

# Camas Conservation District

## Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Camas Conservation District was organized in 1957 to help landowners lay out irrigation systems and assist ranchers with soil quality and forage information. Each year, the District donates money, technical assistance, and office space for Southern Idaho Biological Weed Control staff, awards graduating seniors scholarship funds and sends youth to Natural Resource Camp and Envirothon, and sponsors educational activities. They also provide input to the Camas County Zoning and Planning Committee, monitor water quality in groundwater wells, and assist in NRCS snow surveys. The District's top priorities are: improve rangeland, improve wildlife habitat, increase public outreach, improve water quality and reduce soil erosion, and provide fiscally responsible district operations.

### Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources in the District and to encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and selected officials.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

### FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Worked alongside NRCS to develop a Sage Grouse Management Plan, as thousands of acres in Camas County are prime sage grouse habitat.
- Open house event and County Fair booth showcased voluntary natural resources conservation.



Frosty morning in Camas

- Provided funding for an Envirothon team, Ag in the Classroom, Idaho Land & Soil Evaluation Event, the Idaho Forestry Contest and S. Idaho Biological Control efforts.
- Awarded 5 Natural Resources Camp scholarships and a college scholarship to a graduating high school senior.
- Hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Poster Contest, themed "Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil".

### Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to increase cooperator and landowner interaction with the District concerning the NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative.
- Partner with NRCS to develop a windbreak for our Family Health Services facility. Trees have been donated by a local landowner and projected tree placement is early 2014.
- Assist the county-appointed Manmade Project committee in their continued endeavors.

### FY 2014 District Funding

State Funds	\$ 24,707
County Funds	\$ 8,278
Tree Sales	\$ 3,500
Total	\$ 36,485

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