

Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1966. The District boundaries follow the Snake River through Twin Falls County from the eastern county line to Filer. Irrigation-induced soil erosion is a primary resource concern.

Mission (or Function):

- Work with small landowners to reduce the potential for surface and ground water contamination.
- Help cooperators adopt more intensive nutrient and irrigation water management practices through the proposed Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative.
- Continue to provide assistance to USDA-Agricultural Research Service with the ongoing Conservation Effects Assessment Program.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Completed construction of Twin Falls Coulee Wetland Project which consists of three cleaning cells, a large finishing pond and nine water quality wetland filter cells to cleanup irrigation return flows from several thousand acres of irrigated farm land before discharging into the Snake River. Approximately 1,000 cubic yards of sediment will be removed annually.
- Hosted a wetland field day for 5th & 6th graders to learn about water quality, aquatic insects, aquifers, bullfrogs while also participating in a day of fishing which was funded by the FY 2013 Capacity Building Grant.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Participate with Twin Falls district in the Multi-Species Cover Crop Demonstration. The demonstration site is located near Kimberly, in the heart of the Snake River district.

- Continue to work with small landowners to reduce the potential for surface and ground water contamination.
- Continue to educate cooperators about soil health practices.



Wetland Construction was completed in spring of 2013

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	7,350
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>10,055</u>
	\$	26,905

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District Documents

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