

# Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District 2017 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

To restore the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District as a leading partner with other government agencies, private landowners and users, and the public in promoting voluntary, non-regulatory, locally-led conservation and wise use stewardship of the natural resources with which our area has been so richly blessed.

## Location

Kootenai County and the north portion of Shoshone County, in the Idaho Panhandle.

## Legislative Districts 2, 3, 4, 7

## FY 2017 Accomplishments

- Completed 250 additional linear feet of stream bank stabilization on Mica Creek.
- Completed first phase of Western Competitive Grants to assess natural resource conditions in the Fernan, Blue, and Wolf Lodge watersheds.
- In partnership with the Idaho Forest Owners Association (IFOA,) sold 68,430 tree seedlings.
- Held 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Growers Meeting.
- With the assistance of the Idaho Department of Lands, developed 8 Forest Stewardship Plans.

Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD  
7830 Meadowlark Way C-1  
Coeur d' Alene ID 83815  
Board Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 9:00 a.m.



*Fran Hughes, District Chairman, passed away on September 20, 2017. Fran served the District for almost 30 years and was widely admired both personally and professionally. He was a friend who cannot be replaced.*

## Future Plans and Projects:

- Complete Phase 2 of the WAP: construct fuel breaks, noxious weed control, and tree planting.
- Continue Mica Creek stream stabilization projects.
- In cooperation with the Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board (HARSB.) develop a Plan for water re-use, irrigation management, and fertilizer management.
- Continue to work with the Aquifer Protection District (APD) on water quality, water quantity, and open space concerns and plans.

## FY 2017 Funds

State	\$16,195
County	\$4,000
Western Competitive Grant	\$43,209
Tree Sales	\$36,040
Growers Meeting Support	\$1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,944.00</b>

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