

Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1941 after several farmers became alarmed after seeing the fertility and the livelihood of the land they loved disappear. The District's overriding goal is to minimize soil erosion. Great headway has been made on this goal. They continue to put voluntary conservation on the ground.

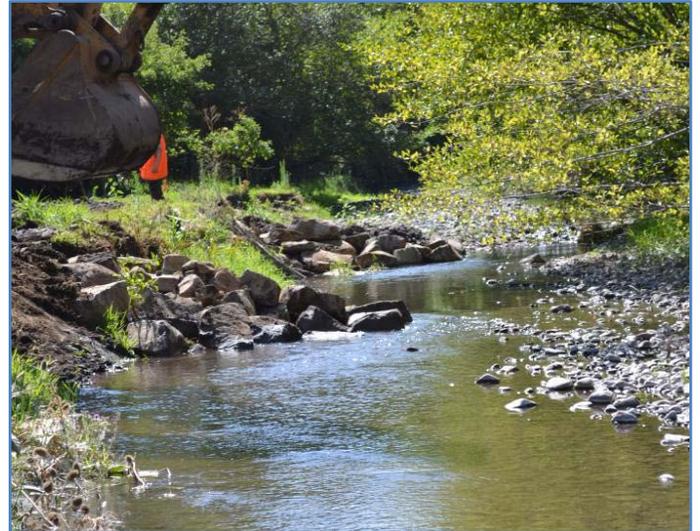
Mission (or Function):

- Provide progressive leadership for coordination of technical and financial resources in the implementation of programs to enhance plants, animal and aquatic life while supporting conservation communities and the wise use and protection of air, water, soil and their related ecosystems.
- Maintain productive, sustainable natural resource base while promoting the wise use of our natural resources to protect the environment for future generations.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Coordinated and implanted steelhead habitat enhancements with 54 private landowners.
- Improved water quality at 3 livestock feeding operations through installation of 5 water developments and 5,135 ft. of fencing.
- Protected Tom Beall Bridge abutment through installation of riprap and rock barbs.
- Installed 5 rock barbs, root wads and vegetative planting at Mission Creek Bridge.
- Enhanced 3.5 acres of wetland, controlled erosion on 3,700 ft. of roads and installed 1,029 ft. of rock using bioengineering measures to protect stream bank. Released bio-control agents at 20 sites to control Yellow Starthistle, Spotted Knapweed and Field Bindweed.

- Completed weed mapping on 233 acres focusing on Orange Hawk, Japanese Knotweed and Rush Skeleton.



Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to seek funding for programs that promote and educate land owners in natural resource conservation.
- Continued efforts to address, educate and promote stream bank restoration, grazing management, fish habitat and combating invasive Noxious Weeds.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	51,275
Capacity Building	\$	2,060
State Match	\$	<u>50,000</u>
	\$	111,835

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