

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 (or Function):

- 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 2013 Accomplishments:

- Participated in DEQ Watershed Advisory Group for the St. Joe and St. Maries Rivers to assess TMDL water quality improvements.
- Monitored Upper Hangman Culvert Replacement Project which opened an additional mile of the creek for habitat and spawning grounds for the native Columbian Basin redband trout.
- Participated in DEQ Watershed Advisory Group for North Fork CDA River for TMDL assessment.
- Sold over 8,300 seedlings to local landowners for conservation plantings.
- Assisted local NRCS office with USDA program reports and outreach to landowners.
- Participated in Forest Health/Biomass workshops sponsored by Shoshone County.



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 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	1,000
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>1,368</u>
	\$	11,868

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District Documents

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