



IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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April 1, 2014

Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission
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The Idaho SWCD would like to request a total of 402 hrs. of Eileen Rowan's time for FY 2015.

In 2013 we hired a new employee (Conservation Planner) and while her training is excelling and we won't need as much training assistance as we have in the past, we would like to be able to count on ISWCC technical staff for training as needs come up. For this we would like to request 60 hrs. We understand the ISWCC field staff time is limited and we don't feel that we will need an excessive amount of time. As District operations is our number one priority on our Annual Plan and 5-year Plan, we are focused on getting personnel trained to the best of their abilities to provide assistance to producers/landowners. Eileen's time is valuable to our District, as she is knowledgeable in the planning stages and technical aspects of the Conservation Planner position. Eileen also has a good working relationship with our producers and they rely on her for technical assistance and support as much as we do in the office. The new Conservation Planner has attended training on her own and is catching on to the planning and technical aspects quickly with continued support from Eileen. Any time that Eileen spends on training is not used to meet match in our grants. While NRCS has the technical expertise that we need for continued training for this position, due to their own workload, they are only able to assist at a minimal level.

In past years, we have relied heavily on ISWCC field staff for putting together and finding grants for our District. We recently hired a new Conservation Planner and she is willing and able to do research and attempt to write grants for the District. We would like to be able to continue to rely on ISWCC field staff for technical support in writing these grants, and we would like to request 42hrs for FY 2015. We feel that with this technical support on getting the proper information into these applications we will be successful in getting more grants and will be able to use those funds for getting conservation on the ground. If we were to receive the hours we are requesting, we would benefit from the technical support in finding the funding sources that we are not able to find or are unaware of that would most benefit our County producers, as the ISWCC field staff has been out on the ground and has knowledge of where they have seen the need for new funding.

The Idaho SWCD currently has 4 active grants that we would like to continue to receive Eileen's technical support on. The Cottonwood Creek SRBA grant has approximately 100 hours of implementations and inspection time remaining in it, the Lawyer Creek SRBA grant has approximately 100 hours of implementation and inspection time, and the Rock Creek SRBA and 319 Rock Creek grants have implementation, new contracts and inspections, which will amount to 200 hours. Our in house Conservation Planner can take over most of the inspection time, so she will be able to take over the excess time that is not available from Eileen.

Sincerely,

Leon Slichter, Chairman

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:
Idaho Soil & Water Conservation District

Project or Activity Name:
Idaho SWCD Technical Assistance

FOR FISCAL YEAR: 2015

Hours of Assistance Requested:
402

Due: March 31, 2014

CERTIFICATION

By concurrence of a majority of the supervisors of the district board and the above name conservation district certifies that attached Request for Assistance is true and accurate, and further submits said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Request for Assistance and supporting documents shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

Leon Slichter

Board Supervisor Chairperson Signature

Leon Slichter

Printed Name

3-28-14

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION:
