

West Side Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Westside Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1944 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the District. The original SCD contained 56,000 acres in south-central Jefferson County and almost 82,000 acres in the Western Bonneville County, in 1946 an additional 149,120 acres in Western Bonneville County were added to the district, and currently has 281,696.8 acres total.

Mission (or Function):

- Deliver natural resource conservation technology and education.
- Promote management practices and wise use of natural resources to ensure sustainable resource base for present and future generation.
- Promote BMP's implemented by landowners on a non-regulatory basis rather than mandated by government agencies.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- 3,112.8 acres placed in Conservation Cover Maintenance
- 1,478.9 acres placed in Residue Management
- 431 acres placed in Wildlife Habitat Management as landowners are helping with erosion control for both wind and water.
- 2,052 acres placed in Access Control
- 2,870 acres placed in Prescribed Grazing
- 1,879 acres placed in Surface Roughening
- 1,475 acres placed in Nutrient Management

Future Plans and Projects:

- Research Variable Frequency Drive pump project with assistance to landowners in energy use reduction and better water control.
- Continue to work with landowners for the conversion of hand or wheel line watering to pivot to provide better water efficiency.

- Continue to work with Idaho Department of Transportation to help educate landowners on the importance of planting wind breaks and cover crops to control the blowing soil as well as snow that can cause major highway issues.



Jesse Fullmer, NRCS and Brian Reed, ISWCC out checking a cover crop

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	5,000
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>6,840</u>
	\$	21,340

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District Documents