

Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1943 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within District boundaries. Congratulations to Olivia Sutter as the winner of the 2013 Speech Contest with the theme “Where Does Your Water Shed?”

Mission (or Function):

- Inform and educate landowners of practices that will enhance water quality, reduce soil erosion, protect riparian areas and wildlife.
- Assist landowners in solving resource problems while supporting agriculture activities using sustainable and economic feasible practices.
- Offer Conservation education for both adults and youth.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- The Land Use /Sage Grouse Management Plan for Lincoln County that was drafted last year was adopted on December 23, 2013.
- Hosted 5 Grazers Gatherings beginning last November for ranchers from Lincoln County to promote a round table discussion on issues affecting them today and share experiences.
- Applied for a small grant to take samples and educate landowners of the importance of Forage Sampling. Due to the drought in the area and lack of irrigation water the nutrient value of the forage may differ significantly.
- Applied for an RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Project on the 702-A Lateral Pipeline.
- Co-hosted an Irrigation Water Management and Soil Health Workshop for Hispanic farmers and ranchers.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Coordinate with BLM on management due to the possible Sage Grouse listing in 2015.
- Grazers Gathering, November 2014 through March 2015.
- Promote Soil Health and upcoming workshop.
- Weed Workshop in 2016.
- Forage Workshops and Sampling.



The 702-A Lateral Pipeline project.

This project involves six landowners who are interested in saving water.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 16,029
County General Services	\$ 4,500
Local Tree Sale	\$ 17,154
Total	\$ 37,683

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