

Camas Conservation District

Fact Sheet

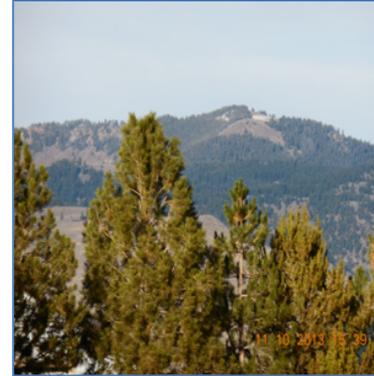
General Information: The Camas Conservation District was organized in 1957 to help landowners lay out irrigation systems and assist ranchers with soil quality and forage information. Each year, the District donates money, technical assistance, and office space for Southern Idaho Biological Weed Control 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 (or Function):

- 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 2013 Accomplishments:

- Worked alongside NRCS to develop a Sage Grouse Management Plan, as thousands of acres in Camas County are prime sage grouse habitat.
- Continued to monitor water quantity within Camas County by measuring ground water well depths, as well as participating in the annual NRCS Snow Survey.



- Donated 90 aspen trees to the USFS for uses such as beautification, windbreaks, and conifer replacement.
- Partnered with NRCS to place rock stops on Willow Creek to avert erosion on stream banks.
- Partnered with NRCS to provide funding to four area producers who were impacted by fire. Funding will be used for fencing, spring and water development and range seeding.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to increase cooperator and landowner interaction with the District concerning the NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative.
- Partner with NRCS to develop a windbreak for our Family Health Services facility. Trees have been donated by a local landowner and projected tree placement is early 2014.
- Assist the county-appointed Manmade Project committee in their continued endeavors.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding		
State Match		
	\$	<hr/> 8,500

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