

Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation



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Meets first Wednesday of each month

Top Five Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quantity
2. Water Quality
3. Cropland
4. Rangeland
5. Animal Waste Management

2014 Revenue

Federal Grants	\$39,680.80
State Grants and Services	\$20,252.53
County General Services	\$7,500
Total	\$67433.33

Recent Projects

Multi-species Cover Crop Demonstration Project



Above: You can see how the cattle grazed off the cover crop mix while leaving the standing barley stubble in another plot.

Below: A tour of the Multi-Species Cover Crop Demonstration Project was held on October 28, 2014. More than 45 people attended the event. Billy Whitehurst, former University of Idaho Extension beef educator in Twin Falls County, talks about grazing the cover crops demonstration site (planted south of Kimberly).



The cover crop project has been modified in 2014, the second year of this Conservation Innovation Grant. The mix was simplified and planting rates reduced to make the practice more affordable (approximately \$30 per acre for seed rather than nearly \$90 per acre in 2013). Historic rains in August also delayed, and in some cases prevented, cooperators from planting the cover crop.

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Livestock Water Enhancement Project



Western Stockgrowers installed a 6,000-gallon tank was installed in June of 2014 next to the 10,000 gallon tank installed in 2009. The extra storage capacity will keep the livestock water troughs filled even during drought years.



WSG also purchased two 30 gallon-per-minute pumps and solar panels, which were installed on trailers that can be moved from the site on Shoshone Creek to other allotments to provide off-stream water opportunities when the cattle are not on Shoshone Creek.

Educational Events

- Held annual environmental education days for Filer 4th Grade (Rock Creek Park) and the Hollister 3rd grade (Harrington Fork).
- Over 150 students (4th, 5th and 6th grades) from five schools participated in the 2014 poster contest for elementary students. A student from Filer Intermediate School has won the state poster contest two years in a row.
- A speech contestant from Filer High School won both the district and division speech contests.
- Provided 1 scholarship to Natural Resources Camp.

Capacity Building Grant

The Twin Falls SWCD is utilizing its FY 2014 Capacity Building Grant to update its website. The district hired a professional web designer for this upgrade.

This grant also enabled the district to **provide administrative assistance to the Western Stockgrowers Association for its 319 enhancement project.** This \$25,967.80 project was funded using excess federal 319 funds along with 60 percent match from WSG.

And the grant also allowed the district to take a booth sharing the results of the cover crop demonstration project to the third annual Idaho **Sustainable Ag Conference** held in Nampa on November 18, 2014.

Twin Falls SWCD Supervisors:

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Twin Falls SWCD

FOR YEAR:

2014

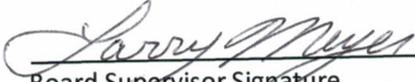
DUE :

December 20, 2014

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.


Board Supervisor Signature


Printed Name


Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: