

Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1941 after several farmers became alarmed after seeing the fertility and the livelihood of the land they loved disappear. The District's overriding goal is to minimize soil erosion. Great headway has been made on this goal. They continue to put voluntary conservation on the ground.

Mission (or Function):

- Provide progressive leadership for coordination of technical and financial resources in the implementation of programs to enhance plants, animal and aquatic life while supporting conservation communities and the wise use and protection of air, water, soil and their related ecosystems.
- Maintain productive, sustainable natural resource base while promoting the wise use of our natural resources to protect the environment for future generations.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Coordinated and implanted steelhead habitat enhancements with 26 private landowners.
- Coordinated with tribal, state and federal biologists to identify steelhead habitat limiting factors in the Lower Clearwater tributaries geographic area.
- Completed topographic survey and bridge replacement design for a fish passage barrier on Mission Creek.
- Developed a wetland mitigation plan for a county road improvement project.
- Released bio-control agents at 10 sites to control Yellow Starthistle, Spotted Knapweed and Field Bindweed.
- Controlled erosion on almost 3,000 feet of roads.

- Completed weed mapping on 242 acres focusing on Orange Hawkweed.
- Participated in Earth Day and distributed native plants.



Earth Day 2014

Future Plans and Projects:

- Completion of the Lower Canyon tributaries inventory, Assessment and Management Plan.
- Removal of fish passage barriers along Mission, Sweetwater, Tom Beall and Bear Creeks.
- Continue steelhead habitat restoration on seven creeks.
- Completion of Phase I Lindsay Creek water quality improvement project.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 59,375
County Funding	\$ 25,000
Donations	\$ 2,072
Grants/Contracts	\$ 267,997
Total	\$ 354,444

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District Documents

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