also hike the park's hiking trails to learn geology and history.

The district also sponsors the annual Harrington Fork Day in the South Hills for third graders at Hollister Elementary School and Clover Lutheran School. Students rotate through similar stations at that location also.

Over 150 students from five elementary schools participated in the 2013 poster contest for elementary students. A speech contest for high school students is held each fall.

The district is utilizing its capacity building grant from the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission to upgrade its website and develop a facebook page to share information learned through the Cover Crop Demonstration Project CIG with producers throughout the Magic Valley.

Future Projects

Livestock Watering Project

The Twin Falls SWCD has applied for an extension to a previous 319 project in the Shoshone Basin. The extension will add storage capacity to a off-stream livestock watering system. As designed, the system had trouble keeping up during the extremely dry conditions in the summer of 2013 when the spring that feeds the system ran dry.

Riparian Fencing Project

The Twin Falls SWCD is also working with several cooperators to site potential riparian fencing projects along Rock Creek and Cottonwood Creek in the South Hills. These projects may be combined to bring a watershed approach to addressing this resource concern.

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Conservation District

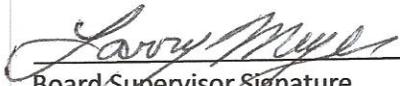
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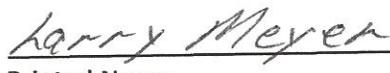
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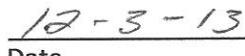
CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.


Board Supervisor Signature


Printed Name


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