

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 (or Function): 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.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Completed first 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 BMP's to improve water quality, fisheries and sediment reduction on Whiskey Creek.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to implement forest BMP's in improving water resources and water quality in Clearwater County.
- Seek funding to develop a Watershed Management Plan on Orofino Creek and the adjacent railroad corridor.



Forestry BMP's taking old culvert out preparing for new culvert



Rock side channel completed

- Seek funding to develop a Biomass Plant in the community.
- Actively promote youth education in natural resources and encourage landowner participation in managing private resources using education, hand-on-forums.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	12,574
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>17,203</u>
	\$	39,277

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