

Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1951. Much of the District is rangeland or grazing land. Approximately 20,000 acres of cropland is irrigated by the Salmon River Canal Company.

Mission (or Function):

- Promote conservation practices on every acre in the district which will build a more stable and prosperous agricultural community.
- Encourage cooperation among landowners. Government agencies, private organization, and elected officials to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Rewarded a Conservation Innovation Grant (CIP) for a two year multi-species cover crop. Project includes three sites in Twin Falls, two in Jerome and one in Cassia. Seed was planted in August with the intention of seeing how a multi-species cover crop performs under different management strategies and environmental conditions.
- Hosted Annual Rock Creek Environmental Day for students participating in soil, water quality, aquatic life and surveying stations.
- Sponsored Harrington Fork Day in the South Hills for students to hike and learn geology and history.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Livestock Watering Project; which will add storage capacity to an existing off-stream livestock watering system which struggled to keep up during extremely dry conditions in the summer of 2013 when the spring feeding the system ran dry.

- Riparian Fencing Project; working with several cooperators to site potential riparian fencing projects along Rock Creek and Cottonwood Creek.



MULTI-SPECIES COVER CROP DEMONSTRATION PROJECT- Conventional planting at a rate of 150lbs per acre of multi-species cover crop and well irrigated



MULTI-SPECIES COVER CROP DEMONSTRATION PROJECT-This site was no-till planted at the rate of 45 lbs per acre with only 2 inches of irrigation water available after planting

FY 2013 District Funding:

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

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