

East Side Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The East Side Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1948 to provide voluntary land and water conservation. On November 16, 2012 at the 70th IASCD Conference held in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Matt Woodard, Chairman of the East Side SWCD received the Doyle L. Scott award. The purpose is to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of natural resource conservation and one who has made exceptional personal contributions to further those efforts. Congratulations Matt.

Mission (or Function):

- Promote management practices and wise use of natural resources to ensure sustainable resource base in perpetuity.
- Promote voluntary, non-regulatory Best Management Practices.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available, coordinate services to meet needs of the local land manager.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Helped fund cloud seeding through the High Country RC&D.
- 522 acres in cover crops and almost 2,000 acres in no-till
- 500 new feet of fencing installed
- 823 feet of new irrigation pipeline installed
- 9,360 acres placed in Conservation Cover, 4,400 acres in Pest Management, 93 acres in Nutrient Management, 823 acres for new pumping plants (9 still to be installed), 600 acres for well watering and almost 2,000 acres for new watering facilities.
- The Palisades Creek project stabilized streambanks and created fish-friendly habitat that will improve spawning and rearing sites for the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. The project also put 7,000 acres in Access Control, 130 acres

in Forest Harvest Management and 5,500 acres in Wildlife Management.



Palisades Creek, restored back to its original flow and fish-friendly habitat.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue partnership with RC&D for the Cloud Seeding Program.
- Continue efforts to provide education to youth and adults through the Water Festival Conservation Jeopardy game.
- Continue wildfire prevention workshops
- Alert landowners of the availability of Energy Conservation programs.

FY 2014 District Funding:

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| State Funding | \$ 19,548 |
| County Funding | \$ 7,500 |
| Total | \$ 27,048 |

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District Documents

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