

# Valley Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Valley Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1957. The total land and water area of the Valley SWCD is nearly 3,680 square miles, which is over 2.3 million acres. Approximately 2/3 of its privately and state owned land are woodlands.

**Mission (or Function):**

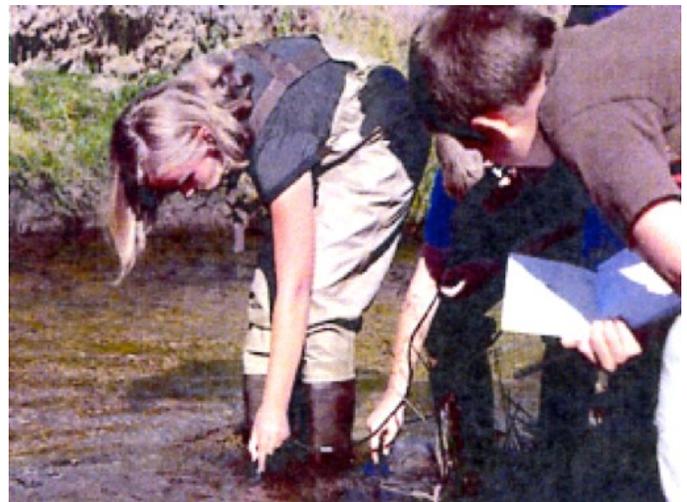
- Encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and elected officials to improve natural resources thereby ensuring an adequate natural resource base for present and future generations.
- Belief of knowledge, peer involvement, cooperation and incentives are the best methods to improve Soil and Water resources.

**FY 2014 Accomplishments:**

- Targeted Valley County forestry landowners through a special mailing in an effort to promote healthier, more productive forests that resist insects, disease and wildfires including information on the May 2014 Forestry Stewardship Workshop and Tour held in McCall.
- Provided plants for 2 Firewise Gardens.
- Sponsored a four-day Outdoor Educational Workshop through University of Idaho – McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) for all fifth graders in McCall, Donnelly and Cascade schools.
- Valley County weed bio-control assistance
- Co-sponsored the Idaho Sustainable Agricultural Symposium

**Future Plans and Projects:**

- Boulder Creek and Gold Fork River Sub watershed landowners have expressed interest to stabilize stream banks with a combination of bioengineering improvement treatments.
- Also this last summer a preliminary survey and cost estimates were developed by NRCS technical staff for planning purposes on behalf of the Valley SWCD and Irrigation District for a potential \$700,000 project to improve water efficiency by replacing several miles of open ditches with pipeline.



**Local 5<sup>th</sup> grade students collect data from Boulder Creek, with the help of University of Idaho – McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) graduate students**

**FY 2014 District Funding:**

State Funding	\$ 46,539
County Funding	\$ 26,624
319 Grant	\$ 10,334
Total	\$ 83,497

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District Documents

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