

# Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1966. The District boundaries follow the Snake River through Twin Falls County from the eastern county line to Filer. Irrigation-induced soil erosion is a primary resource concern.

**Mission (or Function):**

- Work with small landowners to reduce the potential for surface and ground water contamination.
- Help cooperators adopt more intensive nutrient and irrigation water management practices through the proposed Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative.
- Continue to provide assistance to USDA-Agricultural Research Service with the ongoing Conservation Effects Assessment Program.

**FY 2014 Accomplishments:**

- One of several partners involved in the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area CCPI (Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative). Cooperators agreed to use enhanced nutrient management and irrigation water management practices in return for cost-share to help implement those practices. Cooperators are required to get soil samples every spring and then apply fertilizer according to the University of Idaho fertility guides.
- Participated in the 2014 Ag Pavilion at the Twin Falls County Fair.
- Provided two \$1,500 scholarships to college students pursuing a degree in agriculture or natural resources.

**Future Plans and Projects:**

- Participate with Twin Falls district in the Multi-Species Cover Crop Demonstration. The demonstration site is located near Kimberly, in the heart of the Snake River district.
- Continue to work with small landowners to reduce the potential for surface and ground water contamination.
- Continue to educate cooperators about soil health practices.



**Water sensor that was installed in a field south of Murtaugh and used for enhanced irrigation water management.**

**FY 2014 District Funding:**

State Funding	\$ 20,252
County Funding	\$ 7,500
City Funding	\$ 1,400
Total	\$ 29,152