

Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District 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 (or Function):

- Partner and lead other government agencies, private landowners and users, and the public in promoting voluntary, non-regulatory, locally-led conservation and wise stewardship of the natural resources with which our area has been so richly blessed.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Stabilized another reach of 250 ft. of Mica Creek project. Landowners continue to report seeing Kokanee spawning in Mica Creek after a 30 year absence.
- Completed armoring and re-vegetating 400 ft. of river bank of Medimont Bank Stabilization and Nutrient Reduction project in a Fish & Game Wildlife Management Area on the lower Coeur d’Alene River.
- Passed secondary review on a Western Competitive Grant through Idaho Dept. of Lands which will provide 300,000 to assess conditions, recommend treatment, and install BMP’s throughout three small watersheds near the city of Coeur d’Alene which will focus primarily on forest health and wildfire protections.



Before: Medimont Riverbank Stabilization Project



After Medimont Riverbank Restoration

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to work on irrigation plans and project implementation with NRCS on the Rathdrum Prairie Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan
- Continue to host the 2nd annual Growers Meeting, focusing on irrigation, farm planning and financial assistance.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	800
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>1,094</u>
	\$	11,394

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