

Lewis Soil Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Lewis Soil Conservation District was organized in 1941. Rolling plateaus cut by deeply entrenched streams characterize most of Lewis County. Slopes on the agricultural land range from 5 to 15 percent, some reach 30 percent. The District provides technical assistance in areas such as non-irrigated cropland, non-industrial private forestland and rangeland management.

Mission (or Function):

- Dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.
- Provide local leadership in the development and productive use of soil, water and related resources to improve soil quality, soil health, water quality, long term sustainability.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Installed 101,258 ft. of fence to assist landowners with non-point source pollution control.
- Coordinated and assisted development of a 206 acre cover crop demonstration plot with 8 different species planted and a crop tour was held.
- 740 acres of crop ground were treated with lime to neutralize acidic soils.
- Applied split fertilizer on 1810 acres to help reduce nitrates in surface and groundwater.
- 2 sediment basins were completed to reduce sediment transport.
- Technical and financial resources from various programs were used to reduce soil erosion on 10,500 acres.



Lewis County Crop Tour. Area producers were very excited about this new nutrient management practice.

Future Plans and Projects:

- 319 Camas Prairie High Nitrate Area Phase III.
- 5 Mile/6 Mile Snake River Basin Adjudication.
- Sediment control basins and gully plugs will be installed to help reduce sediment transport and alleviate water concerns.
- A conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) will help producers who are interested in using cover crops as a nutrient management practice to improve soil health, reduce off-farm inputs and protect natural resources.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 21,660
County Funding	\$ 8,000
319 and SRBA	\$ 434,618
Total	\$ 464,278

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District Documents

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