

# Owyhee Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

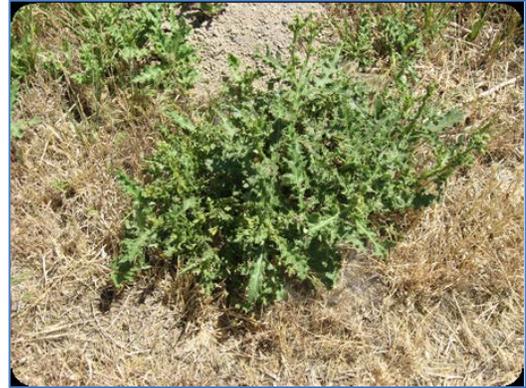
**General Information:** The Owyhee Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1953. The district assists landowners and managers with irrigation water management, erosion control, and range improvements. District interest in the quality of water resources has resulted in helping livestock operators develop and maintain animal waste systems.

## Mission (or Function):

- Reduce irrigation induced soil erosion on approximately 10,000 acres to TMDL tolerable limits and to improve surface water quality by 2017.
- Increase public awareness of conservation resource problems and opportunities in the district.
- Coordinate with BLM partners for rangeland restoration, improvement and maintenance by encouraging BMPs.
- Decrease the spread of noxious weeds through public awareness and education while increasing native plants and forage to sustainable levels.

## FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Sprayed and mapped approximately 2000 acres for noxious and invasive weeds.
- Hosted a conservation tour on Reynolds Creek. After the landowner found the Columbian Spotted Frog (species of concern) on his property he contacted USFWS and, with their help, created a series of ponds to house and protect the frog in the harsh artic-like environment and spring predators.
- Sprayed and mapped over 2100 acres as part of the Noxious Weed Management Project to stop the spread of noxious weeds in an effort to save valuable farm land.



Canadian Thistle- extremely invasive



Columbian Spotted Frog-species of concern

## Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to promote good stewardship and offer information on available conservation practices.
- Continue to seek grants in research of alternative energy opportunities.

## FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	2,500
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>3,420</u>
	\$	15,420

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District Documents

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