

# Gooding Soil Conservation District

## Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Gooding Soil Conservation District was formed in 1945 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance within the District.

**Mission (or Function):**

- Promote voluntary conservation through an active education and demonstration program designed for assisting cooperators.
- Establish strong, proactive District providing resource leadership and assistance with independent fund sources capable of sustaining staff and programs on a continuous basis.

**FY 2013 Accomplishments:**

- Started construction of the Sands Ditch Project which is an Agriculture Water Enhancement Program to reshape the channel by removing fines from the bottom of the ditch and installing 6" minus crushed gravel over the rock to provide adjacent seal. When construction is completed the dimensions of the channel will have 1:1 side slopes to operate at about 3' depth and have a top hydraulic width of about 9'.

**Future Plans and Projects:**

- Applied to Northwest Farm Credit Service for a grant to help with high tunnel, fencing, bedding plants and outreach.
- A "U-Pick Project" will be high priority to extend the Community Gardens growing season in which portions of the garden will be available to those who are unable to garden themselves and extend education and information.
- Host workshops, tours, and soil health demonstrations to encourage other Gooding County community members to become involved in soil health and growing local food in their communities.



Sands Ditch Project-Typical cross section measured at 15.5'. The canal invert is approximately 10.75' deep with a flow velocity of 1' per second



Sand Ditch Project-When completed new dimensions will measure cross section at 9' and a depth of 3'

**FY 2013 District Funding:**

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	5,500
Capacity Building	\$	1,240
State Match	\$	<u>7,524</u>
	\$	22,764

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